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Of the "Genealogical History of Families," Sir Robert Atkyns writes: "This has its peculiar use; it stimulates and excites the brave to imitate the generous actions of their ancestors; and it shames the debauched and reprobate, both in the eyes of others and in their own breasts, when they consider how they have degenerated."—Page II, Preface to *The Ancient and Present State of Gloucestershire*, 2nd ed., folio, London, 1768.

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F.R.S., D.C.L., LL.D., F.G.S.,
&c., &c., &c.,

THESE GENEALOGICAL RECORDS

ARE,

BY HIS PERMISSION,
AND WITH FEELINGS OF SINCERE ESTEEM,

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THE COMPILER.

PREFACE.

THIS compilation is founded on a curious and valuable record, entitled, "The Pedigree of the worthy Captaine and Justiciar, Sir William Cole, of Eneskillen, Knight; made and set forthe, with much care and fidelitie; warranted by Records, Evidences, and other good proofes, examined, approved, and well allowed of by me Sir William Segar, Knt., alias Garter. And in assured testimony to all persons whoe shall see the same, that it doth agree in all the descents, coats, and Ensignes, with the Registers Bookes and Records of my Office, and the Office of Arms and Honor, kept at London; I, the said Sir William Segar, alias Garter, Principall King of Armes, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seale of myne Office, this 30th day of Julye, An^o Domini 1630, Annoque Sexti Domini nostri Caroli, magnæ Britannia, Francia, et Hibernia Regis, Fidei defensor, etc."

Wm. Willoughby, the 1st Visct. Enniskillen, reduced it into a narrative form for the Rev. Mervyn Archball's edition of John Lodge's *Irish Peerage* (8^o London, 1789); and his lordship's system and phraseology are here freely made use of, as they were also, though without acknowledgment, in Playfair's *British Family Antiquity* (fo. Lond. 1810).

Since then, however, it has been, so far as relates to the noble line of Enniskillen, extended down to the present time, and attested under the seals of their office by Sir Wm. Betham, and Sir J. Bernard Burke, Ulster Kings at Arms. These additions together with some particulars derived from the publications of the Record Commissioners, &c., are introduced; and the continuation of the other branches has been made from the Heralds' Visitations, Wills, Parish Registers, Monumental Inscriptions and other ancient evidences. They have been carefully collated, and, where possible, tested with the originals, so that it is hoped that no inaccuracies may occur, or such only as are inseparable from a labour of this character.

. The writer will be glad to receive any additions or corrections.

Easthorpe Court,
Wigtoft, near Spalding,
Sept. 1867.

INTRODUCTION.

Much ingenious speculation has been expended on the origin and signification of the name of Cola. In *A New System, or an Analysis of Ancient Mythology*, by Jacob Bryant of Cypenham, is an elaborate dissertation thereon, consisting of more than three quarto pages, wherein he shows it to be the same as COU-EL, or CO-EL, Heavenly, or the House or Region of the Deity; for the place of worship was, in many instances, taken for the person to whom the worship was directed. He says that Coilus, from Coel, the old Latin form of Coelus, meant "a sacred or heavenly person, in other words, a priest of Coelus."

The learned Camden says that Cole is formed from the last syllables of Nicholas; and M. A. Lower, in his *Essay on Nomenclature** copies this statement.

It is, however, more likely to be a contraction of Agricola, a tiller of the soil, as Cola occurs in the Domesday Survey† as the holder of much land in the counties of Hants, Devon, Wilts, etc., in the reign of King Edward the Confessor; but this derivation has evidently been passed over as too simple to be adopted by the above eminent writers.

* 12mo, London, 1849, Vol. I., p. 159.

† "Winton Survey, (fo. 27) temp. R. Edwardi Conf.," "Winton, Bucchestret, Gaufridus Cole, Ep̄ Sarum II d., VII a. de feudo Regis, VIII illa sed VII sup. mur."—*Domesday Book* Vol. IV., p. 555. Sir Henry Ellis' *Introduction to Domesday*, gives these references and notes, "Cola, venator, Hants, p. 50, 50b. Note—"Cola venator ten. dimidium hidæ de Vluief patre suo in Langelle. Hanc tenuit de Rege in paragio." "Devon, 109, 112b. Wilts, 69 b. (Cola ten. terr. etc.) Note—Fater ejus tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi," etc.

