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T H E P E E R A G E O F E N G L A N D.

WYNDHAM, Earl of Egremont.

HIS Lordship derives his descent from Ailwardus, an eminent Saxon, in the county of ^a Norfolk, who, soon after the Norman conquest, being possessed of lands in Wymondham (now wrote Wyndham) in that county, assumed his surname from thence: and the said Ailwardus de Wymondham, with Richard his son, Hugh, Pagan, and Edmund de Wymondham, were witnesses to a charter of William de Albin, butler to King Henry I. whereby he gave the church of Wymondham to the prior and convent of Wyndham.

Richard, son of Ailward, was father of Richard, who had issue John de Wymondham, a benefactor to the priory of Wyndham. Which John, by Margaret, daughter to Robert Churchon (or Curzon ^b) had issue another John, of Wichlewood, and Crountheorpe, in the county of Norfolk; which were their principal seats for many generations, and are yet part of the possessions of a branch of the family.

In 44 Hen. III. Thomas de Wymondham, Chanter of Litchfield, was a Baron of the Exchequer; and on ^c April 4, 1266, 50 Hen. III. was constituted Treasurer of England; also the year after ^d, bearing the title of Chanter of the church of Litchfield, had his patent renewed.

^a Monast. Angl. Vol. I. p. 37, and 339.
50 Hen. III. m. 20.

^d Pat. 51 Hen. III. m. 6.

^b Ex Stemmate.

^c Pat.

In 52 Hen. III. he had a ^c grant of fifty marks per annum, for the better maintaining himself in the office of Treasurer, wherein he continued till 54 Hen. III. ^d, when John de Chishul, Dean of St. Paul's, was constituted Treasurer.

In 10 Edw. II. William, son of Ralph de Wimondham, was possessed of the manors of Crounthonpe, and Wichlewood, wherein he was succeeded by his son, John de Wimondham. Which John, by Catherine his wife, daughter of John de Reditham, had issue three sons, 1. Thomas; 2. Sir Richard de Wymondham, Knt. ^e who, in 1356, 30 Edw. III. had the King's protection, going into Brittany under his son Edward, Prince of Wales; and on September 19, that year, was the famous battle of Poitiers, wherein John the French King was taken prisoner. Henry, third son, was Prior of Wyndham.

Thomas de Wimondham, in the pedigree of the family, is said to be elder brother to Sir Richard, and to have married Margaret, daughter of Walter Walcot, by whom he had issue John de Wimondham, who had to wife Elizabeth, daughter of John Sharrington, by whom he was father of John Wimondham, who wedded Margaret, daughter of Sir John Segrave, Knt. and had issue John, his son and heir.

Which John was of Crounthonpe, and of Felbrigge, in Com. Norfolk; which last estate he purchased of the trustees of Sir John Felbrigge, Knight of the Garter. He was an eminent assessor of the house of Lancaster; and in 38 Hen. VI. was joined in commission with Thomas Moubray, Duke of Norfolk, and others, to withstand the attempts of the Earl of Warwick: Also, in the same year, ^h was one of the Knights for the county of Norfolk, in the parliament held at Coventry, wherein the Earl of Warwick, and other accomplices of the Duke of York, were attainted of high-treason. He had to wife Margaret, daughter of Sir Robert Clifton, of Bokenham-castle, in Com. Norfolk, and widow of Sir John Hastings. But Weever, in his *Funeral Monuments*, p. 804, says, she was the widow of Sir Edward Hastings, and was buried in the Augustine Friars in Norwich, in the year 1456. By the said John Wyndham, Esq; she had issue two sons, Sir John Wyndham, and Sir Roger Wyndham, who died without issue; Ela married to Thomas Fastolfe, Esq; and Isabel, to Simon Wiseman, of Great Thornham in Suffolk, Esq.

Sir John Wyndham, in 1487, 2 Hen. VII. was in the battle of Stoke, near Newark, against the Earl of Lincoln, Lambert Simnel, and their adherents ⁱ, where he received the honour of

^c Liberate de Anno 52 Hen. III. m. 5.

^f Dugdale's Chron. Series,

p. 22.

