

## XLVI.

## SIR RICHARD PEMBRUGGE.

THE family of which this knight was descended had been settled at a place of the same name near Weobly in Herefordshire, so early as the reign of Stephen. Of his immediate connexions, however, and even of his own filiation, the evidence before us is too unsatisfactory to authorise our production of it; but his general merits, appreciated as they appear to have been by his discerning master, have obtained for him a distinguished place amongst the heroes of his warlike age.

Sir Richard Pembrugge is first mentioned as forming one of the gallant staff of Edward III. on his landing at La Hogue, in 1346.<sup>1</sup> His particular services in that expedition, memorable for the battle of Cressy and the siege of Calais, have not been transmitted to us; and we find history silent respecting him until 1354; when, according to Froissart, he attended the king in the fleet designed to carry aid to the king of Navarre.<sup>2</sup> In 1356 his name is recorded with those of the most renowned English knights who fought at the battle of Poitiers.<sup>3</sup> In 1359 he accompanied the king to France.<sup>4</sup> He obtained, in 1361, a grant of the custody of Southampton castle and manor, of the park of Lyndhurst, of the new forest, and the hundred of Redbridge, for life.<sup>5</sup> In 1363 he was retained at the court of the Sovereign; for we find that, on 17th June in that year, the count of St. Paul, then a hostage in England for the observance of the treaty of peace, had leave to visit the chapel of Our Lady of Walsingham; and that Pembrugge was commissioned to administer the oath for his return within the

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<sup>1</sup> Froissart, tom. ii. p. 295, and Acta Edw. fil. Edw. 3, MS. in Camb. Univ. library.

<sup>2</sup> Froissart, tom. iii. p. 70. Respecting this expedition (which is said to have proceeded no further than Guernsey)—the descent of the king on the French coast—and his

ravaging the Boulogne and Artois districts, in the same year—a doubt may be entertained from the silence of contemporary public records.

<sup>3</sup> Froissart, tom. iii. p. 197.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid. tom. iv. p. 9.

<sup>5</sup> Pat. 35 Ed. 3, m. 25.

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time specified.<sup>1</sup> About the same period he was one of the courtiers sent to escort the king of Cyprus from Dover to London.<sup>2</sup> In 1364 a similar service was required of him, upon the occasion of the second landing of John king of France.<sup>3</sup> In 1366 the manor of Burgate, in Hants, and a knight's fee in the hundred of Fordingbridge, were granted to him.<sup>4</sup> He was appointed, in 1367, governor of Bamborough castle.<sup>5</sup> Upon the death of sir Thomas Ufford, in or about 1368, he was elected a knight of the Garter in his room, and was the third occupant of the fourth stall on the Prince's side.<sup>6</sup> In 1370, being then constable of Dover castle, and warden of the cinque ports, he was commanded to superintend the embarkation of the troops destined to act against France under sir Robert Knolles.<sup>7</sup> In the same year, he witnessed, at Westminster, the king's public letter, dated 5th November, touching the redress of grievances in Aquitaine.<sup>8</sup> He is mentioned, in 1371, as chamberlain of the household.<sup>9</sup>

In 1373 sir Richard Pembrugge appears to have drawn upon himself the severe reprehension of the government by a peremptory refusal to accept the office of the king's lieutenant or deputy in Ireland, in the room of sir William de WyndSOR. The relative minute of council, after animadverting in reproachful terms on his ingratitude and disobedience, notwithstanding the "immense donations and remunerations received from the king for his services," formally revokes the grants which had so been made to him.<sup>10</sup>

Whether this reproof emanated from the infirm king himself, or proceeded from a party jealous of this knight's influence, and therefore desirous of removing him from the court, does not appear. We have not found any record of an inquisition which would probably have preceded the resumption of the grants in question. It is certain, with reference to his

<sup>1</sup> Rymer, vol. vi. p. 419.

<sup>2</sup> Froissart, tom. iv. p. 166.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid. p. 173.

<sup>4</sup> Pat. 40 Ed. 3, m. 21.

<sup>5</sup> Pat. 41 Ed. 3, m. 24.

<sup>6</sup> He had robes of the Order by writ of privy seal, 12th March 1370-1.—*Ward. account for that year.*

<sup>7</sup> Rymer, vol. vi. p. 659.

<sup>8</sup> Froissart, tom. v. p. 165.

<sup>9</sup> Rymer, vol. vi. p. 683.

<sup>10</sup> Rot. Claus. 46 Edw. 3, m. 33, amongst the unpublished collections of Rymer in Brit. Mus. vol. ix. fo. 90.

station in the Order, that robes were issued to him under a privy seal of the 14th April 1375,<sup>1</sup> and that he died seized of divers lands, which he had enjoyed by the king's liberality, on the 26th July in the same year.<sup>2</sup> His remains were interred in Hereford cathedral, in the nave of which, under one of the south arches, there is a monument to his memory.<sup>3</sup>

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Sir Richard Pembrugge left an only child, Henry Pembrugge, who was fifteen years old at his father's death, according to the inquisition taken on 15th September 1375.<sup>4</sup> Henry died on the 1st October following; when, by another inquisition taken on the 19th of that month, sir Richard Burley and sir Thomas Barre, nephews of sir Richard, the former being the son and heir of his sister Amicia, who had married sir John Burley, and the latter being the son and heir of Hawisia, another sister of sir Richard, and who had been the wife of Thomas de Barre, were found to be his next heirs. The heir-general of Burley is John-Charles Wallop earl of Portsmouth; and Barre is represented by dame Anne Baghott, relict of sir Paul Baghott, of Lypiote park, in Gloucestershire, knight, as heir-general of the body of Juliana, the wife, first, of Kinard de la Bere, and, secondly, of sir William Catesby; which Juliana was the great grand-daughter of Hawisia Pembrugge above-mentioned.

## ARMS.

Barry of six Or and Azure, a bend Gules.

<sup>1</sup> Antea, p. 9.

<sup>2</sup> Esc. 49 Ed. 3, p. 2, No. 28.

<sup>3</sup> On the monument is a figure of this knight, in a pointed helmet, mail gorget and plated cuisses; under the head a garb, at the feet a greyhound. The Garter is around the left leg; the right, is a wooden

substitute of modern time, which the artist has, absurdly, thought it necessary also to decorate with a Garter.—See an engraving and description of the tomb in Gough's "Sepulchral Monuments," p. 135.

<sup>4</sup> Esc. 49 Ed. 3, p. 2, No. 28.