THE SUMMONS OF THE PRIOR OF SEMPRINGHAM TO PARLIAMENT IN A.D. 1340.

The L. T. R. Memoranda Roll for the fifteenth year of the reign of Edward III. has preserved the following particulars of the grounds on which the Prior of Sempringham claimed to be excused from attending Parliament, a claim in which he met with complete success, as the Patent Roll, part i, m. 9, of the same year proves.

It will be seen that the entry also affords an interesting and valuable record of the books and rolls in existence at that date, which were available, and which were relied upon as evidence in the inquiry.

As it may not be possible for all readers of *The Genealogist* to whom the subject may be of interest to refer to the original roll, the extract is printed in record type and *in extenso*.

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Adhuc Comia de ꝑmino Sci Michis anno . xv^mo . R . E . ꝓcii post conquestū.

Adhuc Recorda.

Lincolñ.

De ꝯtificacõe fca dno Regi ꝑ Priore de Sempyngh^am de tenancia sua.

ꝟ Dñs Rex mandauit hic bre suū de magno sigillo suo quod irrotulat^r ex pte Rem Regis int bria directa Baronibꝫ de ꝑmino Sci Michis hoc anno . xv^mo . rotlo . xix^no . in hec verba.—Edwardus dei gra Rex Angl ꝛ Franc ꝛ Dñs Hibñ Thes ꝛ Baronibꝫ suis de scc^io ſ salm. Supplicauit nob dilcus nob in xpo Prior de Sempyngham vt cum ipe non teneat de nob ꝑ baroniam,[1] seu alio modo in capite ꝑ quod de veniendo ad pliamenta ꝛ consilia ñra spalit sumoneri deberet, ac diusa bria ñra de sumpnicõibꝫ huiusmodi eidem Priori iam de nouo directa fuint, que si futuris temporibꝫ continuarent^r, in status ipius Prioris ꝛ domus sue ßdce deßssionem irrecupabilem cederent manifeste, velim^s ꝑ indempnitate ipius Prioris ꝛ successoꝝ suoꝝ in hac pte ſ ne ipi ꝑ huiusmodi sumonicões exnunc indebite fatigent^r, de remedio ꝓuidere oportuno. Nos vt quod juris fuit ꝛ ronis ꝑ ßdco Priore fiat in ßmissis ꝑ vos ꝯtiorari volentes, si ßfatus Prior teneat de nob ꝑ baroniam aut alio modo in capite necne ſ Vob mandam^s qd scrutatis rotlis ꝛ memorandis de Scc^io ßdco ßmissa contingentibꝫ nos in Cancellar nra de eo quod inde necnon de aliis circūstanciis modū seu formam tenure dci Prioratus concnentibꝫ, inueniri contigit, reddatis sub sigillo scc^ii ßdci distincte ꝛ apte sine dilone ꝯtiores. Remittentes ibidem hoc bre . T' . Edwardo Duce Cornub ꝛ Comite Cestr fil ñro carissimo Custode Angl apud Turrim Londoñ . xx^mo . die Octobr anno . r . ñ . Angl q^rtodecimo . r. vero ñ Franc primo—Quod quidem bre remittit^r dno Regi in

[1] *Vide* "Constitutional History of the House of Lords" (L. O. Pike), pp. 156-7.

Cancellar̃ sua indorsatū sic—Pretextu hui⁹ br̃is, scrutari fecim⁹ diligen⁹ rotulos ꝛ memoranda scc̃ii v̄ri sup contentis in br̃i isto, et id quod compim⁹ inde patet in cedula eidem br̃i consuta.

