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THE PEERAGE OF ENGLAND.

D'ARCY, Earl of Holderness.

AS such, who served the Conqueror in his victorious expedition, were rewarded with lands and possessions; it is highly probable, that Norman de Arecy (as then wrote) the ancestor of the present Earl of Holderness, was in the battle of Hastings, Oct. 14, 1066, whereby William Duke of Normandy obtained this kingdom: For the name ^a occurs in the roll of Battel-abbey, and in the list of those who landed with that monarch. And at the time of the general survey, ^b the said Norman de Arecy held no less than thirty-three lordships in Lincolnshire, by the immediate gift of the Conqueror, of which Noctone was one, where he and his descendants had their chief seat for divers generations ^c.

This Norman, in 6 William Rufus, being with the King then dangerously ill at Gloucester, when those about him, thinking his case desperate, advis'd a council to be call'd; and the King, repenting him of his sins, promised, if he recovered, to mend his life. Thereupon, as an instance of his contrition, he ^d confirmed to the monks of St. Mary's-abbey, at York, their possessions; to which this Norman de Arecy (as he then wrote his name) subscribed as one of the witnesses, and ^e gave at that time to the said abbey three carucates of lands in Brunnum. He was also a ^f witness to the grant made by Billcheld,

^a Ex tab. olim in abb. de bello. Hollinshed, p. 4.
Linc. in seacc. regis.

^c Hollinsh. p. 20.

^b Lib. doomsd. in Com.
^d Mon. Angl. tom. 1. p. 386.

^e Ibidem. p. 387.

^f Ibid. p. 201.

wife of Baldrick of Pecfortun (now Pickton) in Cheshire, to the convent of St. Werberg in Chester.

Robert de Arci (as the name was also then wrote) his son and heir, gave to the religious at ^s Santoft in Com' Lincoln (a cell to St. Mary's-abbey) the churches of Nocton and Duneston, as also two parts of the tythes of Fisceburre, and founded a ^h priory for canons regular of the order of St. Augustine, at Nokton before-mentioned, giving them the site of the said convent, a messuage, and a carucate of land in Nokton. He gave also to the monks of ⁱ Kirkestede in Lincolnshire, certain lands in Duneston and Nockston afore said, extending from the great road westward, which leadeth through Mere to Scape-wiche; and left issue ^k Thomas his son and heir, also ^l Robert a younger son.

Which Thomas, anno 1163 (9 Hen. II.) confirm'd that ^m grant made by his father to the monks of Kirkstede: and being wrote Thomas de Arcy, son of Robert de Arcy, confirm'd the ⁿ gifts, of his father and grandfather, to the abbey of St. Mary, York. And on assessement of the aid, for marrying Maud the king's eldest daughter, in 12 Hen. II. it was ^o certified, that he held twenty Knights fees, according to the old acception, with half a Knight's fee, and a fourth part, according to the new; for which, anno 14 Hen. II. he paid ^p thirteen pounds, six shillings and eight-pence.

He became a peculiar benefactor to the canons of Nocton afore-mentioned, for having (as it seems) by some composition with the abbot and convent of St. Mary, York, regained the churches of Nocton, and Duneston, bestowed on them by his father (as hath been before observ'd) he ^q granted them to that religious house, with the church of ^r Cankewell (now Cawkwell in that county) and certain lands, meadows, and woods in and near Nocton, particularly abutted and bounded. He died on July 15, the feast of St. Swithin, 1181, 27 Hen. II. (as appeareth by the ^s presentment made before the justices in eyre, 32 Hen. II.) leaving Thomas his son and heir, then 18 years of age; whereupon William Basset (then sheriff of Lincolnshire) ^t seized his whole barony for the King's use, and ^u committed it, with the whole stock thereon, to Michael d'Arcie. After which ^x Alice his widow, daughter of Ralph Lord D'eincourt, of Granby, in Nottinghamshire, ^y founder

^g Ibidem, p. 405. ^h Ibid. tom. 2. p. 211. ⁱ Ibid. tom. 1. p. 309.
^k Ibid. tom. 1. p. 405. ^l Ibid. p. 406. ^m Ibid. p. 809. ⁿ Ibid.
 p. 405. ^o Lib. rub. in facc. titl. Linc. ^p Rot. pip. anno 14 Hen. II.
 Linc. ^q Mon. Angl. tom. 2. p. 211. ^r Ibid. ^s t u Rot. de do-
 minab. pueris & puellis penes remem. reg. in facc. sub. tit. Linc. ^x Thores-
 by's antiq. of Leeds; p. 226. ^y Jekyl's baron. extinct. ms. f. 71. b.

of Thurgarton convent, obtain'd the ² possession thereof, with the custody of her children; for which she paid, as a fine, two hundred pounds.

