

SIR
ALAN
BUXHULL.

Essex, and Suffolk, which had appertained to sir Alan Buxhull.¹ What became of this Thomas Buxhull, or whether he may be identified with Thomas Buxhull, master of the college of Fotheringhay, in 1464 and 1473,² we have not ascertained.

ARMS.

Or, a lion rampant Azure, fretty Argent.

CREST.

A saracen's head proper, crowned Or.

LIV.

THOMAS BEAUCHAMP FOURTH EARL OF
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UPON the decease of the earl of Hereford in January 1372-3, the ninth stall on the Sovereign's side was filled by the election of the earl of Warwick.³ This nobleman, the second, but eldest surviving son and heir of Thomas third earl of Warwick, one of the Founders, by Catherine Mortimer, daughter of Roger earl of March, received knighthood in 1355, at the age of about fifteen, at the same time with Guy, his elder brother.⁴ His first military service was in 1362, when we find him in Brittany, in the retinue of John de Montfort, then contending for the duchy with Charles de Blois.⁵ In 1370, one year after his father's death, he was, at the court at Westminster, a witness to the public instrument whereby the king promised to redress the grievances of his Aquitaine subjects.⁶ Retained by indenture in 1372, to serve for a year with 100 men-at-arms and 140 archers, two bannerets, 30 knights, and 77 esquires,⁷ he joined the expedition, commanded by

¹ Claus. 24 Hen. 6.

² Rot. Parl. vol. v. p. 521; and vol. vi. p. 78^b.

³ Windsor tables.

⁴ Pat. 29 Ed. 3, p. 3, m. 9.

⁵ Rot. Vasc. 36 Ed. 3, m. 4

and 5.

⁶ Froissart, tom. v. p. 165.

⁷ Dugdale.

king Edward in person, the chief object of which was to raise the siege of Rochelle, and which, after several unsuccessful efforts to land on the French coast, was compelled by contrary winds to return.¹ In the year following, he attended, with a more considerable force, the dukes of Lancaster and Brittany to France;² and, after the truce in 1374, returned with them from Bordeaux to England.³ He was, in 1375, a commissioner, with Bryan and Scrope, to treat with the earl of Douglas, on behalf of the king of Scotland, for the restitution of certain lands, beyond the border, which belonged to English subjects.⁴ In the same year he accompanied the earl of Cambridge into Brittany, and assisted in the taking of several castles from the enemy.⁵ In 1376 he was appointed governor of the Channel islands.⁶

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At the commencement of the new reign, the earl was one of the five peers, before whom Alice Perrers, and the deponents against her, were examined in parliament, on the 22nd December 1377;⁷ and in 1379 and 1381 one of the committee for inquiry into the state of the revenue and king's household.⁸ In the expedition of Richard to Scotland in 1388, the monarch was attended by Warwick, who witnessed the patents, dated at Hoselowelgh [Hawick] in Teviotdale, 6th August in that year,⁹ whereby the king's uncles were advanced to the dukedoms of York and Gloucester.

The subsequent misfortunes of the earl had their rise in his adherence to the party consisting of the duke of Gloucester, the earls of Derby, Arundel, and Warwick, and Thomas Mowbray earl of Nottingham, earl marshal, who, under the title of "Lords Appellants," carried on, in 1387-8, the impeachments which produced the removal or destruction, by authority of parliament, of the king's favourites¹⁰; but the relative legislative acts were reversed on 28th January 1397-8, after the murder, on the 3rd of September preceding, of the duke of Gloucester at Calais, by the connivance of the same

¹ Froissart, tom. vi. p. 22.

² Ibid. p. 56; and Dugdale, vol. i. p. 236.

³ Froissart, tom. vi. p. 76.

⁴ Dugdale, vol. i. p. 236.

⁵ Wals. p. 184.

⁶ Pat 50 Ed. 3, p. 1, m. 2.

⁷ Rot. Parl. vol. iii. p. 13.

⁸ Ibid. pp. 57. 73. 101.

⁹ Ibid. pp. 205. 207.

¹⁰ Ibid. 229.

