

SOME PARTICULARS RELATIVE TO COLONEL RICHARD BEKE, OF HADDENHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF BUCKINGHAM, AND TO A PARDON UNDER THE GREAT SEAL GRANTED TO HIM XII. CAR. II. IN A LETTER TO JOHN LEE, ESQ., LL.D., F.R.S., F.S.A., &C. FROM CHARLES T. BEKE, ESQ., PH.D., F.S.A., &C.

MY DEAR SIR,

IN returning to you the Pardon granted under the Great Seal to Colonel Richard Beke, I have thought that the following particulars relating to him and to some of the circumstances under which this Pardon was granted, might not be unsuitable for a communication from you to the Society of Antiquaries, and for this purpose they are, with your permission, now submitted to you.^a

Richard Beke was of a family which dates in England from the time of the Norman Conquest; Goisfridus de Bech (Bek) having been one of the principal Barons of King William the First, and being recorded in Domesday Book as holding of him a considerable portion of the county of Hertford. The family of Beke is of Flemish extraction, and its name (in its origin *Van der Beke* or *Van Beke*,^b) has assumed in England the various forms of de Bech, de Beke, de la Beke, de la Beche, &c. On former occasions I have made some investigations into the history of two branches of the family; namely, the Bekes of Eresby, in the county of Lincoln, the ancestors of the Lords Willoughby de Eresby,^d and the Bekes of Bekesbourne, in the county of

^a This letter, in a somewhat shorter form, was read before the Society of Antiquaries on the 24th of May, 1849. See the Proceedings of the Society, vol. ii. p. 13.

^b This name still exists in the Netherlands and Germany. It occurs also in French Flanders under the form of Delebecque.

^c That the name of the family of De la Beche of Aldworth was pronounced as if spelled *De la Beke* is proved by entries in Sir Francis Palgrave's Parliamentary Writs, vol. ii. pp. 198, 200, in which the names of the father and brother of Nicholas Lord De la Beche are indifferently written "Sire Ph' de Bek' pierc," "Sire Phelip de la Bech," "Sire Joh'n de Beck' f3," and "Sire Joh'n de Bek'."

^d "Observations on the Pedigree of the Family of Beke of Eresby," in *Collectanea Topographica et Genealogica*, vol. iv. (1837,) p. 331, et seq. See also Dugdale's Baronage, "Bek of Eresby," vol. i. p. 425.

Kent, from whom I am descended.^e The branch to which the subject of the present remarks belonged was settled in Berkshire in the beginning of the 15th century,^f when (A.D. 1412) Sir John Beke obtained a grant by letters patent of the manor of Erlegh Whiteknights, in that county, with the custody of a free chapel there,^g and shortly afterwards (A.D. 1414) a like grant of the custody of the hospital of St. Mary Magdalen at Reading.^h The fourth in descent from Sir John Beke was Richard Beke of Whiteknights, Esq., who was an Equerry of the Stables, and afterwards Chief Equerry, to Queen Elizabeth. In the twelfth year of that monarch's reign (A.D. 1570), in consideration of his faithful services, he obtained a beneficial lease in reversion, by letters patent, of a watermill and two plots of meadow, and of the site and mansion-house of the manor of Haddenham, in the county of Buckingham, and all the demesne lands of the said manor;ⁱ and in the thirty-eighth year of the same reign (A.D. 1596) he obtained another beneficial lease by letters patent of the premises for a further term of thirty-one years; as to the mill, &c. from Ladyday 1620, and as to the manor, &c. from Michaelmas 1631.^k

This Richard Beke was succeeded in the possession of his estate at Haddenham by his son and grandson, both of the same name, the latter of whom died January 8th, 1627-8, aged 31, as appears from the epitaph on a monument in Haddenham Church, erected by his brother, of which the following is a copy:†

^e "On the Early Constitution of the Cinque Ports," in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, vol. viii. N.S. (1837,) p. 20.

^f In Noble's *Memoirs of the Protectoral House of Cromwell*, 2nd edit. vol. ii. p. 210, Richard Beke is described as being "descended from an ancient and knightly family in Buckinghamshire." It will be seen that the connexion of the family with that county did not take place till towards the end of the sixteenth century.

^g Rot. Patent. 14 Hen. IV.

^h Rot. Patent. 2 Hen. V.; and see Rot. Patent. 31 Hen. VIII.; *Visitat. Com. Berke*, A.D. 1532; *Visitat. Com. Bucks*, A.D. 1575, 1634, 1669.

