

LIST OF KNIGHTS' FEES IN SUSSEX IN THE TIME OF HENRY II.

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Among the taxes which appear on the Pipe Rolls, or Great Rolls of the Exchequer, after the disappearance of the Danegeld, early in the reign of Henry II., and distinct from the *scutagium* and *donum*, which were levied either for war or for the general purposes of the kingdom, is the *auxilium* or aid, levied for special purposes, of which, says Madox, there were in ancient times three sorts due to the Crown from its immediate tenants (and likewise to inferior lords from their immediate tenants) of common right, or by reason of seignury; to wit, aid to make his eldest son a knight, to marry his eldest daughter, and to ransom his person when taken in war. The first notice on the Rolls of an aid of the second sort occurs in that of 14 Henry II., on the occasion of the marriage of the King's daughter, Matilda, to the Duke of Saxony. Previous to levying it, in consequence of the changes of occupation which had taken place since Domesday Survey, and the more recent introduction of knights' fees as a basis for assessment in lieu of hides, a new inquest was found necessary, and writs were therefore issued to all the tenants in *capite* of the Crown, directing them to certify to the King the number of the knights' fees for the services of which they were severally liable, shewing how many were of old feoffment, *i. e.*, of feoffment previous to the death of Henry I., and how many of new. Of the returns only one remained in Madox's time, that of Hilary, Bishop of Chichester; but they had at an early period been collected into a book, which still exists, and is known as the *Liber Niger Scaccarii*, or Black Book of the Exchequer. A brief

account of the whole of its contents is given by Mr. Hunter, in the Report on Public Records, 1837, Appendix, p. 167; and he describes it as a small folio of eighty-five leaves bound in black leather, and apparently compiled about the same period with the original parts of the *Liber Rubeus*, that is, in the reign of Henry III. It has been printed by Hearne, but as he had not access to the original, and his book is scarce—considering, too, that next after the Domesday survey it contains the earliest and most perfect list of the great landowners that has come down to us—it is hoped that a new edition of the Sussex portion of it (with the contractions extended) taken from the original will not be unacceptable to Members. To those who have not made acquaintance with Mr. Eyton's *History of Shropshire*, I may as well mention that he has shewn (Vol. ii., 202 n.) that although the *Liber Niger* is mainly a return of the year 1165-6, yet that the recognition of knight service of the honour of Arundel, made by the four knights on occasion of the dispute which had arisen about a certain army of Wales, must be referred to the time of Henry I. and not Henry II. He argues that the army of Wales must have been levied in or before 1135, when Henry I. died, and that it could not have been the army of Wales of 1157, inasmuch as Savaric, one of the tenants of the honour, was dead in Stephen's reign, and his son and successor Ralph—dead before 1157; Alan de Dunstanvill also was dead before 1156, and Hugh de Faleise, a third tenant, was a man of great trust in Sussex fifty years before 1159, and that for an earlier army of Wales we must refer back to the reign of Henry I., who we know meditated an invasion of Wales in 1135, shortly before his death.

CARTA EPISCOPATUS CICESTRENSIS.

H. Dei gratia Regi Anglie et Duci Normannie et Aquitanie Comiti Andegavie karissimo domino suo Hilarius Cicestrensis episcopus salutem et fidele servitium. Domine sicut me precepistis distincte hoc scripto feffamenta militum Ecclesie mee vobis enumeravi.

Walterus de Clifton habet feodum unius militis et dimidium.

Robertus de Recham, Anketil, Willelmus filius Alardi et Wiardus tenent unum feodum militis.

Radulfus Fichet, Malgerus, Ricardus de Erham et Willelmus de Lancing tenent feodum unius militis.

Ernaldus Pincerna, Ricardus filius Odonis, Willelmus filius Radulfi tenent feodum unius militis.

Jordanus de Islesham, Aluredus, Willelmus Parcetes, Ricardus Murdac, Willelmus de Seleisia, Willelmus Falterellus, Willelmus filius Siwardi, Henricus Palmarius, Radulfus de Deverel, Radulfus de Dena tenent unum feodum militis et super est dimidia virgata.

