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AT a Meeting of the COUNCIL of the SURTERS SOCIETY, held in Durham Castle, on Tuesday, December 5, 1876, Mr. FAWCETT in the Chair, it was

ORDERED, That one or two volumes of extracts from the DURHAM CAPITULAR RECORDS, relating to tenant-right and ancient customs and usages in regard to land, should be edited for the Society by Mr. LONGSTAFFE.

AT a Meeting of the COUNCIL of the SURTERS SOCIETY, held in Durham Castle, on Tuesday, March 6, 1888, Mr. CUNDILL in the Chair, it was

ORDERED, That Mr. BOOTH should complete the volume of extracts from the DURHAM CAPITULAR RECORDS, which was formerly intrusted to Mr. LONGSTAFFE.

JAMES RAINE, Secretary.

#### PREFACE.

THE materials which exist for depicting the village communities of the county of Durham, from the latter part of the twelfth century downwards, possess extreme interest, and, fortunately, are numerous when we enter on the fourteenth century. It is true we have no record coeval with Domesday Book, the most Northern counties not being included in that survey; but we have in BOLDON BUKE a valuable record of the tenures and of the services rendered in respect thereof by the tenants of the Bishop, compiled by order of Hugh de Puiset, Bishop of Durham, in 1183. An early Ms. copy of this survey was printed by the Society in 1852, and forms vol. xxv. of their publications. This survey comprised all the manors or lordships of the See of Durham, and extended over considerable portions of the county Palatine of Durham. It was followed by a later survey, made by order of Bishop Hatfield, circa 1382, also printed by this Society, and appearing among their publications for the year 1856 (vol. xxxii.).

1 The editing of the Halmote Rolls of the Prior and Convent of Durham was intrusted by the Council of the Surtees Society, in 1876, to Mr. W. H. Longstaffe, whose intimate acquaintance with the antiquities of the county of Durham, and whose long and fruitful labours in the field of archeology, preeminently fitted him for the task. It is much to be regretted that his engagements have prevented him from completing this volume. The Society is, however, indebted to him for seeing through the press pp. 1-144 of the text, and the Appendix. For the remainder of the volume the present editor is responsible.—J. B.

interval, nearly two hundred years, which elapsed between these surveys, necessarily leads us to expect a considerable change in the condition of the county as evidenced by these records. The later survey is much more extensive than the earlier one, showing that a number of villages had sprung into existence between their respective dates, and consequently a large tract had been reclaimed and brought into cultivation. It is also made with more particularity as regards the tenants themselves and their individual holdings. Next to the Surveys, the most important of the materials which exist are the Manor Court Rolls or Halmote Court Rolls of the Bishops, and of the Prior and Convent, of Durham. Those of the See of Durham commence in A.D. 1345, and continue in an almost unbroken series to the present time.1 The present volume is confined to the Halmote

1 The following are the manors, with their respective vills, under the jurisdiction of the Bishop's Halmote Court, the copyholds in which are to this day held according to the custom of the Court :- HOUGH-TON MANOR-comprising the vills of Bishopwearmouth, Ryhope, Burdon, Herrington, Newbottle, Murton, Wardon, and Houghton. Easing-TON MANOR-comprising the vills of Sherburn, Cassop, Shotton, Shadforth, and Easington. CHESTER MANOR-comprising the ville of Ryton, Whickham, Whithurn and Cleadon, Newton and Plawsworth, Boldon, Chester, Urpeth, Gateshead, and Framwellgate. MIDDLEHAM MANOR -- comprising the vills of Sedgefield, Cornforth, and Middleham. STOCKTON MANOR-comprising the vills of Carlton, Hartburn, Norton, Hardwick, Preston, and

Stockton. DARLINGTON MANORcomprising the vills of Cockerton, Whessoe, Haughton, Blackwell, and Bondgate in Darlington. SADBERGE Manon-comprising the vills of Sadberge and Newbigging. AUCKLAND MANOE — comprising the vills of Rykenhall, Midridge, Heighington Killerby, West Thickley, West Auckland, Redworth, Coundon, Byers, Escomb, East Thickley, Newton Cap, and Bondgate in Auckland. WOLSINGHAM MANOR - comprising the vills of Stanhope, Lynesack, Bishopley, Bedburn with Witton, Hamaterley, and Wolsingham. And LANCHESTER MANOR - comprising the vills of Benfieldside, Billingside, Butsfield, Satley, Broomshields, Kyo, Pontop, Broom with Flass, Roughside, and Rowley. Besides the Manor of Bedlington, formerly portion of the County Palatine of