

Cambridgeshire.

HORNINGSEY.

HERE, says Tanner, was a Monastery of some note, in the early Saxon times,^a but ruined in the devastation made hereabout by the Danes, A. D. 870.

SOHAM.

HERE St. Felix, first bishop of the East Angles, is said to have founded a Monastery about the year 630, in which he placed the Episcopal See, which was afterwards removed to Dunwich.^b

THIRLING.

BISHOP TANNER calls this "A small Priory near Up-

well." In a note, he says, "I cannot give any account either of the foundation or valuation of this Priory; and yet it was in being 20 Hen. VIII., for I find it mentioned that year in the following manner: 'There is a drayne from Upwell to Welney, and beginneth at Thirlingegate, which the prior of Mermaud and the chanon of Thirling must cense. The river from Erith to Benwick, from Kirkwere to Dodney Cote, Mr. Croft shall cense; and from thence to the willow in Fages-fenne, the prior of Thirling shall cense; from Mermaud to Thirling lake, the prior of Thirling, the cellerer of Bury, and the prior of Mermaud shall cense.' A manor in Thirling and Upwell, Tanner adds, was granted, 30 Hen. VIII., to Thomas Meggs, as part of the possessions of the Priory of Ixworth in Suffolk; unless it be a mistake in the Abstracts I have procured."

Cheshire.

BRUNNESBURGH.

BRUNNESBURGH, or BRIMESBURGH,^c says Tanner. Here was a Monastery (dedicated to St. Barnabas, as Mr. Mores) founded by the famous Elflæda, countess of Mercia, about the year of Christ 912.

"Anno Edwardi Regis xvj." Elflæda, uxor Ethelredi ducis, "soror dicti Regis Edwardi, regnum Merciorum, exceptis London. et Oxonia quas rex sibi retinuit, longo tempore strenue rexit, et anno eodem Monasterium et Burgum de Brimesburgh construxit."

Chron. Jo. Bromt. abb. Journ. Script. x. Twysd. col. 834. So Leland, Collectan. tom. i. pp. 215, 219.

Whatever this was, says Tanner, it probably soon decayed. The Church of Bromburgh or Bronborrow in Wyre-hall was impropriated to the Abbey of Chester, and since made part of the endowment of the Dean and Chapter.

ILBRE, HILBURY, or HOLBURGH.

IN this little barren Island, says Tanner, is said to have been a Cell of Benedictine monks to Chester, which was dedicated to Our Lady.

He refers to King's Vale Royal, p. i. p. 28. p. ii. and Willis's Hist. of Abbies, vol. i. App. p. 66. vol. ii. App. p. 5, but makes a "*Quære*, whether this might not be the heremitage mentioned in the Record, Fin. 2 Edw. III. m. 2. thus, 'Cestr. Hildburghey heremitagium percipit x^s. per ann. de castro Regis Cestriæ de antiqua elemosyna.'"

Leland, in his Itinerary, vol. v. p. 55, says, "There was a Celle of Monkes of Chestre, and a Pilgrimage of our Lady of Hilbyri."

Cornwall.

ST. BENET'S.

TANNER speaks of a Nunnery at St. Benet's in the parish of Lanivet, the tower whereof, he says, is yet standing. In a Note, he says, Tonkin, *Quære*.

CONSTANTYN, in the Deanry of KERRYER.

TANNER says, This seems to have been a Church of more than ordinary note, by what is said in Domesday Book, under the title "Ecclesiæ aliquorum Sanctorum;" sc.

"Sanctus Constantinus habet dimidiam hidam terræ quæ fuit quieta ab omni servitio tempore Regis Edwardi; sed postquam comes terram accepit, reddidit geldum injuste sicut terra villanorum. Terra est III. car. Val. x. solid. Quando comes terram accep. valeb. xl. solid."^d

LAUNCESTON.

CAREW, in his Survey, foll. 81 b, 116 b, mentions a Friary here of which no other notice has been discovered.

^a "Apud Horningsey monasterium regiæ dignitatis extitit, eratque ibidem non parva congregatio clericorum." MS. Lib. Eliensis, lib. ii. cap. 32. et exinde doctiss. Caius in Antiq. Cantab. acad. Lond. 1568. 12^o. p. 218.

^b Lib. Elien. Hist. Ramesb. edit. Gale, cap. lxxxii.

^c *Vide* Nominum locorum explicationem per cl. Gibsonum ad finem Chron. Saxon. in voce Brunanburgh. It is much more reasonable that this town should be placed in this part of the kingdom, where this lady

ST. MARTIN'S NUNNERY.

SEE Carew's Survey, fol. 81 b.

ST. MATTHEW'S, forsan ST. MAWES.^e

TANNER puts *Qu.* and says, "In the cart. roll of the 15th year of K. John, m. 2, n. 42. there is a grant of 100s. per ann. out of the Church of St. Berian in Cornwall to the monks of St. Matthew." He adds, "I have not yet found any Monastery elsewhere in England dedicated to that Apostle."

SALTASH.

CALLED an Abbey in Tanner: but really a Rectory only, as it should seem.

reedified so many places, than in Devonshire, as Leland, Collect. tom. i. p. 194, where she seems to have had no concerns, and wherein is the name of no village like it. Tann. Notit. Monast. *Chesh.* v. note m.

^d Domesd. tom. i. fol. 121.

^e St. Mawes, says Tanner, appears in the Exeter Registers and in Leland's Itin. to be no other than a corruption of St. Mauduits. See Lacy's Register, vol. iii.; Lel. Itin. vol. iii. p. 29; and Willis's Not. Parl. vol. ii. p. 166.