marriage on the former, that Cole records, "though she was a very pretty woman, her husband was never fond of her," and died at the early age of 32, s. p. s. before the eyes of his plotting father; who so seeing his dearest hopes blighted, one would have thought would have been glad to meddle no more in the matter. But, as in Mrs. Trollope's Tale of "One Fault," the money being the principal attraction, the parent clung to his child's surviving spouse rather than forsake the property; and now speculated upon being parent-*in-law* to a "ladyship." Accordingly this same old lawyer picked up the expectant heir of a baronetcy for his daughter-in-law. But the second project was scarcely more successful than the first. The worthy heiress had extinguished the Gatward family; and she now did the same by the Wollaston baronetcy. She had no surviving issue, but of her own sex, by her second husband; and thus, not only the Wollaston baronetcy, and the male line of that family expired; but her *daughters* got its estates. In both cases, the "biter was bit;" for both Gatward and Wollaston owed their extinction to their mercenary matches with this wealthy heiress; and probably, had they respectively married other wives, they would now have been prosperous flourishing families. There is no pedigree without its moral.

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## DECREE OF JOHN BISHOP OF LLANDAFF REGARDING THE TITHES OF THE PARISH OF LLANGEINWR, CO. GLAMORGAN, 1466.

From a translation made by John Stradlinge, Esq. in 1597, now in the possession of George Grant Francis, Esq. F.S.A. Hon. Secretary for South Wales to the Archaeological Institute.

To all the children of our holie mother the church, unto whom thes present letters shall come, And whom the matters ensuinge doth touch, or may hereafter by any means conserne, John by the permission of God bishop of Landaff sendeth greeting, mercy and blessinge. Wheras lately certen variaunce and dis-

corde betwene one David Tew, farmor (as it is sayd) to the Prior of the Priorie of Ewenny and Rector of the parish church or chappell of Langynor of th'one partye, And the parishioners, dwellers or inhabitants of the parish of the said church or chappell of Langynor, of the other parte, hath bene raysed and moved before us sittinge judicially in the church of the co'vent of Ewenny, namely, the eight day of the moneth of Maye in the yeare of our Lorde one thousand fower hundred sixty and six. We therfore wishinge and desiringe to extinguish, put out, and quench the flames of strife betwene the partyes aforesayd, as we are bound, by the counsell of learned lawiers assistinge us in that behaulfe, And the sayd Prior beinge ther present, we decreed and commaunded that twelve men of the eldest and best of credite within the sayd parish of Langynor should be called before us the sayd daye and place, and in the presence of the sayd Prior and of the sayd Rector of the parish church or chappell aforesayd, To enquire of the maner, fourme, and custome auntient approved and prescribed for tythinge or payinge of tenthes within the foresaid parish, Which personnes appearinge before us personally, and beinge charged upon the holie Evangelistes of God, we made diligent inquisicion of and upon the premisses and every parte therof, who upon their oath deposed and sayd that this custome followinge of tithinge or payinge of tenthes hath bene used in the sayd parish of Langynor by the tyme wherof the memorie of man ys not to the contrarie, and accordinge as they have learned and heard by reporte of their auncestors, and as they have seene and payd in their own tyme, Namely, that the parishioners and inhabitantes of the sayd parish of Langynor were wont to pay unto the Prior of the foresayd Priorie, or to his vicare or farmor, for every calfe one halfe-penny and no more. Allso the tenth sheaffe of corne, The tenth lambe, The tenth fleece of wooll, The tenth cheese in five monethes of the yeare onely, The third pigge allthough they had no more but three, and yf they had twenty they affirme that they ought to pay one: And of their kiddes and geese in like maner, that ys to saye one kydd and one goose albeit they have but three in the worlde, and in twenty they ought to paye after the same maner: And for an horse colt one penny, for a mare colt an halfepenny, Allso of their honey the tenth penny, Of a woman's dowire for

