

JOHN
LORD
BEAU-
CHAMP.

advanced to the degree of banneret, with an allowance of 140*l.* per annum to enable him to sustain the dignity.¹ He filled afterwards the high appointments of admiral of the fleet,² constable of the Tower of London,³ and warden of the cinque ports.⁴ He was summoned to parliament among the barons from 1350 until his death, which happened on the 2nd December 1360; when Lionel of Antwerp, the king's son, was elected to the Order in his room, and to the sixth stall on the Sovereign's side.

John lord Beauchamp died without issue.⁵ His remains were interred, between two pillars, before the image of the Virgin, on the south side of the nave of St. Paul's Cathedral, where there was a monument to his memory, vulgarly called "duke Humphrey's tomb."⁶ He had resided in the parish of St. Andrew, near Baynard's Castle, in a house which his executors sold to the king, who converted it to the use of his great wardrobe.⁷

ARMS.

Gules, a fess between six cross-crosslets Or, a mullet for difference.

XII.

JOHN LORD MOHUN OF DUNSTER,

One of the Founders.

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THIS nobleman was the ninth in descent from William de Mohun or Moion, and the last possessor, of his name and lineage, of Dunster castle, in Somersetshire, which had fallen, amongst other spoils, to the share of his said ancestor, "an expert commander," according to Dugdale, in the Norman army at the conquest.⁸

¹ Pat. 22 Ed. 3, p. 3, m. 12.

² Rot. Franc. 23 Ed. 3, m. 1.

³ Pat. 34 Ed. 3, p. 1, m. 35.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Esc. 35 Ed. 3, No. 34.

⁶ Dugd. St. Paul's, p. 52.

⁷ Stowe, p. 408.

⁸ Domesdaylib. in Com. Somerset.

His grandfather John, the first lord Mohun, served in several expeditions in Gascony and Scotland during the reigns of Edward the First and Second, and died in or about 1330, leaving the subject of this notice (son to his son John de Mohun, by Sibilla, daughter of John de Segrave) his next heir, and then in his tenth year.¹ The custody of his lands during his minority, and also the benefit of his marriage, were granted to Henry Burghershe, bishop of Lincoln,² lord treasurer, at whose special instance he obtained, in 1341, though yet within age, livery of his inheritance,³ for which he did homage on occasion of his departure to join the army in Scotland in that year,⁴ or of his marriage with his guardian's niece, Joan, the daughter of Bartholomew lord Burghershe.⁵

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He attended the expedition into Brittany, in 1342,⁶ in the retinue of that lord; and, in 1344, had the good fortune to be chosen, together with his brother-in-law, sir Bartholomew Burghershe "the son," one of the Founders of this Order.

We find him again employed, in 1346,⁷ in the retinue of the prince of Wales when king Edward landed at La Hogue; and he continued in the public service until the siege of Calais:⁸ in 1348⁹ he was again sent into France.

In 1355 he was at Bordeaux, in the suite of the Black Prince:¹⁰ his name occurs frequently during that year in the household book, of which a fragment is preserved in the office of the duchy of Cornwall;¹¹ and he is mentioned by Froissart amongst the witnesses to the king's letter, in 1370, for redressing wrongs committed by the army in Aquitaine.¹²

¹ Esc. 4 Ed. 3, No. 35.

² Pat. 4 Ed. 3, p. 1, m. 4.

³ Claus. 15 Ed. 3, p. 2, m. 37.

⁴ Rot. Sec. 15 Ed. 3, m. 2.

⁵ Monast. Angl. 1st ed. vol. i. 390^b, n^o 30.

⁶ Rot. Franc. 16 Ed. 3, m. 26.

⁷ Ibid. 20 Ed. 3, p. 1, m. 14; and Froissart, tom. ii. (ed. Buchon), p. 295.

⁸ Rot. Franc. 21 Ed. 3, p. 1, m. 13.