ⁱ Rot. Patent. 12 Eliz. test. 8 Mar.; *Lipscomb, History of the County of Buckingham*, vol. ii. p. 209.

^k Rot. Patent. 38 Eliz. test. 19 Jun.; *Lipscomb*, vol. ii. p. 210. In the *Proceedings in Chancery*, temp. Elizabeth, p. 144, is recorded a suit between Richard Beke, plaintiff, and Richard Mayne, defendant, being a Bill to establish a title by lease, and for an injunction against a bond, in respect of the tithes of the farm and demesne lands of the manor of Haddenham demised by defendant to plaintiff for 35 years.

† From a rubbing taken by Mr. John May of Aylesbury, a young artist of promise. It is also given, though not quite accurately, by *Lipscomb*, vol. ii. p. 216.

Depositvm .
 Richardi . Beke . de . Haddenham .
 Ri . Fil . et Ri . Nep . A . Ar .
 Viri . integerrimi .
 Qvi .
 Omnia . a . certo . iudicio . nihil . ex . morbo . fecit .
 Tota . ipsius . vita . regvla . quæ . fluxvram . non . recepit .
 Recto . apparatu . vixit .
 Nec . vnquam . luxuriæ . parentaverit .
 vteunque . divitiarvm . non . erat .
 Qvicquid . possidebat . erat . svi .
 viscata . beneficia .
 Cvpiam .
 Vel . panem . lapidosvm . porrexit . nvnqvā .
 Manebant . illi . semel . placita .
 Nec . vlla . in . decretis . eivs . litvra . fvit .
 Sic . fidens . animi . certvsque . svi .
 Diem . mortis . vt . extremvm . non . reformidavit .
 Qvem . sibi . æterni . natalem . scivit .
 Obiit . viii . ianuarii . 15 . 15 . cxxvii . ætat . svæ . xxxi .
 FRATRI . FRATER .
 H. M. M. P.

This epitaph is on a neat classic monumental tablet, attached to the wall in the north-east angle of the church.

The armorial bearings engraven on this monument are, *Gules*, two bars crenellé sable, on a chief azure three annulets argent : Crest, a phoenix rising proper ; which are those attributed to the family of Beke of Whiteknights and Haddenham, in the several heraldic visitations of the counties of Berks and Bucks. But my relative, the late Dr. Henry Becke, Dean of Bristol, informed me, that, before the mansion of Whiteknights was pulled down, there was in one of the rooms a carved marble chimney-piece, in which were introduced the arms borne by him, *Gules, a cross moline voided argent*. And I am inclined to think that these must have been the original arms of this branch of the family ; inasmuch as those of the Bokes of Eresby are *Gules, a cross moline argent*,

^m On Colonel Richard Beke's monument in Dinton Church, this crest is a phoenix's head, collared gemelle indented, the wings erect, charged with three annulets. (Lipscomb, vol. ii. p. 149, says, "semé of pellets.") Motto, *Virtutis Amator*.

and the same bearing, variously differenced, appears to have been used by numerous persons of the name in early times, as if showing the common descent of them all from one parent stock.

Above the said monument of Richard Beke is affixed a rusty helmet. The whole is decaying fast, and it is a pity that its decay is not arrested.

Henry Beke, the brother and successor of Richard, was High Sheriff of the county of Buckingham in the twentieth year of the reign of King Charles 1st (A.D. 1644); and five years afterwards (July 9th, 1649), on his petition to the Commonwealth House of Commons, he was allowed to come in for £2,000, (to which sum his losses and expenses in his Sherifffalty had been reported by a Committee of the House to amount,) as a purchaser of Deans' and Chapters' lands, upon doubling.ⁿ He was also a justice of the peace for the same county, and died at Haddenham, and was buried there on March 1st, 1653-4.

