

Dunkeswell Abbey, in Devonshire.



DUNKESWELL ABBEY was founded in 1201 by William de Briwere, the same who founded the houses of Torr and Polslo.^a Dugdale has printed King Henry the Third's confirmation charter of the possessions of Dunkeswell.^b Mr. Oliver, in his *Historic Collections* relating to the Monasteries in Devon, has furnished the following List of its

ABBATS.

THOMAS, who occurs Sept. 29th, 1253.

JOHN, who became abbat, Oct. 17, 1311.

WILLIAM, confirmed on Palm Sunday, 1318.

WILLIAM DE STANLAKE, admitted Sept. 8th, 1321.

JOHN.

SIMON, 22d Feb. 1341.

^a Compare Oliver's *Historic Collections*, p. 75.

^b Compare the Appendix.

^c *Historic Collect.* pp. 76, 77.

WILLIAM WEDMORE confirmed April 7th, 1353.

ALEXANDER BURLESCOMBE admitted Aug. 1397.

RICHARD LAMPORT succeeded July 17th, 1399.

JOHN BOKELOND admitted June 10th, 1410.

JOHN OTERY confirmed 26th April, 1439.

SIMON succeeded Feb. 13th, 1441.

THOMAS DULLTON occurs in 1478, and again in 1486.

RICHARD PYTMYSER occurs Sept. 1st, 1498.

JOHN WHITMORE occurs July 6th, 1509.

JOHN LEY, the last abbat, was confirmed June 23d, 1529.

“In numerous indentures and leases,” says Mr. Oliver, “still extant, I observe frequent mention is made of their manors of Hackepen, Broadhembry, Shildon, Shabbecombe, Bolham, Bowerhays, Wolveston, Auliscombe, Werynstone, Ugstom, Wollfarwchurche, and Old Dunkeswell. The abbey had property also in the parishes of Coleton Rawleigh, Payhembry, Uffculm, Kentisbere Dodington, and Honiton. In Exeter, a house and garden, situated in St. Paul's parish, belonged to the abbey, and which, I think, was the Abbat's town house.” The parish church of Dunkeswell was appropriated to the abbey.^c

The following are the possessions of the abbey as recorded in the Taxation of 1291:

“Abbas de Donkeswell habet maner. de Wifrechurche quod tax.

In the 26th of Henry VIIIth, the Abbey of Dunkeswell was found to be endowed with a gross revenue of 298*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.* The net income appears to have been 294*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* The account of the pensions granted to the monks of this House at the Dissolution will be found in the notes below:^a together with Tanner's and some other references relating to its history and possessions.^b

Mr. Oliver says, "In the letters patent of Henry VIII. dated 4 July, 1540, in which that monarch bestowed on Lord John Russell so great a proportion of abbey and church lands situated in the county of Devon, the grant of Dunkeswell forms a distinguishing feature. It is therefore unaccountable that Sir William Pole should positively pronounce, p. 203 of his Collections, 'that the Abbey of Dunkeswell continued in the crown until King James I. added it unto the revenue of the Duchy of Cornwall.' This egregious mistake will be sufficiently exposed by quoting the words of the letters patent. 'Insuper ex uberiori gratia nostra speciali et ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris damus et pro consideratione prædicta, per præsentem, pro nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris concedimus præfato Johanni Russell militi, baroni Russell, totam domum et scitum nuper Monasterii sive Abbatihæ B. Mariæ Virginis de Dunkyswell in dicto comitatu nostro Devon. modo dissolut. ac totam ecclesiam, campanile, ac cœmeterium ejusdem nuper monasterii, ac

omnia messuagia, domos, ædificia, grangias, orrea, stabula, columbaria, stagna, vivaria, ortos, pomaria, gardina, terram, et solum nostra, tam infra quam extra scitum, septum, ambitum, circuitum, et præinctum ejusdem nuper Monasterii de Dunkyswell existentia, ac molendinum nostrum aquaticum, duo gardina et quatuor curtilagia cum pertinentiis in Olde Donkyswell in dicto comitatu nostro Devon, quæ dicto nuper Monasterio de Dunkyswell spectabant sive pertinebant.' Then follows an enumeration of various parcels of land, comprehending about sixteen hundred acres, besides other property belonging to the abbey, which the king bestows on baron Russell, together with the advowson, patronage, and appropriation of the parish churches of Old Dunkeswell, Auliscombe, and of a free chapel there."

Mr. Oliver says the ARMS of this abbey were precisely those of the founder, viz. Two Bends wavy.

In the Office of the Duchy of Lancaster is an Impression of a SEAL of one of the abbats of Dunkeswell, representing an abbat with his crozier. Legend, SIGILLVM . ABBATIS . DE . DUNKEWELLE. It is in good preservation, but small in size.

Dunkeswell Abbey was situated near Honiton.

