



ARMS OF HADLEIGH, CO. SUFFOLK.

## GRANT OF ARMS TO THE TOWN OF HADLEIGH.

The original grant of arms to the town of Hadleigh is now in the possession of J. F. Robinson, Esq., of Hadleigh, one of the members of our Society. It is surrounded on three sides by a floriated border. In the centre are the arms of James the First, viz., Quarterly, 1st and 4th, France and England quarterly; 2nd, Scotland; 3rd, Ireland; an imperial crown surmounting the shield; on the dexter side is a shield charged with Argent, a cross Gules impaling the royal arms, and on the sinister the same arms impaling Denmark.

Immediately under the arms of Hadleigh, which are emblazoned on the dexter side of the grant, is a shield with these arms,—Argent, a cross Gules impaling Azure, a saltire Argent; and on the other side are the royal arms, with a label of three points.

The seal, which is now lost, was appended by blue and yellow ribands, being the colours of the field and the principal charge of the arms of Hadleigh.

“To all and singular aswell Nobles as Gentles and others, to whome these presents shall come, I, William Cambden, Esquire, alias Clarenceux King of Armes of the South East and West partes of this Realme of England, from the River of Trent Southward, doe send greeting in our lord God everlasting. By the constituc'ons of our prudent Progenitors the bearing of Signes in Sheildes com'only called Armes hath bene devised and assigned to private men of worth and good desert for service to their Prince and Country in warre or peace as demonstrac'ons of their vertues and rewardes of the same. Soe alsoe such like signes, monuments and Armes have ben appropriated in like respect to Citties, Burroughes, Corporac'ons, Cominalties and Societies of this Realme vnitid by authoritie of Princes for conseruac'on of themselves as well in peace as warre, supporting and aduancing vertue and honestie, repressing vice and wickednes

by lawe, order and government. AND WHEREAS the Kinges maiestie our dread Sovereigne lord James, by the grace of god King of England, &c., by his Letters patents vnder his greate Seale of England, bearing date at Westminster the two and twentieth day of November, in the Sixteenth yeare of his Raigne of England, France, and Ireland, and the two and fiftith of Scotland, hath recited that the Towne of Hadleigh, in the Countie of Suffolke is an auncient and populous Towne, and the Inhabitants thereof of long tyme have laudable used and exercised the facultie of making of wollen cloth to the great releife of the poore Inhabitantes of the said Towne and of other Townes there neere adioyning, And graciously affecting the bettering and publike good of the said Towne, did by the said Letters pattents graunte that the said Towne, and a certaine streete called Woodkekstreete lying in or neere Hadleigh aforesaid, within the fee and precinct of the manor of Hadleigh, shalbe and remaine for ever a free Burrough and Towne. And that the Inhabitantes of the said Burroughe or Towne and Streete, without any question bee and shalbe one body corporate and politique in deede, fact and name, by the name of maior, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Hadleigh in the Countie of Suffolke. And them by the name of maior, Aldermen and Burgesses of Hadleigh, in the Countie of Suffolke, one bodie corporate in deede, fact and name, realle and fullie did make, ordeyne, constitute, create, confirme, ratifie, and declare by the same Letters patents. And that they by the same name of maior, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Hadleigh, in the Countie of Suffolke shall have perpetuall Succession, and be persons perpetuallie able and in lawe capable to have, receive and enioye landes, tenements, liberties, priuiledges, iurisdic'ons and ymunities of what kind soever. AND in his said letters pattents did graunte That there should be for ever within the said Towne, A maior, eight Aldermen, and sixteen cheife Burgesses. And did nominate and assigne John Gaell, gent, to be first maior of the said Burrough, and the said John Gaell and John Alabaster, John Britten, Robert Strutt, Phillipp Eldred, Robert Reason, Richard Glamfelde, and John Whiting, gent, the first Eight Aldermen of the said Burrough, and Andrew fuller, John Blewett, William Richardson, Thomas Britten, Edward Beamont, Thomas Blewett, Robert Holgrave, Robert Norris, Thomas Smith, Thomas Sympson, Thomas Colman, John Beamont, Thomas Humfrey, John Gresby, Thomas Cole, and John Smith, the first sixteen Burgesses of the said Burroughe, and Thomas Locke, Esquier, Recorder, and Francis Andrewe, gent, Towneclarke of the said Burroughe. AND FURTHER graunted, That the said maior, Aldermen and Burgesses of Hadleigh aforesaid, and their Successors, may have for ever a com'on Seale to serve for the doing of their causes and busines, and may at their pleasure breake and change the same and make a newe. ffor the which their Seale, whereas they have required me to assigne and appropriate to them peculiar armes, I have assigned these, videlt., The ffeild Azure a chevorn erminois betweene three woolsackes argent, and to the Crest or Cognizant on a Helme a wreth of his cullors, Or and Azure a mount vert, thereon a lambe standing argent, holding a banner Azure with a woolsacke argent, the staffe Or mantelled argent, doubled gules, tasselled Or, as more plainelie appeareth depicted

in the margent (*See the plate*).\* THE WHICH ARMES I assigne give and graunte unto the said Burrough or Towne and Corporac'on, and to the said maior, Aldermen and Burgesses of the said Burroughe or Towne of Hadleigh and their Successors by these presents p'petuallie to be borne.

IN WITNES whereof, I, the said King of Armes, have hereunto sett my hand and Seale of Office the Eighteenth day of february, in the sixteenth yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne lord James of great Britayne, ffraunce and Ireland, Defendor of the faith, &c., Anno Dni. 1618."

(*Singed*) WILLM. CAMDEN, CLARENCEUX,

KING OF ARMS.

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The following grant, the original of which was formerly in the possession of the late W. S. Fitch, Esq., of Ipswich, is printed from a copy obligingly communicated by him, the contracted words being given *in extenso*. By it Berta de Wanci, widow, gives to Hugh Talemache, on his marriage with Berta, her daughter, a messuage in Bury St. Edmund's, subject to the yearly service of paying to the chief lord of the fee, Sir Richard de Argentine, one pound of cummin, at the feast of St. Edmund (Nov. 20). The De Wancey family were Lords of Depden in the time of Edward the Second: the Talemaches, in the beginning of the 14th century, were settled at Hawsted, near Bury St. Edmund's, and their manor there became known as the manor of "Talmages." Towards the aid, 20 Edward the Third, for knighting the King's son, Edmund de Wancey paid 40s. for the knight's fee which he held in Hawsted formerly of William Talmach. Mr. Gage Rookwood (*Hist. Thingoe*, p. 426) remarks, "In what right De Wancey held it does not appear, for the inheritance still continued in the Talmach family." From the connection between the families shewn in this grant,

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Urban, Gent., Editor of the Gentleman's Magazine.