This Thomas had ^a also two younger sons, and four daughters, one of which, while he was living, was ^b married to — de Munbegon, and two other (at the time of the aforesaid presentment) were ^c marriageable, and the youngest but eight years of age; being descended of Barons, saith the record; and ^d that he held twenty Knights fees of the King, and of the fee of William de Perci.

His eldest son, Thomas, was with King Richard I. in that expedition into Normandy, A. D. 1195, the 6th of his reign, when the ^e King went to raise the ^f siege of Verneuil, which he effected the night before Whitfunday, and forced the enemy to depart. In 1204, 5 John, he was retain'd to ^g serve the King in his wars in Normandy against the French, who had taken the ^h towns of Couches, le Val de Raelil, and Lisse-Dandele (the second being surrendered without any great opposition by two noblemen, who had the charge of them, viz. Robert Fitz-Walter, and Saier de Quincie) with three Knights, for one whole year, beginning on Wednesday before Midsummer-day; in consideration whereof the King ⁱ remitted him a debt of two hundred twenty-five marks which he then owed to the Jews; but besides this retainer he was to perform the like ^k service for his barony, as others did.

To him succeeded Norman de Arci his son and ^l heir, who in 7 John, paying ^m 500 marks, with six palfries, and one horse for the great saddle, and doing his homage, had livery ⁿ of all the lands descended to him by the death of his father. In 13 John, he had a special discharge ^o from his scutage, due upon the expedition made that year into Scotland.

In 15 John, Robert d'Arci ^p attended the King on that expedition against the French into Poictou; but whether he was uncle or brother to this Norman, does not appear.

The said Norman being one of the Barons in the rebellion against King John, in the 17th year of his reign, had his lands ^q seized by ^r John le Marefchall, a Baron, sheriff of Lincolnshire, and marshal of Ireland, and by the King's command they were ^s disposed of to Peter de Warcop. But in 1216, 1 Hen. III. he had livery of them again, the King and his Ba-

^z Rot. pip. anno 28 Hen. II. ^a b c d Rot. de dominab. pueris & puellis
ut supra. ^e Rot. pip. anno 6 Rich. I. Linc. ^f Hollinsh. p. 144.
^g Oblat. anno 5 John. ^h Hollinshed, p. 166. ⁱ k Oblat. anno
5 John. ^l m n Rot. fin. anno 7 Joh. m. 7. ^o Rot. pip. anno 13 Joh.
Linc. ^p Rot. claus. anno 15 Joh. d. m. r. ^q Rot. claus. anno 17.
Joh. m. 10. ^r Fuller's worthies in Linc. ^s Rot. claus. anno 17
Joh. m. 10.

rons coming to a peaceable accord, by the industry and good council of ^t William Marshall, Earl of Pembroke, who, to win the good will of the subjects to the young King (to whom he was governor) offered pardon to all those Barons who should take part with the King. And this Norman embracing the opportunity, and giving good ^u pledges for his future fidelity, had his lands ^x restored to him; as had also the before-mentioned Robert Darci his ^y lands in Hantshire.

In 3 Hen. III. the said Norman gave ^z to the King a foregothawke of Norway, to have a market at his lordship of Noc-tone; and in 1245, 29 Hen. III. ^a answered twenty pounds (for the Knights fees he held) on an assessment of the aid for marrying Margaret, the King's eldest daughter, to Alexander III. King of Scotland, whose marriage was celebrated on Dec. 26, 1251, at York; as also 401. anno 38 Hen. III. on ^b collection of the aid for making Prince Edward, the King's eldest son, a Knight. In which year the King, in regard to his great age and infirmities, granted the custody of his lands, so long as he should live, unto Philip d'Arci his son and heir.

Which Philip, adhering to the interest of the crown in those turbulent times, about the latter end of King John's reign, had, anno 1 Hen. III. a ^c grant of the lands of Robert le Chamberlayne.

After which I find no mention of him till 27 Hen. III. in which year he had an assignation ^d of 23l. 13s. then in arrear to those soldiers who served under his command in the wars of France; and of 20 marks due to himself.

In 34 Hen. III. he is said to have been the accuser ^e of Sir Henry de Bath, Knt. one ^f of the judges of the court of common-pleas, for his unfaithfulness and corruption in point of judicature.

