

XIX.—*Some Account of the Rectory of Bromfield, in the County of Cumberland, by W. C. TREVELYAN, Esq., of Wallington; addressed to JOHN ADAMSON, Esq., Secretary.*

DEAR SIR,

ACCOMPANYING this is a cast of a seal which is appended to a confirmation by Adam (de Warthwic), Prior of St. Mary's, Carlisle, of the grant made by John (Halton) Bishop of Carlisle, of the Rectory of Bromfield, in Cumberland, to the Abbey of St. Mary's York, in 1303.



On one side appears the seal of the Monastery, and, on the back of it, probably the private seal of the Prior, which is evidently a well sculptured antique, with a more modern inscription round it *Sigillum Fris-J'Gton*"—*Sigillum Fratris Johannis Gton'*? with two coats of arms.

Hutchinson in his *History of Cumberland*, when describing the parish

of Bromfield, says, "there are no documents, it is apprehended, now to be met with, to shew, with any exactness, how this manor, and the great tithes of this rectory, were gradually parcelled out into various hands." In looking over the papers formerly belonging to the Calverley family, I have found some relating to the Rectory of Bromfield, of some of which, as they supply part of the information wanted by Hutchinson, I send you an abstract, which, if you think it worth the notice of the Antiquarian Society, you can lay before them at their next meeting, with the cast of the seal.

I remain, DEAR SIR,

Very sincerely your's,

W. C. TREVELYAN.

Wallington, Jan. 20, 1826.

1525.—June 1st, 17th Henry VIII, the Rev. Father in God Edmund Abbot, of the Monastery of our Lady of York, and the Convent of the same place, let to James Martyndale, Anthony Eglesfeld, gentlemen, Edward Raper and John Thornbrand, of Bromefeld, yeomen, the manor, place, and demesnes of Bromefeld, and all tyth corn and hay, rents, houses, lands, &c. &c. and all other rights of the said, except and reserved to the said Monastery, all and singular perquisites of courts, sutes, homages, wards, &c. &c. and all other such like casualties, belonging to the Royalty seignory of the said, for 34 years, paying annually £34., and £200. at £50. a year.

1545.—Henry VIII. by his letters patent, granted to Henry Thompson, the Manor, Rectory, and Church of Bromefield; then leased for £34. per annum (as above), together with the scite and demeanes of the late Priorie of Esholte, in the County of Yorke, let at £14. 9s. 4d. per annum; together £48. 9s. 4d.; deduct, for tythe, £4. 16s. 11d.; leaves, £43. 12s. 4d.; by a valuation made at the time, rated at twenty years' purchase, £472. 7s. 6d.; add for the woods, £19. 13s. 4d.; in all, £491. 10s. 10d.

This grant appears not to have been then completed, as Edward VI. in his letters patent, dated 25th August, 1st year of his reign, says, that

in consideration that Henry Thompson had delivered to his father (Hen. VIII.) the Maison Dieu at Dover, and had paid him (Hen. VIII.) £555. 6s. 8d., and for £236. 4s. 2d. to be paid by the said Henry Thompson, grants to him "totum illud Manerium nostrum de Bromfield et Rectorem nostram et Ecclesiam nostram de Bromfield cum suis juribus, membris, et pertinentiis universis in Com n'ro Cumb^r. nuper monasterie beate Marie juxta muros civitatis Ebor. modo dissolut:—dudum spectand. et ptinen. ac pcell. possessionum inde nuper existend.—ac Advocacionem, donacionem, liberam dispositionem et jus patronat. vicariæ Ecclesiæ parochialis de Bromfield."

10th Sep. 26th Eliz. 1584.—William Thompson, lets to Thomas Heaton, of Heaton, Lancaster, Yeoman, the Manor-house of Bromfield, called the Vicaridge, with lands, &c. for 21 years, at £6. 13s. 4d. yearly rent, and to pay the vicar forty marks yearly for his stipendiary wages.

12th Aug. 11th Jas. I, 1613.—During the minority of Christopher Thompson, his trustee (and grandfather)? Christopher Anderton, of Harwich, Lancaster, sells Sir Edward Musgrave, of Heiton, Cumberland, and William Musgrave, of Abbey Holme, for £120., tithes of corn, grain, and hay, upon all the improvements now, or hereafter to be improved, on all the commons in the parish of Bromfield, parcel of the rectory of Bromfield, to hold of the King, by the yearly payment of sixteen pence, at the feast of St. Michael the Archangel.

1638.—Henry Thompson conveyed to Cuthbert Orfeur, of Aikleby, a messuage and tenement with appurtenances in Whyrigg.

