

ford, who died in 1395, also without issue; 4. Edmund fifth earl of Stafford, K. G., father to Humphrey the first duke of Buckingham; and, 5. Hugh lord Bouchier, count of Eu, K. G.

HUGH
SECOND
EARL
OF
STAFFORD.

This noble knight is now represented by George-William Stafford-Jerningham, baron of Stafford.

ARMS.

Or, a cheveron Gules.

LIX.

SIR THOMAS HOLAND SECOND EARL OF KENT.

KING EDWARD conferred the Garter, vacant by the death of lord Mohun in 1375, upon sir Thomas Holand,¹ the eldest son of the princess of Wales by her former husband, Thomas Holand (in her right) earl of Kent, and one of the Founders.

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OF
KENT.

This nobleman, who was ten years old at the demise of his distinguished father in 1360, married, in his sixteenth year, the lady Alice Fitzalan, daughter of Richard earl of Arundel,² and immediately afterwards joined the army of the Black Prince in Aquitaine.³ Being in 1367 in the expedition into Spain, he received knighthood at the hands of his illustrious stepfather, under the walls of Vittoria, after the trumpets had sounded for the marshalling of the host;⁴ and he is named among the gallant chiefs who in the memorable battle of Najara fought near the person of the prince.⁵

Sir Thomas Holand accompanied the earl of Cambridge and the duke of Brittany in the expedition which landed

¹ Robes of the Order were issued to him as "sir Thomas de Holand," in 50 and 51 Ed. 3 [1376, 1377]; and 1 Ric. 2, 1378.—*Wardrobe accounts for those years now in the Queen's Remembrancer's office.*

² Pat. 38 Ed. 3, p. 1, m. 31.

³ Rot. Vasc. 38 Ed. 3, m. 2; and 40 Ed. 3, m. 14, May 8, when ships were ordered to be provided for the passage of himself and his retinue.

⁴ Froiss. (ed. Buchon), tom. iv. p. 376.

⁵ *Ibid.* p. 406.

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near Saint Mahé, at the beginning of Lent in 1374-5,¹ and the successful operations of which were suspended by intelligence of the truce between England and France concluded at Bruges on the 27th June following.² It was probably soon after his return with the army into England,³ that our knight was admitted into the Order of the Garter.

A manuscript⁴ of Froissart states that Richard II, at his coronation, created his brother Thomas Holand earl of Kent; but the statement is at variance with the well-known history of the dignity, which was at that period vested in the princess his mother. He obtained, by the description of "Thomas de Holand" only, a grant of 200*l.* per annum in 1378;⁵ and served in that year in the fleet which, after cruising in the Channel during the attempted invasion from France, landed troops at St. Malo.⁶ He was, in the same year, appointed warden of all the forests south of Trent.⁷ In 1379 he was a commissioner to settle the compensations for infractions of the truce between England and Scotland;⁸ and in 1380 was sent to Guernsey to inspect the fortifications of the castle.⁹ His income was augmented, by a grant of various rents,¹⁰ to 1000*l.* per annum; and he was constituted marshal of England.¹¹

Having been shortly afterwards nominated one of the ambassadors to negotiate in Flanders a matrimonial alliance between the king and Anne of Bohemia,¹² the style of earl of Kent (to which dignity he was heir apparent) was, doubtless with the assent of his mother, ascribed to him in an instrument dated 12th January 1380-1, empowering him and the bishop of Hereford to grant safe conduct to the emperor's ambassadors coming to Calais;¹³ and, on the 16th July following, he was first summoned to parliament as earl of Kent.¹⁴ His name, with that title and the additional designation of marshal of England, first appears on the parliament roll, on the 7th November

¹ Rot. Franc. 48 Ed. 3, m. 3.

² Morice, Hist. de Bretagne, p. 351.

³ Froiss. tom. vi. pp. 93. 272.

⁴ No. 926, alias 9661, bibl. du Roi, Paris.

⁵ Pat. 1 Ric. 2, p. 5, m. 16.

⁶ Froiss. tom. vii. p. 98.

⁷ Pat. 1 Ric. 2, p. 1, m. 28.

⁸ Rot. Secc. 2 Ric. 2, m. 4.

⁹ Rot. Franc. 3 Ric. 2, m. 9.

¹⁰ Pat. 3 Ric. 2, p. 2, m. 10.

¹¹ Ibid. p. 3, m. 17.

¹² Rot. Franc. 4 Ric. 2, m. 21.

¹³ Ibid. m. 18.

¹⁴ Rot. Claus. 5 Ric. 2.

1381, amongst those of the triers of petitions;¹ and we find him, subsequently, attending in his place in parliament, and exercising the office of marshal, until 1384.²

Joan princess of Wales, his and the king's mother, dying on the 7th August 1385,³ the earl was by inquisition found to be her heir and of the age of thirty years and upwards, and had thereupon livery of her extensive possessions.⁴ He then surrendered the office of marshal, which was conferred upon Thomas Mowbray earl of Nottingham. In that year he attended the king on his grand expedition into Scotland;⁵ and, about the 10th November, upon a rumour that the enemy meditated an attempt to recover Calais, he was sent thither to place the town in a proper state for defence.⁶

The name of the earl occurs for the last time, in the records of parliament, in 1393.⁷ In 1396 he was appointed governor of Carisbrook castle for life,⁸ a charge which he did not hold long; for he died on the 25th of April 1397, having on Easter-day, the 22nd of that month, made his will⁹ by the title of "earl of Kent and lord Wake," and appointed his sepulture in Brune abbey, Dorsetshire.¹⁰

We find, by the extant wardrobe accounts, that robes of the Garter were delivered to him as sir Thomas de Holand, in 1376, 1377, and 1378; and, as earl of Kent, in 1384; annually from 1386 to 1390, both years inclusive, and in 1393 and 1394.¹¹

By Alice Fitzalan, his countess, he left two sons, Thomas¹² third earl of Kent, afterwards duke of Surrey, and Edmund¹³ fourth earl, both knights of this Order. He had also five daughters, who, or whose representatives, became his co-heirs upon the failure of issue from their brothers; they were — 1. Eleanor, wife of Roger Mortimer, fourth earl of March; 2. Joan, wife successively of Edmond of Langley duke of York, William lord Willoughby d'Eresby, Henry lord Scrope of Masham, and

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¹ Rolls of parl. vol. iii. fo. 99.

