SOME ACCOUNT OF THE FAMILY OF COCKAYNE, LORDS VISCOUNT CULLEN, AND OF THE PARISH OF RUSHTON, CO. NORTHAMPTON, THEIR PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE.

RUSHTON HALL stands about three miles north-east of Kettering, in Northamptonshire, on ground which rises gradually from the Ise, a small stream that waters the park. It is one of the earliest and most magnificent specimens of the mixture of the Italian and Gothic architecture prevailing at the end of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and was principally erected about A.D. 1590 (previously to the building of Audley End, in Essex), by Sir Thomas Tresham, whose ancestors had possessed the manor since 16 Henry VI. It is built round three sides of a quadrangle, having in front, towards the east, a Doric screen, in the centre of which is the entrance door. The Great Hall occupies the whole south side, and, till recently, the Picture Gallery extended on the first floor the whole length of the north side, being 125 feet long. It is not proposed to enter here into any minute description of this venerable mansion, as a very full one will be found in Neale's Views of the Seats of the Nobility and Gentry, 2nd Series, 1826, Vol. III. where a view of the east or principal front, and one of the south and west fronts, are given, and in the later editions a view of the interior of the Great Hall, showing its lofty and highly enriched roof, than which few exist of a superior character in any private mansion in England. An abridgment of this description of Neale's, and the two views of the exterior, are in Jones's Views of the Seats of Noblemen in England. Besides these views there is one of a much larger size of the east front, drawn by J. D. Harding on stone, and published by C. Hullmandel about 1820, called "Rushton Hall, the seat of the late Lord Viscount Cullen, and the residence of the Honourable Barbara Cockayne." In this view the trees are made disproportionately tall, and the house too low. The best and most valuable view is called "East Prospect of Lord Cullen's Seat at Rushton, by Winstanley, engraved by Toms, 1741." This shows the house in its original character, before the alterations of 1785, for till that time the east façade of the mansion formed the west side of an enormous *outer* quadrangle, of which the north side was formed by offices, the south by the

church of St. Peter's, and the west by the gate and iron railing, of enormous height. Under the direction of the late Hon. William Cockayne, this quadrangle was wholly destroyed, the church in which his ancestors had for nearly two centuries been buried was reduced to ruins, and the living annexed to Rushton All Saints. At the same time he cut down the hornbeam hedges, said to have been the highest in England, which had been planted in "the Wilderness," at Rushton, by Sir William Cockayne, in the form of a great cross, each quarter being laid out in bowers, labyrinths, &c. It is said that the seeds of the morelles, truffles, and several spring-flowers that flourish there, and do not commonly grow wild in England, came in the roots of these hornbeams, which were imported from France.

At the extremity of the grounds is an exceedingly curious triangular lodge, built by the said Sir Thomas Tresham, of which a description is given in Neale's work as aforesaid, and a short description, with a good view, in the Gentleman's Magazine for December, 1841 (vol. XVI. N. S. p. 594); also in "The Builder," November 1845, Nos. 144 and 145, are some woodcuts of the same. This building is said to be connected by subterraneous passages with the hall, and to have been erected for the purpose of treasonable conferences. The whole family of Tresham were deeply involved in the Gunpowder Plot, and the conspirators often met in these grounds. About twenty years ago a vast number of papers were found relating thereto, on removing a lintel over one of the doors in the hall. Sir Francis Tresham, son of the said Sir Thomas, was convicted of high treason. He was the supposed author of the anonymous letter to Lord Monteagle, who had married his sister, which led to the discovery of the plot.

Soon after, in 1619, the estate was bought by Sir William Cockayne, at that time Lord Mayor of London. He was a scion of the ancient family of Cockayne, of Ashborne, co. Derby, and his descent from them is set fully out on the monumental inscription of his descendant the fifth Lord Viscount Cullen (see page 450). His son Charles was created Lord Viscount Cullen in 1642. He and his father completed the building of the hall, as appears by the dates, and their arms being intermingled with those of the Treshams. In the Cockayne family it remained about 200 years, when the surviving daughters of

the Hon. William Cockayne, nieces and coheiresses to Borlase sixth and last Lord Viscount Cullen, sold it in 1828 for 140,000*l.* to William Williams Hope, Esq. of Amsterdam, who in Sept. 1854, sold it again for 165,000*l.* to Miss Clara Thornhill, a ward in Chancery. The estate consists of about 3,000 acres, all contiguous, and the whole of the village besides the advowson (with rectory house), worth about 800*l.* a year. In 1836 a fire broke out at the hall in the gallery, and did great damage to the north wing. In the rebuilding, the gallery was converted into small rooms. Mr. Hope, though seldom residing there, made great alterations, destroying the beautiful pendant ceilings of the upper drawing-rooms, painting the old oak staircase, &c. for the purpose of fitting up the house in the French fashion, which he did at a great expence and in a very sumptuous manner. He was High Sheriff for Northamptonshire in 1832. His sister married, first, the eighth Earl of Athlone, and secondly, William Gambier, Esq. and by her first husband has an only surviving child, Lady Elizabeth Villiers, wife of the Hon. Frederick William Villiers, of Sulby Hall, co. Northampton.

The church of All Saints, Rushton, contains many monuments besides those to the Cockayne family hereinafter mentioned, especially a stone effigy 6½ feet long of a Knight Templar, said to be William de Goldingham, who had land at Rushton, circ. A.D. 1240. An engraving of it is given in Hyett's Sepulchral Memorials of the County of Northampton, 1817; also a very handsome alabaster altar-tomb, on which is the recumbent effigy of Sir Thomas Tresham, in his robes as Prior of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, so constituted by Queen Mary. This was moved from St. Peter's, Rushton. Also monuments to Rev. Thomas Jackson, above 30 years Rector, died Jan. 1756, æt. 74; to Charles Jackson, Lord Bishop of Kildare, died March 1790, aged 76; to the Rev. George Haggitt, 42 years Rector, died Jan. 1798, aged 71; also to the Rev. John Laycock Wetherall, LL.B. who died universally respected Dec. 1837, aged 74, having been 39 years Rector. His son, the Rev. John Wetherall, the present Rector, and one of the most active magistrates in the county of Northampton, has last year given a new window to the church, and at his own expense effected several alterations in the arrangement and repewing of the same in a most judicious and effective manner.

EXTRACTS RELATING TO THE FAMILY OF COCKAYNE, LORDS VISCOUNT CULLEN, MADE FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS OF RUSHTON ST. PETER'S, CO. NORTHAMPTON.

"Sir William Cokaine, Knight and Alderman of London, died October 20, 1626, at six of the clock in the morning."[a]

A.D. 1642. "Charles Cokayne, son to the Right Hon^ble. Charles Vicount Collen and y^e Lady Mary his wife, was baptized Sept. 29. He was borne y^e 16^th of y^e same month."[b]

A.D. 1658. "Charles, the son of Bryan Cokaine Esq^re. and Elizabeth his wife [the heire of y^e family of the Trenthams in Staffordshire], was born Nov. 15^th, neere upon four of the clock, being Munday morning, and christened at home in the house on Nov. 25, being Thursday [in the time of Maior Generalls]."[c]

A.D. 1661. "Charles Lord Cokaine, Viscount Cullen, was buried June 19^th."[d]

A.D. 1663. "Trentham, the son of Brien Viscount Cullen & Elizabeth his wife, was baptized Nov. 14. Born Nov. 5, a little after three of the clocke in y^e morning, being Wednesday."[e]

[a] This entry is made on the cover of the book. Sir William Cockayne purchased Rushton Hall in 1619, when he was Lord Mayor of London. He died at his seat, Combe Nevill, near Kingston, in Surrey, possessed of great estates in many counties, and enormous wealth, leaving Charles Cockayne, Esq. afterwards created Lord Viscount Cullen, his only son and heir, and six daughters, who all married into illustrious houses. His widow, Mary, daughter to Richard Morris, Esq. became second wife to Henry first Earl of Dover, and died in 1648. Administration Jan. 1648-9. Sir William was buried at St. Paul's cathedral in great state. An engraving of his monument and inscription is in Dugdale's St. Paul's.