1654.—12th October, Henry Thompson levied a fine for settling on his heirs all the Manor or Lordship of Bromfield, and 5 messuages or tenements there, and 60 acres of arable land, 40 acres of meadow held with the above, and that pasture ground called East-mire, Middle-mire, and West-mire, containing 200 acres, and the rectory and church of Bromfield, and the advowson and right of patronage of the vicaridge of the parish church of Bromfield, and 4 acres of arable land at Langridge, and tithes of corn and grain of Langrigge, and two messuages, 4 acres of arable land, and 2 acres of meadow in Allanby; and a messuage and 6 acres of arable in Urnegill; a messuage and 14 acres of arable land,

and tithes of hay, in Kelsicke ; a messuage, 3 acres of arable land, and tithes of corn, grain, and hay, in Dundrawe and Murawe ; tithes of corn and grain of Crookdake ; and all and singular grainges, mills, messuages, &c. &c. as specified in Edward VI. patent, and given in *Hutchinson's History*, vol. i. p. 306. 10th March, 1667, Walter Calverley, and Frances his wife, only daughter and heir of Henry Thompson, late of Brumfield, Esq. deceased, levy a fine of the Manor and Rectory of Brumfield, and of all tithes of grain and hay, and obventions within the said rectory, glebe lands, and predial tythes, &c., 20 messuages, 200 acres of land, 80 acres of meadow, 80 acres of pasture, and 200 acres of waste.

1670.—24th May, Walter Calverley sells John Hayton, of Urnegill, in the Parish of Bromfield, yeoman, a messuage and grounds at Urnegill for £50, reserving to Walter Calverley an annual rent of 8s 6d.

1671.—27th Sept., Walter Calverley sells to Francis Orfeur of High Close, all his estate, right, title, &c. to several farms, and the tythes, in the township of Bromfield, for £650., and Francis Orfeur to pay annually to his Majesty the fee farm rent of 35s., and all other fee farm rents issuing out of the premises or out of the towns of Kelsick, Milrigg, Crookdake, Langrigg, Dunrowe, Brumfield, Scales, Wheyrigg, Allanby, and Newton, and payable yearly to his Majesty by reason of any grant of the Rectory of Bromfield, from King Edward VI. to the ancestors of Henry Thompson, Esq. late owner of the same.

1679.—Walter Calverley sold Sir John Ballantyne, Kt. of Crookdake, all tithes of corn and grain in Crookdake for £400.

1680.—Walter Calverley sells Richard Thomlinson, of Akehead, Gent. the parsonage, rectory, and church of Bromfield, and the advowson gift, and presentation to the vicarage of Bromfield, messuages, tithes, &c. in the towne of Bromfield ; 3 acres of arable land in Langrigge ; barn, and 12 acres at Dundrawe ; and a messuage in Kelsicke ; excepting and always reserved out of the said bargain and sale, all the tythes, great and small, of Crookdake, and 2 seats on the north side of the chancel of Bromfield Church, now or late in the possession of Sir John Ballantine, of Crookdake, Knt., and all other tithes, of whatsoever kind, on any improvements in the Parish of Bromfield, and also a rent issuing out

of lands and tenements in Newton, and a rent out of lands, &c. in Allanby.

1680.—April 5, Walter Calverley sells Robert Jackson, of Carlisle, yeoman, one seat in the north side of the Chancel of Bromfield Church, for £5.

1689.—Walter Calverley sells to Richard Martindale, and Robert Sibson, of Allanby, land in the manor or township of Allanby, called Lang Smales, Borrans, and Walkers.

1695.—August 10th, Walter Calverley sells Cuthbert Osmotherly, of Langrigg Hall and others, for £830. tythe of corn and grain in Langrigge, a tythe barn and stable, and two acres of land.

1695.—October 15th, Walter Calverley sells to John Patteson, of Penrith, gent. for £880. all his freehold messuages, tenements, lands, &c. in Kelsick, Dundraw, and Moor-raw, in the parish of Bromfield, and all tythes of hay in Kelsick, tythes of corn, grain, and hay, and the tythe barn in Dundraw and Moor-raw.

The right of presentation to the vicaridge of Bromfield appears to have been contested both by Thompson and Calverley against the Bishop of Carlisle, but without success; though William Grainger, on the presentation of Henry Thompson, was admitted, instituted, and inducted to the living by Sir Thomas Bennett, by order of the Parliament, 25th Nov. 1648, Peter Beck having died 4th Feb. 1647. June 29th, 1654.—William Grainger compounded with the Lord Protector for the first fruits of the vicaridge. He was confirmed in his living by the act for confirmation and restoration of ministers, 12, C. 2.; and further for having subscribed the act for the uniformity of public prayers, August, 1662.

In 1506, it was found that “reparatio cancelli spectat ad vicariam ecclesiæ, pro qua reparatione de anno in annum vicarius recepit decimam de Blencowgoe virtute cujusdam compositiones factæ inter Abbatem et Conventum Monasterii Beatæ Mariæ prope muros Ebor. et predecessores vicarii jam incumbentes.”

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