

## VIII.—LIEUTENANCY OF THE COUNTY OF DURHAM.

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Henry VIII first appointed lord lieutenants for the counties of England in the year 1536, at the time of the Pilgrimage of Grace. They were empowered to enquire of treason, misprision of treason, insurrection and riot, with authority to levy men and lead them against the king's enemies. They thus took over military duties which had previously been carried out by the county sheriffs. From time to time the County Levy was called on in civil commotion, later this became the Fencibles, Volunteers, Militia, Royal Defence Corps and Home Guard, called out in periods of danger from abroad like the Armada in 1588, the threatened invasion by Napoleon in 1803 to 1805, and the two recent World Wars.

There have been sixteen lord lieutenants for the county of Durham as follows:

1. CUTHBERT TUNSTALL Bishop of Durham 1530 to 1559—Appointed Lord President of the North and Lord Lieutenant 1536. Son of Thomas Tunstall of Thurland Castle Lancashire (his mother being a Conyers), previously Master of the Rolls and Bishop of London, a man of very great learning and holding many appointments in Court and a great friend of Henry VIII and one of the executors of his will—tried for treason and deprived of his bishopric by Edward VI in 1552 but reappointed by Queen Mary in 1553. Refused to take oath to Queen Elizabeth and died aged 85 on 18th November, 1559.

2. HENRY NEVILLE 5th Earl of Westmorland, K.G., born 1525 died 10th February 1564 and buried at Staindrop. He held a commission to divide the debatable land between England and Scotland in 1551, was made member of the Privy Council in 1552 and was ambassador to Scotland the same year. He supported Queen Mary on King Edward VI's death and bore the Second Sword and the Cap of Maintenance at her execution. He again held a commission to treat with Scotland in 1557 and was general of horse in the northern Army, the same year and from 22nd January 1559 was Lieutenant General of the North. He married first Lady Jane Manners daughter of Thomas 1st Earl of Rutland, secondly Jane daughter of Sir Roger Cholmeley and thirdly her sister Margaret.

3. SIR GEORGE BOWES of Streatlam, South Cowton and Aske born 1527 and died 1580. Son of Richard Bowes captain of Norham and nephew of Sir Ralph Bowes who was sheriff of Durham 1482 to 1512 and knighted on the battlefield of Flodden 1513. Sir George Bowes was knighted by the Duke of Norfolk at Berwick 1560 and was sheriff of Yorkshire 1562. He escorted Mary Queen of Scots from Carlisle to Bolton Castle on her flight from Scotland and was thanked by her for his courtesy. He defended the North of England against the Earl of Westmorland in the Rebellion of the North to bring Mary Queen of Scots to the throne in 1569 and under the instructions of the Earl of Sussex was responsible for the executions of the rebels after his successful defence of Barnard Castle during the siege of which his own home at Streatlam was burnt.

4. ALGERNON PERCY 10th Earl of Northumberland, K.G., born 13th October 1602 and died 13th October 1668. He held many high military and naval commands under Charles I and was made Lord High Admiral 30th March 1638—Commanded for Charles I in Scottish Wars, but lost favour in 1642 through trying to mediate with the Parliamentary party. He was described by the Earl of Clarendon as a very proud and a very great man.

5. THOMAS BELASYSE Viscount Fauconberg of Henknowle 1653, created Earl Fauconberg in 1689, a Parliamentarian, married Mary third daughter of Oliver Cromwell for his second wife but after Cromwell's death welcomed Charles II and was made in 1660 Lord Lieutenant of the County of Durham, Privy Councillor, and Captain of the Royal Guard, and Lord Lieutenant of the North Riding. After death of Charles II welcomed William of Orange. The family of Belasyse or Bellasis owned the Brancepeth Estate for many years inherited from the Nevilles.

6. NATHANIEL CREWE Bishop of Durham 1674 to 1721, became 3rd Baron Crew of Stene on death of his elder brother in 1697. A favourite of James II but later voted for his abdication and welcomed William of Orange. Married Dorothy Forster and purchased the Bamburgh and Blanchland estates from her brother Thomas Forster in 1704. He died at Stene aged 88 on 18th September 1722. He was twice Lord Lieutenant from 1687 to 1689 and again from 1712 to 1715.

7. RICHARD LUMLEY 1st Earl of Scarbrough. A distinguished soldier and held a chief command at the battle of Sedgmoor when the Duke of Monmouth was defeated and where he commanded Lumley's troop of horse afterwards known as 6th Dragoon Guards. He was one who later welcomed William of Orange. He was twice Lord Lieutenant from 1689 to 1712 and from 1715 to his death in 1721.