[b] He died unmarried, 1658. Administration, July 6, 1658, of Charles Cockayne, late of Rushton, co. Northampton, deceased, granted to his father, Charles Cockayne, Esq. lately called Viscount *Cockayne* [sic.] There is no register of his burial at Rushton; the only entry in 1658 being the christening, as above: and there are no entries in 1659.

[c] The last few words are in a later hand. This Charles was afterwards the third, and his father Bryan the second, Viscount Cullen.

[d] He was the first Viscount, so created at Oxford by Charles I. on 11 Aug. 1642. He adhered steadily to the King, for whom he raised a troop of horse, which he concealed in his grounds at Elmesthorpe, co. Leicester. "Sir Charles Cokayne," of Rushton, was voted a delinquent by the Parliament, and had to compound for his estates for the sum of 7,515*l.* a very large sum, as compared with the other compounders. See an account of the family in Nichols's Leicestershire, vol. iv. pp. 603, et seq. and vol. iii. p. 1036.

[e] He died unmarried, and was buried at Rushton, Aug. 15, 1690.

A.D. 1665. "George, the son of Brien Cokaine Viscount Cullen and Elizabeth his wife, was borne July 16, being Sunday, at twelve of the clock at night, and baptized July 19." [f]

A.D. 1666. "Elizabeth, the daughter of Brien Viscount Cullen and Elizabeth his wife, was borne October 20, being Saturday night, a quarter before 10 of the clock, and baptised Oct. 30." [g]

A.D. 1667–8. "Mr. John Cokaine died March 9th, and was buried March 11th." [h]

[1677-8. "Mary, the daughter of Brien Lord Cullen and Lady Elizabeth his wife, was born March 11, about 6 of the clock in the morning, and baptized March 19."] [i]

A.D. 1681. "Mary, the daughter of Charles Cokaine, Esq. and Katherine his wife, was baptized May 9." [k]

A.D. 1681. "Katherine, the daughter of Brien Lord Cullen and the Lady Elizabeth his wife, was baptized September 19."

A.D. 1681. "Mary, the daughter of Charles Cokaine, was buried May 9." [k]

A.D. 1681. "Katherine, the daughter of Brien Lord Cullen and Elizabeth his wife, was buried Sept. 19."

1683. "Elizabeth, the daughter of Charles Cokaine, Esq. was buried June 14."

[f] This Hon. George Cockayne was guardian to his great-nephew Charles, fifth Lord Viscount Cullen, and, by his good management, paid off all incumbrances on Rushton, and purchased additional estates in Northamptonshire, during the minority. He married Mary, daughter of Sir Beaumont Dixie of Bosworth, co. Leicester, and relict of Charles Lord Willoughby of Parham. He died a widower, 12 July, 1722, at Rushton, and appears to have been buried in St. Peter's Church there, from an old stone inscribed "G. C. 1722," removed thence to All Saints' Church, and still remaining. There is, however, no entry of his burial in the register.

[g] She married Thomas Crathorne, Esq. of Ness, co. York, &c. of a distinguished Roman Catholic family, by whom she had numerous issue. See Graves's History of Cleveland; Ord's ditto, &c. She died a widow at Richmond, Surrey, and was buried at Rushton 19th Nov. 1739, aged 73.

[h] By his monument at St. Peter's church, now removed to All Saints, it appears he was in his 69th year. (See hereafter, p. 447.)

[i] This entry is in the register-book for ALL SAINTS, Rushton, probably by mistake, as Rushton Hall did not stand in that parish. This Mary Cockayne, the surviving child of the second Viscount, died unmarried, at Islington, Middlesex, Sept. 1754, aged 76, and was buried at Rushton.

[k] The first child of Charles, afterwards third Viscount Cullen, who was then only aged 22 years. The other children were mostly born at Elmesthorpe House, co. Leicester, where he chiefly resided, and were baptised at Barwell, in that county. See Nichols's Leicestershire.

1683–4. "Willoughby, a child, the son of Charles Cokaine of Elmesthorpe, Esq^re. was, January the 23^d, 1683, buried."[l]

1684–5. "William, y^e son of Charles Cokaine, Esq^re. and Katherine his wife, of Elmesthorpe, was buried y^e 22^d of March, 1684."

1685–6. "John, a child, y^e son of Charles Cokain of Elmsthorpe, Esq^re. was buryed y^e 4^th day of February, 1685."[m]

1686. "Mary, Lady Cokain, Viscountess Cullen, was buryed the 31^st day of May, 1686, for whom no affidavit was brought."[n]

[N.B.—From 3 Feb. 1687, to Aug. 5, 1688, half a page is left blank in the burials, in which it is supposed that the burial of Bryan 2^d Lord Viscount Cullen was intended to have been inserted. His will is dated 20 May, 1687; soon after which time he died.]

1688–9. "Charles L^d. Cokayne, Viscount Cullen, was buried Jan. 3, 1688."[o]

[l] He was baptised at Barwell, co. Leicester:—"1682, April 9. Bap. Willobe, son of Charles Cockayne, Esq."—See Nichols's Leic. vol. iv. p. 481.

[m] The youngest child of the third Lord Cullen, "*Catharine, daughter of Charles Lord Culling of Elmesthorpe*," was baptised at Barwell, co. Leicester, 21 January, 1687-8. She married, 13 March, 1711-2, at St. James, Westminster, William Dowdeswell, of Pull Court, co. Worc. Esq. being his first wife, and died 1717, leaving an only surviving child, Frances, who married William Basil, of Wilton Park, Bucks, Esq. Mr. Dowdeswell, by his second wife, was ancestor of the Dowdeswells now of Pull Court.

[n] Lady Mary O'Brien, eldest daughter and coheiress of Henry fifth Earl of Thomond, by Mary, daughter of William Lord Brereton, and Margaret, daughter of Sir John Savage, and Lady Elizabeth Manners, daughter of Thomas Earl of Rutland, descended from Anne Duchess of Exeter, sister to Edward IV. Lady Cullen married secondly George Blount of Sodington, co. Worcester, Esq. (the ancestor of the Blounts, Barts.), being his first wife, but had no issue by him.

[o] The third Viscount. He was baptised 25 Nov. 1658 (see *ante*), and resided chiefly at Elmesthorpe Hall, co. Leic. He died, aged 30, on the 30th Dec. 1688, of the small-pox at Oxford, where he and many of the midland nobility and gentry had been summoned by the Princess Anne to consult on the unsettled state of the kingdom. Lord Cullen escorted her with a troop of horse, together with Compton, Bishop of London, the Earls of Northampton and Chesterfield, and other noblemen, from Leicester. When the Princess Anne announced that her purpose was to have an association to kill all the Papists in England lest the Prince of Orange should be killed by them, the Earl of Chesterfield, Lord Ferrers, and Lord Cullen were the first who had the courage to refuse signing the paper, drawn up by Bishop Compton to form this infamous confederacy (which, if carried out, would have aimed at the life of the Princess' unfortunate father), and, their example being followed by above a hundred gentlemen, to the great vexation of the Princess, the plot had to be abandoned.—See Memoirs of Philip Earl of Chesterfield, pp. 48-50.

1688–9. "The Lady Catharine Viscountess Cullen was buried Feb. 13th." [p]

1690. "Trentham Cokain, Esqre. was buried Aug 15.
"Jeff. Barton, Rector." [q]

"Wm. ye son of my Ld. Cullen was born Nov. 23d, 1707." (In register of Baptisms.)

"Wm. ye son of my Ld. Cullen, was buried Nov. 26, 1707."

"Elizabeth Lady Viscountess Dowager Cullen, was buried Dec. ye 10th, 1713." [r]

"Charles Ld. Viscount Cullen was buried Aprill ye 8th, 1716." [s]

Baptism—1733-4. "The Honble. Katherine Cockayne, daughter of the Right Honble. Charles Ld. Viscount Cullen and Ann his Lady—March 13." [t]

Burial—1733-4. "The Honble. Katherine Cockayne, daughter of ye Hon. Ld. Cullen & Ann his Lady—March 17."

Births—1735. "The Honble. Elizabeth Cockayne, daughter of the Right Honble. Charles Lord Viscount[u] and Ann his Lady—June 7."

