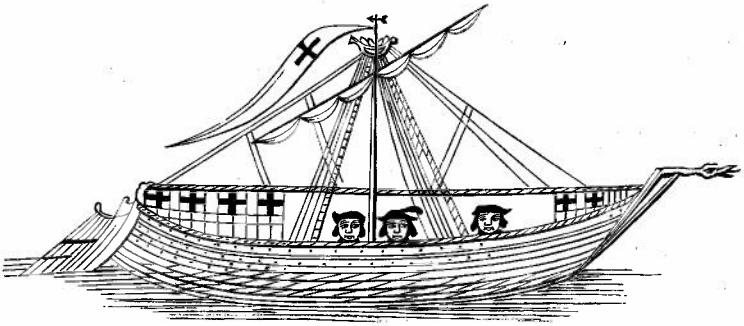


SURVEY OF THE MARSHES ON THE RIVER MEDWAY, TEMP. HEN. VIII. OR EDW. VI.

THIS curious document, being part of an old paper roll, is preserved in the MS. Harl. 590. It was written either in the reign of Henry the Eighth or in that of Edward the Sixth.

THE MANOUR OF CLYFFE, perteynyng to the Kynges hyghnes and to the lorde Cobham.

Here are drawn a spired church and a manor-house.

[This marsh] conteyneth M^{l} M^{l} Ccccx acres, wherof belongith to Thomas Gytton . . . . . ve C acres, a comen CC acres of the sayd lorde Cobham, CCC . . . . . C acres to Wylliam Broune and Rychard Broune, CCC acres to Wylliam . . . . . to Nicholas Orwell, CCC acres to John Pottet, C acres to Rychard . . . . . hn Stret, xxx acres to Thomas Broune,[a] dyvers smale parcelles to sondry . . . . . Pottet and to the heyres of Wylliam Langley, CC acres in comen. C . . . . . al Cxx acres to Jone Perlacy, xxx acres to John Smythe, Clx acres to . . . . . Cxx acres, and CC acres resydue belongith to Thomas Parker.

Below is drawn the "Salte Marshe," and a fleet running into it: "[Thys flete ys] one fatham depith and . . . . . ys brode."

THE MANOUR OF COLLYNG, perteynyng to the lorde Cobham.

Here is drawn a castle.

This marshe is inned by the sayd lorde Cobham, and con-

[a] *Above the name of* Thomas Broune *are written the words* C acres.

teyneth CCCC acres, and CC within the sayd manour not inned, and perteyneth to the seyd lorde Cobham.

Below is drawn the "Inned Marshe," and "Salte Marshe."

THE MANOUR OF HALSTOWE AND HOWE, perteynyng to Sir Thomas Wyat knyght.

Here are drawn a spired church and manor-house.

Thes marshes conteyneth M¹Cccxl acres, wherof belongyth to Lyonye Anstye Cxx acres, to Edwarde Cobham, to sir Thomas Wyat, Annes Parker, and to John Fuller CCC acres, to sir Thomas Wyatt C acres, to the Kinges majestye, to the colledge of Rochester, and to Thomas Parke one marshe called Estborowes, conteynyng CCC acres, to Thomas Somer lx acres, and to the seyd sir Thomas Wyat CC acres in Shredmarshe CClx acres. (*sic.*)

Below is drawn the "Salte Marshe," and running into it a fleet or creek, "Thys flete ys one fatham depith and a halfe, and x roodys in bredyth."

THE MANOUR OF SEYNT MARY'S, perteynyng to Sir Thomas Wyat knyght.

Here are drawn a towered church and a manor-house.

This marshe conteyneth Cccclx acres, wherof belongeth to sir Thomas Wyat knyght CCCC acres, to John Culpepper esquyer Cxl acres, and CCCxx acres resydue belongith to John Wyseman and to Wyllyam Palmer.

Below is drawn the "Salte Marshe," and a fleet: "Thys flete ys one fatham depith and a halfe, and v roodes in bredyth."

THE MANOUR OF ALHALLOWES, perteynyng to syr Thomas Wyat knyght, and now to the Kynges hyghnes.

Here are drawn a church and manor-house.

The marshe conteyneth CCClx acres, wherof belongeth to John Astre, Thomas Andrew, and to John Andrew lx acres, to Robert Stretton Cxx acres, to John Stute and to Elyzabeth Copynger lxxx acres, and C acres resydue belongith to Robert Warren and to the heyres of Thomas Mason.

Below is drawn the "Salte Marsh," without any fleet.

Summa of all the acres of salte marshe . . . . . .
viiiᵐˡ ccxl acres estemyd now yerely part at . . . . .
after they shalbe inclosyd to be worthe ijˢ. and . . . .
above the yerely valew now of the same, and . . . .
of Innyng and Inclosyng the seyd marshe is . . . . .
of the seyd marshe shuld be very much . . . . . .
certeyn substauncyall and credable persons . . . .
in and inclose the seyd marshes with a sewer . . . .
for ever, and to make a rekenyng and accom . . . .
to theym, for the costys and expencys . . . . . .

Mᵈ. That alle the manours along by the . . . . .
except the foreseyd manours perteynyng . . . . . .
and the manours of Lambyth, Stokewell . . . . . .
Caunterbury, the Dean of Powllys . . . . . .
and all the countree of Kent by the Temmys . . . .
Dertforde to the water curraunt bytw . . . . . .
very baron for gresse.[b] Wherfore yf the . . . . .
shuld be great plentye and store of pas . . . . . .
tylledge and to fede alle manner of cattell . . . . .
vyttelle, which ys nowe very deer, and . . . . . .
Wherfore yt were very expedyent for the . . . . .
that euery man holdyng the foreseyd marshe grow . . .
seyd marshes or within the leyvell of the same . . .
with suffycyent walles for hys part or porcyon . . . .
acre a certeyn porcyon of money accordyng a . . . .
the same.

(The next portion of the roll is lost.)

Below the whole is represented the river with this inscription:

The temmys ronnythe her in lenght of the nor . . .

It will be perceived that instead of "the temmys," the surveyor should have written the Medway. In it are sketched, together with some fish, the ship and boat of which fac-similes accompany this article.

[b] *i. e.* very barren of grass.

