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TO THE
RIGHT HONOURABLE
THE EARL GRANVILLE, K.G.,
Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports,
ETC., ETC., ETC.,

THIS HISTORICAL SKETCH IS WITH THE
SINCEREST RESPECT
INSCRIBED.



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AN illustrated pedigree, like an illustrated catalogue of historical portraits, can only claim public indulgence on account of its general utility. The numerous visitors of the scenes, with which the names of the Kentish Kings have been connected, are for the most part bewildered by the list of strange and half-barbaric names which are scattered through the pages of local histories, like seed sown by the way-side. How to put together in their minds, or to arrange in any possible order the names which are thus introduced to them is a difficult problem, and hence it appeared to the writer, that a clear and concise summary of the history of the Kings of Kent, would be a useful accompaniment to the many local histories, whose object is rather to describe the works or the localities which have been associated with

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their names, than to show the order of their work or the passages of history in which their names succeed one another. The royal family of Kent (unlike the other families of the same rank in the Heptarchy) has entirely disappeared in later history. Not the most distant link connects it with the illustrious families who have absorbed in succession the representation of Saxon royalty. Perhaps it was lost in some humbler race in the confusion which followed the destruction of the Kentish Kingdom, and has become another instance of those vicissitudes of fortune, which Mr. Godfrey Faussett has so admirably described in the case of the family of Fogge, which, though so nearly related to royalty, ended obscurely in the last century in the wife of a shepherd "living in a wretched hovel at Eastry."*

We will introduce our subject with a few remarks on the scene in which the action of our history is laid.

The links which connect the history of Kent

* Arch. Cant. (t. v., p. 125).