Henry Beke married Frances, the daughter of John Billiard, of the county of Nottingham, by whom he had three children who reached maturity: namely, Richard, the subject of the present memoir; Coluberry, who became the wife of George Franklin of Haddenham; and Margaret, who was married, in or previously to the year 1649, to Colonel Robert Lilburne, eldest son of Richard Lilburne, of Thickley-Punchardon, in the county palatine of Durham, Esq., and brother to the famous John Lilburne. Of this Robert Lilburne Anthony à Wood quaintly says^o that, "being puritanically educated, [he] sided with the rout against his Majesty in the beginning of the rebellion, and being thorow-paced to Oliver's interest, was by him advanced to be a colonel of horse, sometime before the murder of King Charles 1st, and therefore he thought he could do no less in courtesy than to requite him with having a hand in it. Afterwards he was made major-general of the North of England, and commander in chief of all the Parliament forces in Scotland. After his Majesty's restoration, he surrendered himself upon proclamation, was attainted, and committed prisoner during life. But his father being then living, the estate at Thickley devolved upon the said Robert's children, begotten on the body of his said wife Margaret [Beke]. . . . This Colonel Lilburne spent the remainder

ⁿ Journals of the House of Commons, anno 1649.

^o *Athenæ Oxonienses*, vol. iii. col. 174 (3rd edit. col. 358).

of his days in close confinement in St. Nicholas island, called by some Plymouth island,^p near Plymouth in Devonshire, where dying in August a^o 1665, aged 52 years or thereabouts, was buried, as his son Richard thinks, at Plymouth."

Richard Beke, the son of Henry and Frances, was baptised at Haddenham on September 8th, 1630. His youth could not well have allowed him to take any great share in the Civil War, in which so many of the gentry of his native county were such active participators. But he must have entered the military service of the Commonwealth at an early age, and have soon acquired great favour with Cromwell; for, on February 7th, 1655-6, when he was little more than 25 years of age, he held the rank of major in the army, was a Member of Parliament, and was married to Levina Whitstone (or Whetstone), a niece of the Protector.

A transcript of the certificate of this marriage, which was solemnised in great form at Whitehall, is preserved in Peck's "*Desiderata Curiosa*."^q It is of sufficient interest to be reproduced here, especially as the copy given of it by Noble, in his "*Memoirs of the Protectoral House of Cromwell*,"^r is incorrect in more than one particular.

"A Certificate of Major Richard Beke his Marriage with Mrs. Levina Whetstone, a Relation of the Lord Protector, O. Cromwel. Dated 7 Feb. 1655.

"An Original (once Mr. Oudart's) now in the Hands of the Editor.

"These are to certifie whom it may concern, that upon the xii. Day of January, MDCLV. it was desired by Richard Beke Gent. (the Sonne of Henry Beke deceased and Frances his Wife, now Inhabitant at Yorke) and Levina Whetstone Spinster (the Daughter of . . . Whetstone and . . . his Wife, late Inhabitants in the Netherlands) that Publication should be made of their Intention of Marriage in the publique Meetinge Place in the Parish Church of Martins in the Fields in the County of Middlesex.

"Accordingly, in Obedience to an Act of Parliament commanding me thereunto, I made Publication in the publique Meet-

^p It is commonly designated Drake's Island. ^q Vol. ii. lib. xiii. p. 17. (No. xi.)

^r Vol. ii. p. 211.

inge Place, in the Parish Church of Martins, &c. of the Intention of Marriage of Richard Beke and Levina Whetstone, both of the Parish of Martins aforesaid, upon three several Lordes-Dayes, at the Close of the Morninge Exercise; namely, upon the xiii. xx. and xxx.* Dayes of January, MDCLV. All which was fully performed according to the said Act without Exception.

“In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my Hand, the vi. Day of February, MDCLV.

“WILLIAM WILLIAMS, Register of the Parish of Martin’s in the Fields.”

“[Then follows, *manu* Hen. Scobell,†]

“This Marriage was solemnized on Thursday the vii. of Feb. MDCLV. at Whitehall, in Presence of his Highnes the Lord Protector, the Lord President, Lord Deputy of Ireland, [Edmund Sheffield] Earl of Mulgrave, and many others.

“HEN. SCOBELL.”

It will here not be out of place to say a few words respecting this Levina Whitstone and her parents. Roger Whitstone, her father, was a gentleman of good family at Whittlesea, in the Isle of Ely, in the county of Cambridge. He served in the British forces in the pay of Holland,^u and was afterwards “an officer in the Parliament army, but died before Oliver came to his greatness.”^x His wife was Catherine, daughter of Robert Cromwell, of Huntingdon, Esq. and Elizabeth his wife, the parents of Oliver the Protector, to whom “she is said to have been very unlike.”^y She was twice married; her first husband being the said Roger Whitstone, by whom she had issue three sons and two daughters: 1st. Henry, who is supposed to have been born in England; 2nd. Thomas; 3rd. Richard, who married Catherine a foreigner; 4th. Catherine; and 5th. Levina.