Oliverus de Westring, Robertus de Dent, Ernaldus de Hanfeld tenent feodum unius militis.

Amfridus de Feringes, Robertus de Orham, Simo de Petraponte, Gervasius de Colewrtha tenent feodum unius militis.

Herebertus filius Hereberti, Robertus Peverel, Willelmus filius Johannis, Johannes de Bosco habent feodum unius militis.

Hugo de Almodinton, Robertus de Trubbewica, Franceis, Willelmus filius Nigelli, Willelmus de Hareflet tenent feodum unius militis.

Hec sunt novem feoda militum et dimidium et super est nona pars militis quam tenet Johannes de Brada, et hec sunt de veteri sefamento, de novo autem sefamento tenet Robertus de Denton feodum unius militis dimidia hida minus.

In Bixla sunt decem Hide quas antiquitus tenebat Episcopus Cices-trensis in dominio suo. Comes autem Augensis auferens terram illam Episcopo et Ecclesia sefavit inde quatuor milites. Episcopus et Ecclesia recuperaverunt modo de terra illa quinque hidas in dominium, et duo milites tenent alias quinque hidas de Episcopo pro duobus feodis. Valent.

CARTA COMITIS DE ARUNDEL.

Dominus noster Rex H. quadam contentione que surrexit inter milites de honore de Arundel de exercitu quodam de Walliis elegit quatuor milites de honore de melioribus et legalioribus et antiquioribus, scilicet Humfridum de Sarall; et Radulfum filium Brun; et Willelmum de Favarches et Petrum de Hamton, et fecit eos recognoscere servicium militum de honore et super legalitatem et sacramenta eorum inde neminem audire voluit. Fuit autem hec recognicio eorum.

Pettewrtha duos et viginti milites et dimidium.

Garinges undecim milites.

Poleberga tres milites.

Philippus de Belmeis tres milites.

Alanus de Dunstanvilla octo milites.

Hugo de Faleisa quinque milites.

Stephanus duos milites.

Stokes duos milites.

Hugo de Calceo tres milites.

Avenellus quinque milites.

Morin de Chitehurst unum militem.

Trierferda unum militem.

Sunnewrtha unum militem.

Halnac duodecim milites.

Mesliers unum militem.

Pantulfus unum militem.

Savaricus tres milites.

Et Rex Henricus dedit de suo dominio quod Comes attornavit ad servicium militare, scilicet.

terram Reginator Harang:, pro feodo unius militis.

Et terram Ranulfi de Broc pro feodo dimidii militis.

Et terram Manasser Aguilun pro feodo duorum militum.

Et terram Alani filii Conani pro feodo unius militis.

Et terram Aluredi de Cumai pro feodo unius militis.

Et terram Roberti de Praeriis pro feodo unius militis.

Et terram Ricardi de Humez pro feodo duorum militum.

Et terram de freisne pro feodo unius militis.

Et Comes dedit Henrico Hosato quandam terram pro feodo duorum militum.

Et Roberto de Rupe quandam terram pro quarta parte militis.

Et Willelmo Rufo quandam terram pro quarta parte militis.

Comes et habuit in Candaura que est in Hamtescira servicium unius militis.

Et sunt tredecim qui per manum Comitis de dominio suo positi sunt ad servicium militare.

CARTA JOHANNES COMITIS DE AUGO.

H. Regi Anglie Duci Normannie et Aquitanie Comiti Andegavie Johannes Comes de Augo salutem.

Sciatis quod habeo de veteri feamento de tempore Regis H. avi vestri in Rapo Hasting:, quinquaginta sex milites. Sed sexaginta milites in eodem Rapo habere solebat pater meus tempore Regis H. avi vestri de quibus nunc habet quatuor milites Episcopus Cicestrensis unde habetis servicium Horum quinquaginta sex militum tenentium in predicto Rapo de veteri feamento nomina sunt hec.

Humfridus de Wilecheres septem milites tenet.

