in the margent (See the plate).* The which armes I assigne give and graunte unto the said Burrough or Towne and Corporacon, and to the said maior, Aldermen and Burgesses of the said Burrough 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 Scale of Office the Eighteenth day of Februyary, in the sixteenth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne lord James of great Britayne, Fraunce and Ireland, Defender of the faith, &c., Anno Dni. 1618."

(Signed) WILLM. CAMDEN, CLARENCEUX,

KING OF ARMS.

ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS.—No. III.

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 Talemasche, 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 Talemasches, 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 knightling 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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his possession of Hawsted at that time may have been part of a family arrangement. The De Argentines held lands in many parts of Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, &c.


(Translation.)

Know those present and to come, that I Berta de Wanci, being in my free widowed and own power, have granted and given, and by this my present charter have confirmed, to Hugh Talemasche, in frank marriage with Berta my daughter, all the messuage with the buildings in the town of St. Edmund, situate between the toft of John de Lavardin and the toft of Robert Rutinville, as it extends in width and length, without any retention; To hold and to have to the same Hugh and Berta his wife, and their heirs issuing of them, freely, quietly, and honourably, in fee and in inheritance; rendering the service due yearly to the chief lord of the fee, viz. to Sir Richard de Argentoeni, one pound of cummin at the feast of St. Edmund for all service, custom, and exaction. And that this my grant and gift may be ratified and stable, I have strengthened this writing with my seal: these being witnesses, Sir John de Hadoboville, Thomas de Lavenham, Walter de Wanci, Stephen Fitz Ralph, then Alderman of St. Edmund, Thomas his brother, Richard de Walsingham, Hugh Fitz Godfrey, John de Lavardin, Milo de Wanci, Robert de Grestune.