

ART. XI.—*Six Documents relating to Westmorland and South Cumberland.* By N. N. THOMPSON.

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THE oldest and perhaps most interesting is the *Inquisitio post mortem* of Thomas Washington, though it appears to be only a copy, containing a number of solecisms, which may not be in the original. The translation is therefore given, slightly abridged. As to the persons mentioned: of the four daughters Katherine became the wife of Miles Beck; Elizabeth of William Gilpin, brother of Bernard Gilpin; Margaret of Thomas (or William) Carus; Jane of Robert Chambre. On the division of Washington's estate Halhed Hall became the property of the last named and remained in his family for some generations. It is now, though possibly there is little left of the old Hall, a farm house and belongs to Mr. C. J. Cropper of Ellergreen. Sir Christopher, the foreman of the jury, was the last of the Pickerings, who resided at Killington Hall. His only child, Anne, married, as her third husband, John Vaughan; and a Francis Vaughan, probably the son, in 1584 sold the manor of Killington and Firbank to trustees for the use of the tenants. He also sold the Hall and its demesne to Robert Wadeson, who, about five years later, sold the same to Radcliffe Ashton of Preston in Lancashire. The latter in 1617 sold the premises to Thomas Kitson of Warton in Lancashire, who died in 1629 and was succeeded by Thomas his son and heir. From the Kitsons the Hall passed through marriage to the Hebblethwaites and thence by purchase to Jacob Morland of Capplethwaite Hall; and lastly by the Morlands it was sold

to John Upton and became part of the Ingmire Hall estate.\*

The next is an Acquittance of 1566: John Handley of Ravenstonedale has received £7 from John Cowper in part payment of his "marriage good."

No. 3. An Admittance at the Court, held at Cocker-mouth Castle on behalf of the Earl of Northumberland, of Richard Coltman to land at Egremont. Algernon Percy (1602-1668), 10th Earl of Northumberland, called by Clarendon 'the proudest man alive,' was the eldest surviving son of Henry, 9th Earl, who was known for his scientific experiments as 'The Wizard Earl.'

No. 4. A Conveyance, 1641, by Henry Caddy of Rougholm in the parish of Muncaster and Walter his son and heir to Thomas Seale of Barrow in the parish of Muncaster of tenements in Gosforth. This is a well written and well preserved deed, and the signatures of witnesses are for the most part unusually good, the best perhaps being that of Averej Thompson. He was the son of William Thompson of Brankinwall in Muncaster; B.A. from Queen's College, Oxford, 1613; Rector of Headley, Hants., 1632 until sequestered in 1645.

No. 5. An Admittance, whereby Robert Copley and Isabel his wife take certain property in Gosforth from Joseph Pennington of Muncaster, Esquire. A Robert Copley is witness to the Deed of Conveyance above. And from the Gosforth Register we learn that in 1653 William Tubman was buried in the 'Chansell' and that in 1685 Isabella Copley of Gosforth Hall, 'gentlewoman,' was buried in 'linnen' and that a fine was paid by her administrators according to law.

The last is a Conveyance by Robert Willson of Cooperthwaite in Firbank of a Messuage, Tenement and Customary Estate, together with two Closes at Lambrigg in the parish of Kendal to Thomas Yaire.

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\* Burn's *Westmorland*, pp. 263-4; and Rev. W. Thompson's *Guide to Sedburgh*, p. 126.

I.—Thomas Wasshyngton. Inq : post mortem. 8 Henry VIII.

Inquisition taken at Kirkby in Kendale October 23, 1516, before Geoffrey Middilton Esquire, Escheator, by virtue of a writ of *Diem Clausit Extremum* after the death of Thomas Wasshyngton, by the oath of Sir Christofer Pikeryng, James Layburn Esquire, Thomas Preston Esquire, Richard Gilpyn Gentleman, William Cairus, Thomas Warde, Ewan Gilpyn, Brian Manser, Robert Phelepson, Edward Bethom, Thomas Strikland, William Elton & Oliver Sowrmyre, who say that

The said Thomas Wasshyngton at the time of his death was seized, in his demesne as of fee, of the manor of Halhede with the appurtenances with the exception of one messuage sixty acres of land six of meadow twenty of pasture & ten of toft with the appurtenances in Croke late parcel of the said manor & of the annual value of sixty six shillings & eight pence, whereof Edmund Chamer Chaplain & Gilbert Godmond were seized to the use of Anne, late the wife of the aforesaid Thomas, for the term of her life & after her decease to the use of the said Thomas & his heirs & also with the exception of one tenement with the appurtenances in Staveley, late in the tenure of William Jopson, of the annual value of seventeen shillings, whereof Robert Wasshyngton was seized for the term of his life & after his decease to the use of the said Thomas & his heirs.