8. WILLIAM TALBOT Bishop of Durham 1721 to 1730 and also, during this time, Lord Lieutenant. He was Bishop of Oxford 1699, and of Salisbury 1699-1715. He had a disturbed time during his bishopric and was in continual need of money and he had quarrels in regard to Mining Leases. His son Charles Talbot was a great lawyer and Lord Chancellor, created Baron Talbot of Hensol.

9. HENRY VANE 3rd Baron Barnard and 1st Earl of Darlington married Lady Grace Fitzroy daughter of Charles 1st Duke of Cleveland and Southampton who was a son of Charles II by Barbara Villiers daughter of Viscount Grandi-

son. He died 6th March 1758. Lord Lieutenant 1730 to 1758. He was an active politician and lord of the treasury.

10. HENRY VANE 4th Baron Barnard and 2nd Earl of Darlington married Margaret Lowther sister of 1st Earl of Lonsdale. Lord Lieutenant 1758 to 1792, Vice Admiral of the County of Durham and Governor of Carlisle and Master of the Jewel Office. He died in 1792. Lord Lieutenant 1758 to 1792.

11. WILLIAM HENRY VANE 5th Baron Barnard 3rd Earl of Darlington and 1st Duke of Cleveland (he was created Marquis of Cleveland in 1827 and Duke in 1838). He married first Lady Katharine Powlett daughter of the Duke of Bolton and secondly Elizabeth daughter of Robert Russell and died in 1842. Lord Lieutenant 1792 to 1842. Vice Admiral of the County of Durham and Colonel of the Durham Militia.

12. CHARLES WILLIAM STEWART 3rd Marquis of Londonderry, K.G., G.C.B., Lord Lieutenant 1842 to 1854. He married first Catherine daughter of John 3rd Earl of Darnly and secondly Frances daughter and heiress of Sir Henry Vane Tempest, baronet, of Wynyard county Durham. He was a distinguished soldier and diplomatist and a companion in arms of the Duke of Wellington in the Peninsula and later campaigns and he was British ambassador in Vienna and he was also Lord Lieutenant of Londonderry and County Down.

13. GEORGE HENRY ROBERT CHARLES WILLIAM VANE TEMPEST 5th Marquis of Londonderry, K.P., Lord Lieutenant 1854 to 1884. Married Mary daughter of Sir John Edwards, baronet, of Garth. He travelled to St. Petersburg to invest the Emperor of Russia with the Order of the Garter and was made a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Alexander Newski.

14. JOHN GEORGE LAMBTON 3rd Earl of Durham, K.G., Lord Lieutenant 1884 to 1928. Lord High Steward to H.M. King during visit to India in 1911.

15. CHARLES STEWART HENRY VANE TEMPEST STEWART

7th Marquis of Londonderry, K.G., Lord Lieutenant of the county of Durham 1928 to 1949 and also Lord Lieutenant of county Down. He was First Commissioner for Works and Public Buildings 1928-29 and Secretary of State for Air 1931. He married Edith daughter of 1st Viscount Chaplin.

16. JOHN JAMES LAWSON 1st Baron Lawson of Beamish. Lord Lieutenant 1949. Recently Secretary of State for War and Member of Parliament for Chester-le-Street division for many years.

### THE LIEUTENANCY OF DURHAM, 1952.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD LAWSON of Beamish, Lord Lieutenant.  
COLONEL SIR ROBERT CHAPMAN, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., T.D.,  
Vice Lieutenant.

### DEPUTY LIEUTENANTS.

SIR HENRY SPENCER MORETON HAVELOCK ALLAN, Baronet.  
MAJOR HENRY SIWARD BALLIOL SURTEES.  
COLONEL HUGH BOWES, C.B., T.D.  
COLONEL SIR THOMAS ANDREWS BRADFORD, D.S.O., D.C.L.  
COLONEL THE RIGHT HON. LORD BARNARD, C.M.G., M.C., T.D.  
LIEUTENANT COLONEL HUGH MORTON STOBART, C.B.E., D.S.O.  
COLONEL THE RIGHT HON. VISCOUNT RUFFSIDE of Hexham, P.C.,  
M.C.  
CAPTAIN FRANK BELL.  
COLONEL THE RIGHT HON. SIR CUTHBERT MORLEY HEADLAM,  
Baronet, P.C., D.S.O., O.B.E., T.D.  
MAJOR GEOFFREY STIRLING NEWALL, O.B.E.  
SIR WILLIAM CRESWELL GRAY, Baronet.  
MAJOR CHARLES DALTON GREGSON.  
COLONEL SIR LEONARD ROPNER, Baronet, M.C., T.D.  
THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF SCARBROUGH, K.G., G.C.S.I.,  
G.C.I.E., T.D.  
COLONEL WILLIAM BASIL GREENWELL, C.B.E., D.S.O.  
COLONEL KENELM CHARLES APPELYARD, C.B.E., T.D.  
MAJOR JONATHAN LEE PRIESTMAN, M.C.  
SIR FRANK NICHOLSON, C.B.E.  
BRIGADIER LESLIE HARRISON McROBERT, C.B.E., T.D.  
BRIGADIER PHILIP KIRKUP, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., T.D.  
BRIGADIER CUTHBERT DAVID MARLEY, D.S.O., M.B.E., T.D.  
BRIGADIER GEORGE HANDS WALTON, C.B.E., T.D.

