

DEED RELATING TO PREMISES IN MORPETH.

(See opposite page).

II.—DEEDS FROM BURTON AGNES, RELATING TO THE COUNTIES OF DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

By WILLIAM BROWN, F.S.A., Secretary of the Surtees Society.

[Read on the 30th November, 1910.]

The originals of the documents here given are in the possession of Mrs. Wickham-Boynton of Burton Agnes, by whose kind permission they are printed. The thanks of the society are also due to the rev. C. V. Collier, of East Harlsey parsonage, Northallerton, formerly curate at Burton Agnes, for affording the editor an opportunity of transcribing these deeds. The Durham portion of these documents came into the possession of the Boynton family on the marriage of Dorothy, one of the daughters and co-heiresses of Christopher Place of Halnaby (she died in 1632), with sir Francis Boynton of Barmston.

I. MORPETH.¹

An undated grant from Richard le Gaunter, or the glover, of Morpeth, to sir Thomas de Normanville, chaplain, of a burgage in Morpeth, lying between the land of John the forester and that of Agnes Date, in consideration of a sum of money paid beforehand. As a pledge for the security of this grant Richard bound his messuage on the law [hill], which lay between the land of William of Newburn and that of William le Payntour. Witnesses, John of Duddon, steward of Morpeth, Master Adam,

¹ This deed is posterior to the date of the statute 'Quia Emptores,' passed in 18 Edward 1 (1289-90). Mr. F. W. Dendy gives the following note:—There are several similar deeds mentioning John de Dudden in Hodgson's *History of Northumberland*, part II, vol. ii, p. 486, undated, but made in the time of John de Graystoke (1289-1306). In them the grantor in the above deed appears as Richard le Gauncer. Thomas de Normanville is also mentioned in the same volume (pp. 180, 210).

son of Alan, Walter his brother, Ralph del Bothe, John the forester, Adam de Melfell, Roger the fisher, John Pantill, Thomas of Coniscliffe, William of Newburn, Robert, son of Peter, Richard Graffard, and others.

Omnibus Cristi fidelibus ad quos hec presens carta peruenerit Ricardus le Gaunter de Morpath', sempiternam in domino salutem. Sciatis me dedisse, concessisse, et hac carta mea confirmasse domino Thome de Normavilla, capellano, vnum burgagium cum pertinenciis in villa de Morpath', quod iacet inter terram Johannis le forester ex vna parte, et terram Angnetis Date ex altera, pro quadam summa pecunie quam dictus dominus Thomas michi pre manibus dedit. Habendum et tenendum predicto domino Thome, et heredibus suis, et suis assignatis per seruicia et consuetudines, domino capitali eiusdem feodi inde facienda, libere, quiete, integre, secure, bene, et in pace, cum omnibus libertatibus, et aysiamenis ad predictum burgagium aliquocumque modo spectantibus, quiet' ab omni alio seruicio seculari. Et ego predictus Ricardus et heredes mei prenominatum burgagium, cum omnibus suis pertinenciis, antedicto domino Thome, et heredibus suis, ac suis assignatis, contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus, acquietabimus, et defendemus imperpetuum. Et ad maiorem huius feoffamenti securitatem imperpetuum faciendam, concedo, pono, pro me et heredibus meis, et firmiter obligo mesuagium meum cum omnibus suis pertinenciis super *la law* in eadem villa in perpetuum warrantizationem predicti burgagii cum pertinenciis predicto domino Thome, et heredibus suis, ac assignatis suis plenarie faciendam, quod quidem mesuagium situm est inter terram Willelmi de Newburn', et terram Willelmi le Payntour, ad cuiuscumque manus de cetero fuerit alienatum. In cuius rei testimonium hanc presentem cartam sigillo meo consignavi. Hiis testibus, Johanne de Dudden', tunc senescallo de Morpath', Magistro Adam filio Alani, Waltero fratre eius, Radulpho del Bothe, Johanne le forester, Ad' de Melfell', Rogero le fisser', Johanne Pantill', Thoma de Conesclif', Willelmo de Newburn', Roberto filio Petri, Ricardo Graffard', et aliis.

Seal: a cross patonce voided inside a square border on which are the words + S'MARTIN. VANES, all placed over a quatrefoil, each lobe charged with an animal (? a deer). The seal is 1 inch high by $\frac{7}{8}$ inch broad. (On page 48 is a reproduction of the seal from a photograph by Mr. C. H. Blair.)

II.

This document is a summons from Aymer de Valence, earl of Pembroke, the king's lieutenant between the Trent and Rox-

burgh, to the choosers of the levies in the wapentakes of Dickering and Buckrose, to send their recruits to Newcastle on September 9. The date of the earl's appointment as captain and lieutenant between Trent and Roxburgh in the summer of 1315 gives the date of the deed.² Bannockburn had been fought and lost on June 23 of the previous year, so the county of Northumberland was in great peril of invasion and required all the help possible to protect it from the threatened attacks of the Scots. Aymer de Valence (1280-1324) was a son of William de Valence, earl of Pembroke, a younger brother of the half blood of Henry III. He was thrice married, each time to a French woman. His last wife, Marie de Castillon, daughter of Guy, count of St. Pol, founded Pembroke college, Cambridge, in 1347. There is a legend, disproved by dates, that the earl was killed at a tournament on his wedding day, and Gray embodied the tradition in his noble installation ode:

'Sad Châtillon, on her bridal morn,
That wept her princely love.'