1736. "The Honble. Charles Cockayne, son of the Rt. Hon. Charles Ld. Viscount Cullen & Ann his Lady, born July 31." [v]

[p] The Hon. Catherine Willoughby, fifth daughter of William sixth Lord Willoughby of Parham, by Anne, daughter, and eventually heiress, of Sir Philip Carey, brother of the first Viscount Falkland. Her grandfather, the third Lord Willoughby, married Lady Frances Manners, daughter of John fifth Earl of Rutland, descended from Anne Duchess of Exeter, sister of Edward IV. She died, under thirty, at Elmesthorpe Hall, co. Leicester, about six weeks after her husband, of the small-pox, which she is said to have caught from a gold medal and ribbon he had worn on his deathbed,—said to have been given him by the Princess of Denmark.

[q] See his baptism, 14 Nov. 1663.

[r] Elizabeth Trentham, widow of Bryan the second Viscount Cullen. (See her monumental inscription hereafter, page 448.)

[s] The fourth Viscount Cullen, born 4 Jan. 1686, and left a minor at two years old, under the care of the Countess of Bellomont, his mother's sister. He married Ann, daughter of Arthur Warren of Stapleford Hall, Notts (descended from the Warrens of Poynton in Cheshire), by Ann, daughter of Sir John Borlase, Bart. and Alice his wife, daughter of Lord Chief Justice Bancks. In 1710 Lord Cullen, by a private Act of Parliament, 9 Anne, ch. 30, disposed of Elmesthorpe and the Leicestershire property. He and his wife lived separately, from incompatability of temper. On 6 April, 1716, he died, under thirty, at Rushton Hall, a widower, leaving an only child, the fifth Viscount, then five years of age.

[t] The first child of Charles fifth Viscount Cullen.

[u] Sic.

[v] See his burial, 16 Dec. 1765, *infra*.

1737-8. "The Hon^ble. Frances Cockayne, dau. of the Right Hon. Charles L^d. Visc^t. Cullen & Ann his Lady—March 15." [w]

Burial—1737. "The Hon^ble. Elizabeth Cockayne, daughter of the Right Hon^ble. Charles L^d. Viscount Cullen—Nov. 11."

Birth—1739. "The Hon^ble Anna Maria Cockayne, dau. of the Hon. Lord Viscount Cullen and Ann his Lady, April 16." [x]

Burial—1739. "The Hon^ble Mrs. Crathorn, widdow, Nov. 19. Thos. Jackson, Rector." [y]

Births—1740. "The Hon^ble Borlase Cockayne, son of y^e Right Hon^ble Charles Lord Viscount Cullen and Ann his Lady, born and baptised Sept^r 30." [z]

1742. "The Hon^ble Frances Cockayne, dau. of the Right Hon. Charles Lord Viscount Cullen and Ann his Lady, June 8."

Burial—1742. "The Hon^ble Frances Cockayne, dau. of the Right Hon. Lord Cullen, August 20^th."

Birth—1745. "Hon^ble John Cockayne, son of Lord Cullen and Ann his Lady, born June 25." [a]

Burial—1753. "Hon^ble Mrs. Mary Cockayne, Sept. 17." [b]

1754. "The R^t Hon^ble Lady Ann Viscountess Cullen, July 1." [c]

Baptism—1756. "William, son of the Right Hon. Charles Lord Viscount Cullen and Sophia his Lady, May 18." [d]

Burial—1765. "The honourable Charles Cockayne, Dec. 16." [e]

[w] She died young, as did all her sisters, excepting Anna Maria, who married Rev. N. Mapletoft.

[x] She married Rev. Nathaniel Mapletoft. See her burial, 9 April, 1825, *infra*.

[y] Elizabeth, daughter of Bryan second Viscount Cullen. See her baptism, 30 Oct. 1666, *ante*.

[z] Afterwards the sixth and last Viscount Cullen. See his burial, 21 Aug. 1810, *infra*.

[a] See his burial, 23 April, 1768, *infra*.

[b] The daughter of Bryan second Lord Viscount Cullen. See her baptism, 19 March, 1677-8, *ante*.

[c] The first wife of the fifth Lord Viscount Cullen. She was his first-cousin, being the daughter of his maternal uncle, Borlase Warren of Stapleford Hall, Notts, Esq. M.P. for Notts. and Ann, daughter of Sir John Harpur, Bart. by his wife, the Hon. Ann Willoughby, daughter of William sixth Lord Willoughby of Parham.

[d] The Hon. William Cockayne, the only child of the fifth Lord Cullen by his second wife. See his burial, 16 Oct. 1809, *infra*.

[e] See his baptism, 31 July, 1736, *ante*. He was son and heir apparent of the fifth Viscount Cullen, and died, aged 29, unmarried.

1768. "The honourable John Cockayne, Esquire, April 23."[f]

[In the year 1780 the church of St. Peter's, Rushton, was pulled down, and the parish united with that of All Saints, Rushton.]

EXTRACTS FROM THE REGISTERS OF THE UNITED PARISHES OF ST. PETER'S AND ALL SAINTS, RUSHTON.

Baptism—1784. "Georgina, daughter of the Hon^ble William and Barbara Cockayne, December 23, d. p^d." (*sc.* duty paid).[g]

Marriage—1791. "William Lord Bishop of Cork and Ross, in Ireland, and Frances Mapletoft, of this parish, 24^th September, d. p^d."[h]

1798. "Elizabeth Charlotte, daughter of the honourable William and Barbara Cockayne, was born June y^e 9^th, and baptized July 13."[i]

Burials—1802. "Charles Lord Viscount Cullen, June 13^th."[k]

1802. "Sophia Lady Viscountess Cullen, July 19.^th"[l]

1808. "The Rev^d. Mr. Nathaniel Mapletoft, Nov. 5^th."[m]

1809. "The Hon^ble William Cockayne, son of Charles Lord Viscount Cullen, October 16^th."[n]

[f] See his baptism, 25 June, 1745, *ante*. He was third son of the fifth Viscount Cullen, and died of a quinsy at Rushton Hall, aged 22, unmarried.

[g] She was their fourth daughter. See her marriage with J. E. Maunsell, Esq. 11th Oct. 1824, *infra*.

[h] The Right Rev. William Bennet, afterwards, in 1794, Bishop of Cloyne, and the author of several treatises on the Roman roads in England. His wife was daughter of the Rev. Nathaniel Mapletoft, Rector of Broughton, Northamptonshire, by his wife the Hon. Anna-Maria Cockayne, only surviving daughter of Charles fifth Lord Viscount Cullen. The Bishop of Cloyne died 16 July, 1820, in his 75th year (see a long life of him in Gent. Mag. vol. xc. part 2, p. 184). He left no family: his widow survived till her 80th year, dying on the 3d April, 1851, and was buried at Kensall Green Cemetery.

[i] She was their tenth and youngest daughter, and married in 1825 the Hon. Edmond Sexton Pery, second son of the late Earl of Limerick.

[k] The fifth Viscount. See his monumental inscription, page 450, *infra*.

[l] Relict of the fifth Viscount. See her monumental inscription, page 451, *infra*.

[m] Son of Rev. Nathaniel Mapletoft, by his wife the Hon. Anna-Maria Cockayne, daughter of Charles fifth Viscount Cullen. See his monumental inscription, page 454, *infra*.

[n] See his baptism, 18 May, 1756, *supra*, and his monumental inscription, p. 455. The following is written in the Register-book:—

"The Honourable William Cockayne left by his will one hundred pounds to be vested in the funds, the interest of which is to be distributed by the rector's family

1810. "Borlase Lord Viscount Cullen, August 21."[o]

1814. "Sarah Margaretta Cockayne,[p] (abode) Rushton, (when) Sept. 11, (age) 22 years, (by whom performed) Francis Jones."

1824. "Catherine Cockayne,[p] daughter of the Hon^ble William Cockayne, (abode) Thorpe Malsor, (when) March 17, (age) 33 years, (by whom performed) J. L. Wetherall, Rector."

1824. "John Edmund Maunsel, Esq^r. bachelor, of the parish of Thorpe Malsor, in the county of Northampton, and Georgiana Cockayne, spinster, of this parish, were married in the church by licence, both having attained the age of 21 years, this eleventh day of October, in the year 1824, by me J. L. Wetherall.