The said Anne & the said Robert both survive.

The said manor of Halhede, except the before excepted, is held of Sir Thomas Par as of his Castle of Kendale by knight's service & is worth *per annum*, clear, £6 & more.

Thomas Wasshyngton died August 10, 1515.

Katherine, Elizabeth, Margaret & Jane are his daughters & next heirs. Katherine is 10 years of age, Elizabeth is 8, Margaret is 3 & Jane is 2.

## II.—An Acquittance

xxiiij<sup>th</sup> day of marche, ix<sup>th</sup> yere of  
quene Elizabeth, anno domine 1566.

Receyved y<sup>e</sup> day & yere above named by me John Handlay of Ravenstonedale in the Countnye of westmerland the hole Some of seven pounndes of lawfull Englyshe money of John Cowper of Sedbergh within the countnye of Yorke dewe

to me the said John Handlay in parte of payment  
 of my maryge good by promysse mayde to me  
 by the said John Cowper, for the which Somme vij<sup>li</sup>  
 I the forsaid John Handlay dothe knowelege  
 myselfe well & trewlye Contented & payed  
 & the said John Cowper his Executors administrators  
 therof & Every parte therof clearylye acquitted & descharged  
 for Ever by these presentes Into witnes where of I  
 y<sup>e</sup> forsaid John Handlay to this my presente acquittens  
 I have putto my marke & seale y<sup>e</sup> day & yere  
 above named.

(L.S.)

III.—Egremonte. A.D. 1633. Fine iiiij<sup>li</sup> xvij<sup>s</sup>.

Ad Curiam dimissionum generalium prenobilis Algernonni  
 Comitis Northumbrie domini honorum de Cockermonth et Pet-  
 worth domini Percy Lucy Poynings Fitzpaine Bryan et Latimer  
 tentam apud Castrum de Cockermonth mense septembris Anno  
 Regni Caroli Anglie &c. Nono Coram Willielmo Pennington armi-  
 gero et Hugone Potter et Willielmo Stockdale generosis Com-  
 missionariis dicti Comitis virtute cuiusdam Commissionis eisdem  
 et aliis directe gerentis datam apud Syon \* decimo die Maii  
 ultimi preteriti Venit Ricardus Coltman infra etatem per Eliza-  
 betham matrem et gardianam suam et cepit de domino ex di-  
 missione dictorum Commissionariorum unam parcellam terre  
 vocatam Chappell close redditus ij<sup>d</sup> Domino suo alteram parcellam  
 terre ibidem nuper Johannis Kelsicke redditus xiiij<sup>d</sup> et alteram  
 parcellam vocatam gunnaltholme nuper in tenura Michaelis Colt-  
 man inter alios redditus x<sup>d</sup> ob. et modo in manibus domini dimit-  
 tendas post mortem Henrici nuper Comitis Northumbrie Habend-  
 um et tenendum premissa predicta cum pertinentiis dicto Ricardo  
 Coltman durante vita ipsius Comitis et dicti Ricardi ad voluntatem  
 domini secundum consuetudinem ibidem reddendo inde domino  
 annuatim ad festa Sancti Michaelis Archangeli et Annunciacionis  
 beate Marie virginis equaliter—ij<sup>s</sup> ij<sup>d</sup> ob. Et faciet et reddet  
 omnia alia servicia et consuetudines inde prius debita et consueta  
 Et non habuet [*sic*] premissa predicta nec aliquam inde parcellam  
 sine Licencia domini vel officarii eius Et reddit pro fine ut in  
 Capite Et Admissus est inde Tenens.

William Pennington Hugo Potter senesc.

T. Fetherstonhaugh

W. Stockdale

\* Syon House, Brentford, Middlesex.