The wapentakes of Dickering and Buckrose are in the East Riding. Bridlington is the most important place in Dickering. Buckrose lies further inland. There is no place of importance in it. Sewerby, from which sir Robert de Sywardeby took his name, is a small village north of Bridlington. Harpham, a village seven miles south-west of Bridlington, is still in the possession of the male descendant of sir Geoffrey de St. Quintin.

Aymar de Valence Counte de Pembrok 'Lieutenaunt nostre Seyngnur le Roi dil ewe de trente jusques as parties de Rokesborgh', a monsire Robert de Swyardeby (*sic*) e a monsire Geffrey de Seynt quintyn triours dil Wappentag' de Dikeringe e de Buccros salutz.' Por coe (*sic*) qe nous auoms entendu qe les Escotz, enemys nostre Seyngnur le Roi se assemblent de venir si afforcement come il porront, a arder e destrure la terre de Northumberland, vous maundoms de part nostre Seyngnur le Roi fermement en ioignautz e prioms depart nous qe vous seyetz a nous a Morpath lendemeyn de la

² *The Official Baronage of England*, III. 10.

Natiuite nostre dame procheyn auenir si afforcement come vous porretz oue chiuaux e armes e qe vous eyetz as Jour e Lieu susditz toutes les gentz darmes e de pee qe furent assis e eslieuz parmy vous en la Wappentag' susdite [oue la sustinance des quinze Jours], issi qe par la grace de dieu e eyde de vous e autres amys qe illueges vendront puissoms arestier la malice des enemys auaunt ditz. E come ne Lessetz sur quanque vous porretz forfaire deuers nostre Seyngnur le Roi. Escrites a Noefchastiel sur Tyne le xxvj, Jour Daugst'.

[Translation.]

Aymer de Valence, earl of Pembroke, lieutenant of our lord the king from the water of Trent northwards to the parts of Roxburgh, to Sir Robert of Sewerby and Sir Geoffrey de St. Quentin, choosers (*trisors*) of the wapentakes of Dickering and Buckrose, greeting. Whereas we have heard that the Scotch, enemies of our lord the king, are gathering together for the purpose of coming with as great force as possible to burn and destroy the land of Northumberland, we command and strictly charge you on behalf of our lord the king, and pray you on our own behalf, to be with us at Morpath the morrow of the Nativity of our Lady next coming (Sept. 9) in as strong force as possible, with horses and arms; and that you have, on the day and at the place aforesaid, all the men-at-arms and foot soldiers who were determined on and chosen in the aforesaid wapentakes [with food for fifteen days], so that by the grace of God and the assistance of you and other friends who shall come there, we may be able to stay the malice of the abovenamed enemies. And do not omit to do this on peril of forfeiting whatever you have to our lord the king. Written at Newcastle-on-Tyne the 26th day of August (1315).

III. NEWCASTLE.

The contract for building a house on the west side of St. Nicholas's church, Newcastle, in 1401, at a cost of 25 marks, 16*li*. 13*s*. 4*d*., is drawn up in very vague terms. Except that the house is to be of three storeys and have a double roof, one of which was to be of slate, nothing is precisely stated. It was to be of the best style and material, so it may be assumed that the edifice was intended to be an ornament to the town. John of Ivelet came from a township of that name in the parish of Muker, high up Swaledale, five miles north of Muker.

Ceste endenture faite parentre Johan de Iuelyth' clerc, dun part & Simond Wryght Burgeys de Nouelchastell' sur Tyne dautre part tesmoigne qe le dit Simon ad enpris de sa parte de faire ouereer e complier vne meson sur le soile lauandit Johan deins lauandit ville del part occidentale de lesglise de seint Nicholas del hauteesse trois Stages oue double rooffe, cestassauer, en mures, meresme, Scattres, gutture de meeresme & plombe, [chymneys] plancheours, pentys, Stalles & en touz auters maneres choses busoignables solonc ce qe afiert a tiele oueraigne accordant al meillieur manere & substance del dit meson bien & sufficiatement ouerez en touz poyntz en manere come desuis est dit. Pur accomplissement du quel oueraigne lauandit Johan payera au dit Simond xxv. marc3 du quel somme le dit Johan ad paye au dit Simond deuant mains le iour del fesaunce de cestes ix^{li}. xs. Et arest a payer vij^{li}. iij^s. iiij^d. le quele oueraigne serra accompliez prestement pur les Tenantz entrer parentre cy & le fest de seint Martyn en yuer prochein auenir & le dit Simond serra presentement payez solonc ce qil face le dit oueraigne. Escr' a Nouelchastell' sur Tyne le xij^{me} iour de Juyn lan du regne nostre seigneur le Roi Henry quart puis le conquest seconde. Dorso: Jolby.

[Translation.]

This indenture made between John of Ivelet, clerk, on the one part, and Simon Wright, burgess of Newcastle-on-Tyne, of the other part, witnesseth that the said Simon has undertaken on his part to get made and finished a house on the ground of the beforenamed John in the before said town, on the west side of the church of St. Nicholas, three storeys in height, with a double roof; that is, in walls, timbers, slates, gutter of wood and lead, chimneys, floors, lean-tos, stalls, and all other kinds of things needful, as is fitting for such a work, in the best style and material for the said house, to be well and sufficiently done in all points in the manner abovesaid. For the doing of this work the beforenamed John shall pay to the said Simon 25 marks, of which sum the said John has paid to the said Simon beforehand, on the day of the making of these presents, 9*li*. 10*s*., and there remains to be paid 7*li*. 3*s*. 4*d*. The work shall be done quickly so as the tenants shall enter between now and the feast of St. Martin in winter (Nov. 11) next coming, and the said Simon shall be paid immediately as he shall do the said work. Written at Newcastle-on-Tyne, June 12, 2 Henry IV (1401).