^g Rymer's Fœdera, Vol. V. p. 344.

^h Pryn's Brevia

Fæderat. p. 60r

ⁱ MS. Claudius C. 3. in Bibl. Cotton.

knighthood,

knighthood, immediately after the victory, for his valiant behaviour: But being afterwards engaged in the interests of the House of York, he was apprehended; and on May 2, in 17 Hen. VII. arraigned in Guildhall, London, where being found guilty of high-treason, as an accomplice of Edmund de la Pole, Earl of Suffolk, he^k, with Sir James Tyrrell, Lieutenant of Guisnes-castle, were beheaded on Tower-Hill, May 6, following, and their bodies, and heads, were buried in the Augustine Friars church of London, as Stow writes.

Sir Francis Bacon, in his Life of King Henry VII^l, gives the following account: ‘ In 1501, on the Earl of Suffolk’s flying into Flanders, King Henry the seventh growing jealous of him, caused Sir Robert Curfon, Captain of the castle of Hammes, to fly from his charge, and to feign himself a servant of the Earl of Suffolk’s; who thereby insinuating himself into his secrets, gave advertisements to the King of such who were friends to him. Whereupon William Courtney, Earl of Devonshire, brother-in-law to the Earl, as also William de la Pole, his own brother, Sir John Wyndham, and others, were taken into custody; and Sir John was attainted and beheaded the 6th of May, 1503.’

This Sir John Wyndham had two wives; first the Lady Margaret, daughter to John Howard, first Duke of Norfolk, by whom he had issue Sir Thomas Wyndham, his son and heir; Edward; George, who died in 1543, having been Archdeacon of Norwich, Precentor of St. Paul’s, and Master of the college of Rushworth in Norfolk; who, together with his brethren, the friers of that college, in 26 Hen. VIII. ^m swore fealty to the King, Queen Anne, and the issue begotten on her body; also that they will make known, preach and persuade the people to do the same; whenever place and opportunity shall serve. Likewise four daughters, Anne, wife of Thomas Radcliffe, Esq; Elizabeth, first of Sir Francis Calthorpe, of Ingham in Com. Norfolk, and afterwards of Sir John Culpeper, Knt.; Dorothy; and Frances.

The second wife of Sir John Wyndham ⁿ was Eleanor, daughter of Norman Washbourne, of Washbourne in Worcestershire, Esq; and widow of Sir Richard Scrope, a younger son of Henry Lord Scrope of Bolton; by whom he had only a son Francis, who died young, and a daughter Frances; which Lady died in 21 Hen. VII. as appears by the probate of her will, bearing date December 11, 21 Hen. VII. 1505. She therein writes herself *Eliaore Wyndham, widowe, late wife of*

^k Stow’s Annals, p. 484.

631.

^m Rymer’s Fœdera, Vol. XIV. p. 518.

^l General Hist. of Engl. Vol. I. p. 630.

ⁿ Vis de Com. Noif.

G. I. in Offic. Armor.

Sir John Wyndham, Knt. ; and orders her body to be buried in the choir of the Austin Friars, in Norwich, beside the high-altar there, to which she bequeaths a pair of chalices, silver and gilt ; to the intent, that the friars there shall pray for the soul of her, the said Eleanor, and Sir John Wyndham, late her husband ; and that a Frier priest sing, and pray for her soul, within the said place, the space of a whole year, and to have for his salary 53s. 4d. She was also a benefactor to the White Friars of Norwich, to the Black Friars in Norwich, and to the Grey Friars there ; to the abbey of Barking, and to other religious houses. And wills, that on the day of her burial, 5 l. be bestowed in alms ; and at her burying day, her seventh day, month day, and year day, there be disposed for her 40 l. after the discretion of her executors. And that an honest priest sing for her in the university of Cambridge, for two years, and be allowed for his stipend eight marks every year. She bequeaths to the Lord of Oxford a cross of gold with diamonds ; and to the Lady, his wife, a ring with a ruby. To the Lady Beaumont, her daughter, a purse of sable, her best feather-bed, and other furniture. To Thomas Wyndham, her son-in-law, a vestment and mass-book, three hangings, and other furniture. To her daughter, Alianore Wyndham, wife of the said Thomas, a gown of black velvet, furred with marten, &c. And other legacies to Dame Anne Scrope, her daughter, her daughter Mary Scrope, her daughter Jane Scrope, her daughter Frances Wyndham. Also to George Wyndham, Elizabeth, Margaret, and Elianor Wyndham, Edmund Wyndham, and John Wyndham. Also to her daughters unmarried, which she had by her first husband Sir Richard Scrope, all the residue of her array, and household stuff, not before bequeathed ; and leaves the residue of her fortune to her executors, Sir Thomas Tyrrell, Knt. John Tey, Esq; and Richard Wode, Gent. To which she set her seal, &c.

