

ART IX.—*A Calendar of Hawkshead documents from the Rydal Hall Papers.* By H. S. COWPER, F.S.A.

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OUR member, Mr. S. H. le Fleming of Rydal Hall, has kindly handed over to me a number of documents from his muniment-room as being of special interest to the parish of Hawkshead. In order to make them available to students and to ensure their preservation, I propose placing them, with Mr. le Fleming's leave, in the Jackson Library at Tullie House.

1. 1649? Richard Kirkby Esq<sup>r</sup> (plaintiff), Alexander Readhead (defendant). By order of the Courtt of Excheq<sup>r</sup> Chamber. Depositions *re* Nibthwaite and Hawkshead tithes. (See Cowper, *Hawkshead*, 115-116; *Victoria Co. History Lancashire*, iv, 374 note).

2. 1666, Oct. 6. Warrant signed by Daniel Fleming and John Otway to the Sheriff, bailiff and constable of Westmorland to bring before them Mr. Thomas Sands of Kirkby Kendall on a charge of using libellous, slanderous and opprobrious Language towards Thomas Braithwaite Esq., a justice of the Peace, to find sureties to appear at next Quarter Sessions and for his behaviour: and if he refuse, to convey him to the common gaole.

Jan. 18, 1666/7. Note in Sir D. F's hand that T. S. had not made his submission at the Court; and Jan 19<sup>th</sup> a further note that at the Quarter Sessions he had done so.

[I do not know whether this is Thomas Sands, the Founder of Sandes hospital at Kendal; or Thomas Sandys of Syon house and afterwards of Esthwaite (will dated 1680) who according to Foster's Lancashire pedigrees was also at one time of Kendal. Probably the former].

3. Febr. 20, 1671. This day at Hawkeshead Christopher Nicholson being arrested by Williã Garnet and Geo. Garnet by vertue of a warrant . . . . . was rescued by Brian Mansergh gent. and Williã Mansergh his son. Ye said Williã Garnet is Soar wounded by ye said Christ. Nicolson and ye said Will. Mansergh.

(Writing of Sir D. Fleming). (Signed) George Garnett.  
 Recog(nizances)

John Nicolson of Hawkshead hall in Lancashire gent. 50<sup>li</sup>

To give evidence ag<sup>t</sup> ye said partyes abovesaid at ye next  
 Geole Delivery at Lancaster, and not to depart without license of  
 ye Court

Capt Corā me

A warrant of ye peace into D F.

Lancashire and Cumberland dated Feb. 21, 71 ag<sup>t</sup> ye offenders.

[All in the handwriting of D. F. The two Nicholsons are the  
 younger sons of Nathaniel Nicholson of Hawkshead hall].

4. April 24, 1675. The Bishop of Chester . . . to all Xpian  
 people. The Inhabitants of Colton, who have always contributed  
 to the repairs of the steeple of Hawkshead and the casting of bells,  
 and paid a third part of the burying money to the said parish, since  
 the beginning of the late trouble have witheld the same. Appoints  
 Thomas Preston of Hooker the elder, Daniel Fleming of Rydall,  
 Miles Dodding of Conishead, Esquires, and Mr. John Kirkby of  
 Coniston hall and the Rector of Aldingham or any three of them  
 to examine and enquire and endeavour an amicable composure.  
 Copy.

5. 1687. A petition of John Greenupp of Colton to Sir Thomas  
 Powell knt., a Judge of assize. This refers to a dispute with  
 one Thomas Scotson, late of Colton and certain mortgages and  
 debts. Endorsed by Sir T. Powell with a note that Sir D. F. is  
 desired to call the parties before him and end the matter if he can.  
 25 March, 1687.

6. 1687/8, March 30. An order for the said parties to appear at  
 Rydall hall, Wednesday next, "by one of ye Clock in the after-  
 noon, that I may compose the Differences between them, if I can."  
 Auto-signature and Seal of Dan: Fleming.

6a. 1688, April 4. Summary of deeds produced in the settle-  
 ment of the above dispute, and Sir D. F's. arbitration and decision,  
 which was agreed to. (In Sir D. F's. writing).

7. 1687, March 4. To the Constables of Satterthwaite and  
 Graithwaite. Warrant to summon Agnes, wife of William Sands  
 of Graithwaite Field head, Husbandman, Miles Sands of ye same,  
 webster, Ann Sands of ye same, spinster, Williā Satterthwaite,  
 Apprentice, Elizabeth Rigg, late servant to David Sands . . . . to  
 appear . . . . upon Fryday next by one of ye Clock . . . . at ye  
 house of Gawen Brathwaite at Brathey Bridge . . . . then and  
 there to answer unto such matters as shall be objected against  
 them upon his majestys behalfe.

