

## WOLVES IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE IN 1368.

By the following extract from the *Rot : Fin : 42* Edw. III., as given by Blount in his "Ancient Tenures," it would appear that wolves existed in Buckinghamshire, and other neighbouring counties, long after they are generally supposed to have been exterminated from England. "Thomas Engaine held certain lands in Pightesle, (now called Pitchley) in Com: Northampton, by the service of finding, at his own proper Costs, certain Dogs for the destruction of Wolves, Foxes, Martrons, Cats and other Vermin, within the Countys of Northampton, Rotcland, Oxford, Essex, and Buckingham."

Lord Macauley, in his History of England,\* states that "the last wolf in Britain is said to have been killed by Sir Evan Cameron,—Lochiel—till whose time wolves were numerous in the Highlands." Sir Evan lived in the latter part of the 17th century.

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