

XXIX.—*An Account of the Chartulary of Brinkburn, with some Notices respecting those of the Abbies of Newminster and Alnwick, in the County of Northumberland, of Lanercost in Cumberland, and of Shap in Westmorland. By the REV. JOHN HODGSON, Sec., in a Letter to JOHN ADAMSON, Esq., Sec.*

DEAR SIR,

THE subjoined Schedule, or Index of the contents of one volume of the Chartulary or Register of the possessions of the Priory of Brinkburne, in the county of Northumberland, was forwarded to me in June, 1827, by the President of our Society, from my friend John Caley, Esq., Keeper of his Majesty's Records, in the Chapter House and Augmentation Office, in London, for the purpose of assisting me in writing the history of this county. It was made some years ago by Mr. Caley himself, from the original, at the request of the Duke of Buckingham, and as I fear I may not be able to spare room to print it entire in my work on Northumberland, I transmit it to you, desiring that you will do me the favour of laying it before the next meeting of the Society, and that it may be submitted to the consideration of the Censors of the Society, whether or not it may be adviseable to print it in small type in the *Archæologia Æliana*, as a note to this letter. In my estimation, it is a very curious and very valuable document, inasmuch as it is a key to a considerable treasure of county and ecclesiastical history. In the year 1638, Roger Dodsworth, made large extracts from the original book then, together with the Chartularies of the Abbeys of Newminster and Alnwick, in the county of Northumberland, Lanercost, in the county of Cumberland, and Shap, in Westmorland, in the possession of Lord William Howard, at Naworth Castle. These extracts are all still existing

in the transcript of Dodsworth's *Collections*, which are in 162 folio volumes, made at the expense of Lord Fairfax, and by him given to the Bodleian Library. Part of them are also to be found in the Lansdowne, MS. 326, which is a copy of two of Dodsworth's volumes; and a considerable part of them have been printed in two editions of Dugdale's *Monasticon*, for which, and for the same author's *Baronage* Dodsworth's Collection was expressly made. Robert Treswell, Somerset Herald, about the year 1587 also made several genealogical extracts from the Brinkburn Register, which, besides very copious quotations from the Brinkburn Chartulary, and several unpublished notices out of those of Newminster, Alnwick, Lanercost, and Shap, are copied into that curious and useful treasure-house of genealogical information in the *Harleian Collection*, No. 294, intituled "*Apparatus Genealogicus Anglicus ex diversis in Archivis Recordis compactus.*"

Lord William Howard, third surviving son of Thomas, the fourth Duke of Norfolk, and common ancestor of the Howards, Earls of Carlisle, became possessed of Naworth, Morpeth, and Hinderskelle, where Castle Howard now stands, by his marriage with Elizabeth daughter to Thomas, and sister and coheir of George, Lord Dacre of Gillisland. He was a nobleman of great talent and learning, and collected a very curious library both of printed and manuscript books, which after his death were permitted by his successors in the estate to remain at Naworth, the principal place of his residence, in the same state and order in which he left them. But as the library was constantly shewn to curious visitors, and the bookcases were not locked up till within the last 20 years, the shelves have been thinned of many very rare and curious works: and amongst the rest the Chartularies already noticed have all, as I have been told, disappeared from Naworth. Some of them perhaps were taken by the agents of the Carlisle family as evidence to courts of justice and never returned: numerous valuable papers are annually lost in this manner. How the Brinkburn Register passed into the hands of Mr. Astle, I am not aware. In becoming his property, however, its existence was secured because he understood its value. Some of the rest may perhaps still exist, but are either secreted,

or are in possession of persons, who, from being unable to read them, are ignorant of the nature of their contents. That of Newminster was probably at the dissolution deposited with the Dacre family, as representatives of the Merlays founders of that house. I have in another place* noticed, that I have been told that the late Edward Cook, of Blakemoor, Esq., who was a barrister and a skilful antiquary, was once possessed of it. That of Shap was lost when Dr. Burn edited his History of Westmorland in 1777: perhaps it fell into the Howard Family after Lord William purchased the manor of Thornthwaite, in that Parish, and made the ancient Hall there his occasional residence.†

Dr. Burn in another place says that the Blenkinsops, who married the heiress of Helbeck, "had a large collection of writings, not only relating to themselves but of several other kinds, as divers originals belong-

* History of Northumberland, part II. vol. i. p. 21

† The following notices are from a manuscript book, of the expences of Lord William Howard, now in the possession of William Lawson, Esq., of Longhirst, near Morpeth:—