In 37 Hen. III. the King, on displeasure ^g conceived against Henry Plantagenet Duke of Lancaster, Earl of Leicester, lord high steward of England, oblig'd him to resign the office of warden of Gascony, for that the Gascoigners had charged him with too much severity. And they continuing in rebellion, the King went over, and this Philip de Arci being ready to attend him according to the service he owed, having ^h information, that his father designed to alienate certain lands, which were part of his inheritance, and complaining thereof to the King; he obtained a precept to the ⁱ sheriff, commanding him not to admit any one to enter on them during his continuance

t Hollinshed, p. 197. u x Rot. claus. anno 1 Hen. III. m. 10. y Ibid. m. 19. z Rot. pip. anno 3 Hen. III. Linc. a Ibid. anno 29 Hen. III. Linc. b Rot. pip. anno 38 Hen. III. Linc. c Rot. claus. 1 Hen. III. m. 11. d Vascon. 27 Hen. III. m. 5. e Mat. Paris, in ann. 1250. p. 811. n. 40. f Dug. orig. jurisd. in chron. series. g Hollinshed, p. 247. h Claus. 37 Hen. III. m. 10. i Ibid.

in that service. And the King also sent his commands to the Queen and Richard Earl of Cornwal, that so long as he should continue beyond the seas, he should not be sued.

In 38 Hen. III. being in the ¹ camp with the King at Lupiel in Galcoigne, he was made governor of the castle at Millans, and captain of those forces then remaining there. And the ^m next year, having contracted great debts by his large expences in the King's service beyond the seas, he procured certain letters ⁿ hortatory to all his tenants by military service, and other; earnestly moving them to grant him such reasonable aid, towards easing him of that burthen, as that they might be worthy of the King's thanks for the same. And paying in that year his relief, ^o had livery of his lands.

In 1260, 44 Hen. III. he was ^p summoned to be at Shrewsbury on Sept. 8, the nativity of the Virgin Mary, with horse and arms, ready to march against Llewellyn, and the Welsh his accomplices; and ^q died, anno 48 Hen. III. leaving issue by ^r Isabel his wife, second daughter of Ralph de Bertram, Baron of Mitford (and sister and one of the coheirs of Roger de Bertram, who died anno 4 Ed. II.) four sons, viz. 1. Norman, 2. Sir Thomas, 3. Roger, and 4. Ralph.

Which Norman, at the decease of his father, was ^s 28 years of age and more; and doing his ^t homage, and giving security for the payment of his relief as a baron, had livery of his lands. Nevertheless, the next year, 1265, being among the rebellious Lords, who were vanquished in the battle fought at ^u Evesham in Com' Worc. August 6, his ^x lands were seized by the King.

Roger ^y, the third brother of the said Norman, and Thomas their ^z uncle, were also engaged in that ^a rebellion; but there being a peaceable compofure afterwards betwixt the King and the transgressors (by that memorable decree call'd *dictum de Kenilworth*) both this Norman, his brother Roger, and uncle ^b Thomas (taken prisoner at the siege of Northampton, in 48 Hen. III.) were in 51 Hen. III. admitted to ^c favour, John de Burgh of Kent, Adam de Newmarch of Yorkshire, and Robert de Ufford of Norfolk (all Barons) being sureties for their future loyalty and quiet demeanor.

In 1277, 5 Edw. I the ^d King signifies that Llewellyn Prince of Wales had rebelled, and therefore sent his mandate to this

¹ Rot. vasc. 38 Hen. III. m. 20. ^m n Pat. 39 Hen. III. m. 1. ^o Rot. p. 39 Hen. III. Linc. ^p Reymers, tom. 1. p. 707. ^q Esc. 48 Hen. III. n. 15. Linc. ^r Jekyl's baron, extinct. præd. p. 62. b. ^s Esc. 48 Hen. III. n. 15. Linc. ^t Rot. fin. 48 Hen. III. m. 2. ^u Hollinsh. p. 270. x Esc. 40 Hen. III. n. 3. ^y z a Rot. pat. 51 Hen. III. m. 14. ^b MS. in bodl. Oxon. 8 V. 8. th. f. 138. b. ^c Rot. pat. 51 Hen. III. m. 14. ^d Rymer, tom. 2. p. 74.

Norman Darcy, to be at Worceſter in the octaves of St. John Eaſtſt next, with horſe and arms, and his whole ſervice; to go againſt him. In 9 Edw. I. John de Vaux, William de Saham, and others, being ^e appointed juſtices in eyre for the county of Lincoln, they ſummon'd this Norman to ſhew by ^f what authority he held his lands in Nocton, Doneſton, and elſewhere, in Lincolnſhire, and what ſervices and privileges he claim'd in that county: Whereunto he reply'd, that he held his lands in chief of the King, by the ſervice of two Knights fees only, or of one Knight and two Eſquires, in the King's army for forty days, at his own charges; and that he claim'd in Nocton, and Doneſton, free warren, gallows, and infangtheſ, with a market at Nocton upon the Tueſday, and aſſize of bread and beer, and a fair upon the eve and feaſt-day of St. Mary Magdalen; and that he claim'd free warren and a gallows in Conyngſby; and in his manor of Stalinburgh, wreck of ſea, weyth, and gallows.

