

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.

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 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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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.

“ Sciant presentes et futuri, quod ego Berta de Wanci, in libera viduitate mea et propria potestate, concessi et dedi, et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi, Hugoni Talemasche, in libero maritaggio cum Berta filia mea, totum mesuagium cum edificiis in Villa Sancti Eadmundi, jacens inter tuftam Johannis de Lauardin et tuftam Roberti Rutinville, sicut se extendit in latitudine et longitudine sine, ullo retinemento; Tenendum et habendum eisdem Hugoni et Berte uxori sue, et heredibus eorum de eisdem provenientibus, libere, quiete, et honorifice, in feodo et in hereditate; faciendo servicium debitum per annum capitali domino feodi, scilicet, Domino Ricardo de Argentoeni, unam libram cymini ad festum Sancti Eadmundi pro omni servicio, consuetudine, et exactione. Et ut hec mea concessio et donatio rata sit et stabilis, hoc scriptum sigillo meo roboravi. Hiis testibus, Domino Johanne de Hadoboville, Thoma de Lavenham, Waltero de Wanci, Stephano filio Radulfi tunc Aldermanno Sancti Eadmundi, Thoma fratre suo, Ricardo de Walsingham, Hugone filio Godefridi, Johanne de Lavardin, Milone de Wanci, Roberto de Grestune.”

(Translation.)

Know those present and to come, that I Berta de Wanci, being in my free widowhood 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.