In the presence of { Elizabeth C. Cockayne. / Barbara Cockayne Medlycott."

Burials—1825. "The Hon^ble Anna Maria Mapletoft,[q] (abode) Harborough, (when) April 9, (age) 86 years, (by whom performed) J. Wetherall, Curate."

1825. "Barbara Maria Cockayne,[r] daughter of the late Hon^ble. W. Cockayne, (abode) Rushton, (when) October 1st, (age) 45 years, (by whom performed) J. L. Wetherall, Rector."

1828. "Sophia Cockayne,[r] daughter of the late Hon^ble William Cockayne, (abode) Thorpe Malsor, (when) January 26th, (age) 41 years, (by whom performed) J. Wetherall, Curate."

MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS OF THE COCKAYNE FAMILY.

On a large flat rough stone, much broken at the top, having been brought from St. Peter's Church, Rushton (when it was pulled down), to All Saints' Church, at Rushton, surmounted by

in any way to twelve or more of the poorest people not on the parish. On the ninth of May, 1810, purchased in the Four per Cent. Annuities £105 17*s.* 8*d.* stock, for . . . . . £. s. d.
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" Brokerage 0 2 8
" Legacy stamp receipt 10 0 0
£100 0 0

The above £105 17*s.* 8*d.* four per cent. annuities is in the name of the Rev^d. John Laycock Wetherall, for which he or his Exörs. are accountable.—J. L. WETHERALL."

[o] The sixth and last Viscount Cullen. See his monumental inscription, page 454, *infra*.

[p] See their monumental inscriptions, page 455, *infra*.

[q] The only surviving daughter of Charles fifth Viscount Cullen, born 16 April, 1739, at Rushton. See *ante*. See her monumental inscription, page 454, *infra*.

[r] See their monumental inscriptions, page 455, *infra*.

a stone, on which are these arms; viz. three cocks for Cockayne, impaling a bend cottised between six covered cups for Butler.

"The body of John Cokayn, Esqr; hee dyed the 9th of March, in the 69 year of his age, 1667.

"G. C. 1722."[s]

[NOTE.—The latter inscription, cut in more recent letters, refers probably to the Hon. George Cockayne, who died at Rushton 12 July, 1722. (See the note in p. 441.)]

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* To this Mr. John Cokaine, Sir Aston Cokayne the Poet addresses the following verses (see Epigram No. 7, p. 197, edit. 1669):—

"To my honest kinsman Mr. John Cokaine.

"When at your Pigeon-house we meet sometime
(Though bawling Puritans call it a crime),
And pleasant hours from serious thoughts do steal,
With a fine little glass and temperate ale,
Talk of Sir —— Cokaine, and how near
He was allied to Will the Conquerer;
Liv'd* in his reign at Henningham Castle, and
That lately there his bows and arrows did stand,
That there his sword and buckler hung, and that
(If they have scap'd these times) th' are all there yet.
Some fall asleep, because healths are but few,
And care not for such tales, though ne're so true,
So as (through too much drink) we see sleep come
On others, it for too little falls on some."

[s] "Attested by the same Mr. John Cokaine of Rushton, my lord's cousin-germane, who had an antient evidence to prove it."

Sir Aston Cokayne was the head of the Cokayne family, and, consequently, the inheritor of their large estates in Derbyshire and Warwickshire, of which Ashbourn, in the former county, had been in the family since the time of Stephen. He was created a Baronet by Charles the First, about 10 Jan. 1641-2; but the docket was lost during the Civil Wars. He wrote some plays, and several poems. One of the latter, No. 88, p. 182, edit. 1669, is addressed "To the Right Honourable Charles Lord Cokaine, Viscount Cullen," whom he there calls "a grace unto our family name:" another, No. 102, p. 186, "To the Lady Mary Cokaine, Viscountess Cullen," to whom also he dedicates his translation of Loredano's Romance of Dianea, pub. 1654, in which dedication he tells her that her "excellent spirit is replete with as many of the sublimest vertues, as your beautifull body is composed of regall and noble bloods, derived to you from illustrious families of England and Ireland." Two other poems, No. 5 and 6, pp. 195 and 196, are "To Mr. Bryan Cokaine," and to "Mrs. Elizabeth Cokaine, his Lady," who was his cousin by his mother's family, the Stanhopes of Elvaston, in co. Derby. This Bryan and Elizabeth were afterwards the second Lord and Lady Cullen (see p. 448, *infra*).

Sir Aston Cokaine was a great sufferer in the Royal cause, and died a ruined man (having long since sold all his estates) at Derby in Feb. 1683-4, aged 75, and was buried on the 13th with his ancestors at Polesworth church, co. Warwick. He had one son, Thomas, who married, but died in his father's lifetime without issue, and

At Sibbertoft in Northamptonshire, on a flat marble stone in the chancel, near the priest's door, on the south side under the same arms in a lozenge, is this inscription:

"Here lieth the body of Thomazine Cockayne, widd. relict of John Cockayne, late of Rushton, in the county of North. Esq. daught. of John Butler of Blakesley, in y^e s^d county, Geñt. who deceased the 10th day of February, anno Dom. 1678."

[Note.—By her will, proved at the Prerogative Court June, 1679, it appears that they had no family, as she leaves all her property to her nieces.]

On a large flat rough stone in All Saints' church, Rushton, removed from St. Peter's, when it was pulled down, is this inscription, "C. C. 1688," referring to Charles Cokayne, third Viscount Cullen, who died 30th December, 1688. (See p. 442 *ante*.)

On a large slab, also moved there from the ruins of St. Peter's, is this inscription:—"In hopes of a blessed resurrection, here lyeth the remains of the Lady Elizabeth Cullen, relique of Bryan Lord Viscount Cullen. She was daughter and sole heir of S^r Francis Trentham,[t] of Staffordshire, and from him derived the rich Lordship of Rosceter in that county, and of Castle Henningham, in the county of Essex: though this was a fair and valuable heritage, yet that which came to her from y^e Lord was more fair and much more valuable,—viz., 3 sons and 2 daughters, Charles, Trentham, George, Elizabeth, and Mary. This Lady was left a Widdow about the 50th year of her age, and continued a Widdow indeed above 25 years; when having for so long time been a bright example of fervent Piety to her God, of tender affection to her children, and of real charity to the Poor, She begun to breathe after another Spouse, who might eternaly reward her for her good and faithful service here; and she entered into His joy, and was Received into His Embraces on the 30th day of November, anno Domini 1713."

This great heiress, generally called the beautiful Lady Cullen, was born in 1637, being the only child of Francis Trentham, Esq., son and heir of Sir Thomas Trentham, of Rocester Priory,

two daughters, his coheirs,—Mary married first Thomas Henslow of Birchin, secondly William Lacy of Killmorton, Hants, Esq.—and Isabella, the second wife of William Turville of Aston Flamville, co. Leicester, Esq. With him ended the line of the Cockaynes of Ashbourne.

[t] Francis Trentham, Esq. He was never knighted.

co. Stafford, and his wife Prudence, daughter of Thomas Eyre, of Hassop, co. Derby, Esq. Her mother was Elizabeth, eldest dau. of Sir Wm. Bowyer, of Knipersley, co. Stafford, Knt., and his wife Hester, dau. of Sir William Skeffington, of Fisherwick, Bart. She married Mr. Trentham 31 Oct. 1634, at Biddulph in Staffordshire, and after his death, in 1645, remarried with her cousin John Bowyer, Esq., by whom she had more issue. The manner in which Lady Cullen inherited Castle Hedingham, and other estates of the Earls of Oxford, was this—Edward de Vere, seventeenth Earl of Oxford, married, for his second wife, Elizabeth Trentham (one of the maids of honour to Queen Elizabeth), daughter of Thomas Trentham, of Rocester Priory, co. Stafford, Esq., and sister to Francis Trentham, afterwards of the same, the great-grandfather of Elizabeth Viscountess Cullen. This Francis advanced £10,000 to clear off the mortgages on the Oxford estates, and in consideration thereof, by deed dated 8th July, 1609, they were settled on Henry eighteenth Earl of Oxford, only child of the said marriage, and his issue intail, with remainder to the said Francis Trentham and his heirs in fee. This remainder took effect in part on the death of the said Henry Earl of Oxford, without issue, in 1625, and entirely on the death of his widow, then the wife of the Earl of Elgin, in 1654, when Lady Cullen, as heir of her great-grandfather, succeeded to the estates.

