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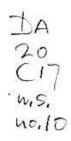
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### PREFACE.

THE Account of the Executors of Thomas de Bitton, Bishop of Exeter, which forms a portion of this volume, was discovered in 1867 by Mr. Stuart Moore among the archives of the city of Exeter, when he was employed in arranging those very interesting treasures. Happening to see it, I at once thought it deserved to be made public, and I wrote to my friend the late Mr. Bruce about it, and he soon informed me that the Council of the Camden Society would admit it amongst their issues if I would undertake the editorship.

Finding that the document contained a number of words of very obscure and doubtful meaning, I wrote to my friend the late Archdeacon Hale asking him to work it up, as he would have more ready access to Lexicons of all sorts than I could have in the country. He most kindly assented, telling me at the same time that he had lately found a very similar document of nearly the same date among the archives of S. Paul's, viz. the Account of the Executors of Richard de Gravesend, Bishop of London, who died 1303, six years before Bishop Bitton, This roll is twenty-six feet in length, written on one side. He thought the two would make a most interesting volume, and, upon bringing the matter before the Council of the Society, the proposal was accepted with great pleasure, and we were left to carry out the publication.

#### PREFACE.

After this the Archdeacon went into the two accounts most heartily and with much enjoyment: fortunately he had finished the Introduction just before his death on November 27, 1870, so that there was very little left for me to finish of what his family handed over to me for that purpose; I cannot therefore claim much merit for my work as joint Editor.

I hope the Members of our Society will accept it as it is, and pardon the long delay in its publication, which, from various circumstances beyond my control, has been unavoidable.

I can truly say of Archdeacon Hale :---

Multis illo bonis fiebilis occidit, Nalli fiebilior quam mibi.

H. T. Ellacombe.

Clyst St. George, January, 1874.

#### PEDIGREE OF BITTON, DRAWN FROM RECORDS.

"Robertas, filius Roberti de Button :" bought land of-..... Nic, de Oxehaye and wife (Ped. Fin. 1237.) William de Button, "avancalas Thome de Button." (Plac. Adam de Button, miles,-" Quædam "filius Roberti;" died mulier." 1299.1 12 Ed. I.) John de Batton, miles, summoned-..... against the Scots 1300. Thomas de Button, Dean of Wells, Bishop of Exon ; died 1307. Johannes de Button, " fil. Johannis nepos et=Havisia de hæres Thomæ Episcopi arancali sni;" died || Farneanx "vivente Thoma fratre." Thomas, "frater Johannis," died Farneanx. s, p. Three daughters. Matthew de Button, died--Constantia de 1374; "fil. et h. Joh. et Hawisie." Kingston =Hampton.k =Strode + =Bassett. + 1st wife, Margery de-Sir John de But-2nd wife, Johanna-2nd hushand Sir John la More. (See below.) ton, died 1382. Hurst. Deverose, died 1419. Thomas Rugge =Katharine Batton. Jane Rouge, Rugge, or Rigge, died s. p. 1485 .- Sir John Barre, Her heirs were the descendants of Bassett, Strode, 2nd husband ; Robert Greyn-= dour, died 1447.1 and Hampton, the three daughters of Sir John de Button by Havisia Furneaux. (See Table hereafter.) oh. 1483. (A.) William de la=Maud de=2nd hus-More alias Bitton, band, Attemore, dau, of Sir Simon Bassett, died 1341, John and siezed of Havisia died Oldland. (above). 1365. Margaret, mar. Sir John de Button Cecily, mar. Sir Nicho-las Berkeley, who died John Attemore died 1349, 1382, s. p. (above). s. p.

' An original rent-roll of his domesne in the parish of Bitton, &c., is in my possession.—H. T. E.