Deed not executed.

IV. THORPE THEWLES, CO. DURHAM.

Skuttershelfe is in the parish of Hutton Rudby and is about three miles south-west of Stokesley. The Gowers were settled in this neighbourhood from an early period, and are probably

descended from William, son of Goher, who was living about 1170.³ They bore a *gower* or dog for their crest, a form of *coucher* or *cucher*, a sporting dog. There was probably some relationship between the Gowers and Fulthorpes, as in 1377, sir Roger de Foulthorp, kt., had a grant from Thomas de Mawley of the wardship and marriage of Elizabeth, Maud and Isabel, daughters and heirs of John Gower of Sexhow, late son and heir of Nicholas Gower.⁴ Sexhow is, like Skutterskelfe, in the parish of Hutton Rudby. Sir Roger de Fulthorpe was a person of considerable importance. Created king's serjeant in 39 Edward III he was elevated to the bench of the common pleas on November 28, 1374. Having been attainted in 1388 he was banished to Ireland and is believed to have died in that country in 1392. It was his grandson, Thomas Fulthorpe, who condemned archbishop Scrope to death.⁵

Wednesday after the feast of St. Nicholas (Dec. 13), 1346. Release by Maude, widow of Nicholas Gower of Scotherskelfe in Cleveland, to Sir Roger de Fulthorpe, knight, of all right in the manor of Thorpthewles in the bishoprick of Durham. Witnesses, John Gower of Pykton, John de Laysyngby, Laurence de Semer, Thomas de Hertipole, Thorpthewles.

Seal, red wax, circular, diameter $1\frac{3}{16}$ inch. Figure on the dexter kneeling to St. Katherine with wheel. SCA KATERINA o[RA PRO NOBIS].

V. OVER DINSDALE.

The manor of Over Dinsdale belonged from an early period to the Surtees family. The connexion of sir Ralph Eure of Witton Castle, kt., with the place arose from the marriage of his daughter, Isabel, with sir Thomas Surtees of Dinsdale, kt. As

³ *Guisbrough Chart.*, II (Surt. Soc. publ.), 284n.

⁴ *Yorkshire Deeds* (Yorkshire Record series, XXXIX), p. 134.

⁵ See Surtees, *Durham*, III, 76. His title to Thorpe Thewles is not shewn in this work (*ibid.*, p. 80) under the history of that place.

Surtees was only thirty weeks old in 1380,⁶ at the date of the death of his father, sir Alexander Surtees, it is likely Eure was acting on his behalf, he being still a minor.

Monday before the feast of St. Katherine the Virgin, 12 Richard II (Nov. 23, 1388). Grant by Ralph de Eure, knight, to John Sompton of Ouer-Detynsall of all the lands and tenements he (the grantor) had had of the grant and feoffment of Thomas del Hall of the same vill. Witnesses, John Conzers, knight, Sir Richard Talbot, parson of the church of Detynsall, John Mungill, William Ferroure of the same. Over-Detynsall.

Saturday before St. Katharine the Virgin, 12 Richard 2 (Nov. 21, 1388). Letters of attorney to Alan de Coton to deliver seisin. Witton in Wardale. Dorso: Ouer-Dynsell.

Seal, very rubbed, has borne a crest and shield.

The lessee in this demise was Margery, daughter of Rowland Place of Halnaby, and Margery, daughter of sir John Conyers of Hornby.⁷ She married Thomas Surtees of Dinsdale, who died on November 26, 1510. She and her husband had been enfeoffed in the manor of Felling in 1492. They had no issue and the Dinsdale property ultimately passed to Thomas Surtees's sister, Katherine, wife of John Place.⁸

March 2, 10 Henry VIII (1518-9). Demise from Thomas Lasenby, of Scorton, within the Liberty of Richemound, to Marjory Surteys, widow, late wife of Thomas Surteys, deceased, of a messuage, and two bovates of land in Over-Dedynsall, from the feast of the Purification last past for a term of six years, at an annual rent of 18s., payable half yearly at the usual terms. Power to distrain if the rent were in arrears forty days.

Dorso: Place.

VI. OVER DINSDALE.

Margery, one of the daughters of Thomas, lord Scrope of Upsall and Masham, and one of the sisters and co-heirs of Ralph, lord Scrope. The will of her husband, sir Christopher Danby of

⁶ *Deputy Keeper of Public Records Reports*, XLV, 262.

⁷ *Test. Ebor.*, v, 42.

⁸ *Deputy Keeper of Public Records Reports*, XLIV, 501.

Thorpe Perrow, near Bedale, was proved in 1518. Sir Christopher Danby, her son, married Elizabeth, daughter of Richard, lord Latimer. Margery Surtees had part of her dower assigned out of the manor of Dinsdale.⁹