MAJOR GEORGE MICHAEL LONG, C.B.E.  
COLONEL SIR LAWRENCE EDWARDS, M.B.E.  
THE RIGHT HON. VISCOUNT GORT, M.C.  
COLONEL EDMUND GRAHAM ANGUS, C.B.E., M.C., T.D.  
COLONEL JOHN TURNBULL, T.D.  
COLONEL FREDERICK WALTON, M.C.  
COLONEL HAROLD EDWARD KITCHING, M.B.E.  
CAPTAIN HERBERT BABBINGTON ROBIN ROWELL, C.B.E., A.F.C.  
JAMES KENNETH HOPE, Esquire, C.B.E.  
COLONEL RICHARD LAURENCE STAPYLTON PEMBERTON, M.C.  
JAMES ROBINSON STIRLING MIDDLEWOOD, Esquire, C.B.E.  
COLONEL THOMAS GEORGE GREENWELL, T.D.  
BREVET COLONEL WILLIAM INNES WATSON, T.D.  
CAPTAIN SYDNEY RILEY LORD.  
COLONEL JOHN EDWARD STAFFORD.  
COLONEL LEONARD LAING, T.D.  
CAPTAIN THE HON. GUY STOPFORD, R.N.  
MAJOR ROSS SCOTT McLAREN, D.S.O., M.B.E., T.D.  
MAJOR FRANK DOUGLAS NICHOLSON, T.D.  
CAPTAIN ALLAN AYLMER LUXMOORE.  
BRIGADIER THOMAS TREDWELL JACKSON SHEFFIELD, O.B.E., T.D.,  
A.D.C.  
LIEUTENANT COLONEL THOMAS COKE SQUANCE, O.B.E., T.D.  
LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES WADHAM GRANT, M.B.E., T.D.  
LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN KIRK REAY, T.D.  
THE MOST NOBLE THE MARQUIS OF LONDONDERRY.  
THE RIGHT HON. WILLIAM WHITELEY, P.C., C.H., M.P.  
THOMAS BENFOLD, Esquire, C.B.E.  
SAMUEL WATSON, Esquire, C.B.E.

There are now as Deputy Lieutenants, members of the families of these Lord Lieutenants in Colonel Hugh Bowes, who after a long service as secretary of the Territorial Association is now one of the senior Deputy Lieutenants. The present Earl of Scarbrough succeeded one member of his family, the present Lord Barnard succeeded three members of his family and the present Marquis of Londonderry succeeded three members of his family and there are many Deputy Lieutenants succeeding other members of their family who were Deputy Lieutenants before them.

Up to the time of the Army Act of 1871 when the jurisdiction of lieutenants of counties in respect of auxiliary

forces was revested in H.M. the Queen, deputy lieutenants and all other officers of the auxiliary forces were appointed by the Lord Lieutenant and the duty of deputy lieutenants, in addition to giving other assistance to the Lord Lieutenant, was to attest or swear in the auxiliary forces, and in the case of a county levy to be responsible for approximately ten thousand of these.

Later by the Militia Act 1882 the position was further defined and deputy lieutenants were appointed by the Lord Lieutenant, subject to certain qualifications as to land tenure, after submitting their names to H.M. the Queen.

Finally in 1907 the qualifications of land tenure was abolished and gentlemen appointed were required either to have held a commission in His Majesty's forces for not less than ten years or of having rendered eminent services in connection with an association formed in his own county under the Territorial and Reserves Forces Act 1907, and each deputy lieutenant before appointment had to give an undertaking to assist the Lord Lieutenant in any duties which might be laid upon him. This change was finally confirmed and made clear in detail by the Deputy Lieutenants Act 1918. The number of deputy lieutenants for each county is limited according to the population and in the county of Durham this number is sixty-six.

Previous to the Act of 1871 periodical meetings of deputy lieutenants were summoned by the Lord Lieutenant through the clerk of general meeting of Lieutenancy of the County (an appointment still made by the Lord Lieutenant) and at these meetings, which the deputy lieutenants used to attend in uniform and dine together, the position as to recruiting and other county matters was discussed.