De Banco. Mich. 4. *E.* 3. *m.* 420 *dorso.*

Northampt.—Humphrey de Bassingburn sued John de Britain Earl of Richemund for 30 acres in Fodryngeye in which the Earl had no entry except by an unjust disseisin which John de Baliol had made of Alice de Lysours his great grandmother, and he gave this pedigree :—

Alice de Lisours, temp. H. 3.
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Humfrey.
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Humfrey.
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Humfrey, the plaintiff.

De Banco. Mich. 4. *E.* 3. *m.* 474.

Roteland.—John son of Hugh de Bussy sued Margaret formerly wife of William de Basynges for the manor of Horn, which Lambert de Bussi had given to William de Holand in frank marriage with Matilda his daughter & he gave this pedigree :—

Lambert de Bussi, tem. Hen. 3. — John.
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William de Holand, =Matilda. ob. s.p. — Hugh.
|
John de Bussy the plaintiff.

De Banco. Easter. 4. *E.* 3. *m.* 64.

Staff.—Isabella formerly wife of Simon Basset (of Sapcote), sued Alexander de Walsham for the next presentation to the Church of Chedle (Cheadle) :—

Ralph Basset, temp. Hen. 3.
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Simon.
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Simon, who had granted the advowson of the Church by Fine, levied in 20 E. 2 to Hervey de Staunton.

Nicholas de Staunton. — Avice.
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Hervey de Staunton. — Alexander de Walsham, the defendant

Verdict for Alexander.

A FIFTEENTH CENTURY MARRIAGE CONTRACT.

Communicated by GEORGE GATFIELD.

The following is an extract of a curious marriage contract between John, son of John Tillesley, Esq., and Jane, daughter of Hamont Mascy of Denwall, co. Chester; the original being in the British Museum (Add. Ch. 26788).

"This indenture made the xiiith day of Octobr in the yere of the Regne of Kynge harry the viith Aftur the Conqueste of Inglonde the vith betwene John Tillesley

thelder Esquier opoñ that on party And Jane late wiff of hamont Mascy of Denwall opon that other party Witnessith that the said John Tillesley promittith and grunteth vnto the said Jane that John son and heir apparaunt of the said John shalbe redy by the grace of god to wedde and take to wif Jane doghtr of the said Jane betwixt the date hereof and the fest of seynt Marten next comynge Also the said Jane wif of the said hamont promyttith and graunteth vnto the said John Tillesley that the said Jane hur doughtr shalbe redy by the grace of god to wedde and take to husbande John Tillesley son and heire apparaunt of the said John betwixt the date hereof and the said fest of seynt Marten next comynge Also the said John Tillesley theld' grunteth vnto the said Jane wif of the said hamont by this Indenture that he or feoffe or feoffes to his vse shall make or cause to be made a sure and a lawfull estate to ij or iij p'sons at the denomination of the said Jane to the vse of the saids John his son and heire and to the vse of the said Jane doghtr of the said Jane and to the heirs of their ij bodies lawfully begoten of landes and tenementes to the yerely value of v mrc vjs viijd."

John Tillesley also declares that he has not, nor will not, make any feoffment of the manors, lands, &c., of which he is seised, and that they shall come after his decease to the saids John, his son, and Jane Massy the younger, and the heirs of their bodies Also that if his said son John die before this marriage is consummated "then the said Jane the yong' shall wedde and take to husbaund in man' and fourme aboue rehersed an other of the sonnes of the said John Tillesley theld', wiche by the decesse of the said John the yong' hit shall happen to be heire vnto the said John Tillesley theld' if the lawe of holy Church so will suffre ffor the wich weddynges and estates thus to be hade and made" Jane Massy the elder undertakes to pay £40, thus —£20 on the day of the wedding, and as to the other £20, she and 2 others shall be bound in eight obligations each of 50 shillings, the first to be paid at the next "fest of the Nativite of our lord god," the 2nd at the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, or within 20 days, and "so furthe at ichon of the saides ij fests," but if her daughter die before the day of payment of any of the obligations without issue by the said John or if divorce be had between them before payment is due, then the said obligation shall be void. She also, after this wedding, shall keep the saids John and Jane with "mete and drynke, clothynge" &c., for six years. To all the above covenants the said John Tillesley the elder, John Parre of Backeford, and John Litherlande bind themselves to the said Jane Massy in 100 marks.

A marginal note in the Massy pedigree (*Harl. MS.*, 1505, f. 97), reads thus :—

Massey of Portington had given him by K: Wm. Rufus certeine lands in Cheshire In such manner as followeth or very near the same.

I Wm. Kinge of England do give vnto Massy all my right interest and Title of the hoppland for mee & myne to thee & thine with bonds & lymits from heaven above to hell beneath To hold of mee & mine with Bow & arrow when I shoot vpon Yerow & In Witnes of the sooth I have sealed with my wang tooth in the presence of Maud and divers others.

A ROLL OF ARMS RELATING TO THE COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

Communicated by A. STROTHER.

The following Roll of Arms was found amongst a quantity of old papers which had belonged to a Mr. Stoher, an Attorney-at-Law at Hexham. After his death a large quantity of these papers being considered useless were ordered to be destroyed, and during the destruction this volume was casually observed and preserved, and afterwards presented to Mr. Thomas Bell, the Newcastle Antiquary. After Mr. Bell's death—nearly thirty years ago—his collection of MSS. was sold by auction, when this book became the property of Mr. A. Strother of Eastfield Hall,