Cartae ad Dunkewellensem Abbatiam, in agro Devo- niensi, spectantes; fundatam anno Mccj.^c

NUM. I.

Carta Regis Henrici tertii, Donatorum Concessionem recitans et confirmans.

[Cart. 11 H. III. part. 1. mem. 21.]

H. REX, &c. archiepiscopis, episcopis, &c. Sciatis nos concessisse et præsentem carta nostra confirmasse in perpetuum elemosinam abbatihæ de Dunkewell et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus omnes rationabiles donationes et concessionem et venditiones subscriptas; scilicet ex dono Willielmi Briwer omnes terras quæ fuerunt ejusdem Willielmi in Dunkewell, et Wulferetherth cum advocacionibus ecclesiarum prædictarum terrarum et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis. Ex dono ejusdem Willielmi totam terram quam habuit in manerio de Offecolum cum molendino quod in prædicta terra situm est, et cum omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis. Ex dono abbatis de Forda et conventus totum jus quod idem abbas et conventus habuerunt in Bywude, et omnes terras quas habuerunt in Boleham, et Freschic, et in Bocland, et in Lodreford, et in Hickersedon, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ex dono Ricardi de Hydon totam terram ejusdem Ricardi de Burehæg, scilicet quatuor ferlingas terræ cum pertinentiis suis. Ex dono Ricardi Treminett totam terram quam habuit in

Bantestnap cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ex dono Willielmi de Pynn totam terram quam habuit in Bantestnap cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ex dono Johannis de Thoriton unum ferlingum terræ in Stenetewude cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ex dono Ivonis filii Alani totum manerium de Sovbecumbe cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ex concessione Ricardi de Manesleg totum tenementum quod habuit in Marlecumbe cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ex concessione Thomæ de Duna totam terram ejusdem Thomæ de Uggetone cum toto tenemento suo de Codeforde et cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ex venditione Ph. de Gatesden unum ferlingum terræ in Uggetone cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ex concessione Roberti filii Anne. totum jus quod habuit vel habere potuit de terra de Linor et pertinentiis suis. Ex dono Urselli filii Willielmi totum jus quod habuit vel habere potuit in tenemento de Linor et pertinentiis suis, et in toto tenemento de Biwude et pertinentiis suis. Ex concessione Roberti nepotis Roberti le Goiz totum jus quod habuit vel habere potuit in terra de Linor et pertinentiis suis. Ex dono Aviciæ de Dun totam terram quam habuit apud Hoked; illam scilicet terram quam Robertus Coc et Semer frater ejus tenuerunt. Quare volumus, &c. Dat. per manum, &c. xx. die Febr. anno xj.

5*l.* 16*s.* Apud Biwode quod tax. 3*l.* 6*s.* Apud Burhei et Steintewode, 4*l.* 6*s.* Apud Bolescumbe, 2*l.* 8*s.* Apud Dunkeswell, 2*l.* 4*s.* Apud Schildene, 4*l.* 4*s.* Apud Hidon, 1*l.* 10*s.* Apud Levepud, 1*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* Apud Epotery, 4*s.* Maner. de Hembur, 10*l.* Apud Huggeton, 16*s.* Apud Weringgeston, 1*l.* 10*s.* Apud Sengetil, 3*s.* Apud Havelklonde, 3*l.* 14*s.* Apud Dodeton, 1*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.* Maner. de Hankepenne, 7*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* Maner. de Boklonde Bruere, 7*l.* 8*s.* Maner. de Lencumbe, 6*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.*
Summa 64*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.*

Taxat. P. Nicholai IV. p. 152.

^a DUNKESWELL, in Com. Devon.

Hereafter ensuith the yerely pencons assigned and appoynted to the late Abbott and Covent. of Donkeswell afforesaid, by John Tregonwell, William Petre, and John Smyth, esquyers, Comysioners unto our Soueraigne Lord the King, by vertue of his Graces Commissioners, the xvth. daye of February in the xxxth. yere of the reigne of our seid soueraigne lord King Henry VIIIth. that they, and every of them, to have one quarter of a yer's pencon at the feaste of thanunciacon of Our Lady next comyng, and at Michelmas then next folowing half yere pencon, and so, from half yere to half yere, during ther lifis.

That is to sey,

Ffirst to John Ley, Abbott ther 1^{li}.
Item to John Webbe vi^{li}.
It. to William Boreman vi^{li}.
It. John Gaye is appoynted the cure of Shel-
dott, and he to have therfor by yere vi^{li}. xiii^s.

iiii ^d . And if he shall happin to be im- tent then he to have for his pencon yerely	cvi ^s . viii ^d .
It. to John Segar	cvi ^s . viii ^d .
It. to John Genyng	iiii ^{li} . xiii ^s . iii ^{li} .
It. to John Benett	iiii ^{li} . xiii ^s . iii ^{li} .
It. to Thomas Typson	iiii ^{li} . xiii ^s . iii ^{li} .
Sm ^a of all the yerely pencions	iiii ^{xxvi} . xiii ^s . iii ^{li} .