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Thomas Mowbray, then governor of that town, who, on the 29th of the same month, had been rewarded for his atrocious crime with the dukedom of Norfolk.¹ It is stated by Walsingham² that, on the day of the murder of Gloucester, the king invited Warwick to a banquet, and that upon his arrival he was arrested; and, having acknowledged that he had been present at Haringhey [Hornsey] park, in 1387, where the proceedings against the favourites had been plotted, judgment of death was for that offence passed upon him. Froissart adds³ that the hard sentence was, at the intercession of the earl of Salisbury, commuted to banishment to the isle of Wight⁴ for life; and Dugdale states, that Warwick castle and manor were, with other lands, given by the king to the duke of Surrey.⁵

This narrative differs as to the place and manner of the arrest from the recital in the proceedings of parliament upon the accession of Henry IV. It is there stated that the late king had caused Warwick to be arrested on the 10th July 1397, in the house of the bishop of Exeter, then chancellor, without Temple-bar, and committed to the Tower of London;⁶ that from thence he was conveyed to Tintagel castle in Cornwall, where he remained in prison until Friday the feast of St. Matthew [9th August] in the same year, when he was removed to Westminster; and that being on the following Friday convicted of treason in parliament, and sentenced to death, his lands and chattels in England, Wales, and Calais, were seised into the king's hands. The new government annulled the judgment; and he was restored to his honours and lands on the 19th November 1399.⁷

¹ Deposition of Halle, the duke's valet. Rot. Parl. vol. iii. p. 355.

² Wals. p. 391.

³ Froiss. tom. xiv. p. 83.

⁴ Dugdale informs us that the banishment of Warwick was to the isle of Man; and is confirmed by the following entry in the Pells roll,—“Will^o Lescrop com¹ Wilt. Thes. Angl. in denar. 1074*h*. xiijs. *vd.* sibi debitor. de custubus et exp. tam p^o salvo conductu Tho. nuper com. Warw. in insulam de Man quam p^o susten. ipsius nuper Com^s ib^m post iudicium versus eum in

parls ap. West. A^o xxi^o et p^o cust. et exp. pdci com^s Wilts circa susten. divers. hostag. Hib^{nie} in custod. sua existen. post advent. regis de Hib^a usque 1^m d. Apr. A^o xxii^o.—*Exit. Pasch.* 22 Ric. 2.

⁵ Citing Pat. 22 Ric. 2, p. 1, m. 2.
⁶ The earl was certainly received into the Tower two days later, in virtue of a writ directed to the constable and tested at Westminster, 12th July, 21 Ric. 2 [1397]. Rot. Claus. pro eodem anno p. 1, m. 31.

⁷ Rot. Parl. vol. iii. p. 436.

The earl of Warwick did not long survive his restitution; for, having made his will 1st April 1400,¹ he died on the 8th of April 1401, and was buried in the south aisle of the collegiate church of Warwick.

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According to the extant wardrobe accounts, robes were issued to him yearly from 1374 to 1377, in 1384, and from 1388 to 1390 inclusive. He was, doubtless, deprived of the Order upon conviction for treason, and succeeded by sir Thomas Erpyngham: whether he was again admitted to his stall at Windsor during the short interval between the reversal of his attainder and his death, does not appear. His plate is still affixed to it.

By Margaret his consort, daughter of William lord Ferrers of Groby (who survived him), he had one son, Richard fifth earl of Warwick, also a knight of the Order,² and two daughters,—Catherine who died unmarried in 1378, and Margaret the wife of John lord Dudley.

ARMS.³

Gules, a fess between six cross-crosslets Or.

CREST.

Out of a ducal coronet a swan's head and neck Argent.

LV.

JOHN IV. DUKE OF BRITANNY, COUNT OF MONTFORT, AND EARL OF RICHMOND.

THE attachment of the family of this illustrious knight to the princes of the Norman dynasty, before and after the conquest of England, had been not only feudal, but cemented by frequent alliances in blood. Amongst the spoils with which William rewarded his followers, the extensive district in the north riding of Yorkshire, since called the Honour of Richmond, or Richmondshire, fell to the share of Alan Rufus, or

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¹ Dugd. vol. i. p. 238.

² N^o. C.

³ Plate with this inscription, "le

s^r de Warwyke Thom's," remaining in his stall.