Sir Thomas Wyndham of Felbrigge, eldest son, was ^p one of the commanders of that fleet, which, sailing from Dover, and scouring the seas, came into Portsmouth about the middle of May, in 4 Hen. VIII. He also attended Sir Edward Howard, Lord Admiral, in the expedition to Biscay the same year^o, and was by him knighted in Croyton-Bay, in France. He ^r was also with that Admiral, when he was drowned in the attempt on Brest : And being one of the Knights of the King's body^s, attended his Majesty at the sieges of Therouene and Tournay,

^o Regist. Dean Qu. i. in car. prerog. Cantuar.
of Hen. VIII. f. 16.

^r Stow's Annals, p. 492.

^p Hall's Chron. in Life

^q Weever's Funeral Monuments, p. 796.

^s Weever præd.

where he did good service; as also in other places; and was of his privy-council.

In 12. Hen. VIII. he attended the King^t, at his conferences with the French King, between Guyfnes and Ardres, having, in his retinue, a chaplain, eleven servants, and eight horses.

This Sir Thomas Wyndham, Knt.^u at his manor of Felbrigge, made his will, October 22, 1521, 13 Hen. VIII. and being remarkable, I shall insert it in his own words. First (says he) for the recommendacion of my soule into the moost mercifull hands of him that redemed me, and made it, I make and say this my accustomed prayer. *Domine Ihu Cresse, qui me ex Nichelle Cressi, Peccisti, Redemisti, & Prædestinasti ad hoc quod sum, Tu scis, quod de me facere vis. Face de me secundum Voluntatem tuam cum Misericordia.* Therfor do of me thy wylle, with grace, petie and mercy, humbly and intirely I beseeche the; and into thy moost mercifull hands my soule I commytte. And howe be it, as synfull creature, in synns conceyved, and in synne have lyved; knowinge perfectly that of my merits I cannot atteyn to the lyfe everlastyng, but only by the merits of thy blissid passion, and of thyne infinite mercy and grace. Nevertheless my mercifull Redemer, Maker, and Saviour, I trust that by the speciall grace and mercy of thy blessed mother, ever virgyn, our Lady Mary, in whom, after the in this mortall lyfe, hath ben my moost singular trust and confidence, to whom in all my necessities I have made my contynuall refuge, and by whom I have hitherto ever had my speciall comfort and releef; will in my moost extreme nede, of her infinite pitye, take my soule into her hands, and hit present unto her moost dere sonne; whereof swete Lady of mercy, very mother and virgyn, well of petie, and surest refuge of all nedefull, moost humbly, most intirely, and most hartely I beseeche the, and for my comforte in this behalfe I trust. Also to the singular mediacions, and prayers of all the holy company of hevyn, aungells, archaungells, patriarches, prophets, apostells, evaungelists, martyres, confessoures and virgynes; and specyally to myn accustomed advourys, I call and crye, Saint John evangelist, Saint George, Saint Thomas of Canterbury, Saint Margaret, Saint Kateryn, and Saint Barbara, humbly beseeche you, that not onlve at the houre of deth, soo to ayde, socour and defend me; that the auneyent and goostly enemy, nor noon other yll or dampnabell spirite, have power to invade me, nor with his tereablenes to anoye me; but also with your holy prayers, to be intercessorice, and mediatrice, unto my maker and redemer, for the remyssion of my synnes, and salvacion of my soule; and for as moche as I intende and purpose, to the

^t MS. B. 5. in Bibl. Joh. Anstis' Arm. nup. Gart. Reg. Arm.
Regist. Bodfelde Quire 3. in Car. Prærog. Cantuar.

