

SIR
THOMAS
BANASTRE.

general of Ellen Radcliff, and in the heir of the body of Alexander Osbaldeston of Osbaldeston, co. Lanc. esq. who died 9th February 1670.¹

In an inventory of the ornaments, &c. of the chapel of St. George at Windsor, taken a^o, 8 Richard II. 1384, mention is made of the sword of our knight, preserved in that college. This relic was extant in the following reign.² His Garter plate is still seen affixed to the stall which he filled, the thirteenth on the Prince's side.

ARMS.

Argent, a cross cercelee Sable.

CREST.

A peacock in his pride seiãnt, proper.

LVII.

WILLIAM UFFORD SECOND EARL OF SUFFOLK.

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WILLIAM UFFORD was the second but eldest surviving son and heir of Robert earl of Suffolk, knight of the Order,³ by Eleanor his first wife; and had, in the lifetime of his father, summons to parliament among the barons in 1364 and 1365-6. He obtained, in 1367, a licence to travel beyond sea; and, upon his father's death in 1369, succeeded, at the age of about thirty, to his dignity. In 1370 he appears to have been engaged in the French war;⁴ and to have been retained, in 1372,⁵ for one year, with eighty men-at-arms (of whom twenty-three were knights), fifty-six esquires, and eighty archers, to serve in the important expedition destined to relieve Thouars, then closely besieged by Du Guesclin. The powerful army collected for this object, and commanded by the king in person, accompanied by his three sons, Edward, John, and Edmond, embarked at Southampton, in four hun-

¹ See pedigrees of Osbaldeston, C 37, in Coll. Armor, and Baines hist. of Lancashire, vol. iii. p. 343.

² Ashmole, p. 635; Mon. Angl. vol. iii. p. 86.

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⁴ Rot. Franc. 44 Ed. 3, m. 12.

⁵ Froiss. tom. vi. p. 21; Dugd. vol. ii. p. 49.

dred transports, with the intention of landing at Rochelle; but, after contending with contrary winds during several weeks, it was found impracticable to approach the coast of Poitou; and Edward had the mortification to learn, upon his return to England, that the French had, in the mean time, possessed themselves of the entire province.

In the year following the earl had a high command in the expedition of the duke of Lancaster against France.¹ After traversing that kingdom and entering Guienne, a truce was concluded; and Suffolk embarked with the other chiefs at Bordeaux for England in April 1374.²

Upon the death of sir Richard Pembrugge, in July 1375, the earl was admitted into the Order of the Garter; and, on the 4th April 1376, robes were ordered to be prepared for him against the approaching feast of St. George.³ In the same year he was constituted admiral of the whole fleet from the mouth of the Thames northwards.

At the commencement of the new reign, the earl of Suffolk was again employed in the wars of France;⁴ and was in the company of the duke of Lancaster and the earl of Cambridge when they arrived, with the force under their orders, in the harbour of St. Malo,⁵ and laid siege to that town. He appears to have been still in France in 1378.⁶ We find him at Vannes in 1380-1, when he was appointed a commissioner to adjust the differences with Scotland.⁷ During the popular insurrection in 1381, Suffolk, having learnt that the mob had purposed to seize and forcibly carry him with them as their ostensible leader, fled from the capital; and, under the disguise of a servant to sir Roger de Bois, came with a wallet on his shoulder, to the king at St. Albans.⁸

The earl of Suffolk died suddenly on the 15th December 1381,⁹ on the steps leading into the House of Lords;¹⁰ and

¹ Froiss. tom. vi. p. 57.

² Chron. de France, chap. 41.

³ Wardrobe account in 1376, *anted.*, p. 10; and accounts containing subseq. deliv. to this knight in 1377 and 1378, p. 11, and seq.

⁴ Rot. Franc. 1 Ric. 2, p. 2, m. 4.

⁵ Froiss. tom. vii. p. 99, et seq.

⁶ Rot. Franc. 2 Ric. 2, m. 19.

⁷ Rot. Scoc. 4 Ric. 2, m. 7.

⁸ Walsyngham, p. 275.

⁹ Esc. 5 Ric. 2, No. 57.

¹⁰ Walsyngham, p. 301.

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By his first wife, Joan,² daughter of sir Edward Montacute, by the lady Alice Plantagenet daughter and coheir of Thomas of Brotherton earl of Norfolk, he had four sons, Robert, Thomas, William, and Edward, who all died without issue in his lifetime, the eldest having married Eleanor the daughter of Richard Fitzalan son of Richard earl of Arundel. By his second consort, Isabel, daughter of Thomas Beauchamp earl of Warwick (who survived him and married, secondly, John lord Strange of Blackmere) he had no issue. His estates devolved to his three nephews, Robert lord Willoughby d'Eresby, son of his sister Cecilia; Robert lord Scales and Nuelles, son of his sister Catherine; and Henry lord Ferrers of Groby, son of his sister Margaret. The first of these co-heirs is at present represented by Peter-Robert Drummond-Burrell lord Willoughby d'Eresby, and George-Horatio marquess of Cholmondeley; the second, by the heirs general of Margaret the wife of sir Robert Howard and Elizabeth the wife of sir Roger de Felbrigg; and the third, by Richard - Plantagenet - Brydges - Chandos - Temple - Grenville duke of Buckingham and Chandos.

ARMS.

Sable, a cross engrailed Or.

LVIII.

HUGH SECOND EARL OF STAFFORD.

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¹ Regr. Courtney at Lambeth-palace, fo. 194.

² Joan, countess of Suffolk, made her will, with consent of her hus-

band, 17th August 1375, which was proved at Norwich on the 12th November following.