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MANNERS, Duke of Rutland.

IT is the opinion of the famous ^a Camden, and other antiquaries, that this family had denomination from a place of their own name, and in all probability from the village of Mannor, near ^b Lanchester, in the Bishoprick of Durham; it being evident, that the ancestors of his Grace the Duke of Rutland were of great note, for many ages past, in the Northern parts of this realm.

Henry de Manners, in 25 Hen. II. ^c paid 80 marks for livery of his father's lands in the county of Northumberland. But before that was William de ^d Manner a witness to the donation of Maurice, bishop of London (who came to that see in 1087, the first year of William Rufus) of divers lands, near the church of St Cadocus, to the priory of St Mary of Kidwelly, a cell to the monastery of Shireborn. And in the reign of Henry I. Tirrel de ^e Manner gave his church of Benestode to the priory of St Mary Overy in Southwark. Also Robert de Manners gave Nutfield in Surry to Waverly-Abby in the same county, which was confirmed by a Bull of pope Eugene III. dated the 5th of the calends of June (May 28) 1347, the 13th year of King Stephen. And the same Robert, or another of his name, was ^f one of the principal witnesses to a charter of Robert de Vallibus (or Vaux) wherein he gave his mill in Peritenai, called Middle Milne, to the prior and monks

^a Remains, p. 122.
Hen. II. Northumb.
p. 85.

^b Index Villaris, p. 237.
^d Mon. Angl. Tom. I. p. 425.

^c Rot. Pip. An. 25.
^e Ibid. Tom. II.

^f Ibid. Tom. I. p. 628.

of Castle-Acre in Norfolk. Likewise in the reign of Henry II. Leo de Manners gave ^g Brantcliff, with the appurtenances to the abby of Roche in Yorkshire, which was confirmed by pope Urban III. And in that age, Walter de Manners and Thomas de Manners are ^h witnesses to the charters of William de Vesci to the priory of Alnwick in Northumberland.

The first mentioned of this noble family, is Sir Robert de ⁱ Manners, Lord of the manor of Ethale (now Etall) in Northumberland, father of Giles de Manners, whose son Robert was father of another Giles, who had a son, Sir ^k Robert de Manners, who married Philippa, daughter of Sir Bartholomew de Mont Boucher, Knight, and had issue Sir Robert de Manners, his son and heir, who had to ^l wife Hawise, daughter of Robert de Muschamp, Baron of Muschamp, and by her was father of Eustace de Manners, whose son and heir was Sir Robert de Manners, Knt. who in the reign of Henry III. was a witness to that ^m charter of Alexander, King of Scots, to Sir William Swinburne; and in 5 Edw. I. was ⁿ summoned to meet the King at Worcester, on the Octaves of St John Baptist, with horse and arms to go against Llewellen, Prince of Wales, and his adherents, according to the service he owed for two Knights fees in the county of Northumberland; but being infirm, Sir Robert Talebois served for him. This Sir Robert Manners ^o espoused Agnes, daughter of Sir David Coupland, Knt. and had issue another Sir Robert Manners, who was not knighted before 1278, 6 Edw. I. for in that year the King directing his præcipe (dated at Westminster, June 26) to the Sheriff of Northumberland, to constrain all persons in that county, who held 20 l. per annum, or a Knight's fee of that value, in chief, to take upon them the order of knighthood at Christmas, he was then returned among others who had not been knighted.

Cotemporary with this Sir Robert Manners was Henry de Manners, ^p one of those who holding lands of 20 l. *per ann.* in the county of Cambridge in 25 Edw. I. was summoned to be at London on Sunday after the Octaves of St John Baptist, to go with the King beyond the seas for their honour, and the preservation and profit of the kingdom. And Sir Baldwin de Manners had a grant from Edward I. (dated at Norham Castle in Northumberland, June 12, 1291) of a ^q free warren in his de-

^g Ibid. p. 838.
ronagium Genealogicum.

^h Ibid. Tom. II. p. 592.

ⁱ Mr Edmondson's Ba-

^k E Lib. MS. Genealog. in Bib. Lambeth, p. 112, 113.

^l Ibid.

^m Inter Cart. D. Will. Swinburn, Bart.

ⁿ MS. in

Bibl. Jo. Anstis, Ar. Notat. B. 5. p. 102.

^o Geneal. in MS. præd.

^p MS.

Notat. B. 5. in Bib. J. Anstis, Ar. p. 139.