This indentour mayd the xxviiijth day off May in the fyvetene zere off the regne off our soveraygne lord kyng Henry the viijth (1523) wytnessz that dame Margery Danby latt wyffe of X'pofer Danby knyght and mayster X'pofer Danby son and heyre unto the said X'pofer, heyth demysed graunted, and to ferme lettene to Margery Surteys of Dytonsall wedowe hys cheffe messe with all such landes as perteyneth therto, beyng withyn the lordshipp off Ouer-Dynsell, the fyshyng off the watter off Tese onely except. To have and to hold to the seyd Margery frome ye fest of ye Puryfycacon off our Lady next ensewyng the date off thes presentes vnto the end and terme off twelffe zers then next folowying be fully complete and fullyllyd, yeldyng and payng zely therefore vnto the seyd dame Marjory Danby and X'pofer the heyres and executores xls off lawfull monye off Englund at two termes in the zere, that is to say, at the fest of Lawmes callyd *ad vincula Sancti Petri* xxs, and at the fest off the Puryfycacon off our Lady xxs, and so frome fest to fest during the seyd twelffe zerres. Also yt ys agreyd that the seyd Margery Surteys shall at all tymes when nede requireth fynd a man suffyciently horsed and harnessed to do the kyng serues in the company of the seyd X'pofer. Morouer yt ys agreyd that the seyd Margery Surteys shall leve the seyd messe with all such howses as perteneth therto tenauntable at thend off the seyd tweffe zeres. In wytness theroff eyther partye to oder enterchaungeably haue sett to ther sealles. Gevyn the day and zere above seyd.

Two seals, one destroyed, the other bears a crab, a badge of the Scropes of Masham.

VII. PIERCEBRIDGE AND BOLAM, CO. DURHAM.

A receipt from Christopher, second lord Conyers of Hornby, to Rowland Place of Halnaby, for 20 marks, received for the 'tende,' that is, tithe corn (*cf.* Scotch teinds) from Piercebridge and Bolam, both in the parish of Gainford, for the year 1527. Probably lord Conyers had a lease of these tithes from the abbot and convent of St. Mary's, York, to whose house the church of

⁹ *Deputy Keeper of Public Records Reports*, XLIV, 502.

Gainford had been granted early in the twelfth century by Guy Baliol. Rowland Place's grandmother was Margery, daughter of sir John Conyers of Hornby.

This bille maide the xxvijth day of Septembre in the xixth yere of kyng Henry the viijth (1527) witnessith that I, Cristofer lorde Conyers, have solde vnto Rollande Place of Hawnaby all the holle tende corne off Persbrige and of Bolome for the whache (*sic*) corne I have resaued of the said Roland Place at the day of the makyng herof twentye markes in full contextacyon and pament for the said corne for this yere. In witnes wherof I the said Cristofer lord Conyers have subscrybed my name the day and yere abouesaid.

Cristofer Conyers.

Dorso: Acquyt' for money payd to ye lord Conyers for Persbrigge.

VIII. DINSDALE CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, CO. DURHAM.

A demise of the church and parsonage of Dinsdale from sir George Reed, the rector, to sir Peter Harkindall, clerk, usually Arkendale, from a place of that name near Knaresborough, and Rowland Place of Halnaby, from St. Mark's day (April 25, 1529), for a term of six years at an annual rent of *7li. 6s. 8d.*, the lessees paying all dismes,¹⁰ or tenths, and subsidies. The lessees to repair and leave the premises in good condition. The lessor to have a chamber over the parlor and half of the apples and other fruit of the parsonage. Place, Ralph Surtees, and Arthur Surtees to haue the tithe of the mill and fishgarth and the profits of the fourth part of the orchard for their lives at *20s.* a year. The two Surteeses and Margery Surtees to retain the houses they occupied, paying rent and keeping in repair.

This indentur maid the xvijth day of May in the yere of our Lord God a thousand fyve hundreth twentye and nyne betwix sir George Reyd, parson of Dynsell in the countie of Duresme of that one partie, and sir Peter Harkindall clerk, and Roland Place of Halnaghby in the countie of Yorke

¹⁰ Dismes, *decimæ* signifieth also tenths of spiritual livings, yearly given to the prince, called a *perpetual disme*, 2 and 3 Edward vi, cap. 35, which in ancient times were paid to the pope, till pope Urban gave them to Richard ii to aid him against the French king, Charles, and those other that upheld Clement vii against him (Cowel's *Interpreter*).

esquier, of that other partye, witnessith that the said sir George hath demysed, graunted, and to ferme latters vnto the said sir Peter and Roland the church and parsonage of Dynsell aforesaid with all maner howsys, landes, tenementes, pastors, teythes, oblacons, and all other casualtyes and appurtenaunces to the said church and parsonage in any wyse belongyng. To have, hold, and occupie the said church and parsonage with all other the premysse and appurtenaunces of the same to the said sir Peter and Roland frome Sancte Marke day next affor the day of makyng herof vnto the end and terme of sex yeres next ensewyng fully to be complet and ended. Payng therfor yerly to the said sir George and his assignes seven punde sex shillynges and eght pens of lawfull money of England at the feastes of Sancte Martyne in wynter and Penticost by even porcons. And forther it is agreyd that the said sir Peter and Roland shall discharge the said sir George of all maner dymes, subsedes, and other charges ordinary and extraordinary, which shall happene within the said termez to be charged of the said church and parsonage. Also it is agreyd that the said sir Peter and Roland shalbe and stand to and with all maner of reparacons belongyng the same church and parsonage, and at thend of ther termes shall leve them sufficiently repared at syght of indifferent persons. Also it is agreyd that the said sir George shall have the chambre ouer the parlour and half the appils and other fruyte belongyng the said parsonage yerly. Also it is agreyd that at the end of sex yeres aforesaid the said Roland Place, Rawf Surtes, and Arthur Surtes shall duryng the lif of the longest lyver of them have and occupye the teyth of the myllne and fyshgarthe and the profett of the fourt parte of thorcherde, payng yerly to the said sir George twentys shillynges at the feastes aforesaid by even porcons. And in like maner the said sir Rawf and Arthur to have, and occupye all such howsys as thay occupye at this day, agreyng with the said Roland duryng his lif; and after the said Roland deth, duryng ther lyves to pay yerly to the said sir George tenne shillynges, and thay to vphold all the said howsys at ther costes and charges. And forther the said sir George granteth that Margery Sortes widow shall after thend of the yeres aforesaid duryng her lif occupye and enjoy also such howsys of the parsonage as she occupyeth at this day with the fourt parte of thorchard, agreyng with the said Roland duryng his lif, and after his deth she to pay yerly to the said sir George tenne shillynges and vphold the same at proper costes and charges. Also it is agreyd that if it happen the said Roland to dye afor the end of the said sex yeres then it shall be lefull to the said sir George to enter vnto the hole profettes of the parsonage aforesaid.