Tenor vero eiusdem cedule, sequit^r in hec ⁹ba—Scrutatis rotulis ꝛ memorandis scc̃ii v̄ri quoad contenta in br̃i v̄ro regio, quod vob remittim⁹ ꝑsentib; int⁹clusum: compim⁹ in rotulis[1] de ꝓticulis comꝑ Henr̃ de Baiocis ꝛ Rad̄i Paynel Collc̄o; auxilii quadraginta solido; de singulis feodis Militum in Com̃ Lincolñ concessi, ad primogenitam filiam d̄ni . E . quondam Regis Angl aui v̄ri maritand̄, videl̄t sub titulo de feodis Gilb̄ti de Gaunt: qd̄ . . Prior de Sempryngh^am teñ dimid̄ feodum in Irnh^am, octauam ꝓtem vnius feodi in Skredyngtoñ, quam Rob̄tus Hauteyn quondam tenuit, sextamdecimam ꝓtem vnius feodi in Osbernby, quam Hugo Bussy, Phus de Arcy, Johes de Som⁹coī ꝛ Ric̄us de Saltfletby quondam tenuerunt, vnū feodū in Strag⁹thorꝑ, ꝛ quartam ꝓtem vnius feodi in Cranewel̄t.

Et ibidem sub titulo de feodis honoris Richemund̄: qd̄ idem . . Prior teñ octauam ꝓtem vnius feodi in Folebek̄, quam Simon de Burgo quondam tenuit.

Et sub titulo de feodis de Longespeye Comitis Saz: qd̄ ꝑdc̄us . . Prior teñ vicesimam ꝓtem unius feodi in Billesfeld̄.

Et sub titulo de feodis . . Epi Eboz: qd̄ ꝑfatus . . Prior teñ dimid̄ feodū in Horblinḡ quod idem . . Prior ꝛ ꝓticipes sui quondam tenuerunt.

Et sub titulo de feodis Andr̃ Luterel: qd̄ ꝑdc̄us . . Prior tenuit quintam ptē ꝛ q^adragesimā ꝓtem vnius feodi in Bolby ꝛ Southorꝑ, quod Willm̃s de Langetoñ quondam tenuit.

Et sub titulo de feodis Johanne Wake: q̄d ꝑfatus . . Prior teñ dimid̄ feodū excepta duodecima ꝓte vnius feodi in Langetoñ ꝛ Aslakby.

Et sub titulo ꝓticular̃ feodo; que tenent^r de Rege in capite ꝛ de aliis honor̃: qd̄ ꝑdc̄us . . Prior tenuit quartam ꝓtem vnius feodi in Boleby, ꝛ tricesimam sc̄dam ꝓtem vnius feodi in Owenby, quam Mag̃r Michael Belet quondam tenuit.

Comptum est eciam in rotulo de auxilio de feodis Militum concesso ad transfretac̄oem d̄ni . H . quondam Regis Angl ꝓaui v̄ri in Vascoñ anno regni sui vicesimo sexto in Lincolñ videl̄t de quolibet feodo quod tenent de d̄no Rege, ꝛ de quolibet feodo quod . . tenentes de eis tenent . xl . s̃., qd̄ Rad̄us Basset vic̄ redd̄ comꝑ de quarta ꝓte vnius feodi . . Prioris de Symplingeh^am in Boleby de honore Simonis de Steyngreū.

Et in rotulo de auxilio Prelato; eidem ꝓauo v̄ro anno regni sui decimo nono concesso ad Isabellam sororem suam Frederico Imꝑatori maritand̄, videl̄t de quolibet scuto . ij . m^ar compim⁹: qd̄ . . Prior de Simplingh^am redd̄ comꝑ de . L . m^ar . de eodem auxilio ꝑ se ꝛ toto ordine suo.

Compim⁹ eciam in libro[2] feodo; in Lincolñ: qd̄ . . Prior ꝛ Fr̃es de Sempyngh^am teñ in d̄cis villis de Irnh^am, Strag⁹thorꝑ, Cranewel̄t, Horblinḡ, ꝛ Boleby: consimilia feoda ꝛ ꝓtes feodo; qualia

[1] *Vide* Lay Subsidy, co. Linc., $\frac{1}{2}\frac{3}{5}$.
[2] *Vide* Testa de Nevill, pp. 301 *et seq.*

annotant^{r} supius in rotulis p̄dc̄is ⁊ sub eisdem titulis, set annotat^{r} in eodem libro: qđ Irnh^{a}m tenet^{r} de Willo de Poyntoñ, qui eam tenuit de p̄dc̄o Gilb̄to de Gaunt, Stragthorp̄, in elemosina, Cranewell, de vet̄i feoffamento, Horbling̃ de nouo feoffamento, Boleby, in elemosina de Simone de Steyngreū, qui eam tenuit de Rege.