In 1282, 10 Edw. I. the Welſh having taken Roger Clifford, ſen. and imprifoned him, and kill'd and taken ſeveral of the King's ſubjects, he had ^g orders to be at Worceſter on the day of Pentecoſt, with horſe and arms, ready, if occaſion requir'd, to march againſt them. And another mandate, dated at Hertelbyrough, May 24, the ſame year, was ^h ſent to him to be at Rothelan on Sunday, the morrow after Aug. 1, to go againſt the Welſh. Alſo on June 28, 10 Edw. I. the King, at Rotheland, ⁱ gave him notice in what manner the Welſh had taken up arms, killed his nobles, and other ſubjects, both men, women, and children, and of having David, the laſt of the race, in cuſtody; and therefore deſires to conſult with him and others, as to the diſpoſal of him, requiring him to be at Shrewſbury on the morrow after the feaſt of St. Michael.

In the 11 Edw. I. ſo well did he behave, and ſuch great ^k ſervice did he perform for the King, in the expedition then made into Wales againſt ^l Prince Llewellyn (who had committed great hoſtilities in thoſe parts about the mountains of Snowdone, and ^m in Montgomeryſhire) that in recompence thereof he had an aſſignation ⁿ of 50 l. per ann. for five years to come; and alſo a diſcharge ^o for 100 l. due at the exchequer for his relief. In 22 Edw. I. ^p he was ſummoned to attend the King immediately, and to give his opinion in thoſe great and difficult points relating to a war with France: the French in that year having taken two Engliſh men of war, ſailing by the Norman coaſt; as alſo four others, ſent by the King for the ſafe-guard of

^e Dug. orig. in chron. ſer. ^f Plac. de quo warrant. in octab. trin. ann. 9 Edw. I. Rot. 13 d. ^g Rymer, tom. 2. p. 196. ^h Ibid. p. 207. ⁱ Hol-
linſh. p. 290. ^k Rymer, ibid. p. 248. ^l Clauſ. ann. 11 Edw. I. m. 10. ^m Hol-
linſh. p. 281. ⁿ Stowe, p. 202. ^o Clauſ. anno 11 Edw. I. m. 10. ^p Com-
mun. term. ann. 12 Edw. I. Rot. 3.

Bordeaux. And thereupon ¹ had another summons to be at Portsmouth on Sept. 1 following, ready with horse and arms, and his whole service, to sail with the King into France. And on the same occasion, he had in that year orders to summon all abbots, priors, knights, and others within his bailiwick, who held in chief, or by Knight's service, or serjeantry, to be at Portsmouth on Sept. 1 next, with horse and arms, and their whole service, ready to go beyond sea. But after this he lived not long; for in 24 Edw. I. Sir Philip his son and heir, doing his homage, ² had livery of all his lands, whereof he died seized. He also left two other sons, Sir John, of whom hereafter; and Robert.

Which Sir Philip, in 25 Edw. I. ³ attended the King in that expedition into Gascony, where the English were worsted, going to relieve Bellegard, besieged by the Earl of Artois. But before I treat further of him, I shall give some account of Robert, his third brother.

Which Robert d'Arcy was also in 25 Edw. I. in that expedition into Gascony ⁴; likewise that year, an insurrection beginning in Scotland, at the instigation of Sir William Wallace, on account of the Scots refusing to do homage, ⁵ he was then sent into those wars, in which ⁶ the English forces suffered not a little. And in 27 Edw. I. being lord of the manors of Stallingburgh and Donefton in Com' Linc. ⁷ he had a grant of free warren in all his demesne lands there ⁸. In 1306, 34 Edw. I. the King sending an army into Scotland, against Robert Bruce, who had caused himself, on Lady-day, to be crowned at Scone, this Robert d'Arcy leaving the King there, without licence, ⁹ the sheriff of Lincolnshire had command to seize all his lands and possessions in that county ¹⁰. But this breach of trust was afterwards forgiven; for in 4 Edw. II. ¹¹ the custody of the castle and honour of Striguil ¹² in Scotland, was committed to him. And in 15 Edw. II. he was made governor of Sleaford castle in Lincolnshire, which for some reasons was then taken into the King's hands. Also in 18 Edw. II. he was constituted one of the arrayers in the parts of Lindsey in com' Linc. In 1 Edw. III. he had a ¹³ grant of free warren in all his demesne lands in Clipston in com' Northampt. and in Pachenham in com' Suffex ¹⁴; and the next year obtained a patent of view of frank-pledge in his manor of Lethered (Leatherhead) in Surrey, to himself and Joan ¹⁵ his wife, and the heirs of their bodies. In 5 Edw. III. he had a grant of a mar-