S' George Reyd.

Dorso.—Except such parcels as in this indentur hertofor be graunted vnto Margery Sortes, Rawf Sortes, and Arthur Sortes, duryng ther lyves,

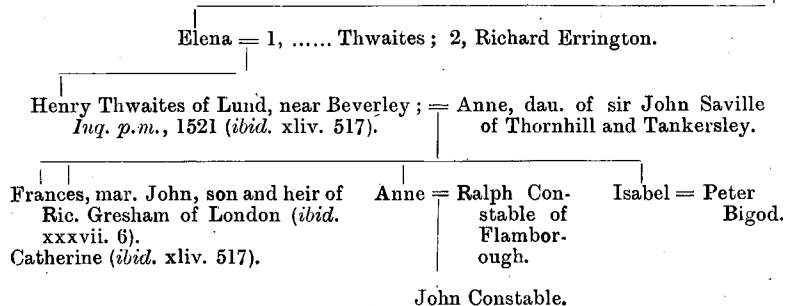
any thyng hertofoe esspecyfyed notwithstanding. And for the performauce of all the premisses ather part by thes presentes byndeth them to ather in the some of twentye pounde. In witnes wherof ather part to the partes of thes indentures enterchaungeably haue setto ther seales the day and yere abouesaid.

s' George Reyde.

IX. BRADLEY, CO. DURHAM.

The grantor, sir John Constable of Burton Constable in Holderness, high sheriff of Yorkshire in 1512, 1529, 1534, had some connexion with the Tempests, as his stepmother was a natural daughter of one of the Tempests of Durham county. He got his interest in Bradley, near Wolsingham, from his mother. The following pedigree shows how this interest arose and with whom it was shared:

Robert Eure of Bradley, a younger son of sir William Eure and Margaret, daughter of sir Robert Constable of Flamborough (*Dep. Keeper of Public Records Reports*, xxxvi. 28-30).



Elizabeth, wife of sir Thomas Tempest of Holmside, was one of the two daughters and heirs of William Burgh of Burgh, now Brough, near Catterick bridge. The other sister, Anne, married Henry Eure, brother of the half-blood of Robert Eure of Bradley. The Tempests had two daughters, of whom one, Anne, became the wife of sir Ralph Bulmer of Wilton castle, near Redcar.

General Plantagenet Harrison¹¹ makes sir Thomas Tempest have five daughters, but some of those he enumerates were daughters of Rowland Tempest of Holmside. The property of Forcett and the other places in Richmondshire came from the Burghs.

April 6, 22 Henry VIII (1531). Grant by John Constable¹² knt. to Ralph Surteis of Denysdall, co. Durham, gent., Roland Place esq. and James Rokeby, of all his lands, etc., in the vills and territories of Forsett, Eppulbye, Caldewell, Cleisby, and Manfeld (saving the lands and tenements in the vills and territories of Cleisby and Manfeld of the yearly value of 20s. then let (*arrentat*), which Thomas Cleisby had acquired of the grantor), which he had with others from Thomas Tempest knight and Elizabeth, his wife, one of the daughters and heirs of William Burgh, esq., deceased, in exchange for a third part of the manor of Bradley and other lands and tenements in the county of Durham. Power to William Danby, his bailiff, at Kirkeby Knoll, to deliver seisin.—Burton Constable.

Witnesses to livery of seisin to Roland Place esq., at Cleisby, Richard Wilkynson chaplain, William Sober, William Smyth, John Tesymond, John Stephenson, John Dixon; and to James Rokeby at Forsett, Robert Bynkes, bailiff there, John Gibson, Robert Berye, Symon Robynson, and John Thomson.

Jacob. Rokeby.

X. DINSDALE, CO. DURHAM.

Receipt, dated May 8, 1538, for 3*li*. 6s. 4*d*. to Rowland Place of Halnaby for the relief due to the king on succeeding to Dinsdale after his brother, Bernard Place's death. According to the *Durham Visitation Pedigrees* (p. 257) Rowland and Bernard Place were half-brothers. As Dinsdale came through Bernard's mother and he had three sisters, all of whom married, it is not easy

¹¹ *History of Yorkshire*, I, 105.

¹² Hilary term, 10 Henry VIII (1518-9). Fine between John Constable, kt., plaintiff, and Thomas Tempest, esq., and Elizabeth, his wife, and Martin Boynton and Ann, his wife, deforciantes, about 7 messuages with lands in Cleseby, Manfeld, South Kileynton (? Kylvynton), Forsett, Eppleby, and Scotton (*Yorkshire Fines* (Tudor) I, 32). From this it appears that lady Bulmer married Martin Boynton as her second husband.

to understand how Rowland was interested in this property. Surtees¹³ says Bernard Place was living in 1542.