Catherine Cromwell’s second husband was Colonel John Jones, whom Anthony à Wood describes^z as “a pretended gentleman of Wales, a recruiter of the Long Parliament, and a Colonel; afterwards one of the King’s judges, Governor of the Isle of Anglesea, one of the Commissioners of Parliament for the

* These are the dates given by Peck; but the last should be the 27th January, which was Sunday, and not the 30th.

† The clerk in parliament.

^u Noble, vol. ii. p. 206.

^x Fasti Oxon. part ii. col. 90 (3d edit. col. 155).

^y Noble, vol. i. p. 88.

^z Fasti Oxon. ut supra.

government of Ireland (in which office he acted tyrannically), and one of the other House—that is, House of Lords belonging to Cromwell, &c. He was hanged, drawn, and quartered, at Charing Cross, for having had a hand in the murder of his prince, on the 17th of October, 1660.”

As it has been already observed, the four younger children of Roger Whitstone and Catherine Cromwell were born abroad; in consequence of which, and after the marriage of Levina Whitstone with Major Beke, it appears to have been deemed expedient that three of them, Thomas, Catherine, and Levina, (the fourth, Richard, appears to have settled abroad,) should be naturalised by Act of Parliament, though both parents were British-born subjects. Accordingly, their names were inserted in “An Act for naturalising Florentine Tanturier and others,”^a to which the Lord Protector’s consent was given on November 27th, 1656. Major Richard Beke, who represented Coventry in the Parliaments of 1654 and 1656,^b was on the committee to which the said Act of Naturalisation was referred.^c

Mrs. Levina Beke seems not to have lived very long after her marriage. Lord Fauconberg says, in a postscript to a letter to his brother-in-law Henry Cromwell, Lord Deputy of Ireland, “Our shee-cosen Beake is out of all hopes of lyfe;” and most probably she died at that time, leaving no child.^d

In May, 1657, Richard Beke was named by the Protector one of the visitors of his college at Durham;^e and after Oliver Cromwell’s decease he sat for Peterborough in his successor’s Parliament of 1658-9.^f

By Richard Cromwell he was promoted to the command of his body-guard, and knighted.^g This ceremony was performed at Whitehall, on December 6th, 1658;^h Sir Richard Beke being apparently the last person on whom knighthood was conferred previously to the Restoration of King Charles the Second.

It may easily be imagined that on the re-establishment of Royalty Colonel Beke was content to drop his recently acquired title. And as he was a partisan and near connection of the late

^a Journals of the House of Commons, a^o 1656.

^b Diary of Thomas Burton, vol. iv. p. 488.

^c Journals of the House of Commons, a^o 1656.

^d Noble, vol. ii. p. 212.

^e Diary of Thomas Burton, vol. ii. p. 536.

^f Diary of Thomas Burton, vol. iv. p. 488.

^g Noble, vol. ii. p. 212.

^h Noble, vol. i. p. 444.

Protector, and also allied by marriage to two other of the judges of King Charles the First,—John Jones having married his wife's mother, and Robert Lilburne being the husband of his sister,—it is not surprising that the general Act of Indemnity and Oblivion¹ should have been deemed by him insufficient for his effectual protection, and that he should have applied for a Special Pardon under the Great Seal, which he obtained on January 2d, 1660-1, seven months and four days after the Restoration. This is the Document in your possession. In its general provisions this Pardon follows the Act of Oblivion; only it goes into numerous particulars not provided for by the Statute, and it is drawn up with an elaborateness and minuteness which would seem to have been intended to meet every possible case. From the great number of similar Pardons which must have been granted to other persons at the same period, it can scarcely make pretensions to singularity; and yet, remarkably enough, it is the only *original* Patent of the kind which, in the long experience of Mr. W. H. Black, has come to his knowledge.

After the Restoration of King Charles the Second, Richard Beke “came again into favour, was a Colonel in the army, and many years in the commission of the peace, and also a Commissioner of Appeals.”^k He appears to have first resided at Had-denham, whence he removed for a short time to Hartwell, and afterwards to Dinton, in the same county, where he took up his final residence.

In the month of February, 1683-4, Colonel Richard Beke married, as his second wife, Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Sir Thomas Lee, of Hartwell, Baronet and Knight of the Bath.

