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MDCCLXXXIX.

TO
FENTON ROBINSON ATKINSON,

OF OAK HOUSE, ESQ., FENDLETON,

THIS EDITION OF

Hollingworth's Chronicles of Manchester,

IS MOST RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED;

AS A SMALL TOKEN OF THE HIGH ESTEEM BORNE FOR HIS

PROFOUND KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAWS OF ENGLAND,

AND REGARD FOR THE RIGHT OF THE COMMON PEOPLE TO

ELECT THEIR OWN GOVERNORS,

WHICH, WHILST IT REMAINED IN FORCE,

MADE THIS COUNTRY

AT ONCE THE FREEST AND HAPPIEST IN THE WORLD:

AND, ALSO, AS A TESTIMONY OF VENERATION

FOR HIS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE VIRTUES;

BY HIS HUMBLE AND OBLIGED SERVANT,

WILLIAM WILLIS.

Manchester, November 1855.

DESCRIPTION

OF THE

ENGRAVED TITLE PAGE.

THE Arms in the four corners of the engraved title, are those of the successive Lords of Manchester, viz., DE GRELLE, 1st. Baron, in jure uxoris; Temp. K.

Gules, three Bendlets enhanced Or.

DE LA WARRE, 7th Baron, in jure uxoris,
Gules, crusuly bottony fitchee, a Lion Rampant Argent.

DE WEST, 12th Baron, in jure uxoris,
Argent, a fesse Dancette Sable.

(The Manor was held about seventeen years by John Lacy, by purchase.)

MOSLEY, Lord of Manchester, by purchase,
Quarterly, 1st. and 4th. Sable a Cheveron between three Mill-picks (or Hammers) Argent; 2nd. and 3rd. Or, a fesse between three Eagles displayed Sable.

The Arms in the centre, on the Sinister, are those of Humphrey Chetham, viz.

Quarterly 1st. Argent, a Griffin Segreant Gules, within a Bordure, Sable Bezantee, being the Arms of Trafford of Chadderton; 2d. Argent,

a Chevron Gules between three Fleams Sable, for Chetham; 3rd. Gules, a Cross-potent crossed Or, for Chadderton; 4th. as the first. A Crescent for difference.

On the dexter the Arms of CHRIST'S COLLEGE, viz. Azure, a book expanded pp, on the leaves of which are these words: "*Lucerna pedibus meis, verbum tuum et Lumen, semitis meis. Ps. cxix.*;" in chief a Candlestick or with a Candle enflamed pp. the whole encircled with this inscription, "SIGILLUM COLLEGI CHRISTI IN MANCHESTER A REGE CAROLO 1635 FUNDATI."

In the centre between West's and Mosley's, are the Arms of RANULPH DE BLUNDEVILLE, EARL OF CHESTER, who in the reign of King Henry III. granted a Charter constituting Salford a free borough, viz.

Azure, three Garbs Or.

These Arms have been taken within the last few years. The same are now used as the seal of the Borough, round which is inscribed, "SIGILLUM COMMUNE BURGI DE SALFORD, MDCCCXXX."

PREFATORY NOTICE.

Richard Hollingworth, the Author of this ancient History of Manchester, was a Fellow of Christ College, Manchester. I have not been able to ascertain whether he was a native of Manchester. But I find he died, 1656, November 11th, in Manchester, after being imprisoned and deprived of the income arising from his fellowship, in consequence of the breaking-up of the Collegiate Body, by Colonel Thomas Birch, of Birch Hall, near Manchester, who, acting under the command of the Committee of Sequestration, seized forcibly the Revenues and Charter Chest of the College; at which time, unfortunately, the splendid painted glass windows of the Church, fell a sacrifice to the fanatical spirit which influenced the soldiery under his command.

Besides this Chronicle, the original of which lies in Cheetham's Library, I find Hollingworth wrote the following works :

"The Main-points of Church Government and Discipline, Plainly and Modestly Handled, by way of Question and Answer."—"Certain Queries Modestly Propounded, &c. &c. Especially to Master Samuel Eaton."—"A Rejoinder to Master Samuel Eaton, &c. &c. Especially to his Dearly Beloved, and Longed for, the Inhabitants in and neere Manchester, in Lancashire."

In conclusion allow me to state :—I have published this edition of Hollingworth's Ancient History of Manchester, from a wish to preserve and make public the Chronicles relating to the ancient condition and state of my native town.

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The ancient inhabitants of Yorkshire, Lancashire, Westmerland, Cumberland, and Durham were the Brigantes, their chiefe city was Yorke, sometimes called Brigantium.

Lancashire is a county bordering on the Irish seas, the figure whereof is oblong, the air generally wholesome, the earth fruitfull especially for breeding cattle of large bodyes, and goodly heads and hornes, and in some parts it abounds with corne, it is well furnished with fish, flesh and fowles for *food*, with coals and turfes for