^q Cart. 19 Ed. I. n. 37.

mesne lands of Enhale, and Fulburn, in the county of Cambridge; also in Kerbroch and Hengham in the county of Norfolk. In 22 Edw. I. holding by Knight's service, he had ^r command from the King to be at Portsmouth on Septemb. 1, with horse and arms, to go with him into Gascony, to relieve that province from the invasion of Philip IV. King of France. And in 25 Edw. I. he had the like summons to ^s attend the King beyond the seas. Likewise in ^t 28 Edw. I. to be at Carlisle to march against the Scots; and in 31 Edw. I. he was in Scotland, with the King at Dunfermling, and at the siege of the castle of Stirling, which surrendered on July 20, next year, 1304. This Sir Baldwin was living in the 5th year of Edward II. when he was a ^u witness, with Sir Robert de Clifford and five other Knights, to a charter of William Sampson, son of Sir William Sampson of Eperston, in the county of Nottingham.

But it does not appear how the said Henry and Sir Baldwin were related to the last Sir Robert de Manners, who died before 1320, the 13th of Edw. II. possessed of lands in Stiton and Ferlington, as also the manor of Ferlington, in the county of York, as appears by the inquisition taken at York that year, on Tuesday before St Martin's day; when it was found, that Robert de Manners was his son and heir, and of the age of 26 years and upwards.

Sir Robert married ———, daughter of Alan or Adam de Heton, and by her had four sons, Robert de Manners of Barrington, in Northumberland, who died without issue; William de Manners, who then became heir; Sir John de Manners, and Adam de Manners, who both deceased without progeny. William de Manners, abovementioned, married Ellen or Jennetta, daughter of David Baxter, and departed this life, A. D. 1349, leaving a son, Sir Robert de ^w Manners.

Which Sir Robert de Manners, in 17 Edw. II. was returned into Chancery among the principal persons of the county of Northumberland, who were certified to bear arms by descent from their ancestors. And in 1 Edw. III. signalized himself in the defence of Norham-Castle, whereof he was governour; of which Mr Barnes, in his history of Edward III. page 5, gives this account: "The Scots, encouraged by former successes, " and despising King Edward's youth, on the very night of " that day whereon King Edward was crowned, intended to " take Norham-Castle, between the marches of England and " Scotland, by surprize; and so well they managed their design, " that about sixteen of them had already mounted the walls. " But the Captain, Sir Robert Manners, being warned of the

^r Rymer's Fœd. Tom. II. p. 677.

^s MS. præd. in Bibl. Anstis, p. 123.

^t Ibid. p. 191.

^u Thorstons's Nottingham, p. 295.

Baronagium prædict,

^w Mr Edmonson's

“ matter before-hand, by one of his garrison, who was a Scottish man, had so well provided to receive them, that of those who had mounted, he took five or six, and put the rest to the sword, their companions below upon this disappointment retiring.”

In 2 Edw. III. he was ^x constituted with Henry de Percy, and others, conservators of the truce made with the Scots, for all hostilities to cease in the county of Northumberland from Jan. 25, till Midlent Sunday, with power to punish all infringers of the same.

In 8 Edward III. the King appointed him to take seisin of the county of Selkirk, and of the King's forest of Selkirk and Etrick; and grants him the ^y custody of the premises, and of the sheriffdom of Selkirk, and wardenship of the forest of Selkirk and Etrick. And the year following, for his services against the Scots, he had a ^z grant of two parts of the town of Paxton, which came to the King by the forfeiture of Alexander de Chefholme, and a third part of the royalty of Bradewater near Tweed.

In 14 Edw. III. he ^a served in parliament for the county of Northumberland; and attending 58 days, he and Sir William Felton, the other Knight, had 23 l. 4s. allowed them by the county for their expences; and the same year he with the Lord Thomas Grey, of Werk, ^b were Commanders of those forces which encounter'd and defeated the Earls of March and Sutherland; who, taking the advantage of King Edward's being at the siege of Tournay, destroyed the country almost as far as Durham.

In 15 Ed. III. the King ^c grants licence to his beloved and faithful subject, Robert de Manners, to strengthen and embattle his dwelling house at Ethale, in Northumberland, with a wall made of stone and lime, and to hold the same to him and his heirs for ever. And on April 3 that year, in consideration of ^d his fidelity, probity and circumspection, was commissioned with Henry of Lancaster, Earl of Derby, R. De Bury, bishop of Durham, and others, to treat with David de Bruce and his adherents about a peace. On May 20, next year, he was nominated in another commission for preserving the truce with that ^e prince; and on December 1, that year, 1342, he was, with others, empowered to punish violators of the truce.