Barnard Castell'. Ress' of Rolande Place Squyer the viijth day of May the xxx yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the viijth (1538) for the Relieff of Barnard Place Squyer decesed broder of the seid Rolande due to the Kynges highnes for two partes of the manour of Dedynsall' holden of the Kynges seid highnes of the lordshippe of Barnard Castell' by the seruyce of one Knyghtes fee. The thyrdre parte whereof is nowe yn the possession of Mergere Surtes widoo for terme of lyff, three poundes sex shelynges and foure pens. In witnes wherof Robert Bowes Squyer and Ambrose Middleton to this present byll' have subscribed there naymes the day and yere abouesaid.

Robert Bowis.

Ambrose Middleton.

Dorso: Aquytaunce for bernarde place releif paid to Barnard Castell.

XI. MIDDLESBROUGH, ETC.

The first wife of John Place, Rowland Place's father, was Katherine, daughter of John Dodsworth. Thomas Dodsworth of Thornton Watlas married a Place of Halnaby. Hudswell, too, was probably related to the Places, as Elizabeth Place, grand-aunt of Rowland Place, married William Hudswell.

Oct. 6, 32 Henry viii (1540). Power of attorney from Roland Place esq. to Christopher Doddesworth of Jolbye, to receive seisin of the lands, etc., he had acquired of Henry Gogan of Richmond in Middelesburgh, Loftus, Rosby, and Hynderwell, which had belonged to Cristofer Huddeswell, late of Richmond, son and heir of John Huddeswell, late of Newcastle on Tyne, merchant, and Alice his wife, deceased, daughter and heiress of William Hudson, late of the same town merchant.

Seal: R above a plaice.

XII.

There is an excellent account of the Conyers of Marske in Swaledale by the late canon Raine in *Arch. Ael.*, 2nd series, v, 1, and in the *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal*, vi, 225. From this it appears that William Conyers, who died January 10, 1 Philip

¹³ *History of Durham*, iii, 236.

and Mary, married Eleanor, daughter of Humphrey Sedgwick of Walburn. Canon Raine does not say what was the difference borne in their arms by the Conyers of Marske. This deed shows it was an annulet.

Aug. 9, 37 Henry VIII (1545). Release from William Conyers of Marske esq. to George Place of Halnaby, being in peaceable possession, of all right in the vill and territory of Jolebie, near Crofte. Marske.

By me Will'm Conyers
Manu p'pria.

The seal bears the Conyers maunche differenced by an annulet, with the initials P.C. within the maunche and three dots, 1 and 2, below these initials.

XIII.

George Place, elder son of Rowland Place of Halnaby, and Anne, daughter of Edward Ratcliffe of Cartington, married Elizabeth, daughter of Christopher, second lord Conyers, and brother of the above-named John, third and last lord Conyers. George Place died without issue and was succeeded by his brother Christopher.

Aug. 30, 37 Henry VIII (1545). Bond in 40*li.* from George Place of Halnaby esq. to John Conyers, knight, Lord Conyers, for the payment of 26*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* by certain instalments.

George Place.

XIV.

Christopher Place, mentioned below, married Alice, daughter of Nicholas Tempest of Stanley, and had four daughters, one of whom, Dorothy, married sir Francis Boynton of Barmston in Holderness, knt., son of the below-named Thomas Boynton. At Roxby is a church, between Saltburn and Whitby, south-east of Grinkle park, containing a brass to the memory of Thomas Boynton. He died March 29, 1524-5, and was the grandfather of Thomas Boynton mentioned below. Borrowby, in the parish of Lythe, and North Loftus, are places near Roxby.

June 6, 3 & 4 Philip and Mary (1557). Sale for 25*li*. 16*s*. by Christofer Place of Halnabie esq. to Thomas Boyntoun of Barston in Holdernessee esq. of a tenement in Roxbie in the tenure of Robert Wandlous of the yearly value of 14*s*. Power to Bartholomew Cotham of Borobie gent. and Henry Wayneman of North Loftous 'yoman' to deliver seisin. Halnabie. Christofer Place.

Witnesses: Christofer Jhonson, clerke, Rolland Doddysworth, John Thomson, Laurence Dodisworth, Richard Knagges, Rob't Wandlous.

Seal: c.p. within a wreath.

June 13. Livery of seisin in the presence of Robert Tomson, Thomas Newham, William Newham, Ralph Hill, Henry Clerke, John Talour, John Forester, Thomas Malson, John Malson, Matthew Wilberforce, Thomas Ducke, Henry Arland, Matthew Woodhus, Bartholomew Tom'son.

XV. AISLABY, EGGLESCLIFFE, ETC.

A rent roll without date or the landlord's name. It probably relates to property of some member of the Place family and may be assigned to the reign of Henry VIII. The writing and spelling are very unusual. *Hadeng* for *holding*, *sclosor* for *closure*, i.e., enclosure, *cotethes* for *cottages*, are amongst the peculiarities. The places mentioned are Aislaby, in the parish of Egglescliffe, near Yarm, Egglescliffe, Astley in Lancashire, eight-and-a-half miles west of Manchester, Eshton, near Skipton-in-Craven, Spection, possibly an error for Skipton, Kirkby in Malhamdale, and Dent.

THE LANDSCEP OF ASLABY.¹⁴

The nowe deman and vj oxgang of land, v mark.

j plas and iiij oxgang of land cald Hartylpyll land, xxxxiij*s*.

j noder plas in the hadeng of Jon Ansla and iiij oxgang of land, xxxxiij*s*.

j noder plas in the hadeng of Hare Beland iiij oxgang of land, xxxxiij*s*.

j noder plas in the hadeng of Jon Boy and iiij oxgang of land, xxxii*s*.

j noder plas in the hadeng of John Coll and iiij oxgang of land, xxx*s*.