q Rot. Vascon. 22 Edw. I. m. 8. d. r Rot. ibid. m. 7. d. s Rot. fin. 24 Edw. I. m. 16. t Rot. vas. 25 Edw. I. m. 1. u Hollinsh. p. 303.
x Rot. scoc. 25 Edw. I. m. 1. y Hollinsh. p. 303. z Cart. 27 Edw. I. n. 30.
a Hollinsh. p. 314. b Rot. fin. 34 Edw. I. m. 2. c Pat. 4 Edw. II. p. 1.
d Pat. 15 Edw. II. p. 1. m. 21. e Rymer, vol. 4, p. 80. f Cart. 4 Edw. III. n. 42.
g Cart. 2 Edw. III. n. 20.

ket every week on the Friday, with a fair yearly on Lammas-day, at Lethered aforefaid^h. This Robert d'Arci was one of the Knights in parliament for Lincolnshire, 12 Edw. II.

But now I return to Sir Philip, who, in 26 Edw. I. ⁱ was summoned to be at Carlisle on Whitfun-eve, with horse and arms, ready to march against the Scotch then in rebellion; and in 27 Edw. I. Sir Thomas his uncle dying without issue, ^k the manor of Scotelthorpe escheated to him as his next heir, being then forty years of age. In 31 Edw. I. he ^l was with the Lord Segrave, and others, in that expedition into Scotland, where the English, ^m after a sharp and doubtful fight for a time, were overcome, and the said Lord taken; who (as my author says) had more courage than foresight. In 34 Edw. I. the King having an intention to make Edward Prince of Wales, his fourth son (but then the only surviving one by his first Queen) a Knight, ⁿ summoned this Sir Philip to be at Westminster on the morrow of the Holy Trinity, to fix with other counsellors the aid to be granted for that purpose.

In 4 Edw. II. ^o he was in the wars of Scotland; and in 5 Edw. II. doing his homage, as cousin and heir to Roger Bertram of Mitford in Com' Northumb. had livery of such lands as on that account descended to him. And having been, in 1312, concerned in the apprehending and murder of Piers de Gaveston, Earl of Cornwall, he ^p had with Thomas Earl of Lancaster, and others, in 1314, 7 Edw. II. his pardon on that account, or of any other misdeed whatever.

The same year he ^q was in Scotland with the King, who with a great power intending to raise the siege of Strivelling (Stirling) castle, ^r a bloody battle ensued, June 24, wherein the English were vanquish'd, and many slain and taken prisoners.

The year after, 8 Edw. II. ^s he was again in the wars of Scotland; as also in 9 Edw. II. in which year arrived in England two cardinals ^t, who brought bulls from the pope, to excommunicate the Scots, if they refused agreeing to a treaty of peace with England. What I have found further of him is, that he was ^u one of those who were with Thomas Plantagenet, Earl of Lancaster, in the insurrection made in the North, in 15 Edw. II. But on security given for his future loyalty, and good behaviour, had the year following restitution of his lands, which had been seized by the King for that transgression. He had

^h Cart. 5 Edw. III. n. 47. ⁱ Rymer's fœd. vol. 2, p. 829. ^k Esc.
27 Edw. I. n. 12. ^l Rot. scot. 31 Edw. I. m. 12. ^m Hollinsh. p. 311.
ⁿ Rymer, vol. 2. p. 987. ^o Rot. scoc. 4 Edw. II. m. 8. ^p Rymer's
fœd. vol. 3. p. 442, 447, & seq. ^q Rot. scoc. 7 Edw. II. m. 3. ^r Stow's
annals, p. 215. ^s Rot. scoc. 8 Edw. II. m. 9. ^t Stow, p. 218. ^u Hol-
linsh. p. 128.

ſummons to parliament * among the Barons, from the 25th to the 34th of Edw. I. inclusive.

He had iſſue by Eleanor his wife three ſons, 1. Norman, 2. Robert, and, 3. John; whereof the two laſt died without iſſue male.

Norman d'Arcy, his eldeſt ſon and heir, was in the wars of Scotland, y in 7 and 9 Edw. II. and adhering to Thomas Earl of Lancaſter, had his lands in Kalkwell ſeized, z but was afterwards reſtored to his eſtate.

