

nant and captain in Normandy; and, in 1360, that office was vested in him solely.

THOMAS
EARL
OF
KENT.

In the last-mentioned year he assumed the style of earl of Kent, in right of his wife; and on the 20th November was summoned to parliament by that title.

But, in the following month, 28th December 1360, he died in Normandy; having had issue, by the lady Joan (shortly afterwards princess of Wales), two sons, both knights of the Order, viz. Thomas second earl of Kent, and John earl of Huntingdon and duke of Exeter. He had also two daughters: Joan, the second consort of John IV. duke of Brittany, K.G.; and Maud, married first to Hugh lord Courtenay; secondly, to Waleran count de St. Paul.

This Founder is now represented by the heirs general of his five grand-daughters:—1. Eleanor, who married, first, Roger Mortimer earl of March; secondly, Edward Cherleton lord Powys. 2. Joan, married first to Edmund of Langley; secondly, William lord Willoughby; thirdly, Henry lord Scrope; and fourthly, sir Henry Bromflete. 3. Margaret, married first to John earl of Somerset; secondly, Thomas duke of Clarence. 4. Eleanor, the younger, who married Thomas Montacute earl of Salisbury; and 5. Elizabeth, who married John lord Nevil.

ARMS.

Azure, semé of fleur-de-lis, a lion rampant, Argent.

XV.

JOHN LORD GREY DE ROTHERFELD.

One of the Founders.

ASHMOLE has mistaken the possessor, at the period of the foundation, of the eighth stall on the Sovereign's side, conceiving him to have been John lord Grey de Codnore, who lived until the 16th year of Richard II; whilst the stall of the Founder had become vacant before 1360, and is proved to

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have been, in that year, filled by his successor, sir Walter Manny.¹ The error was first noticed by Anstis,² who justly considers the knight to have been sir John Grey, first summoned to parliament in 1327 as "John de Grey de Rotherfeld."

This distinguished person was the son of John lord Grey de Rotherfeld,³ by Margaret, one of the daughters and heirs of William de Odingsells; and, having made proof of his age, entered into the possession of his patrimonial estates in 1321.⁴ He was employed in the expedition to Scotland at the commencement of the reign of Edward III;⁵ and it appears⁶ that, some difference having arisen between him and William lord Zouche in 1332, he drew a knife upon his antagonist in the king's presence. Both parties having betrayed great violence, they were committed to prison; from whence being brought to answer severally for their conduct, the lord Zouche was released, but Grey remanded into custody; and, in punishment for the offence, his lands were seized to the king's use.⁷ He was soon afterwards, however, upon submission, restored to favour;⁸ and, in 1335, sent into Scotland in the retinue of Henry earl of Lancaster.⁹

In 1341 he was in the Flemish expedition; and, in the following year attended the king into France;¹⁰ and, immediately after his reception into the Order of the Garter as one of the Founders, he accompanied the earl of Derby into Gascony.¹¹ In 1346, when on service in Flanders, he obtained licence to crenellate his houses of Rotherfield Greys in Oxfordshire and Sculcotes in Yorkshire.¹² At the end of 1347, after the surrender of Calais, we find him at the tournament at Eltham;¹³

¹ Comp. Joh. Neubury cust. m. gard. 34 Ed. 3, m. 1, in Queen's Remembrancer's office, when robes of the Garter were issued to sir Walter Manny.

² Introduction to his Order of the Garter, p. 42.

³ Claus. 5 Ed. 2, m. 16.

⁴ Claus. 15 Ed. 2, m. 20.

⁵ Rot. Scoc. 1 Ed. 3, m. 5.

⁶ Rot. Parl. 6 Ed. 3, No. 12.

⁷ Rot. Fin. 6 Ed. 3, m. 20.

⁸ Claus. 6 Ed. 3, m. 32.

⁹ Rot. Scoc. 9 Ed. 3, m. 28.

¹⁰ Rot. Franc. 16 Ed. 3, m. 11.

¹¹ Ibid. 18 Ed. 3, m. 1; Froissart (ed. Buchon), t. ii. p. 182.

¹² Cart. et Pat. 20 Ed. 3, m. 2.

¹³ Comp. Joh. Coke provisor. m. garderob. wherein it is stated that he had issued to him a hood of white cloth, embroidered with dancing figures, similar to those issued, for the same occasion, to the earl of Lancaster, sir Hugh Courtenay, and sir John Lisle: 1350 large pearls were issued for buttons for the four garments.

and, in the same year, again in the wars of France, in the retinue of the earl of Huntingdon.¹

In 1353 he was steward of the king's household; and, in 1355, once more engaged in the king's service in France.² After which time there is no further mention of him until his death, which happened on the 1st September 1359.³

He married, first, Katherine, daughter and coheir of Bryan Fitzalan, of Bedale; and, secondly, Amicia, daughter of John and sister and coheir of Robert de Marmion. His grandson (descended from the first marriage), Robert lord Grey de Rotherfeld, died in 1387-8, leaving Joan, his sole daughter and heir, wife of John lord D'Eyncourt. She had two daughters, her heirs,—Alice, wife of William lord Lovel; and Margaret, who married Ralph lord Cromwell. The former only left issue: and the heirs general of this Knight of the Garter are Miles-Thomas Stapleton lord Beaumont, as representing Joan wife of sir Bryan Stapleton; and Montague Bertie earl of Abingdon, representative of Fridiswide, wife of sir Edward Norreys; which ladies Stapleton and Norreys were the grandchildren and coheirs general of the said Alice lady Lovel.

JOHN
LORD
GREY.

ARMS.

Barry of six Argent and Azure, differenced by a bend Gules.

XVI.

SIR RICHARD FITZ SIMON.

One of the Founders.

Of this knight, who was the original occupant of the eighth stall on the prince's side, the public records have preserved few memorials. He appears to have possessed the manor of

SIR
RICHARD
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¹ Rot. Franc. 21 Ed. 3, p. 1, m. 11.

² Rot. Franc. 29 Ed. 3, m. 4.

³ Esc. 33 Ed. 3, No. 38. His estates lying in different counties, there are as many returns to the writ. In one, the date of the death is found to have been on 25th

August, in another on 1st October; but the major part give it on 1st September; and, as he died at his seat of Rotherfield Greys, the return for Oxfordshire may be presumed to be, in this particular, correct.