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ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS.

- p. 8; note 1, line 6, for "was," read "is supposed to have been"; line 11, for "another daughter of Orm son of Ailward," read "Emma, daughter of Albert Grelley II.,"; line 12, cancel the sentence which begins "Possibly a third dau. . . ."; line 13, for "Baines," read "Harland."
- p. 20; note 3, line 2. Kaakenmoor was the name of a district embracing the modern townships of Crompton and Oldham.
- p. 31; note 2. The statement that Hornby was acquired by Adam de Montbegon in marriage with Matilda, one of the daughters and coheirs of Adam fitz Swain, rests upon the authority of Dr. Whitaker (*History of Richmondshire*, ii, p. 250). The truth of this statement requires proof.
- p. 38; note 1, line 1, after "Malham," read "and Stackhouse."
- p. 41; note 2, line 1, dele "over Hulton." Little Hulton appears to have been held in 1212 by Iorwerth de Hulton, of Richard de Worwley, who in turn held it of William de Nevill. The latter died before 1212, at which date his estates in Lancashire were in the King's hands.
- p. 58; note, line 10, for "Roger de Montbegon," read "Adam de Montbegon."
- p. 59; note 1, line 4, for "br.," read "de."
- p. 62; note 1, line 23. It is uncertain whether Augustine de Barton was grandfather, or first husband of Edith de Barton—probably the latter. Line 26, for "Lincolnshire," read "Yorkshire."
- p. 65; note 1, line 11, for "Evan," read "Eynon."
- p. 88; note 2, line 8, for "probably a Lincolnshire man," read "a Yorkshire man."
- p. 89; note, line 32, cancel the sentence which begins "His first wife." Margery de Elland was Gilbert de Notton's first wife, and therefore Gilbert de Barton's grandmother. Line 35, dele "second."
- p. 108; note, line 4, for ". . . de Yealand," read "Roger de Yealand"; line 9, after "Conyers," insert "(*Dodsworth's MSS.*, cxlix, f. 149)."
- p. 130; line 1, for "Mary," read "Margery."
- p. 131; note, line 13, for "laad," read "land."

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for transparency and accountability, particularly in the context of public administration and government operations. The text notes that such records should be maintained in a clear, organized, and accessible manner to facilitate audits and ensure compliance with relevant laws and regulations.

2. The second part of the document addresses the role of technology in modern record-keeping. It highlights how digital systems can significantly improve the efficiency and security of data management. The text suggests that organizations should invest in robust IT infrastructure to support their record-keeping needs, ensuring that data is protected from unauthorized access and loss. Additionally, it mentions the importance of regular data backups and security updates to maintain the integrity of the information.

3. The third part of the document focuses on the human element of record-keeping. It stresses that while technology is a valuable tool, it is the people who manage the records who are ultimately responsible for their accuracy and reliability. The text encourages organizations to provide comprehensive training and ongoing support for their staff to ensure they are equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to handle records effectively. It also notes the importance of establishing clear roles and responsibilities for record management within the organization.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the legal and regulatory requirements surrounding record-keeping. It outlines the various laws and regulations that govern the collection, storage, and disposal of records, particularly in the public sector. The text emphasizes that organizations must stay up-to-date on these requirements to avoid legal penalties and ensure full compliance. It also mentions the importance of conducting regular audits to verify that the organization's record-keeping practices are in line with the applicable laws and regulations.

5. The fifth and final part of the document provides a summary of the key points discussed and offers some concluding thoughts. It reiterates the importance of record-keeping as a fundamental aspect of good governance and effective management. The text concludes by encouraging organizations to adopt a proactive approach to record management, continuously improving their processes and practices to meet the evolving needs of the organization and the public.

INTRODUCTION.

What is a Final Concord, or Fine? It is a legal instrument, by which lands were conveyed or transferred, in the form of a compromise or agreement made between two parties, who had been litigating their rights in the King's Court. Before the commencement of this class of record, a charter of feoffment was practically the only written instrument by which lands or other hereditable estates were transferred or conveyed. But many inconveniences were found to this method alone, in spite of the publicity given to such instruments by the fact that they were executed at an important gathering of people, such as the County Court, or at the celebration of mass upon an important feast day, and by the attestation of many persons of position and repute, living in the locality of the estate to be conveyed, and in spite of the solemn and public manner in which seisin of the estate was wont to be delivered. The inconveniences arose from forgery, a crime of frequent occurrence in early times, from the loss or destruction of the deed of feoffment, and from the difficulty of proving the genuineness of the instrument, when after lapse of years, the parties to it, and the witnesses were all dead.

Most of the early Fines arose out of litigation in the King's Court. This is clearly proved by the records of suits, found in the Plea Rolls, and in the Rolls of the King's Justices of Assize, from which many extracts have been printed in this Volume. When once a suit had been commenced in the King's Court, no compromise could be entered into, or agreement made, without the sanction of the Court, and the payment of a fine "*pro licentia concordandi.*" But an agreement made in the King's Court, respecting a title which had been questioned by the adverse party,