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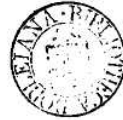
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# PRESTON

IN

## LANCASHIRE.

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PRESTON, a market town, borough, and pariah, locally situated on the river Ribble, in the hundred of Amounderness, County Palatine of Lancaster.

“ Since this place in length of time was ruined by war, or as the common people think by an earthquake, lower down, where the Ribell receives the tide, and is called by the geographer BELLISAMA ÆSTVARIVM near *Penwortham*, where, in the Conqueror's time was a castle, as appears from that prince's survey, out of the ruins of Riblecester arose *Preston*, a large, and, for these parts, handsome and populous town, so called from religious persons, as much as to say *Priest's town*. Below it the Ribell receives the *Derwen*, a small river, which first waters *Blackborne*, a noted market town, so called from a black water; which formerly belonged to the

Lacies, and gave to the tract adjacent the name of *Blackburnshire*. Thence it passes by *Houghton Tower*, which gave name to a famous family that long resided at it; and *Waleton*, which William, lord of Lancaster, son of king Stephen, gave to Walter de *Waleton*; but it afterwards belonged to the famous family of the *Langtons*, which derive themselves from the *Walton's*. But to return.

“Preston before-mentioned is vulgarly called Preston in *Andernesse* for *Acmundesse-nesse*\*; for so the Saxons called this part of the country which runs out with a long compass between the rivers *Risbell* and *Cocar*, and forms a promontory resembling a nose, and afterwards called *Agmonder nes*. In the Conqueror's time it had ‘only sixteen villages inhabited, the rest lying waste,’ as we read in *Domesday book*†, and it was held by Roger of Poitou. Afterwards it belonged to Theobald *Walter*, from whom the *Butlers* of Ireland derive themselves: for so we find in a charter of Richard I. ‘Know ye that we have given and by this present writing confirmed to Theobald Walter

\* *Acmundesse-nesse*. See the records of the church and monastery of York under Ripon. Gale MS. n.

† Q. If Mr. Camden does not confound this with Preston in the W. Riding of Yorkshire, which also belonged to Roger de Poitou, *Domesd. f. 332*. Lancashire was included in the counties of York and Chester at that survey.

for his homage and service all Agmondernes with its appurtenances, &c.' This tract yields plenty of oats, but will not bear barley. It has rich pastures especially on the sea side which is partly champain, whence great part of it seems to be called the *File*, q. d. *the Field*, though in the Tower rolls it is called by the Latin name of *Lima*, which signifies the instrument used to polish iron. But because it is in some places marshy it is accounted unhealthy. The little river *Wyr* runs swiftly through it, from *Wierdale*, a wild desert, by *Grenhaugh* castle, which Thomas *Stanley*, first earl of Derby of this family, built when his life was in danger from certain of the nobility of this county who had been proscribed, and whose estates Henry VII. had given him. They often assaulted him, and continually ravaged his lands, till the moderation of that excellent man prudently extinguished their resentments.

“ In many places on this coast one sees heaps of sand, on which they pour water till they contract a saltness, which they afterwards boil over turf fires to white salt\*. Here are likewise some quicksands as they are called, so dangerous to travellers, who take the shortest

\* See Ray's Northern words, p. 209. G. and West's Furness, p. 191.