



*An original Letter of the Reign of Henry VIII. without the date of the year, in the Chapter House, Westminster, with observations thereon, in a Letter from JOHN CALEY, Esq. F. S. A. &c. &c. to the Rev. JOHN HODGSON, Secretary.*

*Gray's Inn, London, 21st March, 1821.*

DEAR SIR,

IN arranging some papers of the reign of King Henry the Eighth, under my custody, in the Chapter House, Westminster, I met with a letter of which I inclose you a copy; and if you think it sufficiently interesting to be laid before the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle, I beg you will present it to them with my respects.

The writer, William Lord Dacre (commonly called Lord Dacre of the North), was the eldest son of Thomas Lord Dacre, who by

marriage with Elizabeth, cousin and heir to Ralph Lord Greystoke, obtained that estate.

William Lord Dacre, according to Dugdale,\* succeeded his father in 17. Henry VIII. and, by the title of William Lord Dacre of Gillesland and Greystoke, had special livery of all the lands of his inheritance.

In the 22d of this reign he was one of the Lords who subscribed the letter sent to Pope Clement the Seventh, intimating that, in case he did not comply with King Henry the Eighth's desires, in the matter of the divorce from Queen Katherine of Spain, his supremacy in this realm was not likely to be long allowed. †

This Lord was, in the 26th year of this reign, accused of treason by Sir-Ralph Fenwyke, Knt. and one Musgrave, and was tried at Westminster in that year, but acquitted. He died in 6th Elizabeth, leaving a numerous issue. There is no date of the year when this letter was written, but this point may, perhaps, be ascertained from its contents. I have caused a fac-simile to be made of his subscription to it, and I also inclose to you an impression, on wax, of his seal to the letter sent to Pope Clement the Seventh.

I am, dear Sir,

Very faithfully your's,

JOHN CALEY.

*Rev. John Hodgson, &c. &c. &c.*

*The following is LORD DACRE'S Letter.*

Pleasit your Highnes to be advertised.

The King of Scotts haith bene all along his Northwest Bordours begynnyng at Glasgew, and fromethens to the Towne of Aire, and so to

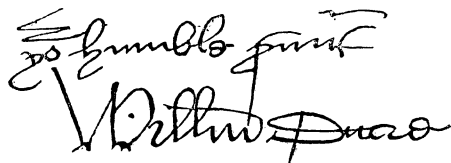
\* Baronage, vol. ii. page 24.

† The original letter is in the Chapter House, Westminster, and is printed in Rymer.

Sainct Niniains in Gallowaye, and upon Fridaye at Night last being the xxvij daye of June he was in Dumfreis being xxiiij myles frome Carlisle And in his comyng to Dumfreis he vied and sawe the thre grete peces of Ordinannce brought by the Duke of Albany (when he shulde have comen to Carlisle and then retorned to Warke) w<sup>t</sup> two Hundrethe shott of Irne for the same Gonnes. And upon Satturdaye the xxviiij day he came to Loughemaban viij myles athisside Dumfreis and ther remaigned all Sondaye and upon Mondaye the last daye he retorned Homewardes to Peblis and so to Striveling. There was in his companye not above xxx psonnes and noon of his Counsaill except his Treasurer and w<sup>t</sup> hym the Lardes Flemyng and Avendale.

Pleas it yo<sup>r</sup> Highnes also ther is a Gentelman of Wailes his Wif and viij<sup>th</sup> psonnes with theim Landed at Sainct Niniains afore the king cam thidder in a Barge who names hym self uncle to Ryse of Wailes.

Pleas it also your Highnes upon Fridaye laste the Scottsman of West Tevidale to the number of foure Hundrethe psonnes cam into Beawcasteldale and ther haithen taken frome your Highnes Subiects and tennte and my poore tennts ther sevin score Hede of catell and Brint vj Houses. I have writtin unto your Grace commissioners for reformation thereof. And the Holy Goost p'sue your Highnes. At Graistok the Second Daye of Julye.



[Indorsed]

*To the Kings Highnes my Sou'ain Lorde.*

*Haist post haist w<sup>t</sup> diligence.*

At the bottom of the letter, in another hand, is written

MY LORD DACRE.