¹⁴ The early form of this name was Eslakebi or Aslakebi, the same as that of Aislaby, near Pickering. Aislaby, near Whitby, though pronounced locally like the other places, is in Domesday Asuluebi or Asuluesby, i.e., Oswulfsby, whilst the former places derived their names from the personal name Aslac or Oslac, meaning a gift of the gods, and the latter is the wolf of the gods.

v cotethes, xxs.

In frefarm of j plas, iijs. and iiij*d*.

j gayt,¹⁵ iijs.

ij netes in ye water,¹⁶ v mark.

Sclosor j clos cald the Howm,¹⁷ viij mark.

j noder clos cald the Foge Clos, ij mark.

j noder clos, iijs.

j noder clos cald the Barle Clos, vs. viij*d*.

j noder clos cald the West Sclos, iiij mark.

j noder grond cald Dale car les, iiij mark.

j plas and j clos cald the Holl hows, j mark.

The Hoytaye with oder sclosyng, xxxxs.

In Stokton,¹⁸ xviijs.

THE LORDSCEP OF EGYLSCLEF.

The deman and viij oxgang of land in the hadeng of Welliam Lowson, vij mark.

j noder plas in the hadeng of Robert Gagson and iiij oxgang of land, xxxxs.

j noder plas in the hadeng of Jon Baxter and iiij oxgang of land, xxxxs.

viij oxgang of land, own Plased, vj mark.

j hows cald the Godam hos with land, xs.

j noder hows in the hadeng of Tom of Laton with land vjs.

j noder hows in the hadeng of Welliam Clark with land vjs. and viij*d*.

j noder lat in the hadeng of Jon Newport with land, vjs.

j gare called Clark gares,¹⁹ iijs.

x cotethes, xxxiijs. and iiij*d*.

j oxgang of land, ix*s*.

In frefarm j plas of Jon Lelenggals, vjs.

j noder plas of the sam Jon Lelenggals, j sparhak or els ijs.

j noder plas of Jon Hornbes, viijs.

j noder plas of Thomas Daweles of York, viijs.

ij netes in the water,²⁰ viij mark.

¹⁵ A right of pasturage.

¹⁶ Nets in the river Tees.

¹⁷ There is still a farm called Holm House in Aislaby.

¹⁸ Stockton-on-Tees.

¹⁹ Mr. Frederick Seebohm (*The English Village Community*, p. 6), in describing the common field in medieval times says:—Corners of the fields, from their shape, could not be cut up into the usual half acre or half acre strips, were sometimes divided into tapering slips pointed at one end, and called 'gores,' or 'gored acres.'

²⁰ The Tees. The bridge over that river, between Egglescliffe and Yarm, is mentioned a little lower down.

j meln, iiij mark.

In Sclosor j sclos, vs.

j noder sclos, iiij.

j noder sclos, xiijs. and iiij*d*.

j noder sclos, v mark.

j hows at the brgend (*sic*) in the hadeng of Jon Newport, vijs.

THE LORDSCEP OF ASTLAY IN LONGESCYR, xiiij mark.

THE LORDSCEP OF ESTON.

The deman and viij oxgang of land, vj mark.

j plas in the hadeng of Thomas Bron and iiij oxgang of land, xxs.

j noder plas in the hadyng of Welliam Pauson, xvjs.

Dorso.

j noder plas in the hadeng of Welliam Hell, xs.

j noder plas in the hadyng of Alan Gra, ijs. and vj*d*.

j gayt, ijs.

IN SPECTON.²¹

j plas in the hadeng of Thomas of Beteng and iiij oxgang of land, xxxvijs.
and viij*d*.

j noder plas in the hadyng of Thomas Waker and iiij oxgang of land, xxs.

j plas in the hadyng of Welliam Jenkynson, vjs. and viij*d*.

ij scopes in the Tolbodend, ix.

IN MALODALL.

j plas in the hadyng of Welliam Pauson, xxs.

j noder plas in the hadyng of Welliam Pecall, vjs. and viij*d*.

IN DENT.

j plas in the hadyng of Essabell Craggs, xvijjs.

j noder plas, xvijs.

j noder plas, vjs.

XVI.

An acknowledgment, dated August 14, 1513, by William Dent of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, merchant, that he had received certain

²¹ Speeton is the only place in Yorkshire with a similar name, but besides the great distance from the other places which are in Craven, it is very unlikely that there ever was a tolbooth at Speeton, but its presence at Skipton-in-Craven is very probable.

sums of money to the use of Alice Hudswell.²² William Dent was alderman, sheriff and mayor of Newcastle.²³ Alice Hudswell was some relation of the Place family. William Hudswell married Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Place of Egton and Isabel, daughter of Ralph Pudsey of Bärford, knt.

The letter, which follows, is undated, but seems to refer to the same matter:

Be it knowyn to all y^am ys present schall rede or here y^t xiiij day y^e moneth August y^e zere of grace mccccxiiij y^t I William Dent mercheande of New castell' accompanyd w^t T. styknaym to y^e profett & vse of alis Hudswell confessis y^t we dyd resawe y^es summys folowyng' off thes persones. First of stewynson of Rokesby²⁴ vij^s. Item of M. person Rowghton²⁵ vj^s & viij^d. Item of y^e wiedo ix^d. Item for Thomson of Hyndllwell²⁶ iiij^s and no mor. In wittnes herre of we set to owr' seylis. Thes beyng' present Rych' Tindalle Bartram Marschalle Xpofer Coylle.