In the year 1686 (2 Jac. II.) he sat in Parliament for the borough of Aylesbury; and from 1690 to 1700 (2 Will. & Mar. to 12 Will. III.) he represented Wendover. Shortly afterwards he was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of the county of Bucks, his commission from Lord Wharton being dated February 27th, 1702-3 (14 Will. III.) He died at Dinton on the 27th of November, 1707, in the seventy-eighth year of his age, and was buried there on the 2nd of December following. An inscription to the memory of him and his second wife, Elizabeth Lee, who survived her husband thirty years and died May 30th, 1737, is on a black marble slab in the south aisle of the church of that

¹ 12 Car. II. cap. xi.

^k Noble, vol. ii. p. 212.

parish. This slab is 6 feet 9 inches long, and 3 feet 5 inches broad, and contains the following inscription,¹ surmounted by the arms of Beke and Lee, impaled :

Near this Place Lie the Bodys of
Colonel Richard Beke late of this Parish
and Elizabeth his wife third Daughter
of Sr. Thomas Lee of Hartwell Bart.
They had Issue Ann married to Mark
Antonie Esq^r. Elizabeth who Dyed young
and Mary married to John Baynes Esq^r.
Serjt. att Law. The Colonel was many years
in y^e Commission of Peace & Commissioner
of Appeals, served in Parliament
once for Alesbury, thrice for Wendover.
They were just and Beneficent.
therefore Lived Beloved & Dyed Lamented:
He on the 29th of Nov^{br}. 1707 Aged 78,
She on the 30th of May 1737 Aged 74.

Of Colonel Beke's two surviving daughters and coheirs, Mary, the younger, who married Mr. Serjeant Baynes, had one daughter, Lucy, who became the wife of Francis Lee, Esq. In Lipscomb's History of the County of Buckingham^m it is stated that this Mrs. Lucy Lee was living in 1748; but I have not been able to find any traces of her, or to ascertain whether she left issue. Neither have I been able to learn whether or not her husband was related to the Lees of Hartwell.

It might seem unnecessary to add that Richard Beke's eldest daughter Anne, who was the wife of Mark Antonie, of Bloomsbury, in the county of Middlesex, Esq., had two sons, John and Richard; that both of these sons died without issue; and that Richard, the younger and survivor, by his will gave all his estates to William Lee, afterwards William Lee Antonie, Esq., whose heir and representative you are. But I allude to these particulars in order that the steps

¹ Copied from a rubbing also made by Mr. John May. Lipscomb (vol. ii. p. 149) gives this inscription in part, saying that it is rendered imperfect by the slab on which it is engraved being partly covered with a pew. That is not the case at the present day.

^m Lipscomb, vol. ii. p. 309.

may be seen by which this Pardon and other documents you possess relative to the family of Beke, may have found their way into the Muniment-room of Hartwell House.

Believe me to be, my dear Sir,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES BEKE.

John Lee, Esq., LL.D., F.R.S., F.S.A.

&c. &c. &c.

*Pardon granted to Richard Beke, Esq. 2 Jan. 12 Car. II.
(1660-1.)*

“CAROLUS SECUNDUS, DEI GRATIA ANGLIÆ, Scotiæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ Rex, Fidei Defensor, etc. OMNIBUS ad quos præsentēs literæ pervenerint salutem. SCIATIS quod nos de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris PARDONAVIMUS, remisimus, et relaxavimus, ac per præsentēs pardonamus, remittimus, et relaxamus Richardo Beke de Haddenham, in comitatu nostro Bucks. armigero, seu quocunque alio nomine, vel cognomine, seu additione nominis, vel cognominis, officii, seu loci, idem Richardus Beke censeatur, vocetur, sive nuncupetur, aut nuper censebatur, vocabatur, sive nuncupabatur, omnes et omnimodas proditioes, crimina læsæ majestatis, levationes guerræ, rebelliones, et insurrectiones, et conspirationes, et misprisiones eorundem proditioum, criminum læsæ majestatis, levationum guerræ, rebellionum, et insurrectionum, et omnia et singula mūdra, ac neces, et interfectiones hominum per insidias, (Anglicè *by lying in wait*,) insultantia aut ex malitia præcogitata, homicidia, felonias, roberias, incendia domorum, deprædationes piraticas, offensas, crimina, contemptus, malefacta, et transgressiones, advisata, præcepta, attemptata, facta, perpetrata, seu commissa per præfatum Richardum Beke, ante decimum diem Junii ultimo præteritum in ratione ad aliquam guerram, aut aliquas guerras, quoquomodo spectantia vel concernentia, vel virtute, colore vel prætextu alicujus mandati, potestatis, authoritatis, commissionis, warranti, vel instructionis nostri vel præcharissimi patris nostri beatæ memoriæ domini Caroli nuper Regis Angliæ, etc. vel alicujus aliæ personæ vel aliquarum aliarum personarum derivantium vel prætendentium derivare authoritatem mediate vel immediate a nobis vel præcharissimo patre nostro prædicto, aut virtute, colore, vel prætextu alicujus authoritatis vel prætensæ authoritatis derivatæ mediate vel immediate de vel ab utraque domo parlamenti vel aliqua earum, aut de vel ab aliqua conventionē vel assemblatione vocata, reputata, vel super se assumente nomen parlamenti, aut per vel subter

