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Among the articles preferred against Cardinal Wolsey, the XXXVIII article states "That the s^d cardinal did call before him sir Jno. Stanley, k^t. which had taken a farm by covent seal of the abbot and convent of Chester, and afterwards by his power and might, contrary to right, committed the said sir Jno. Stanley to the prison of Fleet, by the space of one year, until such time as he compelled the s^d sir Jno. to release his covent seal to one Leghe of Adlington which marr'd one Lark's dau'r, which woman the s^d lord cardinal kept, and had with her two children, whereupon the s^d sir Jno. Stanley upon displeasure taken in his heart made himself monk in Westminster, and there died."—P. 300, ed. 1672.

The other possessor of Handford, SIR WILLIAM BRERETON, incontestably one of the greatest military characters which his county has produced, was in his sixth year in 8 Jac. I. as appears by the Inq. after his father's death. His "notorious aversion for the government of the church," which Clarendon notices, was probably heightened in its effect on his political conduct by several casual circumstances: he was the friend and neighbour of Henry Bradshaw and colonel Dukenfield, and the son-in-law of sir George Booth, who was considered the corner-stone of the presbyterian interest in Cheshire. The best and greatest of his kinsmen, sir William Brereton, of the Shocklach branch, had been sacrificed on the block but a few generations before, to the fury of Henry VIII. which would yet rankle in the breasts of his relatives; and many annoying circum-

stances attendant on the imposition of the ship-money, which had brought him into active collision with the citizens of Chester, and a vexatious opposition by the municipal authorities of that place to his exemptions from tolls and murage, in right of the lands of St. Mary's nunnery, are supposed to have contributed towards making the severity with which he followed up the siege of that place, an act of premeditated vengeance.^a

On March 10, 1626-7 (shortly after the termination of his long minority), Mr. Brereton was elevated to a baronetcy, and represented the county in the parliaments convened 3, 15, and 16 Car. I. In 1641 he occurs in the parish register of Wansted in Surrey, with about 50 of the principal inhabitants, as signing a protestation expressive of their attachment to the church of England, and their abhorrence of popish innovations;^b and the year after^c became conspicuous by causing a drum to be beat for the parliament in Chester, on which occasion he nearly fell a victim to the indignation of the populace. In the same year the arming of the county, and the seizure of the goods and weapons of delinquents was confided to him by the parliament, and he was subsequently appointed commander in chief of the Cheshire forces. The scene of his action was by no means however limited to the palatinate, but extended over all the adjoining counties, of which ample proof will be found in Burghall's Diary of the Siege of Nantwich, and the accounts of the other military movements interspersed in this work. It was never his destiny to exhibit his misapplied skill and

£15 yearly be paid to the abess and convent of Barkyng to perform the covenants made between them"; also £10 yearly to the abbot and convent of Westminster to perform a like covenant; and until his son attained 12 years of age, he was to be in the care of the abess of Barkyng; and from 12 to 21 years, in the care of the abbot of Westminster: the abbot and abess to have £20 to find his son and his servants in meat, drink, and wages; his son not to be married until 21, and who was then to "choose his own wife by the advice of the abbot of Westminster and Edmund Trafford." He makes Cuthbert Tunstall, bishop of London, Edward earl of Derby (then aged 17), Tho. lord de la Warre, John, abbot of Westminster, Edmund Trafford, and sir Alex. Ratcliffe, supervisors of his will. From a paper by William Beaumont of Orford hall, esq. read before *The Royal Archaeological Institute*, at Lancaster, July, 1868.—H.

^a See Hist. MSS. 2093, 2101.

^b Lysons's Environs, IV. 243.

^c The following very interesting document, taken from "a volume of manuscript collections, apparently made by the celebrated Parliamentarian General, sir William Brereton," and originally published in 4to. pamphlet form, in London, Aug. 19, 1642, is printed in *Local Gleanings* (a Manchester publication) Vol. i.—H.

"Instructions for Sir Wm. Brereton, one of the Members of the House of Commons, and one of the Deputie Lieutenants of ye Countie of Chester; and for the rest of the Deputie Lieutenants of that countie.

"Whereas it doth appeare to ye Lords and Commons now assembled in Parliament that ye kinge seduced by wicked counsell intends to make warre against his Parliament; and for that it is not improbable that under colour of raisinge a guard for his majesties person or some other pretence, the knits, gents, freeholders, and inhabitants of ye countie of Chester may be drawne together. Therefore you and every of you shall take speciall care that the ordinance concerning the Militia be forthwith put in execucon through that countie. And ye sheriffe and all other officers and subjects are hereby enjoyned to assist you and every of you therein.