Syster I have syche a wrytting as this is ze wrett to me. By a letter yai did res' (receive) no mor bot y^es summys of y^es persons abowe wryttyn as zett al restes in yer handes. Verely yer is in Tomsons handes of Hynderwel iij zerys rent xxiiij^s. Item in ieorges Willus handes ij zers rent. Item in ye widdus handes iij halfe zers. Item in Stewynsons & in Emersons as myche, & as to Mydelsborgh²⁷ it is ouer it to xs by zer well paid and no reperges.²⁸ Yer wilbe myche trowbyll or y^es reperges be al paid. I haue sent to Besse yo' doghter xs to bryng hyr home wythe & I haue borroyd for hyr merreage xx nobles, w^t better yf sche be off gode dysposition & wylbe gydyd after conssell & for ye eyl²⁹ boy ze schalbe dyschargit, bot a ay be one of ye sarid sowles y^t gossipe y^t ze kepe w^t yo^u schall neuer haue my gode wyll (charete savyd). I renovne hyr for euer.

Day x³⁰ Hudswell.

Dorso: Hyderwell (for Hinderwell).

²² She married as her second husband, Thomas Beauchamp, and was living in 1471 (*Burton Agnes MSS.*).

²³ See Welford's *Men of Mark between Tyne and Tees*, II (index), and Hodgson's *History of Northumberland*, part II, vol. i, p. 367.

²⁴ At the top of the MS., apparently belonging to another document, are the following words: ' debet residuum for Thomas Hayrope.'

²⁵ Perhaps John Raghton, clerk, who was appointed rector of Loftus-in-Cleveland in 1468. The next appointment recorded is in 1513.

²⁶ For Hindelwell, now Hinderwell.

²⁷ For Mydelsborgh, now Middlesbrough.

²⁸ Repairs.

²⁹ Evil.

³⁰ Apparently meaning the 10th day.

XVII.

The evidence given in 1514 in a traverse or dispute between Thomas Boynton of Roxby, near Whitby, and Ralph Claxton of the bishopric of Durham, about a rent of 10s. from a house at Marton-in-Cleveland, near Middlesbrough. He was son and heir of Henry Boynton and Margaret, daughter and co-heiress of Martin de la See of Barmston in Holderness near Bridlington. He married Cecily, daughter of James Strangeways of Sneaton, near Whitby. His will, proved on April 23, 1523, is printed in the *Test. Ebor.*³¹ He was buried in Roxby chapel, where there is a brass to his memory with this inscription:

'Pray for the soule of Thomas Boynton of Roysby esquier who caused this chyrche fyrst to be halowed and was y^e fyrst corsse that was beryed in yt and decessed the xxix day of Marche the yere of our lord god m^vxxiiij on whose soule Jhu' have mercy amen.'³²

Ralph Claxton, son of William Claxton of Halywell, constable of Brancepeth, and Jane, daughter of William Darcy and sister of Thomas, lord Darcy, married Sybil, daughter and heiress of William Conyers of Wynyard, son of Roger Conyers and Sybil, daughter and heiress of William Langton, brother and heir of Thomas Langton of Wynyard. His *inq. p.m.* was taken on May 23, 1414, when Ralph, his son and heir, was aged thirty.³³

Of the two witnesses one need not detain us as he was only a labourer from Ayrsome, close to Middlesbrough, of whom nothing further is known: The other merits more attention. He was a hermit at Newton-in-Cleveland, and probably dwelt in the hermitage now destroyed on Roseberry Topping. In the *Topographer and Genealogist*, II, 409, is a description of Cleveland, written about 1640, in which the following account of the hermitage is given:

³¹ *Test. Ebor.* v (Surt. Soc. publ.), 110.

³² *Yorks. Arch. Jour.*, xvii, 307.

³³ *Deputy Keeper of Public Records Reports*, xlv, 357.

Yt [Roseberry Toppinge] hath somtymes had an hermitage on yt and a small smith's forge cut out of the rocke, together with a clefte or cut in the rocke called St. Winifryd's (?Wilfrid's) Needle, whither blynde devotion led many a syllie soule, not without hazard of a breaknecke tumbling caste, while they attempted to put themselves to a needlesse payne creepyng through that needle's eye. Out of the toppe of a huge stone neere the toppe of the hille drops a fountaine which cureth sore eyes, receavinge that vertue from the minerall.

For als mekyll as it is meritorie and medfull to euery goid creature at witness' the treuth, we, John Haiden of Newton in Cleiveland hermet, Thomas Pacok of Aresham in the parish of Acclam laborer, certifies to all reders and heres of this that wher ther is a certan trauess' betwix two gentilmen, Thomas Boynton of Rowsby of the one partie, and Raufe Claxton of the Bishopprick of Durham of the other partie, for a certane fre ferme of *xs.* isschoyng firth of a house of *xls.* ferme in Marton beside Acclam aforsaid, now in the haldyng of Thomas Bulloke, the said fre ferme of *xs.* diuerse tymes in our dais hase ben paid to the auncetors and predecessors of the said Thomas Boynton, now beyng rightus heyr to the same. And specially we saw qwhen Sir Riger Conyers causid the said *xs.* to be paid to Sir Thomas Boynton, lorde of Acclam, at that tyme, and granser to Thomas at now is. This wol we recorde by our witness' at all times. Wheruppon to this our lettre testimoniall we have putte our sealx ye yer of the reign of our souerayn lorde kyng Henry the viij^t the fiftē (1513-4).

Two seals: one broken, apparently an initial, the other blurred.



SEAL OF MARTIN VANES.

(See page 30.)