

SIR JAMES  
AUDELEY.

have been married. An inquisition was taken after his death, in the 45th of Edw. III; but the record has been unfortunately long missing.<sup>1</sup> His uncle, Hugh de Audeley, having married Margaret de Clare, one of the sisters and heirs of Gilbert earl of Gloucester (slain at the battle of Bannockburne, without issue), was created earl of Gloucester in parliament in 1337. He died in 1347, leaving an only daughter, Margaret, his heir, who married Ralph the first earl of Stafford, one of the Founders of the Garter. As the manors of Stretton Audley, Thornbury, and Estington passed to the Staffords, all issue from sir James de Audeley and Eva Clavering had doubtless become extinct.<sup>2</sup>

Sir James Audeley filled the eleventh stall on the prince's side in St. George's chapel; but his plate, which, according to a note of Ashmole,<sup>3</sup> was extant in that stall in 1569, was probably removed with many others by the soldiers during the Commonwealth.

ARMS.

Gules, fretty Or, a label for difference.<sup>4</sup>

XXIII.

SIR OTHO HOLAND,

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SIR OTHO, or OTES HOLAND, was a younger son of Robert lord Holand, by Maud de la Zouche, and brother to Thomas earl of Kent, also one of the Founders of the Order.

<sup>1</sup> Amongst references in a MS. marked B 9, in the library of the College of Arms, to escheats in that year, is the following:

“An. xlv. Ed. v. c. ij.

“Jacobus fil' Jacobi } nō constat  
de Audeleye obiit } de herede.—  
A<sup>o</sup> 43 in Vascon. } Glouc.”

<sup>2</sup> The manor of Stretton, now called Stratton Audley, is at present the property of Lord Vernon;

but the ancient title-deeds have not been preserved.

<sup>3</sup> In a volume, in the Ashmolean library at Oxford, containing sketches of the plates which were remaining in the stalls on 26th May 1659.

<sup>4</sup> Seal to an original instrument remaining in the royal library at Paris, and of which see copy in Appendix, No. IX.

We have discovered no mention of this individual in the public records previous to the era of the foundation. In 1350, he incurred the displeasure of the king by his conduct in the following transaction. The count of Eu, constable of France, having surrendered at Caen, in 1346, to his elder brother sir Thomas Holand, king Edward purchased that nobleman from the latter, and delivered him by an indenture into the custody of sir Otho Holand, under condition that the prisoner should not be permitted to leave England, or to wear arms publicly, until he should have paid his full ransom to the king. It seems, notwithstanding, that sir Otho took the count with him to Calais, where he was seen at large and armed. Information thereof being given, sir Otho was brought to the bar of the king's bench before the chancellor and other high personages; and, being unable to deny the charge, he put himself upon the king's favour, and was thereupon committed to the custody of the marshal.<sup>1</sup>

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He accompanied his brother Thomas, in 1355, into Brittany;<sup>2</sup> and it was probably in the course of this expedition that he was made prisoner, together with sir Thomas Beaumont, near Grandserre, in Dauphiny.<sup>3</sup> He appears to have been governor of the Channel islands in 1359.<sup>4</sup> A fine was acknowledged in the same year between our knight, querent, and his brother sir Robert de Holand the elder, and Robert de Holand the younger, deforcients, of the manor of Yoxhall, in Staffordshire, to the use of sir Otho for life, with remainder to the deforcients and their heirs.<sup>5</sup>

He died soon afterwards, 3rd September 1359, in Normandy, without issue; and his lands passed, under different entails, to his brothers Robert and Thomas lords Holand.

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Azure, semée of fleurs de lis, a lion rampant guardant Argent.

<sup>1</sup> Trin. Term. 24 Ed. 3, rot. 32 Angl.

<sup>2</sup> Rot. Franc. 29 Ed. 3, m. 7.

<sup>3</sup> Leland, Collect. vol. i. p. 576.

<sup>4</sup> Claus. 33 Ed. 3, m. 19, dorso.

<sup>5</sup> Trin. Term. 33 Ed. 3.