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Sir HUMPHREY GILBERT,

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**T**HIS illustrious adventurer was descended from a long line of honourable ancestors, who had been settled in the county of Devon, at least as early, and (if the authority of some writers can be depended on,) even before the conquest (a). He was the second son of Otho Gilbert, of Greenway, esquire, by Catharine, the daughter of Sir Philip Champernon, of Modbury, in the same County. (This Lady was married, afterwards, to Walter Raleigh, of Fardel Esquire, and in consequence of that Union, became mother to the celebrated Sir Walter Raleigh (b).)

It was to her care that he stood indebted for those advantages of education, (at Eton, first, and, afterwards, at Oxford,) which enabled him to fill a distinguished place in life, and obtain a pre-eminence during

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(a) Collection of arms, &c. of the ancient families of Devonshire, By Sir John Northcote, Baronet. MS.

(b) Sir William Pole's description of Devonshire. Campbell's Lives of the Admirals, v. 1. p. 524.