Willelmus de Akingeham septem milites.

Matheus de Baelun decem milites.

Thomas de Sancto Leodegario quatuor milites.

Rogerus de Bodiham quatuor milites.

Hurste de Warberton quinque milites.

Gilebertus de Baliolio tres milites.

Robertus de Ricarvilla decem milites.

Reginaldus de Osseburnham duos milites.

Walterus Morlai unum militem.

Willelmus de Wikeshull unum militem.

Hugo de Chekenora unum militem.

Et praeter hos milites habeo super dominium meum sex milites et dimidium quorum nomina sunt hec.

Aluredus de Sancto Martino unum militem,

Robertus Strabo unum militem.

Robertus del Broc unum militem.

Daniel de Crievequer unum militem.

Rogerus de Freat unum militem.

Willelmus de Bosco dimidium militem.
 Willelmus de Lancinges dimidium militem.
 Robertus de Hastings dimidium militem.
 De novo feofamento nullum militis feodum habeo.

CARTA ROBERTI PEVEREL.

Ego Robertus Peverel et Normannus de Normanvilla tenemus feodum unius militis de Rege in Capite in Sussex. Unde Ego Robertus facio Regi duas partes unius militis et ipse Normannus terciam partem.

CARTA RICCHERI DE AQUILA.

Dilectissimo domino suo H. Regi Anglie Richer de Aquila salutem & fidelia servicia. Sciatis quod habeo feodum triginta et quinque militum et dimidii. Et totum feodum habui die et anno quo Rex H. avus vester fuit vivus et mortuus. Nee post illum diem aliquem fefavi; de hiis vero Ricardus filius Willelmi tenet feodum quindecim militum.
 Radulfus de Dena sex milites.
 Willelmus Malet quatuor feoda militum.
 Willelmus filius Ricardi tres milites.
 Willelmus Malfed tres milites.
 Willelmus de Akingeham duos milites.
 Robertus de Horstude duos milites.
 Andreas de Alvricheston dimidium militem.

Comes Warenn habet feodum sexaginta militum.

In illustration of this Feodary, I give an extract from the Pipe Roll of 14 Henry II. of so much as relates to this aid. It is to be noticed that neither Earl Warren nor William de Braose, the lords of Lewes and Bramber, appear as contributors, and I can give no reason why they should have been omitted: their lands were not in the king's hands that I can find, although Lewes had recently been, and even if they had, the aid ought to have been paid notwithstanding by the respective *custodes*. Nor can I explain why the Bishop of Chichester, who held upwards of nine fees of old feoffment, claimed to be assessed only on four; but his claim seems to have been tacitly allowed, and the see in after times never pays more except when it is vacant and accounted for by the *custos*. Besides the great lords (of whom the Earl of Arundel is excused the whole of his aid 21 Henry II., and the Earl

of Ow the remainder of his in 23 Henry II.), we find Robert Peverel and Norman de Normanville entered as tenants in *capite*, and Geldewin fitz Savaric and others, who make their payments through the sheriff, claiming to hold of the king and not of the Earl. We have also Walter de Dunstanville, who complains that he is assessed by the Earl on three more fees than he ought to be, but yet pays and receives his quittance in 18 Henry II.; and John de Tresgoz and Philip, who likewise claim to have been surcharged by three and a-half fees, but who were more successful in their resistance, for we read in the roll of 27 Henry II. that respite is given them till inquest shall have been held by the Justices, and the result of this inquest was probably favourable to them, as the debt is entered as excused in the roll of 1 Richard I. The remainder of the extract gives the contributions of the manors, towns, and tenants on the king's demesnes. It will be observed that the Roll confirms Mr. Eyton's observation: neither Savaric, nor Alan de Dunstanville, nor Hugh de Faleise, appear as tenants of the honour of Arundel, but in place of the two former—Geldewin fitz Savaric and Walter de Dunstanville, their respective sons.

PIPE ROLL, 14 HENRY II.