In 17 Edw. III. ^f being governor of Norham Castle in the county of Northumberland, the King orders the sheriff of Ber-

^x Rymer's Fœd. Tom. IV. p. 335. ^y Ibid. p. 617. ^z Efc. 9 Ed. III. n. 66. ^a Pryn's 4 Part of brief Regist. p. 179. ^b Barnes's Hist. of Ed. III. p. 199. ^c Pat. 15 Ed. III. p. 1. m. 15. ^d Rymer's Fœd. Tom. IV. p. 305, 306. ^e Rymer's Fœd. Tom. V. p. 367, 396. ^f Rot. Scot. 17 Ed. III. m. 5.

wick upon Tweed to enter on the lands of such persons in those parts, who were not resident there for the defence of the kingdom; but that Sir Robert de Manners, having been in the castle of Norham a considerable time, for the safeguard of the same, and the parts adjacent to Scotland, should be exempted from any seizures of his lands. The same year ² this Sir Robert de Manners, with Gilbert de Umphraville, Earl of Angus, Henry de Percy, and six others, were appointed guardians of the marches in Northumberland, and other parts of Scotland, to the East, with power to redress such grievances as had happened contrary to the truces agreed on with Scotland. Also, in 1346, 20 Edw. III. when King David, by the solicitation of Philip VI. the French King, had broke the truce, whilst King Edward was besieging Calais, and with a great army had wasted the county of Northumberland, and come as far as Durham, our Sir Robert de Manners was among those Nobles and others who raised forces to resist him, and on October 17, gave him that great ^h overthrow at Nevil's-Cross near that city, called by our historians the battle of Durham, wherein King David himself was taken prisoner; and Sir Robert de Manners had no small share in the honour of it: For the same year the King signified his commands to him, that for the avoiding the escape of prisoners taken in that battle, and elsewhere in the North, his ⁱ pleasure was, that they should be carried to the Tower of London; and therefore orders him to deliver to the constable of the said Tower, before the feast of the Epiphany, William Baily, and all such prisoners as were in his custody.

The said Sir Robert de Manners, out of his pious disposition, founded a chantry in the church of Etale (as it was then wrote) for a chaplain to celebrate Divine service, every day, in the chapel of the Virgin Mary of Etale, for the soul of him the said Robert whilst living, as also after his decease, and for the souls of his ancestors and heirs, and all faithful people: And for the maintenance of the said chaplain, assigned 5 messuages, and 107 acres of land, in Hedreslow and Branxton; and also 26 shillings rent-charge in Teslim, as appears by ^k inquisitions taken in the 19th and 20th of Edw. III. whether it was injurious to the King, to grant licences for that purpose. But the jury found that it was not prejudicial to the King; and that the said Sir Robert held, over and above the said premises, 100 marks in the towns of Etale, Hedreslow, Branxton, Hespotes, and Bellefdon; and also in Teslim more than the said 26 s. rent-charge.

^g Rymer's Fœd. Vol. V. p. 367. 396.

^{382.} ⁱ Rymer's Fœd. Vol. V. p. 533, 534.

19 Ed. III. n. 19 and 20 Ed. III. n. 33.

^h Barnes's Hist. Ed. III. p. 381.

^k Inq. ad quod Damna.

He ¹ died on Monday the eve of Michaelmas-day, in 1355, 29 Edward III. leaving John de Manners, his son and heir, a year and three weeks old. Aliva (or Joane) his wife, ^m daughter and heir of Sir Henry Strother, of Newton Glendall, Knt. survived him; it being found, by inquisition taken at Newcastle upon Tyne, in the county of Northumberland, on Thursday before St Bartholomew's-day, Anno 1358, 32 Edw. III. that the said Robert ⁿ was seized of a fulling-mill, and one carrucate of land in Ethale, the which he granted fifteen days before his decease to John de Wyrkfall, vicar of Neuton, for ever; to the intent he fettle the same on the said Robert and Aliva, and the heirs of the said Robert: But the said Sir Robert died before the said settlement could be perfected, viz. Monday before Michaelmas-day. 29 Edw. III. whereupon the said John continued in possession six weeks after his decease, and then enfeofed the said Aliva therein for her life, with remainder to the right heirs of the said Robert. They also found, that the premises were held in chief of the King, by the service of a fourth part of a Knight's fee, the mill yearly worth 40 s. and the land 13 s. 4 d. and that it was not to the prejudice of the King, if he granted the same to the said Aliva for life.

