

XIX.

SIR HUGH WROTTESELEY,

*One of the Founders.*SIR
HUGH
WROT-
TESLEY.

THIS personage was the son of sir William Wrottesley, of an ancient family long seated at Wrottesley, in the county of Stafford.

It appears that, in 1334, he intended to undertake a voyage to the Holy Land, and with that view obtained the king's letters for appointing attorneys to prosecute, during his absence, his suits in any court of England.¹

In 1338 he was on service in Flanders;² and in 1347, whilst the king was before Calais, a royal licence was issued to him to inclose his wood and make a park at Wrottesley.³ He had, two years afterwards, in reward of his good services, a grant of the custody of the lands of William de Pilatenhall, deceased, until his heirs should be of age, and the advantages to be derived from their marriages.⁴ He had, subsequently, further compensations.⁵

Sir Hugh Wrottesley died on the 23rd January 1380-1;⁶ having intermarried, first, with Mabel,⁷ the daughter and co-heir of sir Philip ap Rees (with whom he had the manor of Talgarth); and, secondly, with Isabel, the daughter of John Arderne, of Aldeford, Aderlegh, and Edds. By the former he had issue John Wrottesley, his son and heir; and the present John lord Wrottesley is the thirteenth in lineal descent from, and heir male of the body of, the gallant Founder.

ARMS.

Or, three piles Sable, a canton Ermine.

CREST.

Out of a ducal coronet Or, a boar's head issuant Ermine.

¹ Pat. 8 Ed. 3, p. 1, m. 22.

² Rot. Aleman. 12 Ed. 3, m. 3, p. 1.

³ Rot. Chart. & Pat. ap. Cales.
21 Ed. 3, m. 5.

⁴ Rot. Pat. 23 Ed. 3, p. 3, m. 33.

⁶ Pat. 24 Ed. 3, p. 3, m. 17;

Pat. 25 Ed. 3, p. 2, m. 21.

⁶ Esc. 4 R. 2, No. 61.

⁷ Esc. 43 Ed. 3.