In 12 Edw. III. he a was with the King in that deſcent then made into Flanders, b likewise in the following year; and died on March 25, 1340, 14 Edw. III. c leaving iſſue, by Iſabel his wife, Philip his ſon and heir, ten years of age, d who dying in 24 Edw. III. Sir Philip de Limbury, Knt. ſon of Julian, the eldeſt of the two ſiſters and coheirs to the ſaid Norman, and Agnes (the wife of Sir Roger de Pedwardine, of Burton-Pedwardine in Lincolnſhire, Knt.) the other ſiſter and coheir, were found his heirs; Sir Philip de Limbury being then (viz. in 24 Edw. III.) thirty years of age, and Agnes fifty.

Thus the male line failing, I am now come to Sir John, ſecond brother to Philip, father of the laſt mentioned Norman d'Arcy.

Which Sir John (frequently ſtiled of Park, as owner of Conyngſby-park) was of great courage and eminent abilities, as evident by the many offices he bore in the reigns of Edw. I. II. and III. In e 25 Edw. I. he was in that f expedition made into Scotland againſt g Wallace, h and his adherents then in arms. Alſo in 31 Edw. I. when Sir John Segrave Knt. was ſent thither with an army, the Scots being in arms, on account i of the truce expiring on All-ſaints day. And k in 1306, 34 Edw. I. he was again there on Robert Bruce's l aſſuming the ſovereignty, and cauſing himſelf to be ſolemnly crown'd on March 25, at the abbey of Scone, by the biſhops of St. Andrew's and Glaſgow. In 3 Edw. II. m he was likewise there when the King fortified Berwick with a ſtrong wall and deep ditch, and thence with his army march'd into Scotland to ſeek his adverſary Robert Bruce, who n refuſing him battle, the King came back to Berwick. In 1313, 6 Edw. II. (May 3.) he had o the King's protection to hold in force till Aug. 1 following; he at

x Clauſ. 16 Edw. II. m. 15. y Rot. ſcot. 7 Edw. II. m. 3. & 9 Edw. II. m. 6. z Clauſ. 16 Edw. II. m. 23. a Rot. aleman, 12 Edw. III. p. 1. m. 3. b Rot. alem. 13 Edw. III. m. 19. c Efc. 15 Edw. III. n. 21. d Efc. 24 Edw. III. n. 100. Line. e Rot. ſcot. 25 Edw. I. m. 1. f Stow, p. 207. g Rot. ſcot. 31 Edw. I. m. 6. h Hollinſh. p. 311. i Rot. ſcot. 4 Edw. I. m. 13. k Stow, p. 209. l Hollinſh. p. 320. m Rot. ſcot. 3 Edw. II. m. 5. n Hollinſh. p. 321. o Rymer's ſæd, tom. 3. p. 406.

that time being ^p appointed to go with the King and Queen into France, to the coronation of Lewis X. ſon of Philip IV. King of France and Navarre; and the ſame year ^q was commiſſioned to treat at Newcaſtle with Sir Robert de Loweden, Knt. and others, deputed by the Scots, on ſuch matters as ſhould be offer'd by them.

In 7 Edw. II. having been concern'd, with Thomas Earl of Lancaſter, in the death of Piers Gavifton, ^r he had a pardon of all manner of accuſations on that account.

In 7 Edw. II. Robert Bruce having recover'd the greateſt part of Scotland, and won from the Engliſh thoſe caſtles they held there, and conquer'd thoſe Scots which were in the Engliſh ſervice; the King, to be reveng'd on them, marched with a powerful army, and entering Scotland, this John Lord Darcy was then with him, and meeting with the enemy near ^s Bannockburn, were entirely defeated on June 24, King Edward himſelf hardly eſcaping. Robert Paſton, a Carmelite friar, being preſent, he in heroical verſe ſadly bewails the ſorrowful diſaſter. The firſt night (ſaith he) the Engliſh bathed themſelves in wine, with other rioting far above meaſure; whereas the Scots lay cloſe and quiet, faſting the evening before the battle, and had made trenches three feet deep, and the like in breadth, from the right wing of their army to the left, covering them with turf and graſs laid on twigs, not of ſtrength to bear horſemen, ſo that the Engliſh horſe, advancing thereon, founde'r'd in the trenches, which occaſioned the loſs of the battle.