"1619 paid to Thomas Gray as laid out by him at thornthwaite for a blak freis jerkin for my lord the viijth of October 1619, xvijs. It. for on paer of bouts for my lo: there, xs.—It. for freis for gammasheis by the way, iis. vid.—It. for my lord ryding chargeis from thornthwaite to London beginning the ixth of October till the sixth p bill, xviii. 10s."—"1619. Paid to on for bringing letters to Thornthwaite."—"1620. It for my Lord ryding chargeis from thornthwaite to London beginning the xxixth of apereill 1620 p bill, xvijl. xvs. iiijd."—"1621. It. paid at thornthwaite to Thomas Lowdian for a bill off pcells for a goune and wastcot as appears on the bill paid by tho. gray, &c., xxxixs."—Again in "1621. Imprimis for my lo. ryding chargeis ffrom thornthwaite to London beginning the xxxth of April being in companie at my lo. chargeis 24 men and 12 horseis as appears by bill, xxi. xvs. iiijd."—And again in "1621. Imps. for my lo: ryding chargeis from thornthwaite to London beginning the xith of november as appears by bill, xiiijl. xixs. vd."—"1622. It. for a peare of bouts at Thornthwaite for my lo: wch Mr. Radcliffe did pay for, &c., xs."—"It. for my lo. ryding chargeis from thornthwaite to London beginning the viij May, be in companie 16 p bill.—It. to the pson at thornthwaite the viijth may, xs."—"Rewards sence the first May 1623.—It. to a fellow at thornthwaite 2 may, vs."—"1624. It. to my lo: by Mr. Radcleif at thornthwaite 20 May, xs.—It. ffor my lo: ryding chargeis from thornthwaite to London beginning the xxth May 1624 p bill, xli. xjs. iiijd."—"It. to the pson at Thornthwaite at my lo: waycoming, xs. "It. to the poore there, ijs."—"1625. Imp. for my lo ryding charges from thornthwaite to London beying the 4th may as appeares by bill being in his companey 6, xvijl. xs. ijd." The Howard family at that time were Roman Catholics. The two presents of 10s. each to the parson of Thornthwaite, were probably given to the Roman Catholic priest kept there. The people in the neighbourhood have still traditions of the famous belted Will residing at the place; and cherish their legacy of hatred to them as papists, by telling their children that lady Howard abhorred all protestants, and used to say, that she hoped to live to ride knee deep in blood down Womgate-loaning to Brampton Church.

ing to Shap Abbey and other places, which as it is not known how they came possessed of the same, neither is it known what became thereof, and in all probability they are all now totally lost, except what hath been preserved thereof by copies taken, and extracts made, by the Rev. Thomas Machel; who had free access to the same, and whose collection, therefore, in that respect, is extremely valuable." Mr. Machel died in 1699. The Chartulary of Lanercost, according to Dr. Burn, was still remaining at Naworth in 1777.—*Burn and Nicholson's Westmorland*, pp. 472, 580, and Pref. iv.

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182. Grant by Simon de Plessiz of suit of mill in Herford, Schotton, and Plessig, *s. d.* fol. 67.
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184. Grant by William Paris of land in Schotton, *s. d.* fol. 68.
185. Grant by William, son of Roger de Schotton, of land in that town, *s. d.* fol. 69.
186. Grant by Olivia de Schotton of land there, *s. d.* fol. 69.
187. Grant by Robert de Blaykeston of lands in Schotton, *s. d.* fol. 69.

188. Grant by Gilbert de Schotton of lands there, *s. d.* fol. 69.
189. Grant by Simon de Plessiz of lands there, *s. d.* fol. 69.
190. Grant by William de Schotton of land there, *s. d.* fol. 70.
191. Confirmation by Margaret de Schotton of the last mentioned grant, *s. d.* fol. 70.
192. Grant by James de Bolum of a salt pit in Cupum, *s. d.* fol. 70.
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195. Grant by John Fitz Hugh of lands in Cupum, *s. d.* fol. 71.
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220. Grant by Hugh Pudsey, Bishop of Durham, of land and a fishery in Quicham, *s. d.* fol. 79.
221. Confirmation by the same Bishop of James de Bolum's grant of a salt pit in Cupum, &c., *s. d.* fol. 79.
222. Grant by the same Bishop of land between Heley and Coket, *s. d.* fol. 80.
223. Confirmation by the same Bishop of the grants made to the Priory by Roger Bertram, *s. d.* fol. 80.
224. Confirmation by Bishop Pudsey of the privilege of sepulture within the Priory, *s. d.* fol. 80.
225. Grant by Phil., Bishop of Durham, of the church of Felton, *s. d.* fol. 80.
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227. Acknowledgement by the Priory of Brinkburn that they are bound to find one pound of wax for the light of the chapel of the infirmary, 1253, fol. 80.

228. Renunciation of right by the Priory of Pentney, over that of Brenkburne, *s. d.* fol. 81.
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