

wax, attached by a silken cord, but in a mutilated state. Whereby, at Bordeaux, on the 28th day of August, in the 38th year of his reign, 1254, at the instance of John de Courtenay, the Sovereign grants to Ric. Coffin, and his heirs for ever free warren in all his demesnes and lands of Alwinton in the county of Devon, so long as they be not within the bounds of the forest (Dartmoor).

Witnesses—B(oniiface), Archbishop of Canterbury, and Peter (de Aigneblanche), Bishop of Hereford, Peter de Savoy, Ralph Fitznicholas, John, Ric., and Wm. de Grey, brothers, Roger de Montalt, Nic. de Molis, Rob. Walerand (two Devonshire names), Ralph de Bakepuz, Walkelin de Ardene, and others.

The deed is finely written and in good preservation.

No. 2. Henry III. (1216—1272).

A small deed, with a seal appendant in green wax, in fair preservation, representing a knight on horseback, but worn. The deed is beautifully written and in good preservation, and as it is the oldest among the family documents that I have been able to discover—(where is the Saxon [?Norman French] deed mentioned by Prince, I wonder?)—evidently belonging to the reign of Henry III., a translation of it is here annexed.

“Know, as well present as to come, that I, Richard Cophin, have rendered and granted unto Thomas de Dudderigge and his heirs the land of Duderigge and the land of Hole, together with Moggesmore, as his fee and right to be held of me and my heirs by royal service for two ferlings (fourth part of an acre), he rendering to me yearly two silver spurs at the Feast of St. Michael for all service. And for this grant aforesaid the said Thomas has given as acknowledgment 10s. And that this my grant may remain ratified and unshaken, I have taken care to strengthen it with the impression of my seal and the names of witnesses. These being witnesses—Wm. Punchardon (of Heanton Punchardon), Wm. Daneis (? of Orleigh adjoining A.), Adam de Stoddun, Wm. FitzHugh, Wm. de Grenville, (of Kilkhampton and Bideford), Wm. Boteler (? of Parkham), Richard Brutone (an Alwington name), Manger de Chokeinotone, and his two sons, Robert a Rawstone, and Ric. his son, Jordan de Lancelles (? of Horwood), and Goscelyn his brother, Savari de Stonorde, Elylande ate Yo (Alwington), and Ralph his brother, Richard a Chittatocomtone (? Chittlehampton), Thomas his son, Thomas a Carkalonde, Helyas FitzJordan, Jordan a Giliscote, Walter a Giliscote, Ralph the Rustie and Robert his brother.”

In reference to localities here named, “Dudderigge,” now “Dodderidge,” is situated in the adjoining parish of Parkham; and Carkalonde, now “Cartland,” is the name given to a close about half a mile from Portledge.

No. 3. 1290.

The next deed in Latin, of which from its singular nature—it is relating to a bargain with a champion for a duel—a translation is given, bearing reference to Cockington, now in the possession of Mr. Pine Coffin, and came to the family, no doubt, among its earlier title deeds.

“Know all who the present writing shall see or hear that it is thus agreed between Ric. de Cokematone and Lettice his wife of the one part, and Ric. de Poutesholt of the other part, viz., that the aforesaid Ric. de C.