DEED RELATING TO MERTHYR MAWR, CO. GLAMORGAN, IN 2 EDW. III. 1328.

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THE "Marchelmaur" of this charter is believed to be the same place as Merthyr Mawr, already mentioned in vol. I. p. 533. "Merthyr Mawr is holden by knight's service under Lanbleithan—it was once the land of the Sewards, and came to the Berkrolls by marrying an heiress of Sewards; and from Barkrolls to Stradling by the abovesaid marriage. Thomas Lord Bishop of Landaffe is patron of the church there." (Sir Thomas Phillipps's Glamorganshire Pedigrees, p. 48.) It is situated near Bridgend, and the ruins of Ogmore castle are within the parish. Of this castle an interesting survey, accompanied by a plan, will be found in the Gentleman's Magazine for March 1835. Merthyr Mawr is now the property of the Right Hon. John Nicholl, D.C.L., M.P. for Cardiff. The land conveyed by this charter was situated partly at "le brode yate," that is, the broad way or road; and partly at "quinteynesmede," a remarkable name, and probably the meadow in which the young chivalry of the neighbouring castle were wont to exercise in the martial sport of the quintain. Was Robert *le Reymer*, one of the witnesses, a Welsh bard, or an English one? John *le Hayward* was doubtless one of those officers still appointed at Courts Leet.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod nos Reginaldus de Somertone et Loretta uxor mea dedimus concessimus et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus Johanni le Hayward et Johanne uxori ejus viginti acras terre arabilis apud le brode yate et alibi in dominico de Marchelmaur, et unam acram prati in quinteynesmede. Habendum, *&c.* Reddendo, *&c.* unam rosam ad festum Nativitatis sancti Johannis baptiste pro omni seculari servicio et demanda. Hiis testibus, Willelmo Torbervile, Johanne le Botiler, Henrico le Botiler, Rogero de Hodinet, Roberto le Reymer, Johanne Baudewin, et multis aliis. Datum apud Marchelmaur, die dominica in vigilia assumtionis beate Marie, 2 Edw. III. [August 14, 1328.]