She was betrothed to her lord in her 12th year, he being only 16; after which they lived separately for some years, while he went the grand tour of the continent. During these travels he formed an attachment to a beautiful Italian lady, said to have been a princess, who returned his affections with all the ardour of her country, for she pursued him to England, and on the very day of the celebration of his nuptials, while the youthful bride and bridegroom were sitting down to a banquet in the great hall at Rushton, the enraged lady arrived in a coach and six horses, stopped at the portico ward, rushed into the hall, upbraided her lover with his perfidy, and, after seizing a gold chalice off the table as if to drink the health of the newly-married pair, drank to their endless misery, and dashing the cup to the ground to give more emphasis to her imprecations, knelt down, and solemnly invoked the vengeance of heaven on the bridegroom for his treachery, and pouring out horrid curses

against the bride, prophecied that she would "live in wretchedness, and die in want." After this, she abruptly left the hall, and returned to her own country. Although she never molested them again, her curse was in a great measure fulfilled. The marriage was a very unhappy one, from the dissipation of the husband and the extravagance of the wife. Their rent-roll was said at one time to amount to above 8,000*l.* a-year (see Morant's Essex), an enormous sum in those days, but on the death of this Lord Cullen, in 1687, his estates were mortgaged to nearly their full value, and her ladyship, having previously sold her paternal estates in Staffordshire, sold Castle Hedingham and the Essex estates, on 2nd April, 1713, a few months before her death, for the payment of her debts. She was one of the ladies of the bedchamber to Queen Catharine, and her beauty was the theme of much admiration among the wits of the court of Charles II. Sir Peter Lely has painted two pictures of her, one a full-length, in a reclining posture, as Venus, which used to be in the Bugle Room at Rushton, but now belongs to the Hon. Mrs. Pery, of Cottingham House, Northamptonshire, and the other, a three-quarters length, in a sitting posture, as large as life (being a picture of great merit), which now belongs to the Hon. Mrs. Maunsell, of Cheltenham. Lady Cullen frequently gave the Duke of Monmouth an asylum during the years 1682 and 1683, when he was in disgrace with his father. He presented her with his picture, a half-length, also by Sir P. Lely, which is now the property of the Hon. Mrs. Adams, of Thorpe, in Surrey. The room in which he was concealed at Rushton Hall is still called the Duke's room. Lady Cullen died at Kettering, and was buried at St. Peter's, Rushton, aged 75 years.

On a large slab, in the family vault[a] at All Saints' church, Rushton:—"Here lies the Body of Charles, 5th Viscount and Baron Cullen of the county of Donegal, in Ireland, whose Ancestors were so created by King Charles the First, Aug. 11, 1642; he was Lord of the Manor of Rushton, &c. &c., which

[a] The burial-place of the Cockaynes in All Saints' church, Rushton, was in a large lofty vault underneath a chauntry, at the east end of the north aisle, which chauntry was walled off from the church. When the church was restored, in 1853, this chauntry was thrown into the church, and, in order to reduce its floor to a level with that of the chancel, the vault was destroyed. This Lord Cullen was the first of his family buried at All Saints.

he inherited from his worthy progenitor Sir William Cockayne, who purchased the same A.D. 1619, and was the son of William, who was the son of Roger Cockayne, of Badesley Ensor, in the county of Warwick, son of William, second son of Sir John Cockayne, and Isabella, daughter of Sir Hugh Shirley. Sir John Cockayne was son of Edmond Cockayne and Elizabeth de Hertzull, heiress of Sir Richard de Hertzull, of Pooley, in the said county; which Edmond was the son of Sir John Cockayne, and *Agnes*,[y] daughter of Sir Richard Vernon, lord of Haddon, and was lineally descended in the male line from Andreas Cockayne, lord of Ashbourne, &c. &c., in the county of Derby, A.D. 1135. In addition to his antient and honourable descent in this country, he became the Representative of the Elder Branch of the Illustrious house of O'Brien in Ireland, being the immediate descendant of the Lady Mary, wife of Charles 1st Viscount Cullen, and eldest daughter and coheiress of Henry O'Brien, 5th Earl of Thomond, and Baron of Ibrican.

"Here also are deposited the remains of Sophia, Viscountess Cullen, his second wife, daughter of John Baxter, Esq^re., and *Ann*[x] his wife, sister and heiress of George Woodward, Esq^re., of Stoke Lyne, in Oxfordshire.

"He died, aged 91, June 7^th, 1802; she died, aged 63, July 13^th, 1802. In their Lives they were united, and in their Deaths they were not divided. This stone is inscribed by their son, William Cockayne, in affectionate regard for their memory. 1808."

This nobleman, the fifth Viscount, was born 21 Sept. 1710, being the only child of the fourth Viscount. At the age of five years, his mother having died previously, he succeeded to his father's titles and estates in April, 1716 (see note to his burial, page 443, *ante*.) These he enjoyed for 86 years, till his death in June, 1802, a longer period, I believe, than any nobleman has ever enjoyed his title in this country. His guardians were his maternal uncle, Borlase Warren, of Stapleford Hall, Notts. Esq. M.P. and his great-uncle, the Hon. George

[y] This is a mistake: this Agnes Vernon married John Cokayne, the *son* of the said Edmond, whose father, Sir John, married Cecilia, relict of Robert Ireton of Ireton, co. Derby, and had the said Edmond, his son and heir, and Sir John Cokayne, the founder of the Cokaynes of Cokayne Hatley, Beds. The rest of the pedigree is correct.

[x] Her name was Sophia, not Anne.

Cockayne, who by his prudent management paid off the incumbrances on the Rushton property, and purchased an estate at Isham, in Northamptonshire, worth 35,000*l.* and lands at Kelmarsh and Theddingworth, in the said county and Leicestershire, out of the savings during this minority. Of the forty-four years that followed the death of Bryan the second Viscount, in 1687, the estates were thirty-five years in the management of guardians during the long minorities of the fourth Viscount and of this his son the fifth Viscount, so that the extravagances of the said Bryan and his Lady were in a great measure redeemed, though not without the sale of Elmsthorpe and the Leicestershire estates, in 1709. Lord Cullen also possessed a valuable estate and the manor of Grindlow, in Derbyshire, which was left in 1714, by Frances Countess of Bellomont, sister of the third Viscountess Cullen, to his father, her nephew, the fourth Viscount, in whose descendants it remained till the coheiresses of the last Viscount sold it, in 1827, to Mr. Cox.

On 4 May, 1732, Lord Cullen, being then of age, married at St. George's, Hanover Square, his first cousin, Ann Warren, then under 16 years old, eldest daughter of his said guardian, "a beautiful young lady," according to the contemporary announcement in the Gentleman's Magazine, vol. ii. p. 776. By her, besides four daughters who died infants, and two sons who died under 30, in his lifetime, he had Anna Maria, wife of Rev. N. Mapleloft, and Borlase, sixth and last Viscount Cullen; she died at Rushton Hall, 28 June, 1754, aged 37, and was buried at St. Peter's, Rushton, 1 July, 1754 (see *ante*, p. 444). Shortly afterwards, his Lordship married his second wife, Sophia Baxter, she being then only just 16 years old; by whom he had one child, the Hon. William Cockayne. Their marriage articles are dated Nov. 1754, so that he was only six months a widower. Notwithstanding this, and that he married his first wife at the age of 21, and that his second wife survived him, we find from Mr. Cole, the Cambridge antiquary, in the Addit. MSS. 5834, in the British Museum (vol. xxxiii. p. 428), speaking of Dr. Jackson, then Bishop of Ferns, and afterwards Bishop of Kildare, son of the Rev. Thomas Jackson, Rector of Rushton, that the bishop[y] had a sister, "a very pretty sort of woman, but with

[y] From the same source we learn that Bishop Jackson married a Mrs. Brydges, a rich Northamptonshire widow, "with a very convenient fortune," of about

such teeth as her brother's formerly were" (which, he tells us before, were black and rotten while a boy). "She had been offered by Lord Cullen to be his wife, but his drunkenness and strange way of life had deterred her. This Lord Cullen was my school-fellow at Eton, where he promised from a boy in his buckskin breeches to be such a kind of man as he actually turned out, keeping no other company of any sort but dogs, horses, and his own grooms and stable-boys."