"And if any person whatsoever shall leavie or endeavor to leavie any soldiers or draw or keepe together the trained bandes or other armed forces of the sayd countie or any other forces by colour or pretence of any commission or warrant from his Majestic under ye greate scale or otherwise, without order or consent of both Houses of Parliament, you and every you shall in ye name and by the authoritie of both ye said Houses, require and command all persons to forbear the execucon of such commission or warrant and the same to be delivered upp to you or any of you to be sent to ye Spaker of ye House of Commons. And everie of you shall require and command all his Majesties subjects to forbear to obey any such warrent or commission. And you and every of you are hereby required to draw together such of ye trained bandes or other forces of ye sayd countee as shalbe expedient for ye suppressing of all such assemblies and for ye apprehending of all or anie person or persons as shall after admonicon and command by you or any of you made unto them to forbear the execucon of anie such commission or warrant or ye calling or gathering or keeping together of anie such forces or assemblies still persist in doinge the same, as likewise such disaffected persons as shall be found raising any parties or forces against ye Parliament, to be sent up hither to answer such theire offences as to law and justice appertaine.

"And you the above sayd Sir Wm. Brereton and every of you shall in ye name of ye Lords and Commons require and command ye Sheriffe of ye countie of Chester to publish throughout ye sayd countie ye Declarations formerly published by both Houses of Parliament. You and every of you shall further take care that such resolutions and orders of both Houses as have bene or shall be delivered or sent downe unto you or anie of you, be put into execucon and shall require ye Sheriffe, Justice of ye Peace and all other his Majesties officers and servants to bee ayding and assisting unto you for that purpose.

"You shall declare unto all men yt it hath bene and still shall be ye care and endeavor of ye Parliament to provide for his majesties safetic, yt they doe not nor never did know of any evil intended to his majesties person which might move him to require anie extraordinary armed guard. That his greatest safetic is in ye affection and fidelitie of his subjects, in ye advice and counsell of his Parliament and his greatest danger in withdrawing himself from them, see under color of doing him service, disaffected and malignant persons, obnoxious for their bad counsellis to ye justice of ye law, labour to raise factions and a party against ye Parliament, which at ye last may breake out into open rebellion and civill warr to ye destruccoon both of kinge and kingdom.

"You ye sayd Sir Wm. Brereton and every of you shall endeavor to cleere ye proceedings of Parliament from all imputacons and aspersions, and shall from tyme to tyme certifie us of all things which you conceive necessarie for ye present service. And yt wee may have a speedie account of it and that our dyrections to you as well as your advertisements to us may have a cleere and readie passage, you and every of you shall lay strict charge upon all postmaisters that they doe not suffer any letters or other dispatches to or from ye Parliament to be intercepted or stayed. And if any shall presume to make such stay of these dispatches, you and every of you shall direct the postmaisters to repair to the Justices of the Peace, constables and all other officers for their aydes and assistance, who are hereby required to take speciall care that there may be no such interceptions.

"You and every of you shall take care that none of ye recusants armes or other amunicon of ye said countie may be carried or taken out of ye countie upon anie pretence or command whatsoever, without warrant from both Houses of Parliament. And you and every of you shall give order and

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 Biddel river, i. 133.
 Bidston, parish of, ii. 466.
 Bidston, township of, ii. 466; iii. 899. hall, ii. 468. church, &c. 468.
 Bidston lighthouse, ii. 469, 498. observatory, 469. telegraph, &c. 469.
 Birches, township of, iii. 165.

former of whom were descended from Thomas Stapleton, brother of sir Robert Stapleton, co. Ebor. whose fourth descendant of the same name entered his pedigree in the visitation of 1613, having then a son, Thomas Stapleton. The Stapletons continued their pedigree in the visitation of 1663-4, and had then an allowance of the following



arms: Argent, a lion rampant Sable, a canton varyy Or and Gules. Edwyn Stapleton was succeeded in possession by [his widow and her second husband, Thomas] Darcy, shortly afterwards, and [in her right for life only;] he [was drowned in the Dane in 1643 (Marton Registers); and the estate was subsequently sold, as already noticed,

to the family of Booth of Macclesfield; and in 1672 it was held] by captain George Booth. Harl. MSS. 2010, 193.

The [male] representative of the Booths alienated [the] Upton [estate] about [fifteen years before] 1740, to John Ward, esq.^a [for a sum of £3,600.] whose eldest daughter (finally sole heiress) married the grandfather of Davies Davenport, esq. before-mentioned.

Upton lies about a mile and a half north-west of Macclesfield, on the road to Prestbury, in an elevated situation, near the banks of the Bollin. [The hall, which stands in a small park, and had long been occupied by farmers, was a few years ago leased to a well-known gentleman of Manchester, (in commission of the peace there), who is its present occupant and a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, to whom the writer, and all who take an interest in topography have long been indebted for a frank and able assistance in their pursuits.^b

A short distance from the hall is a plain stone pillar (now built into the wall of the high road) which with three others in Macclesfield public-park, has, as to its former use and antiquity, long been the subject of speculation and doubt.