aliquam authoritatem titulata[m] vel cognitam per nomen Custodum libertatum Angliæ autoritate parlamenti, aut virtute, colore vel prætextu alicujus brevis, commissionis, literarum patentium, vel instructionum de vel ab aliqua persona vel aliquibus personis titulis, reputatis vel acceptatis domino Protectore Reipublicæ Angliæ, Scotiæ, et Hiberniæ, et dominiorum eis pertinentium, vel domino Protectore Reipublicæ Angliæ, Scotiæ, et Hiberniæ, et dominiorum et territoriorum eis pertinentium, aut assumente authoritatem supremi magistratus reipublicæ, vel reputato aut acceptato pro supremo magistratu vel capitano generali (Anglicè *Comaunder-in-Chiefe*) exercitus hujus regni per mare vel per terras, vel per aliquem prætextum, warrantum vel præceptum quodcumque ab eis vel aliquo vel aliquibus eorum, seu concilio, seu conciliorum eorum vel alicujus eorum respective, aut ab aliquo membro hujusmodi concilii seu conciliorum, aut ab aliqua persona vel aliquibus personis quibuscumque derivantibus authoritatem sive prætensam authoritatem ab eis aut ab aliquo eorum, ac etiam omnia et singula accessoria præmissorum et cujuslibet eorum, licet idem Richardus Beke de præmissis vel aliquo præmissorum indictatus, appellatus, rectatus, adjudicatus, utlagatus, condemnatus, vel attinctus existit vel non existit; et omnia et singula indictamenta, inquisitiones, exigendas, judicia, attinctus, utlagarias, et convictiones pro eisdem seu eorum aliquo. ET ULTERIUS de uberiori gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa scientia et iure motu nostris, damus et concedimus et pro nobis hæredibus et successoribus nostris per præsentem restituimus præfato Richardo Beke omnia et singula terras tenementa et hæreditamenta bona et catalla et alia quæcumque ratione præmissorum vel eorum alicujus per ipsum Richardum Beke advisatorum, præceptorum, attemptatorum, factorum, sive commissorum, aut alienjus exigendæ, inquisitionis, convictionis, utlagariæ, judicii vel attinctus super inde habiti, nobis aut dicto patri nostro escaeta forisfacta vel deperdita, in quorumcunque sive cujuscunque manibus sive possessione jam existunt aut existere debent; ac etiam omnia et singula exitus et proficua earundem terrarum, tenementorum, et hæreditamentorum; HABENDA ET GAUDENDA præfata terras, tenementa, et hæreditamenta præfato Richardo Beke, hæredibus et assignatis suis, ac habenda et tenenda omnia prædicta bona et catalla præfato Richardo Beke, executoribus, administratoribus et assignatis suis ex dono nostro imperpetuum; ac capienda eadem terras tenementa et hereditamenta bona et catalla, in quorumcunque manibus vel possessione illa vel eorum aliqua separabiliter existent, absque compoto seu aliquo alio inde nobis hæredibus vel successoribus nostris proinde reddendo solvendo vel faciendo. ET VOLUMUS et concedimus quod hæc literæ nostræ patentes, ac hæc nostra pardonatio, remissio, et relaxatio in eisdem contenta, quoad omnia et singula superius pardonata, remissa,