Whatever might have been the excesses of his early life, Lord Cullen drank neither wine, beer, or any spirituous liquors, for the last 40 years of his life; and we read in the Gentleman's Magazine (vol. lxxii. p. 687), "that he attained the above advanced period of life in the enjoyment of an uninterrupted state of good health, of excellent abilities, and of a very cheerful mind, to which he united the inestimable virtues of true benevolence and unbounded generosity." He was a very keen sportsman also, and an excellent rider. He ran several horses at the Rugby, Nottingham, and other midland races. His celebrated brown bay horse, called "The Cullen Arabian," was the sire of many of the best race-horses existing about A.D. 1750 to 1760. His Lordship died at Rushton Hall, in his 92nd year, 7 June, 1802.

Sophia Viscountess Cullen, his relict, was the youngest of the two daughters and coheiresses of John Baxter, Esq. of Bees, co. Cumberland, Commissary-General of the Stores at Gibraltar. He died in 1748, and on 3 June, 1750, his widow, Sophia, remarried at Rushton with William Tudor of Uppingham, Esq. captain in the navy, who survived her. Lady Cullen's mother was Sophia, daughter and eventually coheiress of Edmund Woodward, of Stratton Audley, co. Oxford, Esq. by Elizabeth, daughter and eventually coheiress of Ralph Holte, of Stoke Lyne, in that county, Esq. Her uncle, George Woodward, was Envoy to the King of Poland, and died 1735, unmarried. An account of the Woodward and Holt families will be found in

5000*l.*; and in page 433, among the verses written on his wooing this lady, is this stanza:—

"He told her tho' he was no Rector as yet,
He was morally sure some preferment to get;
*Two Lords** were his friends: he'd a promise from both,
And a nobleman's word was as good as his oath."

* "Viz. Lord Sandwich and Lord Cullen."

Dunkin's History of the Hundreds of Bullington, &c. co. Oxford. Her Ladyship's sister, Ann Woodward Baxter, married Thomas Eyles, of Stratton Audley, by whom she was mother of the late Admiral Eyles, and grandmother of Major Thomas Woodward Eyles, who died in 1847. Lady Cullen was a most amiable and humble-minded person, and unfeignedly religious and charitable. She had long been in declining health, and died on her journey from Bristol to Rushton, 13 July, 1802, aged 63, at the King's Arms hotel, Oxford, having survived her Lord, with whom she was buried at All Saints, Rushton, only five weeks. This is the more remarkable, as her husband's grandfather, the third Viscount Cullen, was in like manner only survived for five weeks by his lady (see their burials, Jan. and Feb. 1688–9, *ante*).

On a slab in the family vault at All Saints' church, Rushton:

"M. S. The Hon^ble. Anna Maria Mapletoft[z] died April 3, 1825, aged 85, daughter of Charles, 5th Viscount Cullen and his first wife Ann Warren, and Widow of Rev. Nathaniel Mapletoft, of Broughton, in this county. Also their Son, Rev. Nathaniel Mapletoft, Rector of Castletown, Ireland. Died October 31, 1808, aged 40."

On slabs in the family vault at All Saints' church, Rushton:

"M. S. Borlase,[a] sixth and last Viscount Cullen, of Rushton Hall. Ob^t August, 1810."

[z] She was born at Rushton 16 April, 1739 (see *ante*), being the only daughter who came to maturity. In A.D. 1768 she married Rev. Nathaniel Mapletoft, B.A. of Pembroke College, Cambridge, 1747, and Rector of Broughton, co. Northampton. By him, who died in 1781, she had two sons and two daughters, viz. the Rev. Nathaniel Mapletoft, B.A. of Jesus College, Cambridge, 1792, who died unmarried at East Farndon, co. Northampton, aged 40, the 31st of October, and was buried with his ancestors at Rushton on 5 Nov. 1808 (see *ante*); Harold Kinsman Mapletoft, second son, Captain in the 107th Foot, 30 April, 1794, in which year he was killed from a fall from his horse in Ireland, unmarried, and was buried at Athy, in that country. The eldest daughter, Frances, married at Rushton 24 Feb. 1791, Dr. Bennet, afterwards Bishop of Cloyne (see note to that marriage, *ante*), but died sans issue 3 April, 1851, in her 80th year. The youngest daughter, Ann Mapletoft, is still living unmarried. See Mrs. Mapletoft's burial, on 9th April, 1825, *ante*, where she is called 86 years old.

[a] He was born and baptised 30 Sept. 1740, at Rushton, being the only surviving son of the fifth Viscount by his first wife Ann Warren. By a settlement, dated 18 July, 1747, the Cullen estates were entailed, on his parent's death, on him and his heirs male, with remainder to his brother John in like manner, remainder to their father's right heirs. He died unmarried, after a very long illness, at St. Alban's, Hertfordshire, 11th Aug. 1810, in his 70th year, when the title became extinct, and

"M. S. The Hon^ble William Cockayne,[b] youngest son of Charles, fifth Viscount Cullen, by Sophia Baxter, his wife. Ob^t Oct^r 8. 1809."

"M. S. Barbara Maria,[c] ob. Oct^r 14^th (*sic*), 1825; and Catherine,[c] ob. March, 1824, second and seventh daughters of the Hon^ble William Cockayne."

"M. S. Sophia,[c] ob. Jan^y 20, 1828; and Sarah Margaretta, ob. August, 1815 (*sic*), fifth and eighth daughters of the Hon^ble William Cockayne."

the estates devolved on his nieces and coheirs, the daughters of the Hon. William Cockayne.

[b] He was baptised 18 May, 1756, at Rushton, being the only child of the fifth Viscount by his second wife. He was M.A. of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, 1776. On 11th Oct. 1777, he married Barbara, daughter of George Hill, Esq. Serjeant-at-Law (see her monument, p. 458, *infra*). By her he had ten daughters, but no son. During the Vice-Royalty of his intimate friend the Earl of Westmoreland, in 1790, he was appointed Comptroller of the Household at the Castle of Dublin, and subsequently Governor of the Castle of Limerick. On his father's death, in 1802, he resided entirely at Rushton Hall, where the improvements he effected on the estate, the kindness he showed to the poor, and his extremely courteous and refined manner, made him universally popular. Here, at the early age of 53, he died, on the 8th Oct. 1809, after three weeks severe suffering, of a complaint in his heart, only ten months before his eldest brother, to whose honours he accordingly never succeeded. A long account of him, together with some verses to his memory by Mrs. West, the authoress, will be found in the Gentleman's Magazine for 1809, pp. 989, 1055, 1056, and 1072.

[c] *Barbara-Maria Cockayne*, second daughter, was born 7th April, 1780, at Thorpe House, in Thorpe, co. Surrey, where her parents resided for two years, in order to be near the court at Windsor. She was baptised the 18th May following by the Rev. Mr. Liptrott, vicar of Thorpe and Egham. She died unmarried at Rushton Hall, 23 Sept. 1825, aged 45, and was buried the 1st Oct. following at Rushton (see *ante*). The date on her monument is wrong.

Sophia Cockayne, fifth daughter, was born June, 1786, at Rheims, in France, Rue de la Coutumiere, Porte de la Promenade, and was there baptised. Her parents resided two or three years in that town. She died unmarried at Thorpe Malsor, co. Northampton, the house of her brother-in-law T. P. Maunsell, Esq. on the 20th Jan. 1828, aged 41, and was buried on the 26th at Rushton (see *ante*).

Catherine Cockayne, seventh daughter, was born 9th July, 1789, at Petergate, in York, where her parents resided two years. She was baptised by her cousin, Rev. William Bennet, afterwards Lord Bishop of Cloyne, and registered at St. Michael-le-Belfrey 10th Aug. She died unmarried 10 March, 1824, aged 34, at the house of her brother-in-law T. P. Maunsell, Esq. at Thorpe Malsor aforesaid, and was buried on the 17th at Rushton (see *ante*).