In 10 Edw. II. the King ſtiles him ^t John d'Arcei, le coſyn, appointing him governor of the caſtle of Norham in Northumberland; and in 13 Edw. II. he was ſheriff of the ^u counties of Derby and Nottingham; as alſo in 14 and 15 of that King's reign; and ſheriff ^v of Lancaſhire in 16 Edw. II. In 17 Edw. II. ^w he was conſtituted lord juſtice of Ireland, and arrived at Dublin, February 2. During his abode in that kingdom, excellent ordinances, for the government thereof, were aſſented to by the King and his council, which are at large in Prynne's animadverſions on the fourth inſtitutes; and the annals of thoſe times make no mention of any diſturbance there during that reign, other than was occaſion'd by private murders. In 18 Edw. II. being then in that kingdom, ^x he had commands, from the King, to ſeize, in his juriſdiction, all perſons of Agenois, Pierregort, Xaintonge, and

^p Hollinſh. p. 321.

^q Rot. ſcot. 8 Edw. II. m. 2.

^r Pat. 2 Edw.

^s 11. p. 2. m. 29.

^t 16 Edw. II. m. 13.

^u of Ireland. p. 45.

^v Rymer, vol. 4. p. 535.

^w Stow's annals, p. 316.

^x Fuller's worthies in com' Derby. p. 241.

^y Pat. 17 Edw. II. p. 1. m. 4.

^z Hollinſh. p. 322.

^{aa} Pat. 2 Edw.

^{bb} Rot. fin.

^{cc} Borlace's reduct.

other places, then in rebellion againſt the King, and them ſafe to keep with their goods and effects, and to certify their names, goods, &c. in writing.

In 20 Edw. II. when the King, for the defence of his kingdom againſt the invaſion of foreigners, and others, who adhered to Queen Iſabel and Prince Edward, ordered in council, that all ſhips of or above the burden of thirty ton, from the mouth of the Thames riding northward, ſhould be at Orewell in Suffolk, on St. Matthew's-day, well arm'd, double mann'd, and a month's proviſion on board each veſſel; ^b he appointed this John Darcy (then call'd the uncle) to ſee that the royal mandate be duly executed in the ports and towns of Saltfleetby, Waynfleet, and Grymby, in Lincolnſhire.

In 1327, 1 Edw. III. he was ſome part of it ſheriff of Yorkſhire; and was that year again ſent lord juſtice into Ireland; ^c and the ſame year, having the title of John d'Arce le frere, obtained ^d a grant of free warren in all his demefne lands in Conyngſby-park, Flixborough, and Winterton, in Com' Lincoln; alſo the next year in thoſe at Wranby in that county. In 2 Edw. III. being called John d'Arce le neveu, he had ^e an aſſignation of certain ſums of money due to him for his ſervices in Ireland the preceding year; alſo for other ſervices during his abode in Yorkſhire, in October, November, and December, that year, for the defence of thoſe parts. On Auguſt 21, the ſame year, ^f he was made juſtice of Ireland, and governor of that country; alſo had his patent renew'd, in the year ^g following; in which time Macoghegan of Meath, and other Iriſh men of Leinſter, broke out into rebellion; ^h yet this common calamity could not unite the Engliſh, altho' taught by experience, that they never ſuffered any great damage but from civil diſſentions among themſelves. And the enemy, thro' the many ſmall victories they obtained, ſo weakened the Engliſh, that the lord juſtice was obliged ⁱ to invite Maurice (afterwards Earl of Deſmond) to take the field, which he did with ſucceſs, with an army of near ten thouſand. That year the king ordered him to pay to William Earl of Juliers 300l. due at Michaelmas, in part of 600l. per ann. granted in fee to him; and in conſideration of his many good ſervices, had from the King a grant of ^k the manor of Werk in Tindale in Com' Northumb.

In 4 Edw. III. he was ^l ſent by the King into Aquitain, to treat about certain affairs relating to that dutchy, and with

^b Rymer's ſæd. tom 4. p. 225, & ſeq.

^c Orig. 1 Edw. III. Rot. 11.

^d Cart. 1 Edw. III. n. 24.

^e Clauſ. 2 Edw. III. m. 15.

^f Pat. 2 Edw.

III. p. 1. m. 24.

^g Pat. 3 Edw. III. p. 1. m. 28.

^h Cox's hiſt. Ireland,

p. 108.

ⁱ Ibid. p. 109.

^k Cart. 3 Edw. III. n. 40.

^l Rymer, vol. 4. p. 432.

any persons who were willing to serve the King for life, or term of years, at such wages as should be agreed on. And ^m the same year obtained a charter for a market every week on the Saturday; as also a fair yearly on the eve and day of St. Barnabas the apostle, and four days following, at his manor of Knaith in Com' Linc. and free warren in all his demesne lands at Kettesby and Upton in the same county. This year also he was in Guienne, when the King gave him to understand, that the French would no longer abide by the treaty; ^a and in case they should bring forces to take possession of that province, he had orders to oppose them; and to promise the people there, that for the damages they should sustain, reparation should be made.