Et in eodem libro sub titulo de feodis que Gilb̄tus de Gaunt contradic̄, de quib; respondere non deb̄: inuenit^{r} sic—Isti confirmati sunt p dñm Regem in puram ⁊ ppetuam elemosinam, quinq; feoda ⁊ dī ordinib; Cist̄ii ⁊ Sempringh^{a}m.

Et ibidem in Auelund Wapentach̄: comptum est qđ Gilb̄tus de Gaunt hab̄ in Loctoñ feodum dī Militis: quod Moniales de Sempyngh^{a}m tenent. Et qđ Rog̃us Grassus tenuit in capite de dño Rege s̄uiciū octaue p̄tis vnius Militis in Hacuneby de antecessoria Et idem Rog̃us dedit in elemosina . . Monialib; de Sempyngh^{a}m duas bouatas t̄re inde.

Et qđ Gilb̄tus de Gaunt teñ in Fukyngh^{a}m . xij . carucaī t̄re exceptis quatuor bouaī t̄re quas . . Prior de Sempingh^{a}m ⁊ . . Abbas de Bardeneya tenent. Et idem Gilb̄tus teñ p̄dc̄as duodecim carucaī t̄re de dño Rege in capite, de vet̄i feoffamento, et est capitale Manēr̄ baronie sue in Com̄ Lincolñ. Set in rotulo memorandoz de anno regni v̄ri Angl̄ nono, compim^{o} qđ dñs . E . nup Rex Angl̄ pat̄ vest̄ dedit ⁊ concessit p cartam suam Henr̄ de Bello Monte ⁊ h̄edib; suis Manēr̄ de Folkyngh^{a}m, cum feodis Militum ⁊ oñib; aliis p̄tiñ suis, Tenend̄ de ip̄o p̄re v̄ro ⁊ h̄edib; suis imppetuū, quod quidem Manēr̄ fuit quondā Gilb̄ti de Gaunt.

Comptum est eciam in quodam rotulo de s̄iantiis ⁊ in quodam alio libro[1] feodoz de scc^{a}io in Not̄ Derb̄ sub titulo de s̄iantia de Bronnesly qđ . . Moniales de Semplingh^{a}m tenent decem bouaī t̄re ⁊ duas p̄tes vnius Molendini de s̄iantia de Bronnesly in Trowell, et nichil facient inde: nisi t̄m dño Regi . Et annotat^{r} subsequen̄ ibidem: sic—Post veñ Prior, ⁊ p̄ . vj . bouaī t̄re quas emit de Marsill de Trowell p̄ . xx . s̄ . residuū sit in manu dñi Regis.

Comptū est similit̄ in magno rotulo de anno . Lv^{to} . dc̄i Regis . H . paui v̄ri in Not̄ Derb̄: qđ Prior de Simplyngh^{a}m deb̄ Regi . xx . s̄ . de redđ annuo ad scc^{a}m p̄ decem bouatis t̄re t̄m quas tenet de s̄iantia de Trowell, videl̄t ex dimissione Marsilie de Trowell sex bouaī, ⁊ de feodo Gilb̄ti de Brunnesle: quatuor bouatas de eadem s̄iantia in eadē villa.