Sarah-Margaretta Cockayne, eighth daughter, was born 19 July, 1792, at Dublin Castle, in Ireland, her father being at that time Comptroller of the Household to John Earl of Westmoreland, the Viceroy. She received that name from her godmother, Sarah Countess of Westmoreland, the daughter and heir of Robert Child,

The following hatchments to the Cockayne family were still remaining in All Saints' church, Rushton, in 1851; viz.:—

I. That of Charles, fifth Viscount Cullen, ob. 1802. *Arms.*

the famous banker. She was baptised there by Dr. Whetham, Dean of Lismore; said to be registered at St. Werburgh's, Dublin, but no such entry exists. She died unmarried, of a rapid consumption, at Worthing, in Sussex, on the 1st of September, 1814 (not Aug. 1815, as on her monument), aged 22, and was buried 11th Sept. 1814, at Rushton (see *ante*).

On the death of these four ladies, unmarried, the representation of the Cockaynes, Lords Viscount Cullen, devolved on the six surviving daughters of the Hon. William Cockayne, viz.:—

1st. *The Hon. Matilda-Sophia Austen*, eldest daughter, born 13 Feb. 1779, and baptised the 15th March at St. George's Bloomsbury by Dr. Percy, Dean of Carlisle. This baptism is also registered at Thorpe, co. Surrey. She was married 9 Jan. 1805, at Bath, by her cousin the Right Rev. William Bennet, Lord Bishop of Cloyne, to the Rev. Robert Austen, D.D. sometime Prebendary of Cloyne, and Rector of Midleton, co. Cork. By him she has four daughters, now living, besides several children who died young and unmarried. Dr. Austen died at Southsea, Hants, 4 Nov. 1854, aged 83.

2dly. *The Hon. Mary-Anne Adams*, third daughter, born in Wimpole Street 11th Dec. 1781, and baptised 26 March, 1782, by the Hon. and Rev. John Harley, Dean of Windsor, at St. Mary-le-Bourn. She was married at St. Mary-le-Bourn aforesaid on 6th April, 1811 (at the same time as her sister Caroline), by her cousin the Lord Bishop of Cloyne, to William Adams, Esq. LL.D. at that time Advocate in Doctors' Commons, and afterwards of Thorpe, co. Surrey, and Dummer Grange, Hants, a descendant of the Adams' of Paterchurch, co. Pembroke. By him she has four sons and four daughters, all now living. Dr. Adams died at Thorpe, co. Surrey, 11th June, 1851, in his 80th year. (Gent. Mag. vol. xxxvi. p. 197, &c.)

3dly. *The Hon. Georgiana Maunsell*, fourth daughter, born at Rushton Hall, Nov. 1784, and baptised by the Rev. G. Haggit, Rector of Rushton, the 23rd Dec. following. She was married at Rushton by the Rector, the Rev. J. L. Wetherall, on 11th Oct. 1824, to John-Edmund Maunsell, Esq. sometime Captain R.A. and, as such, present at Waterloo. He is brother to T. P. Maunsell, Esq. M.P. who married his wife's sister. They are now residing at Cheltenham.

4thly. *The Hon. Caroline-Eliza Maunsell*, sixth daughter, born at Rheims, in France, Rue de Viole, Porte de Paris, Oct. 1787, and was there baptised. She was married at St. Mary-le-Bourne, Middlesex, on 6th April, 1811 (at the same time as her sister Mary-Anne), by her cousin the Lord Bishop of Cloyne, to Thomas-Philip Maunsell of Thorpe Malsor, co. Northampton, Esq. now Lord of the Manor of Rothwell, in said county, and M.P. for North Northamptonshire. By him, besides a daughter, who died unmarried, she has five sons and two daughters living.

5thly. *Frances-Annabella Assheton*, ninth daughter, born July, 1795, at St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, and baptised by her cousin the Lord Bishop of Cloyne, parish of St. Peter's, Dublin; but no entry of her baptism in the Registers from 1794 to 1800. Married 9 Aug. 1816, at St. George's, Bloomsbury, William Assheton, jun. Esq. of Downham Hall and Cuerdale, co. Lancaster, a family of great antiquity in that county. By him, besides a daughter, who died 1841 unmarried, she has two sons now living. Mrs. Assheton died at Brandon House, near Coventry, 25 July, 1835, aged 40, and was buried at Downham.

Quarterly; 1st and 4th, Argent, three cocks gules, armed, &c. sable, for Cockayne; 2nd and 3rd, Argent, two bars vert, for Hertzhill; over all an escutcheon of pretence, quarterly; 1st and 4th, Argent, three bats proper, for Baxter; 2nd and 3rd, Argent, a saltire azure between four woodpeckers proper, for Woodward. *Crest*. A cock's head erased gules, on a peer's helmet, surmounting the coronet of a viscount. Under the arms, "In cœlo quies."

II. That of Borlase, sixth and last Viscount Cullen, ob. 1810. *Arms* and *crest* of Cockayne, with the coronet of a viscount. No motto.

III. That of the Hon. William Cockayne, ob. 1809. *Arms*. Quarterly; 1st and 4th, Cockayne; 2nd and 3rd, Gules, three lions passant guardant in pale, party per pale or and argent, for O'Brien, Earls of Thomond; over all an escutcheon of pretence. Quarterly, 1st and 4th; Quarterly per fess indented gules and azure, three lions rampant argent, for Medlycott; 2nd and 3rd, Gules, a chevron engrailed ermine between three garbs or, for Hill of Rowell. An esquire's helmet surmounted by two crests; 1st, on a wreath argent and gules, a cock's head erased of the last, surmounted with the motto "Virtus in arduis," for Cockayne; 2nd, on a wreath or and gules, a dexter arm embowed in armour or, grasping a sword proper, surmounted with the motto "Vigeur de dessus," for O'Brien, Earls of Thomond. Under the arms, "In cœlo quies."

The relict of the Hon. William Cockayne, *Barbara*, daughter and eventually sole heiress of the well-known learned and eccentric Serjeant Hill, who owned Rowell or Rothwell, and other estates in and near Northamptonshire, survived her husband for nearly thirty years. By Act 42 Geo. III. ch. 2, s. 46, she assumed the name and arms of Medlycott, in accordance

6thly. *The Hon. Elizabeth-Charlotte Pery*, tenth and youngest daughter, born at Rushton Hall, 9th June, 1798, and baptised by the Rev. J. L. Wetherall, Rector of Rushton, on 13th July following. Married, 14th Feb. 1825, at St. Mary-le-Bourne, Middlesex, the Hon. Edmond Sexton Pery, second son of the Earl of Limerick. By him, besides a son, who died 1852 unmarried, she has three sons and three daughters now living. She inherited from her mother an estate at Cottingham, in co. Northampton, which formerly belonged to her great-grandfather, Thomas Medlycott, Esq.

The precedence by Viscounts' daughters was granted by patent 23 Sept. 1836, to Mrs. Austen and both the Mrs. Maunsell's, and by patent 4 Sept. 1838, to Mrs. Adams.

with the will of her maternal grandfather, Thomas Medlycott, Esq. of Cottingham House, co. Northampton, whose heiress she also was. She resided at Rushton Hall until its sale in 1828, where the liberal use she made of her great wealth made her universally respected. For the last ten years of her life she lived in a house she had purchased near the town of Northampton, where she died at a great age, and was buried with her paternal ancestors at Rothwell. Her arms, on a hatchment, are still remaining in that church, viz.; quarterly, Cockayne and O'Brien, as before; over all an escutcheon of pretence, quarterly, Medlycott and Hill, as before, but the colours of some are painted incorrectly. Between the nave and the chancel (now screened off), and within the present altar rails, is a handsome monument of white and grey marble (by T. Denman, of Regent Street) to her memory, with an urn at the top, and the arms below, viz.; Quarterly, Cockayne and O'Brien, and on an escutcheon of pretence Hill impaling Medlycott, which should be Medlycott and Hill quarterly, as on the hatchment.