NOVA PLACITA ET NOVE CONVENTIONES DE AUXILIO FILIE REGIS.

Episcopus Cicestrensis reddit comptum de 4 marcis de militibus quos recognoscit se debere Regi. In thesauro liberavit. Et Quietus est.

Idem debet 74.s. 9.d. de militibus quos non recognoscit se debere Regi.

Comes de Arundel debet 56.l. 6.s. 8.d. pro militibus suis.

Richer de Aquila reddit comptum de 14.l. 11.s. 8.d. de militibus suis, pro unoquoque 8.s. 4.d. In thesauro 12.l. 2.s. 6.d.

Et in perdonis per breve Regis Willelmo Malet Dapifero 33.s. 4.d. Et Quietus est.

Robertus Peverel et Normannus de Normanvilla reddunt comptum de 1. marca pro militibus. In thesauro liberavit. Et Quietus est. (*sic.*)

Comes de Auco reddit comptum de 44.l. 6.s. 8.d. pro militibus. In thesauro 37.l. 6.s. 8.d. Et debet 7.l.

Robertus de Praeriis reddit comptum de $\frac{1}{2}$ marca pro militibus. In thesauro liberavit. Et Quietus est.

Idem Vicecomes (Rogerius Hai) reddit comptum de 4.l. pro militibus Randulfi de Bealmes quos Comes de Arundel clamat esse de feodo suo. In thesauro liberavit. Et Quietus est.

Geldewinus filius Savarici reddit compotum de 1. marca pro 1. milite quem idem Comes clamat sed Geldewinus negat. In thesauro liberavit. Et Quietus est.

Idem Vicecomes reddit compotum de 2. marcis de Wepham de feodo Rollandi de Dinan pro 2. militibus quos idem Comes clamat sed Rollandus negat. In thesauro liberavit. Et Quietus est.

Idem Vicecomes reddit compotum de $22\frac{1}{2}$ militibus Gocelini Castellani de feodo de Petewurda quos idem clamat. In perdonis per breve Ricardi de Luci per breve Regis ipsi Castellano $22\frac{1}{2}$ marce. Et Quietus est.

Idem Vicecomes reddit compotum de 2 marcis de feodo Radulfi de Toeni de militibus quos idem Comes clamat sed Radulfus de Toeni negat In thesauro liberavit. Et Quietus est.

Walterus de Dunstanvilla debet 3 marcas de 3 militibus quos idem Walterus dicit esse de superdemanda Comitibus de Arundel.

Johannes de Tresgoz et Phylippus debent $3\frac{1}{2}$ marcas pro $3\frac{1}{2}$ militibus quos ipsi dicunt esse de superdemanda Comitibus de Arundel.

Homines de Boseham reddunt compotum de 6*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* de eodem auxiliis. In thesauro liberaverunt in 15 talliis. Et Quieti sunt.

Godwinus de Burdelada reddit compotum de 40*s.* de eodem auxilio. In thesauro 20*s.* Et debet 20*s.*

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Ricardus de Lamport reddit compotum de 100*s.* de eodem auxilio. In thesauro 50*s.* Et debet 50*s.*

Hardingus reddit compotum de 20*s.* de eodem auxilio. In thesauro 10*s.* Et debet 10*s.*

Wulmarus reddit compotum de $\frac{1}{2}$ marca de eodem auxilio. In thesauro liberavit. Et quietus est.

Commune ejusdem ville reddit compotum de 2 marcis de eodem auxilio. In thesauro 1 marca. Et debet 1 marcam.

Homines de Bedingeham reddunt compotum de 3 marcis de eodem auxilio. In thesauro liberaverunt. Et Quieti sunt.

Idem Vicecomes reddit compotum de 1 marca de terra Ricardi porcarii de eodem auxilio. In thesauro liberavit Et Quietus est.

At the end of the Roll are these two entries :—

Abbas de Fescampo debet 50 marcas de per missione ad maritandam filiam Regis.

Homines Cicestrenses reddunt compotum de 13*l.* de auxilio ad maritandam filiam Regis.