sive relaxata, bonæ et effectuales in lege sint et erint, licet crimina et offensæ prædicta minus certe specificata existunt, et non obstante statuto in parlamento domini Ricardi nuper Regis Angliæ Secundi anno regni sui decimo tertio edito et proviso, et non obstante statuto in parlamento domini Edwardi Regis Angliæ a conquestu Tertii anno regni sui decimo quarto edito et proviso, aut aliquo alio actu, statuto, ordinatione in contra inde edito et proviso non obstante. Et ULTERIUS pardonamus, remittimus, et relaxamus præfato Richardo Beke, omnes et singulas alias proditioes tam majores quam minores, ac crimina læsæ majestatis, necnon levationes guerræ, rebelliones, ac insurrectiones, et conspirationes, ac misprisiones omnium et singulorum eorundem proditorum, criminum læsæ majestatis, levationum guerræ, rebellionum, et insurrectionum prædictarum, per præfatum Richardum Beke ante prædictum decimum diem Junii præceptas, advisatas, attemptatas, factas, perpetratas, seu commissas, necnon omnes et singulas alias roberias, depredationes piraticas, burglaria, incendia domorum, homicidia, et omnes et omnimodas alias felonias, tam contra communem legem regni nostri Angliæ quam contra quæcunque statuta, acta, ordinationes, sive provisiones ejusdem regni nostri ante hac habita, ordinata, sive provisæ, seu eorum aliqua per præfatum Richardum Beke ante quartum diem Martii ultimo præteritum advisatas, attemptatas, factas, perpetratas, seu commissas, ac etiam omnia et singula accessoria eorundem præmissorum ac cujuslibet eorum; ac etiam omnia et singula accessoria alicujus murti post hujusmodi murtum commissum, ac etiam omnium et omnimodarum escapiarum et evasionum, tam voluntarie quam non voluntarie ac negligenter, quorumcunque proditorum, murtatorum, homicidarum et felonum aut accessoriorum et suspectorum eorundem, ac omnia et singula accessoria eorundem escapiarum et evasionum. Necnon omnia et singula offensas punitioes et forisfactiones quæcunque præmunire, seu communiter cognita per idem nomen, per ipsum Richardum Beke ante dictum decimum diem Junii habita facta seu commissæ, licet idem Richardus Beke de præmissis vel aliquo præmissorum indictatus, appellatus, recatus, adjudicatus, utlagatus, condemnatus, convictus vel attinctus existit, vel non existit; ac omnia et singula judicia, attinctiones, utlagarias, et convictiones pro eisdem præmissis seu eorum aliquo, ac etiam ingressus manu forti factos, riottas, routtas, illicitas assemblationes, congregationes, conventicula, confederationes, conspirationes, coadunationes illicitas, perjurias et subornationes perjurie, verborum prolationes, illicita pacta, vota, juramenta, ligas, ingagamenta, et protestationes illicitas, ac eorum et cujuslibet eorum præstationes et susceptiones, verberationes, vulnerationes, extortiones, bribcrias, corruptiones, imbraciones, cambipartias, et raanutenentiones, falsas fabricationes, et contrafacturas aliquorum vel alicujus factorum, voluntatum, vel aliorum scriptorum; et omnes et omnimodas maleges-

turas et fractiones pacis quascunque, per ipsum Richardum Beke solum aut cum aliqua alia persona sive aliquibus aliis personis, aliquo tempore sive aliquibus temporibus, ante prædictum decimum diem Junii qualitercunque habitas, factas, commissas sive perpetratas. PARDONAMUS etiam remittimus et relaxamus per præsentis præfato Richardo Beke omnes et omnimodas offensas et transgressiones per abrasionem, rasuram, et interlineationem aliquorum rotulorum, recordorum, brevium, warrantorum, recognitionum, sive aliorum memorandorum in aliqua curia sive aliquibus curiis quibuscunque per præfatum Richardum Beke ante prædictum decimum diem Junii præcepta, advisata, perpetrata sive facta; ac etiam omnia et singula judicia, penas mortis, punitiones, ac exitus et proficua omnium et singulorum dominiorum, manerium, terrarum, tenementorum, et ceterorum hereditamentorum ipsius Richardi Beke, nobis aut alicui progenitorum nostrorum, occasione præmissorum seu eorum alicujus sive aliquorum, per præfatum Richardum Beke forisfacta sive deperdita, et nobis aut alicui antecessorum seu progenitorum nostrorum ante prædictum decimum diem Junii ratione præmissorum debita, pertinentia sive spectantia. ET ULTERIUS de uberiori gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris pardonamus, remittimus, et relaxamus prædicto Richardo Beke omnes et singulas sectas et causas sectæ ante prædictum decimum diem Junii, quarum cognitiones spectant ad fora ecclesiastica, et quæ examinabiles et determinabiles existunt in aliqua curia Christianitatis seu coram aliquo judice ecclesiastico seu quibuscunque commissariis ecclesiasticis infra regnum Angliæ, et omnes et singulos contemptus de aut pro eisdem aut eorum aliquo; Necnon omnes et omnimodas offensas, transgressiones, et contemptus negligenter contra formam quorumcunque statutorum de liberaturis signis et bagis ac contra formam alicujus statuti pro retentione factas sive perpetratas, ac contra adjuutores, receptores et retentores eorum, ante decimum diem Junii nobis aut alicui antecessorum sive progenitorum nostrorum forisfactas sive deperditas; Necnon omnes et omnimodos contemptus, negligencias per præfatum Richardum Beke solum, vel conjunctim cum aliqua alia persona sive cum aliquibus aliis personis, contra formam et effectum quorumcunque statutorum de falsis ponderibus et mensuris non utendis; Necnon omnes et omnimodas usuras, contractus usurarum, barganias corruptas, ac chevisauncias illicitas, ac etiam omnia et omnimoda forisfacta debita et demaunda, nobis debita pertinentia sive spectantia, ratione aliquorum recognitionum, assumptionum, manucaptionum, injunctionum, scriptorum obligatoriorum, et aliorum scriptorum quorumcunque nobis aut alicui antecessorum sive progenitorum nostrorum sive alicui aliæ personæ sive aliquibus aliis personis ad usum nostrum vel ad usum alicujus antecessorum sive progenitorum nostrorum ante prædictum decimum

