

Priory of Bromehill, or Bromwell, in Norfolk.

THIS Priory, according to Blomfield, was founded by Sir Hugh de Plaiz, in or about the reign of John.^a It was situated in the parish of Weting, and was dedicated to the Virgin Mary and St. Thomas the Martyr. King Richard the II^d appears to have favoured this Priory, and, in the 9th year of his reign, gave to it the Church of Abingdon in Northamptonshire.^b

The following is Blomfield's List of the

PRIORS of BROMEHILL.

GEFFREY occurs 24 Hen. III.
WILLIAM, 2 Edw. II.
RALPH DE THREXTON, 14 Dec. 1311.
JOHN DE WELLE, 4th May, 1342.
THOMAS DE SAHAM, 8th Aug. 1344.
PETER DE BURNHAM.
WILLIAM EASTMORE, 27th April, 1394.
ROBERT STOW, 17th Oct. 1412.
JOHN DE WALSOKE.
RICHARD WYNCHESTRE, 9th Nov. 1429.
JOHN RAMMESSEY.
ROBERT FOSTER, 13th Dec. 1466.
WILLIAM KYRTELYNG, 1479.

WILLIAM LOVELL, 1491.

THOMAS AXILL, or EXALE, 1491.

WILLIAM BARLOW, alias FINCH, occurs in 1525: he had been successively Prior of two or three other Austin Houses, and was afterwards successively bishop of St. Asaph, St. David's, Bath and Wells, and Chichester.

This House was suppressed by Pope Clement's bull, May 14th, 1528, and granted by the King in the month of December following to Cardinal Wolsey, toward the endowment of his College at Ipswich. Upon the disappointment of which design by the Cardinal's fall, it was, in the 23d Hen. VIIIth, granted to the Master and Fellows of Christ's College in Cambridge, in exchange for some other lands,^c and though resumed by the King shortly after, was again granted to them by King Edward the Sixth, and still belongs to them.

Tanner's References concerning Bromehill are below.^d

Blomfield gives a wood-cut of the COMMON SEAL of this House. Oval. Inscribed, SIGIL . PRIORIS . ET . CONVENTUS . D' BROMH.

A Farm-house, called Bromhill-house, has been built out of the Ruins of the Priory.

Lantonia Prima, Lantony, or Llanhodenei,

IN MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE History of this Foundation, from a Chronicle of one of its monks, has been already given in the Appendix to the history of Lantonia Secunda, to which Lantonia Prima, though first a parent, afterwards became a daughter-monastery or cell.

Tanner, speaking of Lanthony in Monmouthshire, says, "Here, in a very solitary valley, not long after the year 1108, was settled a Priory of Canons-regular of the Order of St. Austin, dedicated to St. John Baptist,^e who acknowledged Hugh Lacy for their founder.^f In the beginning here were above forty Religious; but by reason of the hard usage they met with from the rudeness, poverty, and barrenness of the neighbouring country and people, the greatest part of them removed, first to the bishop's palace in Hereford, and after, viz. A. D. 1136, to a place near Gloucester, which was also called from this mother-monastery Lantony (and sometimes for distinction's sake Lantony the Second), so that only thirteen canons were left here, which number in process of time decreased, and the House was almost ruined;

when King Edward the Fourth (anno xxi.) gave leave for the annexing this Priory to Lantony near Gloucester, here being to be maintained a prior dative and four canons; but it is to be doubted whether this union ever took full effect, because the estate of Lantony the First is valued distinct in the Valor of the 26th Hen. VIII."^g

Tanner says, the Site was granted 38 Hen. VIIIth to Nicholas Arnold: Coxe in his Tour in Monmouthshire, from Jones's Index to the Originalia Records, says, to Richard Arnold.^h He adds that it was in late times purchased of Captain Arnold of Lanvihagel by auditor Harley, and is now the property of the Earl of Oxford.ⁱ

An impression of the COMMON SEAL of this House is in the Chapter-House, Westminster; it is apparently from the identical matrix used by the Canons of Lanthonia Secunda, and is attached to the same kind of Instrument, viz. the Acknowledgment of Supremacy, 1534.

The ARMS of this House were Party per pale Az.

^g Tanner gives several Valuations, but the correct one is that of the Valor.