Compim^{o} insup̄ in rotulo memorandoz de anno dc̄i regni v̄ri quinto in quadam carta dc̄i paui v̄ri ibidem irrotulata, ⁊ p̄ vos anno eiusdem regni v̄ri quarto confirmata: đ idem Rex . H . recepit in suam p̄priam manū, custodiam ⁊ p̄tectōem ⁊ defensionē domū de Sempyngh^{a}m ⁊ oñes domos eiusdem ordinis, cum oñnib; membris ad p̄dc̄as domos p̄tinentib;, ⁊ Magr̄m ordinis, ⁊ oñnes Priores ⁊ Canonicos ⁊ Sc̄imoniales ⁊ Fr̄es illius ordinis, ⁊ hoīes eoz ⁊ s̄uientes, t̄ras ⁊ possessiones ⁊ oñes res suas: sicut dñicam ⁊ sp̄alem ⁊ lib̄am elemosinam suam, et concessit ⁊ regia autoritate confirmauit: vt cum Magr̄ dc̄i ordinis obierit: Priores ⁊ Canonici ⁊ Sc̄imoniales illius ordinis, lib̄am h̄eant potestatē aliū

[1] *Vide* Testa de Nevill, p. 16.

loco eius substituendi, quem de congregacõe sua pars eoꝝ maior ꝛ sanior canonice elegit, ꝛ qđ cura ꝛ custodia ꝑdči ordinis, tam domoꝝ qᵃm grangiaꝝ atq; eccliaꝝ siue substanciaꝝ in custodia ꝛ regimine . . Prioꝝ sit; quousq; sūmus Prior illoꝝ eligatʳ ꝛ substituatʳ. Concessit eciam qđ ꝑdči . . Priores Canonici Sčimoniales ꝛ Frēs sint quieti de oīnibꝫ consuetudinibꝫ ꝛ exaccõibꝫ ꝛ occasionibꝫ, que sunt vel esse possunt, geñaliť de oīnibꝫ rebꝫ in oīnibꝫ modis que ad ip̄m Regem . H . vel ħedes ꝛ successores suos ꝑtinent vel ꝑtinere possunt, excepta sola iusticia mortis ꝛ membroꝝ.

Et annotatʳ in eadem carta; qđ ꝑmissa ꝛ quasdam alias liƀtates ibidem contentas; idem Rex . H . concessit ꝑfatis . . Priori, Canonicis, Sčimonialibꝫ ꝛ Frībꝫ cum oīnibꝫ liƀtatibꝫ ꝛ liƀis consuetudinibꝫ; quas regia potestas liƀiores alicui eccłie conferre potest.

Aliud vero sup contentis in bŕi ꝑdčo; non compimꝰ ꝑ scrutiniū rotuloꝝ, libroꝝ ꝛ memorandoꝝ ꝑdčoꝝ, set vtrum ꝑdčus . . Prior de Sempyngh'm teneat aliqua alia ṫras, teñ, seu feoda in ẗnico, ꝟuicio, elemosina seu reūsione ꝑ baroniam vel alio modo, necne; noƀ constare nō potest ꝑ scrutiniū ꝑdčm.

HENRY FITZ COUNT.

Henry Fitz Count ("filius Comitis"), bastard son of Reginald (de Dunstanville), Earl of Cornwall, is treated by Courthope (who miscalls him Richard), and in the "Complete Peerage" as having undoubtedly enjoyed that title. G. E. C. quotes from the grant of Henry III in the Patent Rolls, under date 7 Feb. 1216/7, giving him the County of Cornwall to hold "sicut Reginaldus Comes Cornubiæ pater suus illum tenuit," and adds, "whereby he became Earl of Cornwall." I venture to think that this is at least doubtful, and certainly it is a stronger statement than older writers on the Peerage have felt justified in making. Brooke does not mention his acquisition of the Earldom, nor does Mills in his "Catalogue of Honour." Dugdale is of opinion that nothing passed to him by this grant beyond the barony or revenue of the county, and Planché in an article in the Journal of the British Archæological Association, vol. xxxiii, though he speaks of him in one place as Earl of Cornwall, remarks later that it is "a nice point" how far Henry III's grant conferred the Earldom. In support of Dugdale's view I would point out that though Henry's name occurs several times in the Patent Rolls, and once or twice in the Close Rolls, between 1217 and 1220, he is never described otherwise than as "Filius Comitis" or "Filius Regnaldi," and the two passages which I will now quote, do not suggest that he was ever created or even formally recognised by the Crown as Earl. "Intimatum est consilio nostro quod H. filius Comitis assisam