² Ibid. fo. 185.

³ Esc. 9 Ric. 2, No. 54.

⁴ Rot. Fin. 9 Ric. 2, m. 16.

⁵ Froiss. tom. ix. pp. 135, 136.

⁶ Ibid. tom. x. p. 162. Rot. Franc. 9 Ric. 2, m. 37.

⁷ Rolls of parl. vol. iii. fo. 310^a.

⁸ Pat. 20 Ric. 2, p. 3, m. 4.

⁹ Reg^r Arundel, vol. i. 157^a.
Proved 10 May 1397.

¹⁰ Esc. 20 Ric. 2, No. 30.

¹¹ Accounts in office of Queen's Remembrancer.

¹² No. LXXXIX.

¹³ No. CVII.

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Henry Bromflete lord Vesey; 3. Margaret wife, first, of John Beaufort marquess of Dorset—and, secondly, of Thomas duke of Clarence; 4. Eleanor the younger, wife of Thomas Montacute earl of Salisbury; and 5. Elizabeth, wife of John lord Nevil, the son and heir-apparent of Ralph first earl of Westmorland.

Joan, the second daughter, died without issue; and the following personages are at this day the representatives of the other four daughters, and consequently co-heirs-general of Thomas earl of Kent, viz.

Of Eleanor countess of March—

1. THE DUCHESS OF MODENA, THE DUCHESS OF LUCCA, and THE EMPRESS OF AUSTRIA, as representing queen Margaret, consort of James IV. of Scotland, and eldest daughter of king Henry VII, by Elizabeth of York.

2. THE DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS, as sole heir-general of the body of Frances Brandon, wife of Henry Grey duke of Suffolk, and eldest daughter of Charles Brandon duke of Suffolk, by Mary queen-dowager of France, and second daughter of king Henry VII. and queen Elizabeth of York.

3. The heir of the body of ELIZABETH, wife of PHILIP DOUGHTY, esq., as representing Anne Stanley, wife of Grey Bruges lord Chandos, great-grand-daughter and co-heir of Eleanor Brandon, wife of Henry Clifford earl of Cumberland, sister of the above-named Frances Brandon.

4. GEORGE CHILD-VILLIERS EARL OF JERSEY and GEORGE GRANVILLE LEVESON-GOWER DUKE OF SUTHERLAND, as representing Frances Stanley, wife of John Egerton first earl of Bridgewater, and sister of the said Anne Stanley.

5. THE MARQUESS OF HASTINGS, as representing Elizabeth Stanley, wife of Henry Hastings earl of Huntingdon, and sister of the said Frances Stanley.

Of Margaret marchioness of Dorset, and afterwards duchess of Clarence—

The same coheirs, through Henry VII. and the house of Beaufort.

Of Eleanor countess of Salisbury—

1. WILLIAM LOWNDES of Chesham, esq. and WILLIAM SELBY-LOWNDES, of Whaddon hall, esq., as co-heirs-general

of Winifrid Barrington, one of the daughters and co-heirs of Henry Pole lord Montacute, who was the heir of the body of George duke of Clarence by Isabel Nevil, great-grand-daughter and heir of Eleanor Holand the younger.

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2. THE MARQUESS OF HASTINGS, as heir-general of Catherine Hastings, sister of the said Winifrid Barrington.

Of Elizabeth lady Nevil—

1. The heir of the body (if any) of MARGARET, wife of NICHOLAS PUDSEY, esq., daughter of Charles Nevil, the sixth and last of that name, earl of Westmorland.

2. SIR THOMAS HAGGERSTON, bart., as representative of Mary, wife of sir Peter Middleton of Stockeld, and eldest daughter and co-heir of Anne, the wife of David Ingleby, one of the daughters of the said Charles earl of Westmorland.

3. The heir of the body (if any) of URSULA, the wife of ROBERT WIDDINGTON, esq., another of the daughters of the said Anne Ingleby.

ARMS.

The arms of England, within a bordure Argent.¹

LX.

SIR THOMAS PERCY—EARL OF WORCESTER.

THE name of this renowned individual not appearing in the Windsor tables, in consequence of his attainder, it has hitherto been excluded from the catalogues of the Order; although he wore the honourable ensign during twenty-seven

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TER.

¹ Seal to an instrument whereby Thomas de Holand, son and heir of Thomas late earl of Kent, granted on the day of the jousts held at Plymouth, 24th July 1371, to his companion in arms sir Richard Waldegrave, and his heirs male, leave to bear his helm, being "party per pale Argent and Gules, crown-

ed Or."—*Harl. MS.* 5805. p. 339. This transaction took place when the troops under the earl of Hereford (who is a witness to the document) were on the point of embarkation for Brittany: and the authority for the arms now borne by the noble family of Waldegrave is derived from the above grant.