Autograph with seal of 15 quarterings of Sir Dan. Fleming.

8. A memorandum in the writing of Sir. D. F., reciting an Indenture dated Jan. 27, 1672, of Mr. Tho. Sands.

9. 1688, Oct. 22. A particular note of butter bought at Hawkshead this day and of whom and by what price:—Total 24 stone less 2 lbs. cost £3 12s. 5d., mostly at 2s. 10d. to 3s. per stone. Endorsed at back "Butter for shepe Sale Octob. 22 88."

10. 1689, 5 July. Com. Lanc<sup>r</sup>. Order to the Constables of Hawkshead to apprehend one John Rigg of Hawkshead, a deserter from the militia and bring him before Leut.-Colonel Fleming and to levy of his goods Twenty pound.

Signatures of—Rigby, William Kirkby and Rob. Longworth: wax seals, Rigby (with crest), Kirkby (without crest) and a blank shield.

11. Fragments of two accounts of inventories, one bearing date 20 July, 1666, and signatures of John Bancke and Rich. Dodson on one sheet, also an endorsement in Latin, 5 Oct., 1693, with 4 signatures.

12. (1715, Nov. 24). To the Earle of Derby.

My L<sup>d</sup> Miles Sandys Esq., my neighbour dying very suddenly last monday morning and is being buried yesterday I think it may be proper to acquaint your Lordship with it that you may think of a proper man to suckseed him as Captain of the Company of Militia foot in that most Northern part of Lancashire. And seeing it is without doubt most for his Majestys Service to have a Captain in his place well affected to the government and generally Resident in that part of the County where the men Rise I shall acquaint your Lordship that probably William Kirkby of Ashlack Esq., is the fittest man in severall Respects you can find in that County.

I presume ether my nephew Dan Wilson, or my Cosen Dodding Bradyll can give you an account of him soe I shall only add I am,

Your Lordships

Most obedient humbe servant,

W<sup>m</sup> F.

(Sir William Fleming, 1st Bart.—Draft).

13. 1750, Oct. 19. Information of W<sup>m</sup> Satterthwaite of Hawkshead, merchant, taken before Sir W<sup>m</sup> Fleming, Baronet, concerning an assault made by John Boardley otherwise Birkett of Windermere Parish upon informant.

Signatures of W. Satterthwaite and S<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Fleming.

14. 1752, July. Letter from W<sup>m</sup> Rigge (Hawkshead) to Sir William Fleming at York about slate. (See *Hawkshead*, p. 292).

15. 1752, July 29. From Same to same at Rydall.
16. 1752, July 28. W<sup>m</sup> Rawlinson, Rusland, to William Rigge, Slate Merchant; *re* payment of money.
17. 1757, Jan. 31. W<sup>m</sup> Rigge to Sir W<sup>m</sup> Fleming M.P. at the Golden Inn in Bridge Street Westminster. Refers to an accident he has had; to his accounts: and to his family potting char for Lady Fleming.
18. 1755, Nov. 1. John Jesson, Wolverhampton, to cozen Mr. Richard Jesson at Hawkshead. On business matters only.
19. 1776, Nov. 28 (dated).

A printed bill. POST OFFICE | Joseph Keen | At the Tanner's Arms, | In HAWKSHEAD | EATING 5s. 4d. | Punch 2s. 6d. | Ale porter and Tobacco 1s. 2d. | Coffee and Tea 6d | Horses Hay and Corn 5s. 8d. | (Total) 15s. 2d. | KENDAL printed by W. PENNINGTON. (There has been no inn of this name for many years).

20, 21, 22. No date; apparently *c.* 1760. *Flag Street.*

Three documents referring to a dispute, the consequence of a proposal by one Satterthwaite to cover in the open part of a stream running through the town—apparently the lower end of Flag Street. The first is a very long and argumentative statement by Satterthwaite addressed to one Atkinson, vindicating his proposed action. This action was especially resented by widow Braithwaite on behalf of her infant son. The statement is very verbose, and somewhat abusive. No. 21 is a letter from Myles Sandys, who takes a commonsense view and hopes that “ a timely stop may be put to such an unjustifiable action.” Thinks that Satterthwaite when he is talked to in his cool temper will be readily convinced of the Injustice and desist. It does not appear to whom the letter is written, but I presume to one of the Flemings. Sandys signs himself “ Theirs and yours sleepy and weary Myles Sandys.” No. 22 is a scribbled and hardly decipherable draft for a letter on the same subject, on the inner side of a folding envelope addressed to Sir William Fleming from George Brown.