JO. TREGONWELL.
WYLLYAM PETRE.
JOHN SMYTH.

^b A Register of Donkeswell Abbey is cited in Holland's translation of Camden's Britannia. Tanner gives the following References, concerning it, to public Records. Cart. 7 Joan. m. 1, n. 9. Cart. 16 Joan. n. 2, m. 1. Fin. 11 Hen. III. m. 9 et 10. de man. de Hembiri, &c. Claus. 13 Hen. III. m. 10. de terra in Seeton. Pat. 14 Hen. III. m. 2. d. Cart. 18 Edw. I. n. 13. pro mercat. et feriis apud Bockland Bruer, et Brodhembre, necnon pro lib. war. in dictis maneriis et in Scalecomb, Weringston, Hakpen, Uggeston, Haverlond, Roditon, Bukewood, Bolham, Aulescumbe, Walfercherch, Burley, Bywode, Stilden, Stainbord, et Ulcomb [Devon]. Pat. 27 Edw. I. m. 35 et 38 d. de maner. de Hakepen. Pat. 46 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 19. pro ten. in Brodehemburye."

See also Rot. Hundred. vol. i. p. 102. Abbrev. Plac. p. 277. Plac. de Quo War. p. 171.

^c Chron. S. Werburgæ Cestr. in bibl. Cottoniana.

NUM. II.

Valor Ecclesiasticus, 26 Hen. VIII.

ABBATHIA MONASTERII BEATÆ MARIE DE DUNKYSWYLL.

Summa totalis possessionum dicti abbatis tam temporal'
quam spiritual' clare oneribus deductis 29*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.*Inde pro decima . . . 29*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.* q.

NUM. III.

COMPUT. MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS temp. HEN. VIII.

[Abstract of Roll, 32 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.]

DUNKYSWELL NUPER MONASTERIUM.

Com' Devon' £. s. d.

Colyton—Reddit' lib' ten' 0 18 6

Colyton—Reddit' tam convenc'

quam cust' 11 15 8

Colyton—Perquis' cur' 0 3 4

Mokerlond—Reddit' assis' 11 7 8

Dotton—Reddit' assis' 7 2 8

Dotton—Firma capell' 1 6 8

Hovynghon—Reddit' ten' 1 0 0

Raplynhays—Reddit' mes' 3 3 8

Owlecombe—Reddit' terr' 4 11 4

Cheriton Fitz Payne—Reddit' ten' 0 5 0

Exon—Redd' ten' 0 2 6

Com' Somer'

Brigewater—Redd' curtilag' 0 12 0

Com' Devon'

Warmston—Redd' lib' ten' 0 5 1

Warmston—Redd' conv' ten' 5 16 6

Warmston—Amerciamenta 0 3 1

Wolnoston—Redd' lib' ten' 0 10 8

Wolnoston—Redd' custum' ten' 8 8 1

Com' Devon'

Wolnoston—Perquis' cur' 0 6 2

Shavecombe—Redd' conv' ten' 10 4 1

Shavecombe—Perquis' cur' 0 0 11

Sheldon et Seynthill—Redd' conv'

ten' 12 2 1

Sheldon—Firma grangiæ 4 0 8

Sheldon—Firma rector' 6 6 8

Sheldon—Perquis' cur' 0 0 9

Donkyswell—Redd' conv' ten' 19 18 10

Donkyswell—Firma scit' cum terr'

dominic' 16 0 0

Donkyswell—Perquis' cur' 0 14 3

Bolham cum Buckland Rotch—

Redd' lib' ten' 0 4 6

Bolham, &c.—Redd' conv' et cust'

ten' 10 2 3 ob.

Buckland Rotch—Firma mesuag' 2 13 4

Hackpen—Redd' lib' ten' 0 16 0

Hackpen—Redd' conv' et cust' ten' 29 15 5 ob. q.

Leynor—Firma terr' 2 0 0

Hackpen—Firma maner' 2 3 1

Hackpen—Perquis' cur' 0 14 6

Brodehenbury—Redd' lib' ten' 1 10 8

Brodehenbury—Redd' cust' ten' 33 11 11

Brodehenbury—Firma grangiæ 12 0 0

Brodehenbury—Perquis' cur' 0 6 0

Lyncombe—Redd' lib' ten' 1 8 10 ob.

Lyncombe—Redd' cust' ten' 10 11 6

Bucklandbruer—Redd' lib' ten' 1 4 10

Bucklandbruer—Redd' cust' ten' 22 9 11

Bucklandbruer—Perquis' cur' 0 19 4

Dunkeswell et Awlescombe—Fir-

ma rect' 5 11 8