IV.—Henry Caddy & Walter his son to Thomas Seåtle—A.D. 1641.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos hoc presens scriptum pervenerit Henricus Caddie de Rougholme in parochia de Muncaster et comitatu Cumbrie yeoman et Gualterus Caddie filius et heres apparens dicti Henrici salutem in domino sempiternam Sciatis nos prefatos Henricum Caddie et Gualterum Caddie pro diversis causis et consideracionibus nos moventibus Ac precipue pro et in consideracione summe triginta et quinque librarum duorum solidorum et sex denariorum nobis pre manibus Thome Seåtle de Barrow in parochia de Muncaster et comitatu predicto yeoman solute De qua quidem summa fatemur nos bene et plenarie satisfactos et contentatos eundemque Thomam Seåtle heredes executores et administratores suos inde esse acquietos et exoneratos per presentes Dedisse concessisse et hoc presenti scripto nostro confirmasse predicto Thome Seåtle Totum illud messuagium sive tenementum nostrum nunc vel nuper in tenura Willielmi Bibie Annalis Redditus sex solidorum et octo denariorum per Annum Ac totum illud messuagium sive tenementum nostrum nunc vel nuper in tenura Caroli Hudson Annalis valoris sive Redditus Quinque solidorum per Annum Ac totum illud messuagium sive tenementum nostrum nunc vel nuper in tenura Roberti Ponsonbie Annalis valoris sive Redditus duorum solidorum per Annum Totumque illud messuagium sive tenementum nostrum nunc vel nuper in tenura Danielis Poole Annalis valoris sive Redditus duorum solidorum per Annum ultra omnimodas reprisas cum omnibus terris pratis pascuis communibus moris mossetis redditibus revercionibus et serviciis cum pertinentiis universis predictis messuagiis sive tenementis quovismodo spectantibus adiacentibus sive pertinentibus existentibus et iacentibus in parochia de Gosforth in Comitatu Cumbrie Habendum et tenendum predicta messuagia sive tenementa ac predictas terras prata pascuas Communia moras mosseta redditus reverciones ac cetera premissa cum suis pertinentiis superius expressis et specificatis Thome Seåtle heredibus et assignatis suis ad solum et proprium opus et usum ipsius Thome Seåtle heredum et assignatorum suorum imperpetuum tenendum de Capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et de iure consueta Et nos vero predicti Henricus Caddie et Gualterus Caddie et heredes nostri predicto Thome Seåtle heredibus et assignatis suis predicta messuagia sive tenementa ac cetera omnia premissa in forma predicta contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus et imperpetuum defendemus per

presentes\* In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti scripto nostro nos prefati Henricus Caddie et Gualterus Caddie sigilla nostra apposuimus Datum primo die Maii Anno Regni domini nostri Caroli Dei gracia Anglie Scotie francie et Hibernie Regis fidei defensoris &c. decimo septimo Annoque Domini 1641

Henry Caddy

Walter Caddy—mark

Seals on Tags.

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Witnesses to Execution :—

Robert Copley  
 Clement Nichollsonn  
 John Nichollson  
 Edw : Frears  
 Averey Thompson  
 William filbecke

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To Livery of Seizin :—

Edw : Frears  
 Averey Thompson  
 William filbecke  
 Edward Jackson—mark  
 W. Tubman

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V.—Mannour off Gosforth. The twentieth day of March in the yeare of our Lord God 1653.

Memorandum the day and yeare above said, Came before me Joseph Penington of Muncaster in the County of Cumberland Esquire, Robert Copley of Gosforth in the said County Gentleman, and Issabell his wife daughter and heire of William Tubman of Gosforth aforesaid, and by the surrender of the said William, And accordinge to an Indenture made betweene ye said William Tubman of the one parte, and the said Robert Copley and Issabell his wife by the name of Issabell Tubman on the other parte, bearinge date the twentieth eight day of June 1652 : Have taken of me the said Joseph Penington Land Lord thereof, all that messuage and tenement with thappurtenances sictuate lyinge and beinge in Gosforth aforesaid, called and knowne by the name of Beckeplace, of the Anuall or yearely rent of twentie three shillinges nyne pence, And alsoe one walke millne, and a parcell of ground lyinge att Syke, heretofore of and belonginge to a tenement called Keldbanke ; To Have and to Hould the said messuage and tenement with the appurtenances, and the said walk milne and