The inscription, written by Mrs. West, of Little Bowden, the authoress, who was intimately acquainted with the deceased, is as follows:

"In a vault on the right hand of the altar are deposited the remains of Hon^ble^ Barbara Cockayne Medlicott, relict of Hon^ble^ W^m^ Cockayne, of Rushton Hall, in this county (daughter of George Hill, Esq^r^. King's Antient Serjeant at Law, and of Anne Barbara, his wife), Lady of the Manor and Hundred of Rowell. The numerous Descendants and Friends of this justly venerated Lady need no memorial of those distinguished qualities which are indelibly engraven on their hearts, yet posterity should be incited to emulate the steady principle, clear discernment, and judicious beneficence which so conspicuously marked her character. Let the reader also bear in mind that the survivors 'Sorrow not even as those which have no hope;' for they humbly trust that, through the merits and mediation of her blessed Redeemer, she has passed from a life of Christian virtue to a bright and glorious immortality. She died at Northampton on the 2^nd^ day of June, 1838, aged 85 years."

On her death her five surviving daughters, and the descendants of Mrs. Assheton, who had predeceased her, became her representatives. They are already described in p. 456.

Among the Pictures at Rushton Hall, were the following FAMILY PORTRAITS:—

[*Note.*—These Pictures are now in the possession respectively as undermarked.]

Half-length of a Man in chain armour, on wood, said to be that of Sir Thomas Cockayne, of Ashbourne, co. Derby, temp. Henry VIII.[a]

Whole-length, life size, of Sir William Cockayne, in his robes as Lord Mayor of London, 1619.[a]

Half-length of the Lady Mary O'Brien, wife of Charles first Lord Viscount Cullen, with fair hair in ringlets, supposed to be by Vandyck; circ. 1639.[c]

Half-length of Right Hon. Bryan second Lord Viscount Cullen, in armour, when young; circ. A.D. 1660; supposed to be by Sir P. Lely.[d]

Whole-length, in a reclining posture, as Venus, of Elizabeth his wife, the beautiful Lady Cullen, by Sir Peter Lely.[c]

Three-quarters length of the same lady, sitting, life-size, a very beautiful picture, also by Sir Peter Lely.[c]

Half-length of a young Lady, supposed to be Catherine, daughter of the third Viscount Cullen, wife to William Dowdeswell, Esq.; circ. 1710.[b]

Three-quarters length, large as life, of Right Hon. Charles fourth Lord Viscount Cullen, circ. A.D. 1715, in blue coat, with gun and dogs; a poor painting.[c]

Whole-length, large as life, of Ann, first wife of the fifth Viscount Cullen, with a boy and girl; circ. A.D. 1750.[d]

Whole-length, large as life, of Sophia his second wife, and a boy, viz. the Hon. Wm. Cockayne, about five years old, A.D. 1761.[b]

Landscape, with the said fifth Viscount and his second wife, on horseback, with dogs, &c.; circ. A.D. 1756.[c]

Charles fifth Viscount Cullen, æt. circ. 50, A.D. 1760, in a yellow racing jacket, with whip under his right arm.[b]

Portrait of George Woodward, Esq., ambassador to Poland, circ. A.D. 1730, uncle to said Sophia Lady Viscountess Cullen.[c]

Half-length of Hon. William Cockayne, aged about 18, in crayons; circ. A.D. 1774.[d]

Half-length of the same, aged about 50; circ. 1806, by Howard.[a]

Half-length of Right Rev. William Bennet, Bishop of Cloyne, who married Miss Mapletoft, grand-daughter of Charles fifth Viscount Cullen; circ. A.D. 1800, by Howard.[d]

Landscape, with Hon. Anna Maria Mapletoft, when a girl, on horseback; circ. 1745.[a]

Landscape, with Borlase sixth Viscount Cullen, when young, on horseback; circ. 1745.[a]

Besides these, were several portraits of the ancestors of Barbara, wife of Hon. William Cockayne, namely,—Portrait of her father, George Hill, Esq., Serjeant-at-Law, in a blue coat, by Hudson;[c] of the same, when older, by Romney;[c] of his wife, Mrs. Hill Medlycott, a very good picture, by West;[c] of her ancestor Lord Chief Justice Raynesford, in his robes, circ. 1680;[a] and of the Lord Viscount Carrington (circ. 1660), another of her ancestors.[a]

Also the following miniatures—viz., Charles, fifth Viscount Cullen;[f] Sophia, his Viscountess;[f] Another;[e] Right Rev. William Bennet, Bishop of Cloyne;[f] Frances, his wife;[f] Hon. William Cockayne, aged about 20, as a jockey;[f] another, A.D. 1763, aged 17;[d] Hon. Barbara Cockayne Medlycott, aged about 25, his wife, very fine;[a] Hon. Mary Ann Adams, when young;[a] Hon. Georgiana Maunsell;[e] Hon. Elizabeth C. Pery,[c] &c.

From Hutchins's Dorsetshire, vol. iii. p. 567, it appears that there is a portrait of a Lady Cullen at Kingston Hall, in that county, the seat of the Bankes family. This is, probably, Ann, daughter of Arthur Warren, Esq., of Stapleford Hall, Notts, who married Charles fourth Lord Viscount Cullen, in 1708, whose mother, Ann, was daughter and eventually heir of Sir John Borlase, Bart., by Alice, daughter of Lord Chief Justice Bankes.

[a] The Hon. Caroline Eliza Maunsell, of Thorpe Malsor, co. Northampton.

[b] William Assheton, of Downham Hall, co. Lancaster, Esq., in right of his deceased wife.

[c] The Hon. Elizabeth Charlotte Pery, of Cottingham House, co. Northampton.

[d] The Hon. Matilda Sophia Austen, of Hadwell Lodge, near Cloyne, in Ireland.

[e] The Hon. Georgiana Maunsell, of Lansdowne Terrace, Cheltenham.

[f] The Hon. Mary Anne Adams, of Thorpe, co. Surrey.

The Title of Cullen

is derived from a town in the county of Tipperary, as is shewn in the patent. This town is on the high road from Limerick to Tipperary. There are two other places of this name in Ireland, both in the county of Cork, none in the county of Donegal, though in all the Peerages, and on the monumental inscription of the fifth Viscount Cullen, the title is called "of Donegal." This, perhaps, arose from the connection of Sir William Cockayne, the father of the first Viscount, with the colonisation of Ulster, he being the first governor over the artificers sent out to forward the plantation; indeed the town of Dungiven, 16 miles from Londonderry, was granted to the Skinners' Company, of which he

was an influential member, and under his direction the city of Londonderry is said to have been established. He had lands also assigned him near there. There is no town of the name of Cullen in England, but there is one in Banffshire, in Scotland. The creation is as follows:—

"Charles Cockayne, created Baron and Viscount Cullen, in the county of Tipperary, in Ireland, entayling the same upon his heirs male of his body for ever, and for want of such issue to Peregrine Bertie, Richard Bertie, Vere Bertie, and Charles Bertie, the four younger sons of Montague, the Lord Willoughby of Eresby, and the heirs male of their body successively. Teste xi August, 1642."—Vol. iv. Partition Book in College of Arms, London.

This Montague, Lord Willoughby d'Eresby, succeeded his father as second Earl of Lindsey. He married Martha, relict of John Ramsay, Earl of Holderness, daughter of Sir William Cockayne and sister of Charles first Viscount Cullen. By her he had five sons, of whom three died without male issue. The male issue of the eldest son became extinct by the death, in 1809, of Brownlow, fifth Duke of Ancaster, when Gen. Albermarle Bertie (great-great-grandson of Montague, second Earl of Lindsey, and Martha Cockayne, his wife, by their youngest son Charles,) succeeded as ninth Earl of Lindsey; and in 1810, according to the above patent (on the death of Right Hon. Borlase Cockayne, sixth Lord Viscount Cullen, and the consequent failure of heirs male of the first Viscount), he was entitled to succeed to the Viscountcy of Cullen. His son, the present Earl of Lindsey, is consequently the eighth Viscount Cullen, though the peerage has not been claimed. Should the present earl and his brother die without male issue, there would be an end to the heirs male of the said Montague second Earl of Lindsey, by his *first* wife Martha Cockayne, and the earldom of Lindsey would devolve on the Earl of Abingdon, the heir male of the said Montague by his *second* wife, when the Viscountcy of Cullen would, according to the above patent, expire.

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