## CHARTER OF ROBERT DE NEVILLE OF LAND AT BOLLEBY, IN THE PARISH OF EASINGTON, CO. YORK.

MR. EDITOR,

I SEND you, from the original in my possession, a charter and seal of Robert de Neville, son of Geoffrey de Neville,[a] Lord of Raby, &c. relating to certain land in Boulby, in the parish of Easington, near Whitby, which manor, along with those of Easington and Liverton, were part of the fee of Robert de Bruce, Lord of Skelton, temp. William I.[b]

By this charter he granted to Robert Buscel of Bolleby half a carucate of land, to be held by foreign service only, according to the usual rate of that vill, where twelve carucates were reckoned as a knight's fee.

The date most probably is about 1279, as I find one of the witnesses (Sir John de Oketon, knt.) attesting another charter of that period.[c] The first three witnesses were the justices of the forest then on their circuit.

Robert de Neville, to whom this charter refers, married Isabel, daughter of Roger Bertram, Lord of Mitford, co. Northumberland, and died 10th Edw. I. (1282.) He was the first of the family who bore for his arms the saltire.

*Ripon, Feb.* 1844. WM. DOWNING BRUCE.

(*Indorse.*) Carta Roberti de Neville de terris in Bolby.

Omnibus hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris Robertus de Nevile salutem in Domino Noveritis me concessisse dedisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse Roberto Buscel de Bolleby pro homagio et servicio suo unam dimidiam carucatam terre cum toftis et croftis suis in villa et territorio de Bolleby Illam scilicet quam Rogerus de Bolleby aliquando de me tenuit Tenendam et habendam predicto Roberto et heredibus vel assignatis suis de me et heredibus meis in feodo et hereditate libere quiete pacifice et integre cum omnibus pertinentiis libertatibus et aysiamentis suis infra villam et extra sine ullo retinemento Faciendo

[a] Beckwith's Yorkshire Pedigrees, p. 54, penes Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.
[b] Graves's Cleveland, p. 329. [c] Burton's Mon. Ebor. p. 335.

inde mihi et heredibus meis vel meis assignatis forinsecum servicium tantum quantum pertinet ad dimidiam carucatam terre ejusdem feodi in eadem villa, unde duodecim carucate terre faciunt feodum unius militis. Ego vero Robertus de Nevile et heredes mei prefata mdimidiam carucatam terre cum toftis et croftis et omnibus pertinentiis libertatibus et aysiamentis suis dicto Roberto et heredibus suis vel suis assignatis et eorum heredibus pro predicto servicio ab omnibus serviciis exactionibus secularibus sectis curie et demandis contra omnes homines warantizabimus adquietabimus et deffendemus in perpetuum. Ut autem hec mea concessio donatio et hujus carte confirmatio rata et inconcussa permaneat huic scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, Dominis Radulfo filio Ranulfi, Hugone de Bollebek, Willielmo de Notingham justiciariis tunc itinerantibus de foresta, Dominis Gilberto de Briddeshale, Johanne de Oketon, Willielmo de Bozhale, Johanne de Keygate, Ambrosio de Chamera, Thoma de Clervaus militibus, Thoma de Edbristone, Willielmo Malecake, et aliis.

Seal, in white wax, now loose : round, $1\frac{3}{4}$ inc. diam. bearing a shield of arms suspended by a strap, charged with a saltire ; legend SIGIL[LVM R]OBERTI DE NOVILLA. The name took the form of *de Novilla,* or *de Nova villa* in early Latin documents, as may be seen in Surtees' History of Durham and Raine's North Durham, in which works will also be seen engravings of several seals of the family.

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## DE FREMINGHAM, ISLEY, AND PIMPE.

THESE families, which possessed various extensive estates, were formerly of much importance in West Kent. A great part of their landed property came ultimately by attainder to the Crown, and, being granted away from it again in a divided form, though still in considerable portions, that is as separate manors, often comes under the eye of the topographer in these parts. Of the three families, the original possessors, it is difficult at the present day to procure any authentic lineage or correct account, arising from the following causes: The family of De Fremingham failed of male issue as far back as Edward the Third; while of the two others, Isley and Pimpe, who inherited their estate,