every keverie[a] two pence: For hay accordinge to the quantity of the tenement and acres of medowe. And the nowe Prior to whom the sayd tithinges doe belonge and are knowen of right to appertaine ther as before ys sayd, was personally present allowinge the foresayd maner of tythinge or payinge of tenthes, and holdinge himselfe therwith contented, choosinge rather (as he affirmed) to agree and stand unto the sayd auntient maner of tythinge, than to contend and strive with the parishioners aforesayd, and others that should come after, for a newe custome or maner of tythinge: Because the end of lawe was doubtfull, he desired earnestly that the aforesayd maner of tythinge mighte allwayes be keptt. We, therfore, John the byshop aforesayd, willinge to cutt off all contentions and dissentions in the sayd matter of tythinge, and willinge to conclude, pacifie, and end duly the controversie betwene the foresayd partyes, The maner of tythinge or payinge of tenthes within the sayd parish of Langynor, do approve, ratify, decree, and confirme to bee of force and to endure for ever by thes presentes. Forbyddinge upon payne of excommunication that no man by rash attempte presume any wayes to weaken or infringe this our ordinaunce or present decree. We do allso admonish the inhabitants of the sayd parish of Langynor which nowe are and which hereafter shalbe, to paye all and singuler such tenthes as are before recited, in the same maner and forme, without any takinge awaye, diminishinge, or gainesayinge, unto the sayd Prior or to his vicare or farmor at all tymes upon paine aforesayd. In witnes wherof we have thought good to put our seale to thes presents. Ther beinge present at that tyme Mr. David ap Rickerd bachelour of the lawe, Sr John ap Howell publicke notarie, and our commissarie Thomas Brampston master of arte, and manie other witnesses. Dated the day, place, and yere abovewritten. And of our consecration the eight yere.

This ys a true copie of a Decree made by the byshop of Landaph, touchinge the maner of payinge tithes within the parish of Langynor, trulie englished out of the originall latine, wherto the sayd byshoppes seale was affixed. In

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witnes wherof, I, Edward Stradlinge, knight, have hereto put my hand and seale of armes.[b] The vj$^{th}$ day of Novembre, A$^{o}$. R. R'ne d'ne nostre Elisabethe, &c. xxxix$^{o}$. 1597.

(*signed*) EDW. STRADLYNGE.

Englished and written out by me,

(*signed*) JO. STRADLYNGE.

*Endorsed*, Copie of the bishop of Landafs decree touchinge paying of tenthes in Langynor.

The parish of Llangeinwr is situated in the manor or lordship of Ogmore, and contains about 6,700 acres. At the time of the survey in 26 Hen. VIII. the tithes of Langynor were let to the parishioners and inhabitants by the Priory of Ewenny at a farm of 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* (Valor Ecclesiasticus.) They have now been commuted. There was no modus claimed; the impropriator, C. R. Mansel Talbot, Esq. of Margam, being entitled to all tithes in kind. Exemption, however, was allowed for about 72 acres, which had been recognised as exempt in 19 Jas. I. The benefice is a perpetual curacy in the diocese and archdeaconry of Llandaff, of the actual yearly value of 71*l.* according to the return of 1831.

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## HONYWOOD EVIDENCES.

(*Continued from p.* 185.)

Folios 29, 31, of the MS. volume, are filled with abstracts of Crown and Archiepiscopal leases of the manor and lands in Charing with copious extracts, evidently taken from the Records of the Court of Augmentations. As the originals can be easily referred to, it is not necessary to copy these abstracts in extenso. The following is a summary of them:

Indenture of lease, dated 8 Aug. 1528, 20 Hen. VIII. from William, Archbishop of Canterbury, to John Brent of Charing, gentleman, his executors or assigns, of the site and manor of Charing, with the houses, edifices, lands, rights, and appurtenances, &c. and divers tenant services (excepting knight's fees, advowsons, rents, services, copyholds, wardships, marriages, woods, warrens, escheats, waifes, strays, and all other liberties and franchises belonging thereto, and also the great stable,

[b] The seal is not attached to this copy.