^u B.

honor of God, and our blessed Lady Saint Mary the virgyn, to adowne and vawghte a chapell, called our Lady Chapell, set and buylded at the estende of the Quere, within the sight of the monastery of the Holy Trinitie, at the citie of Norwiche; and also to have in the same monastery, for the comforte of my soule, and remission of my synnes, a yerely memorial of my obyte, in perpetuum, I will and bequethe that whensoever it shall please my Savyer *Jhu Crist*, to call me owyte of this transitorye lyfe, my body be buried in the mydst of the same chapell of our blessed Lady, after my poor estate and substaunce that God hath gevyen me, without dampnable pomp, or superflueties. Where, upon my body I woll have a tombe, as shall be thought convenient to myn executours, sufficiently large for me and my two wyfs, yf my wife Elizabeth woll be there buried. And as touching the funerall interment of my body, and charges of my sepulture, I remitt it to the discrecion of myn executours, desyring theym that it may be convenient after my litell substance. And in any wyse, I woll have a sermon made by a Doctor of divinitie, at the mass of requiem. Also I will have immediatelie after my decesse, as shortly as may be possible, a M. masses to be said within the citie of Norwich, and other places, within the shire of Norfolk; whereof I will have, in the honor of the blessed Trinitie, one hundreth; in honor of the 5 wounds of our Savyour *Jhu Crist*, one hundreth; in honor of the 5 joyes of our *blissed Lady*, one hundreth; in the honor of the 9 orders of *Aungels*, one hundreth; in the honor of the *Patriarchs*, one hundreth. In the honor of the 12 *Apostells*, one hundreth. In the honor of all *Saints*, one hundreth. Of *Requiem*, one hundreth. In the honor of *St. John the Evangelist*, 30. In the honor of *St. George*, 40. In the honor of *St. Thomas of Canterbury*, 30. In the honor of *St. Margaret*, 40. In the honor of *St. Kateryn*, 30. And of *St. Barbara*, 30; which maketh the whole nombr of M. masses. Also I will that all my debts, first and before all other charges, be paid by the handes of myne executours; wherewith I charge theym, as they will aunswere before God, and discharge my conscience. Also I will that yf any man or woman cause or complayne of any injuries, or wrongs, doen by me, and so ducly proved before myn executours, or supervisors, that they be restored to the uttermost. Also I will that myn executours, as sone as it may be boorn out of my goodes, doo cause the said chapel of our blessed Lady to be wawtyd with free stone after the workmanship and wawtyng of the church there, as well in sters and colours, as in gilding with sterrys, as shall be devysed by myn executours; and with myn armys, badgys, and devyses. Also I will have a priest, secular or religious, to synge for me, my said wyfs and frends, in the said chapel in perpetuum, with an
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yerely obite, to be kept with a solempne dirige and masse of requiem, by the prior and convent and their successors; every such a daye as shall happen me to dye upon, or as near as it may be conveniently; and the said prior and convent, and their successors, shall distribute yerely as they think convenient, imperpetuum. Proved 4 March 1522; and Eliz. his relict, and Thomas Earl of Surry were administrators. As to his manors, lands, &c. he made the following disposition.

I Sir Thomas Wyndham, Knyght, sonne and heire of Sir John Wyndham, Knyght, this 22 October, 13 Hen. VIII. As to the disposition of all my manors, lands, tenements, rents, services, and reversions, hereditaments, with their appurtenances. And also of all my wards and mariages now bowght by me, with all advowsons by any means belonging to me, or to any other to my use, in the counties of Norfolk, and Yorkshire, or ells where within the realme of England.