parcell of grounde with there appurtenances, unto them the said Robert Copley and Issabell his wife theire heires and assignes as Joyntenants thereof, yeilding and payinge the said yearely rente & doeing payinge & performeing all other duties and services therefore due & of right accustomed, And they the said Robert Copley and Issabell his wife have Compounded and agreed with me for there ffyne, to become Jointe tenants of all and singuler the said premisses, and thereupon I have admitted them as Joynte tenants thereof accordingly, In wittness whereof I have sett my hand & seale the day and yeare above said.

Joseph Penington

VI.—Robert Willson to Thomas Yaire, 1678/9.

To all Christian people to whom this present writteinge shall come to be seene heard or read Robert Willson of Cooperthwaite in firbanke in the County of westmerland yeoman sends greeteinge: Knowe yee that I the said Robert Willson for and in Consiideracion of the Summe of Two hundreth and Tenne poundes of good and lawfull current money of England to me well and truly payde by Thomas yaire of Lambrige head in Lambrige in the said County of westmerland husbandman of which said Summe of Two hundreth and Tenne poundes I the said Robert Willson for me my heires executors Administrators and Assignes doe acquitt release and discharge the said Thomas yaire his heires executors Administrators and Assignes and every of them firmly by these presentes: Have remitted Released and quit claime and by these presentes for me my heires executors and Administrators and Assignes doe remitt release and quit claime unto the said Thomas yaire in his full and peacefull seizen and possession beinge, and to his heires and Assignes for ever All the whole right Title interest claime of Customarië estate use possession claime and demand whatsoever which I the said Robert Willson ever had now have or hath or that I my heires executors or Administrators may or cann hereafter have or claime to have, Off in and unto All that message Tenement and Customarie estate with the hereditaments and appurtenances scituate lyinge and beinge att Lambrige head in Lambrige in the said County of westmerland of the Auncient Anuall or yearely Rente of Twelve shillings, And of in and Too All That Close or parcell of ground enclosed called Blaikehow and allsoe all that close or parcell of ground enclosed called Rane close, both which closes are and be scituate lyinge and beinge att Lambrige head in Lambrige abovesaid and doe

containe by estimacion one with another ffive acres or thereabouts  
 be the same more or lesse and are and be of the Auncient annuall  
 or yearely Rente of One Shillinge Ninepence ; And of in and too  
 all and singuler houses edifices and buildings folds yards back-  
 sides meddowes closes gardens orchards Pastures comons comon  
 rights moors mosses ways hedges fences rights libertys easementes  
 profittes privilegedes hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever  
 to the said messuage Tenement Customarie estate and two closes  
 and premises belongeinge lyeinge beinge or in any wise appertaine-  
 inge : Soe That nether I the said Robert Willson nor my heires  
 nor any other person or persons whatsoever, claimeing in by or  
 from us or any of us, any right Title or interest of in or to the said  
 messuage Tenement Customarie estate Two closes and premises  
 with Thappurtenances shall or may att any time hereafter aske  
 challenge claime or demand any right or title therein ; Butt from  
 all action of right Title interest claime and demand I the said  
 Robert Willson and my heires and every of us be and shalbe from  
 hencefoorth for ever by thesse presentes utterly barred avoyded  
 and excluded : And I the said Robert Willson and my heires all  
 the said messuage Tenement Customarie estate, and two closes  
 and premises with the hereditaments and appurtenances and  
 every parte and parcell thereof unto the said Thomas yaire his  
 heires and Assignes, against me the said Robert Willson and my  
 heires and against all other person and persons whatsoever  
 claimeinge in, by or from us or any of us, shall and will warrant  
 and for ever defend by these presentes : In Wittnes whereof I  
 the said Robert Willson to this my present release have putto  
 my hand and seale the Thirtie first day of January : Anno regni  
 regis Caroli secundi tricesimo primo : Annoque Domini 1678

Sealed and delivered in  
 the presence of us

John Wilkinson  
 Jenett † liecocke  
 her marke

Robert Willson (L.S.)