

DESCENT.

Mr. Howard is a scion of one of the most illustrious families in the United Kingdom being descended from the Most Noble Lord William Howard, of Naworth Castle, in the County of Cumberland, the "Belted Will" of Sir Walter Scott's well-known poem.

By the *Inquisitio Post Mortem*, held at Carlisle on the 22nd of April, 10th Ch. 1., 1640, before William Penington, Esq., John Dalton, Esq., and Cuthbert Orfeur, Gent., Feodaries of the King and Sir William Dalston, Knt. and Bart., Commissioners to enquire respecting the death of the Most Noble Lord William Howard, the jurors on their oath presented as follows :—"That on the 9th of October, in the 16th year of the present King, the said Lord William Howard died at Naworth, in the County of Cumberland: That the Lady Elizabeth, his wife, died whilst he was living: That William, the eldest son of Philip, and heir to Lord William, was at the time of Lord William's death of full age, viz., 38 years of age: And that on the 28th of January last past, before the taking of this inquisition, he died; and that his wife Maria died during the lifetime of Lord William, leaving four sons, viz., Charles, Philip, Thomas, and John, and five daughters, viz., Marie, Elizabeth, Catherine, Frances, and Margaret Howard; and that Philip Howard, the younger son of Philip Howard, was then living." John Howard, the youngest grandson of Lord William, was the direct ancestor of John G. Howard. Being dissatisfied with the arrangement of his father's property he left Corby Castle and went to the Flemish town of Tournay, here he ingratiated himself with the king, who gave him for a coat-of-arms a double-headed raven, with the motto, *mens conscia recti*. John, while on the Continent, adopted the doctrines of the Muggletonians. The foregoing details are gathered from a work in Mr. Howard's possession, entitled "Selections from the Household Books of the Lord William Howard, of Naworth Castle."