⁹ Ibid. 22 Ed. 3, m. 19.

¹⁰ Rot. Vasc. 29 Ed. 3, m. 3.

¹¹ 20 Sept. 29 Ed. 3, "dño Joh'i Mohoun de vad. suis p. manus Joh'is Triel scutif. sui."—ult. Sept. "dño Joh'i Mohoun p. den. &c. p. man. Tho. Chaundeler scutifer. sui ex s."—*et passim*.

¹² Froissart, tom. v. p. 165; he is there called "le seigneur de Maine," and he had been by the same author described, in 1346, "le sire de Man."

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He had summons to parliament from 16 Edw. III. 1341-2, (soon after he had attained his majority,) until the 4th of October in the 47th year of that reign, 1373. The date of his death was not discovered by Ashmole or Dugdale;¹ but it is clear that it happened between the 14th April, 49 Edw. 3, 1375, when robes of the Order were directed to be issued to him, and the 4th April 1376, when sir Thomas Holand, afterwards second earl of Kent, was in possession of his stall in the royal chapel,² being the sixth on the prince's side,³ where his plate remains at this day.

By his wife, Joan Burghershe, (who died in 1404, and by her will ordered her burial in the tomb she had made in the crypt of Canterbury cathedral,)⁴ he had three daughters, his coheirs, viz. 1, Elizabeth, wife of William Montacute, second earl of Salisbury, and also one of the Founders; 2, Philippa, wife of Edward duke of York and Albemarle, K.G. grandson of Edward III.; and, 3, Maud, who married John lord Strange of Knockyn. The two former died without surviving issue; and the large possessions of the family devolved, consequently, to Richard lord Strange, grandson of our noble knight, who is at this day represented by the heir of the body of Elizabeth, who was the wife of Philip Doughty, esq. of Snarford Hall, com. Lincoln, and of Esher, com. Surrey, (which Philip died in 1710,) as heir general of the body of Anne

¹ It seems extraordinary that there should have been no inquisition after his death. Colinson (in his account of Dunster) states, that he had by deed and fine vested the barony, honour, and manor of Dunster, &c. in trustees for such uses as his wife should declare; and that she sold the reversion, 50 Ed. 3, to dame Elizabeth Luttrell. This transaction occasioned suits at law promoted by the duke of York and lord Strange, who produced another deed entailing the estates upon the heirs. The parliament interfered temp. Hen. IV, but no decision ensued; and Luttrell continued in possession. This conveyance of the lands by deed would, however, not account for the defect of an in-

quisition; and one cannot but think that the writ *diem clausit extremum* and the return must have been lost. It is not known where lord Mohun died. The ancient church at Dunster was taken down in the reign of Henry VII; but it is said that two mutilated marble effigies, supposed to have been of the Mohuns, are still extant in the chancel, and may have been removed from the ruins of the old building.

² Wardrobe accounts of those dates remaining in the office of the queen's remembrancer of the exchequer.

³ Windsor tables in Ashmole's appendix.

⁴ 218^b. Arundel in Cur. Prerog. Cant.

Stanley, wife of Grey Bruges lord Chandos,—the earl of Jersey and the duke of Sutherland, as coheirs general of Frances Stanley, wife of John Egerton earl of Bridgewater,—and the marquess of Hastings, as heir general of Elizabeth Stanley, wife of Henry Hastings earl of Huntingdon; the said Anne, Frances, and Elizabeth having been daughters and coheirs of Ferdinando Stanley earl of Derby, who was the heir general of Joan the wife of George Stanley, and sole daughter and heir of John lord Strange and Mohun, son and heir of Richard lord Strange above-mentioned.

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ARMS.

Or, a cross engrailed Sable.

XIII.

SIR HUGH COURTENAY,

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HUGH COURTENAY, the second earl of Devon of that illustrious house, had issue, by Margaret, his wife, daughter

SIR HUGH
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