In 1331, 5 Edw. III. July 15, ^a he with Sir William Trussel, Knt. were sent ambassadors to Philip VI. King of France, to treat about a marriage between Edward Prince of Wales, and the daughter of the said King of France, in order to prevent a war; but it had no effect. In 6 Edw. III. he ^p with William de Denum were commissioned to treat at Newcastle with Sir Robert de Loweden Knt. and others, deputed by the Scotch, on such matters as then shall be offered by them.

In 7 Edw. III. being still justice of Ireland, he left Aquitain to revenge ^a the death of William de Burgh, Earl of Ulster, who had been slain by the Irish; and on his landing in that nation, call'd a parliament, by whose advice he went by sea to Carigfergus, on July 1, and by help of the country people, he destroyed the murderers and their abettors. After which, he appointed Sir Thomas Burgh his deputy, as lieutenant of Ireland, and made directly for Scotland; whither, as Barnes in his history of Edw. III. observes, he came just in time to give a specimen both of his loyalty and valour. The King of England was then return'd to the siege before Berwick, with a resolution not to stir, till he had taken the place, or that David King of Scotland should raise the siege by a battle. And at this juncture of the Lord Darcy's arrival, the Scots having muster'd a considerable army, resolved to force King Edward to retire; whereupon the memorable battle of Hallidown near Berwick ensued June 8, 1333, wherein the Scots are said to have lost 8 Earls, 90 Knights, 400 Esquires, and 35000 common soldiers, according to our historians; but their own writers mention only 14000 to be slain. In this engagement, the Lord John Darcy, with his Irish troops on the one side, made a great slaughter; while the King with a choice brigade of men

^m Pat. 4 Edw. III. p. 1. m. 17.

ⁿ Rymer, tom. 4. p. 450.

^o Pat.

5 Edw. III. p. 2. m. 28.

^p Rymer, tom. 4. p. 53.

^q MS. in bibl. bodl.

Oxon de Rebus hibernicis, tom. 3.

of arms, and archers on horseback, so encompassed them on the other side, that very few could escape, except those who first of all began the flight.

On this victory King Edward entered into Berwick with great solemnity, and advanced Edward Baliol to the crown of Scotland; and then the Lord John Darcy, as ^r is observed, having obtained much honour in this war, return'd now with all his forces to his province of Ireland, where all along he exercised much wisdom and integrity in that his government; and upon his return, presently deliver'd Walter Bermingham, prime of Armagh, out of the castle of Dublin.

In 9 Edw. III. continuing still Justice of Ireland, ^s he again sailed into Scotland, with six and thirty ships, the chief of the Irish nobles accompanying him; and having wasted the isles of Arran and Butc, return'd with great prey and glory. For which memorable services, Edward III. ^t granted to him the manors of Louth and Ballionany, in Ireland, which Simon Earl of Eue had forfeited by adhering to the French King; as also to him, and to Joan, then his wife, and to the heirs-male of their two bodies lawfully begotten, the manors of Rathwer and Kildalk lying in that realm.

In 11 Edw. III. he with others ^u were commissioned by the King, to declare to the people in the counties of Nottingham and Derby, certain matters contain'd in a schedule sent to them: and in that year, being ^x steward of the King's household, he was sent ambassador (together with William de Bohun Earl of Northampton, and Robert de Ufford Earl of Suffolk) into Scotland, to treat of peace with David de Brus, who then assumed there the title of King. After which, he was also sent ^y ambassador into France (with those Earls) to treat with Philip VI. King of France, or his commissioners, touching the right of King Edward to the crown of that realm ^z. But being arrived at Boulogne, they there received command from the King not to proceed, conceiving their journey might be hazardous, and expose them to the fury of a passionate Prince, who had before threatened the negotiators with death, if ever they came again; when, before his coronation, they were pleading the King of England's right to that crown in the chamber of France. Whereupon they had another commission ^a to treat with Lewis Earl of Flanders, about a marriage between the said Earl's eldest Son, and Joan the King's second daughter: Also by ^b another, to settle with the said Earl and

^r Barnes's hist. Ed. III. p. 80. ^s MS. in bibl. bodl. Oxon, tom. 3. f. 99.
^t tom. 4. p. 64. ^t Pat. 18 Edw. III. p. 2. m. 3. per inspect. ^u Rymer,
 tom. 4. p. 805. ^x Rot. Scot. 11 Edw. III. m. 7. ^y Barnes's hist. Edw.
 III, p. 15. ^z Rymer, tom. 4. p. 814. ^a Ibid. ^b Ibid. p. 815, 816.
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