A residence and estate here, called *Upton Priory*, the property of Charles Harrop Beck, esq. grandson of Thomas Beck of this place, and of Salford, was the property of a Macclesfield family, named Wright, in the 17th century, whose heiress, daughter of Alderman Wright, 1698, brought it into the possession of William Tatton of Withenshawe, esq. who sold it to a family named Harrop, of Broken-cross in this neighbourhood, whose coheiress at the beginning of this century carried it in marriage to the said Thomas Beck.]

HENBURY CUM PEXHILL.

THE following extract from Domesday, relating to a variety of townships in this Hundred, may be placed with propriety under Henbury, the first vill mentioned therein. From this it appears that Henbury was originally part of the demesne of the earldom.

"Ipse comes tenet *Hamteberie* de dimidia hida, *Copestor* de dimidia hida, & *Hannedeberie* de i. hida geldabilis; & *Hofinchel* de i. hida, & *Tengestvisie* de i. virgata terræ, & *Holisurde* de i. virgata, & *Warnet* de i. virgata, & *Runnelie* de i. virgata, & *Laitone* de i. virgata terræ. Omnes geldabant. Has terras tenuerunt VIII. liberi homines pro maneriis. Terra est XVI. carucatæ inter totos. Wasta fuit & est tota. In Hofinghel est silva II. leuvis longa, & II. lata. [In Tengestvisie Silva est III. leuvis longa & II. lata.] In Warnet Silva [est] III. leuvis longa, & II. lata. [Tempore Regis Edwardi valcibat istud hundredum XI. solidos. Modo X. solidos.]"

The Mainwarings of Warmincham, and their successors, the Trussells, were subsequently lords of this manor, holding it under Halton, to which barony it had probably been annexed by grant of the earl. In 2 Edw. III. Oliver de Burdeaux is found to hold the said vill and Pexhall as the fourth part of a knight's fee (in right of his wife Maud, daughter and heiress of sir Warin Mainwaring) from the baron of Halton.^c [John Trussell

of Cubleston obtains by fine of a chaplain 26s. 6d. rent in Pexhull and Hendebury, 11 Edw. III. Plea Rolls.

There was an early subinfeudation of this manor, probably by the Mainwarings. Adam de Hendebury occurs 4 Edw. I. with Adam de Pexul in an Inq. of the Orrebies. By the 5 Edw. III. the mesne manor seems to have become divided into sixths. Hamon de Hendebury^d occurs as witness to a dateless charter^e of this reign, and was probably ancestor of the Grenes of Hendebury Grene, who held lands here and in Pexhill, in a short account of which latter place they are further noticed.

5 Edw. III. Elen widow of Roger son of William de Pexhull, sues Adam Dencys for dower of a moiety of one sixth part of the manors of Pexhull and Hendebury; William le Poker vouchee to warranty. Plea Rolls 4 & 5, and 5 & 6 Edw. III. mm. 11, 17, and m. 3.]

JOHN DE DAVENPORT of [Henbury and] Woodford, [not] usually styled *Jenkin*, [but of Wheltrogh, senior,] to distinguish him from his [younger, rather than] elder, brother, John Davenport of Bramall, and styled also of Wheltrogh from his father's estate in Lower Withington, [probably] purchased the greater part of this vill in [the middle of] the reign of Edward III.^f He was third [or rather second] son of Thomas Davenport of Wheltrogh, and had issue Thomas, John, Nicholas, and

^a Information of the rev. Walter Davenport.

^b See his *Historical Memorials of the church in Prestbury*, where, in a popular form, is given some account in detail of Upton and the Stapletons.—II.

^c Vill. Cest.

^d He was, perhaps, ancestor of Alexander de Hendebury (of Chester?), who occurs in a commission in 1436; also of John Hendebury, who was lessee of lands in the commote of Rothelan, co. Flint, in 1441. In 1450, John son of John son of Henry de Hendebury quits claim to 24 mess. 2 mills; and 540 acres, in the said commote, in favour of John Mascy, in fee. These were held by Tho. de Atherton and Maud his wife, apparently in dower, being of the inheritance of this John Hendebury. In 1485, Robert Henbury, gent. farmed the office of clerk, keeper, and occupier, of the mills of Dee (Molendinarum granaticorum et brasii de Dee), for life. He also occurs in 1509. *Recog. Ro.*—H.

^e Enrolled on the Thornycroft pedigree, pones the revd. John Thornycroft of Thornycroft.—II.

^f Booth's pedigrees.