First I will that my co-feeoffees, and feeoffees, suffre Dame Elizabeth my wife, to occupie my manors of Bentley and Hamelthwayte in Yorkshire, and all purchased lands within the same manors; and my manor of Melton Constable in Com. Norfolk, for term of hir lyfe, according to the purport of indentures the same shall descend; remainder to my sonne Edmonde and to the heires of his body; and in defaulte to the right heires of me the said Sir Thomas Wyndham. And yf it fortune my next heire to be not of full age at the death of my said wyfe, that then my executors shall receive and take the proffits of the manors of Bentley and Hamelthwayte, in Yorkshire, during the nonage of my said next heire, toward the performauce of my last will and testament. He wills that his son Edmonde, his heir apparent, shall have all his manors of Crownthorpp, Wybylwode, and Hackforth, immediately after his deceffe, to hym and to Susanne his wyfe, and to the longer lyver of them, and to the heires of his body lawfully begotten. And for defawte of issue, to the right heires of him the said Sir Thomas, in fee simple. And yf it fortune the saide Edmonde, and Susanne his wyfe, to dye without yssue within vii yeres next after his deceffe; and yf his next heire be then of full age, he wills that he shall have the said manors to him and his heires. And that his executors shall receive, towards the performance of his will, all the proffits of the manors of Felbrigge, Aylmerton, and Runton, with the advowsons and presentations to the same; and of the manors of Todyngton, Barnyngham, Yngworth, and Colby, with the like advowsons and presentations; and of the manors of Briston, and Wolterton; and of the manor of Whighton in Yorkshire, with all purchased

lands within any of the said manors; excepted suche purchased lands as he had graunted to Peter Nobis D. D. for terme of his life. To holde the said manors for terme of vii yeres fully complete after his deceſſe, to be imployed to the uſe of his wille. Also my wyfe ſhall have the manor place of Felbrigge, the manors of Aylmerton and Runton, for terme of her lyfe, being a wydowe, ſole and unmarried. And yf ſhe will dwell in the ſaid place, to pay to my executors for the performance of my will, yerely xl l. out of the ſaid manors. And Doctour Peter Nobys, the proſſits of 2 partes of the manors of Lyſtens in Metton, and of all the lands called Tyllocks, and Sadclers, lying in Colby and Suffeld. And alſo of the manor of Yves in Bryſton, by me purchaſed, for terme of his lyfe; as I have graunted unto him by my dedes. That my ſonne Edmonde, or who ſhall fortune to be my next heire, ſhall have the manors of Felbrigge, Aylmerton, and Runton, after the 7 yeres exſpyred. And after the deceſſe of my wyfe, to him and to the heires of his body; and for defaulte of the heires of my ſonne Edmonde, to remayne to the right heirs of me the ſaid Sir Thomas, according to an intaile thereof made by my grauntfather, John Wyndham, Eſquier. That my ſonne Edmonde, or any other that ſhall fortune to be my next heire, ſhall have out of the ſaid manors of Felbrigge, Aylmerton, and Runton, yerely after the vii yeres exſpyred, the which I have appoynted for the perſourmance of my wille, xl l. to be paide by my wyfe, Dame Elizabeth Wyndham, yf ſhe will dwell in it. Also I woll that my ſonne Edmonde, or any other that ſhall fortune to be my next heire, ſhall have the manors of Todyngton, Barnyngham, Yngworth, and Colby, immediatly after the 7 yeres exſpyred next after my deth, and to his heirs of his body lawfully begotten. And for defaulte of iſſue of him, the ſaid manors to remayn to the right heirs of me the ſaid Sir Thomas, according to an intaile thereof, made by my grauntfather John Wyndham, Eſquier. Also I woll that immediatly after the 7 yeres exſpyred, for the perſourmaunce of my will, the ſaid Edmonde my ſonne, or any other that ſhall be myn next heire, ſhall have the manor of Bryſton to him and to his heires, in fee ſimple. Also I woll that my executors ſhall take and receyve the proſſits of the manor of Suſted, called Danys, and of all other londes thereto belonging, the which I lately purchaſed of Robert Danne, for terme of 7 yeres after my deceſſe; and after the 7 yeres exſpyred, and the deth of my wyfe, to my next heire, upon ſuche condicion as before expreſſed. That my ſonne, John Wyndham, ſhall have my parte of the manor of Wulterton, after 7 yeres exſpyred, for the perſourmance of my wille, and alſo the manor of Melton Conſtable, after the deceſſe of my wyfe, to hold the ſaid manors to him and his heires, and for defaulte