Which Aliva died on August 3, in 36 Edward III. as appears ^o by inquisition taken at Berwick, July 3, 37 Edw. III. whereby the jury found that she held no lands within the King's dominions in Scotland, but that she held for life, as the inheritance of the heir of the said Robert de Manners (under age, and in the wardship of the King) a third part of the manour of Paxton in the county of Berwick, and a third part of the fishery in Tweed water (belonging to the said manour) of the prior of Durham: That the said third part of the lands used to be worth yearly 5 marks, tho' then worth no more than forty shillings: That the 3d part of the fishery in time of peace was worth 20 marks yearly, tho' then no more than 10 l. That John de Manners, son of the said Robert and Aliva, was eight years of age, and that John del More, of More, Lanc. late the husband of the said Aliva, received the issues and profits of the third part of the lands and fishery of the aforesaid manour.

Also, by ^p inquisition taken at Alnwyk, Sunday before St Luke's day, anno 36 Edw. III. the jury found, that the said Aliva held for life (as the inheritance of the heir of the said Robert) one carrucate of land in the said town, as her dower, as also a third part of the manour of Ethale, whereunto belonged a capital messuage, then in ruins [being probably demolished by the Scots] three husband-lands in the hands of tenants at will, paying yearly 40 s. and three husband-lands lying waste

¹ Esc. 29 Ed. III. n. 26.

^m Ex Stem. præd.

ⁿ Esc. 32 Ed. III. n. 44.

^o Esc. 37 Ed. III. n. 118.

^p Ibid.

(as untenanted) the herbage whereof was worth 13 s. 4 d. *per annum*. The rents of the cottagers were yearly worth 9 s. a third part of a water-mill annually worth 20 s. And the premises are held of the King in chief by Knight's service. Also, that she held in dower 4 s. *per ann.* issuing out of a husband-land in Cossay.

Which John, son and heir of the said Sir Robert Manners, had also the honour of knighthood conferred on him, and both he and his wife were dead before the 4th year of Henry IV. for in the same year it was found, by ¹ inquisition, taken April 26, 1403, at Newcastle upon Tyne, that Alice, who was wife of Sir John Manners, Knt. held at her death two parts of 16 s. rent, issuing out of a tenement belonging to the prior of Tynmouth, in the said town of Newcastle; and that Richard de Goldeborough, Knt. and Joan his wife, held the other third part as her dower, with remainder to the said Alice, who died on St Stephen's-day last; and that William de Whytchestre was her son and heir, and above 30 years old. And by another ² inquisition taken at Newcastle, on the feast of the Purification of the Virgin Mary, in 4 Henry IV. the jury found, that Alice, who was the wife of Sir John Manners, Knt. died seized of two parts of the manours of Seton de la Vale, Chollerton, and North-Diffington, and two parts of a fourth of the manour of Hertlaw, and also of a fourth part of the said manour, likewise of the reversion of a third part of the said manours of Seton de la Vale, Chollerton, and North-Diffington, and of a third of a fourth part of Stertlawe manour, with divers other lands, which Joan, the wife of Sir Henry de la Vale, Knt. held in dower, the remainder whereof was in William de Whytchestre of Whytchestre, son and heir of the said Alice.

Whereby it appears, that she was the widow of William Whytchestre, and afterwards wife to Sir John de Manners, who had issue by her John his son and heir, Robert de Manners of Barrington, John de Manners, and Gilbert de Manners.

Which John was constituted ³ sheriff of the county of Northumberland in 1413, 1 Hen. V. and in the reign of Hen. VI. he, and John his son, were accused of the death of William Heron, Esq; and Robert Atkinson, and prosecuted for the same by Sir Robert Umphreville, Knight, and Isabel, then the widow of William Heron; so that an award was made, bearing date September 28, 1430, 9 Hen. VI. by John, then prior of Durham, and Thomas, prior of Tynmouth, to whom it was referred (by the persons in each part concerned) that the said John de Manners, and John his second son, should cause 500 masses to be sung for the health of the soul of the same William Heron, within one year then next ensuing, and pay unto Sir Ro-

¹ Esc. 4 Hen. IV. n. 27.

² Ibid.

³ Rot. Pip. 1 Hen. V. m. 3.