"LANTHONIA PRIMA.

"Will. Ambrose, Prior.

"Valet in Temporal. et Spiritual. 112l. 0s. 5d.

"Reprisæ 12l. 1s. 4½d.

"Et remanet ultra de claro valore 89l. 19s. 0½d."

In the Ministers' Accompts, however, of the 31st Hen. VIIIth Lantonia Prima is expressly described as a Cell to Lantonia Secunda.

For the earlier value of the possessions of Lanthony in Monmouthshire, see the Taxat. P. Nich. IV. pp. 170 b, 173.

^h The Particulars of the Grant will be found recited in the Harleian MSS. 4316, fol. 7. Harl. MS. 7389, p. 8.

Tanner gives the following references to MSS. and Records concerning this Monastery: "Vide in bibl. Harleiana, MS. 1249, p. 164. de annua solutione xx. lib. cera vel x^s. ecclesie Menevensi facienda. In Aspilogia Jo. Anstis, n. 273. confirm. donationum per Sibillam de Ewyas. Pat. 12 Edw. I. m. . Cart. 12 Edw. I. n. 38. pro lib. war. in valle Lanthoni, Ewyas, Frome Canoniorum, et Falley in Suth-Wallia. Cart. 18 Edw. II. n. 11. Pat. 20 Edw. I. m. . Pat. 2 Edw. II. p. 2, m. . Pat. 3 Edw. II. m. . Pat. 16 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 23 vel 24."

Among the Charters given to the British Museum by the late Lord Frederick Campbell, L.F.C. VII. 13., is a charter of Edm. Mortimer Earl of March reciting and confirming Walter de Lacy's charter "de Valle in qua ecclesia de Lantonia sita est," an. 2 Edw. III. In the King's Remembr. Office is, "Inquisitio quod Prioratus de Lanthony in March. Wall. est, et semper fuit de donatione, fundatione, et patronatu domini Regis et Progenitorum suorum." Mich. 19 Hen. VII. rot. 15.

ⁱ Tour in Monmouthshire, p. 219.

^a Blomf. Hist. Norf. vol. i. p. 479.

^b Taylor's Index Monast. p. 21.

^c Pat. 23 Hen. VIII. p. 2. teste 2 Jan.

^d He says, *Vide* "In Martin's Thetford, Append. p. 107. Concordiam factam, 5 Edw. III. inter Priorem et Conventum de Bromhill ex una parte, et Majorem et communitatem villæ de Thetford ex altera, de tolneto, &c. nundinarum apud Bromhill. Claus. 8 Hen. III. m. 19. pro feria in vigilia et die S. Thomæ Mart. apud Bromehill. Fin. Norf. 24 Hen. III. n. 59. de reddit. in Mundford. Fin. Norf. 52 Hen. III. n. 64. pro reddit. in Grimston. Escaet. Norf. 21 Edw. I. n. 126. de terris in Methelwolde. Pat. 21 Edw. I. m. . Plac. apud Westm. 33 Edw. I. Hill. Norf. 15. de muro apud Methelwold. Pat. 23 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 18. pro eccl. de Croxton approprianda. Pat. 45 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 11. pro ten. in Thrextton, Norf. et Bernham, Suff. ex concess. Willelmi Smeth et Willelmi Atmore. Pat. 48 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 20. pro redd. xxl. exeunt. e maner. de Weting. Escaet. Norf. 13 Ric. II. n. 130. pro maner. de Mundford et advoc. eccl. ex concess. Willelmi Beauchamp. Pat. 15 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 8. pro Playz mannor in Feltwell. Pat. 15 Hen. VI. m. 16." See also the Taxat. P. Nich. IV. pp. 95 b, 100 b, 101, 101 b, 113 b, 130, 131 b.

^e "In MS. Macro, n. 12. ii. 21, 22, 23. are English extracts of the Grants of Walter de Lacy and Gilbert de Lacy to Our Lady and St. Florence of Lanthony, and to the monks there serving God, of rents and lands in Wandesford, &c."

^f "William, a military retainer of Hugh de Lacy, and Ernisius, chaplain to queen Maud, retired hither A. D. 1103, and built a church and hermitage, which Ernisius obtained to be converted into a Priory of Regular Canons, of which he became first Prior. Anglia Sacra."