

BISHOP BEK'S CHARTER OF LANDS AT NETTLESWORTH.

THE interesting charter which is given below, is from the muniments of title relating to the manor of Nettlesworth, and is the carving out from the demesne of the see of a considerable estate of new freehold in the county of Durham, in 1308. In 1378, John Gategang died seized of the manor of Nettlesworth, held by homage, fealty, and 26*s.* 8*d.* Exchequer rent. In Hatfield's Survey Master John de Hagthorp appears among the free tenants of Framwelgate as holding the manor of Nettelworth and 41 acres of land, late Master William de Lambeton's, by foreign service and the rent of 27*s.* Among the Exchequer lands of Framwellgate we find him holding an acre of land, formerly Simon Stelley's, and afterwards the Master of Sherburn's, and the 27 acres and 1 rood in Holyside, comprised in the following charter, (the same master of Sherburn occurring as successor to James Spicer) by the rent of 26*s.* 8*d.* He also held 3 acres extra portam de Nettelworth, by 2*s.* 4*d.*, and a toft and 35 acres of land called Bararce by 17*s.* 6*d.* The Hagthorpes held the manor estate until 1607, when they sold it to the Conyers family of Horden. In 1769, the co-heiresses of Sir Baldwin Conyers alienated to Henry Askew, Esq., of Redheugh, and the estate remains in his family, to whose kindness the Society is indebted for this valuable communication to the territorial history of the Palatinate.

Antonius, permissione divina sanctæ Ierosolomitane Ecclesiæ Patriarcha, et Episcopus Dunolm', &c.—Dilecto et fideli nostro Jacobo le Spicer de Dunolm', novem acras et dimidiam terræ juxta parcum de Beurepaire: Item, quatuordecim acras terræ juxta le Nunneker: Item, octo acras et dimidiam, et dimidiam rodam terræ juxta Surmilkeden:¹ Item, viginti septem acras unam rodam et dimidiam terræ in Holleyside juxta Nettelworth: Et in Nettelworth duas acras terræ quæ fuerunt Johannis Madur: Item, sexdecim acras et tres rodas terræ in Whiteley Wode quæ fuerunt Gilberti de Overindon: Item, decem acras terræ in le Greneker: et dimidiam acram prati in Surmilkeden. Habend', &c., Jacobo et heredibus suis, de nobis et successoribus nostris Episcopis Dunolm' imperpetuum. Reddendo, &c., ad scaccarium nostrum Dunolm'

¹ Souremylkden is mentioned in Hatfield's Survey under Framwellgate, 16 acres near it were waste land.

sexaginta unum solidos et quatuor denarios, ad quatuor anni terminos in episcopatu nostro Dunolm' generaliter constitutos. Volentes et concedentes eidem Jacobo quod ipse et heredes sui habeant communam pasturam in omnibus boscis et pasturis nostris de Cestria et circa Dunolm', ubi alii tenentes nostri de Cestria et de Framwellegate communeant.² Salvis nobis et successoribus nostris predictis approwamentis nostris in vastis nostris ubicunque ad voluntatem nostram faciendis. In cujus, &c. Hiis testibus, Domino Stephano de Maulay Archidiacono Cliveland, tunc senescallo nostro Dunolm'; Roberto de Hilton, Ricardo Marmeduk, Thoma de Whiteworth, militibus; Domino Rogero de Waltham canonico London, cancellario nostro; Magistris Johanne de Insula, Johanne de Botheby et Domino Roberto de Littelbiry receptore nostro Dunolm', clericis nostris; Johanne Schirloke, Ricardo de Stanlawe tunc vicecomite nostro Dunolm', Petro de Bolton et aliis. Dat. apud Aukeland nono die mensis Februarii, Anno Domini Millesimo Trecentesimo Octavo, Patriarchatus nostri tertio, et consecrationis nostrae vicesimo sexto.³—*In dorso, in manu recentiori.*—Hollysyde alias Grene-syd et 2 acras terrae in Nettlesworth.

² *Sic.*—*Communio, are*, is the verb given in the Law-Latin Dictionary from Rastall's Entries, 539.

³ The seal is sewn up, and is a mass of fragments.