diem Junii recognita, assumpta, manucapta, facta sive habita per præfatum Richardum Beke solum, vel per ipsum conjunctim cum alia persona sive aliis personis, pro seipso vel pro aliqua alia persona vel pro aliquibus aliis personis tantummodo, pro vel concernentia pacem nostram sive alicujus antecessorum sive progenitorum nostrorum conservandam, aut pro vel concernentia bono gestu aut de bene gerendo ante prædictum decimum diem Junii aliquo modo forisfacta. Ac insuper pardonamus, remittimus, et relaxamus præfato Richardo Beke omnes et omnimodas utlagarias quascunque versus ipsum Richardum Beke solum, aut conjunctim cum aliqua alia persona sive aliquibus aliis personis, aut versus aliquem aliam sive aliquas alias personas cujus vel quorum idem Richardus Beke hæres, executor sive administrator existit, ratione sive occasione præmissorum seu eorum alicujus aut alicujus alterius rei, causæ vel materiæ cujuscunque, tam ad sectam nostram quam ad sectam alicujus progenitorum nostrorum seu aliquorum aliorum quorumcunque, ante prædictum decimum diem Junii promulgatas. Et firmam pacem nostram eidem Richardo Beke concedimus; Ita tamen quod stet rectus in curia nostra si quis versus eum loqui voluerit. Et insuper per præsentem damus et concedimus præfato Richardo Beke omnia et omnimoda bona et catalla nobis aut alicui antecessorum sive progenitorum nostrorum ratione hujusmodi utlagariarum forisfacta deperdita sive pertinentia, ac omnes et omnimodas exitus reventiones et proficua omnium et singulorum dominiorum, maneriorum, terrarum, tenementorum, ac ceterorum præmissorum et hereditamentorum quorumcunque, quæ nunc sunt aut nuper fuerunt præfati Richardi Beke, aut alicujus alius personæ sive aliquarum aliarum personarum cujus vel quorum hæres executor sive administrator existit, videlicet, a tempore sive temporibus aliquarum hujusmodi utlagariarum in ipsum seu eorum aliquem promulgatarum hucusque, provenientia sive crescentia, tam per manus suas proprias retineri, quam per manus nunc et nuper vicecomitum, escaetorum, ballivorum, coronatorum, et aliorum ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque, de dono nostro capienda absque computo seu aliquo alio proinde nobis reddendo seu solvendo. Necnon de uberiori gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris pro nobis hæredibus et successoribus nostris pardonamus remittimus et relaxamus præfato Richardo Beke, per præsentem, omnia et omnimoda offensas et transgressionem pro aliqua quacunque alienatione facta sive habita ante prædictum decimum diem Junii sine licentia nostra regia aut sine licencia regia aliquorum antecessorum aut prædecessorum nostrorum, præfato Richardo Beke, aut alicui antecessorum suorum sive alicui aliæ personæ sive aliquibus aliis personis, per aliquam aliam personam sive aliquas alias personas, aliquorum honorum, maneriorum, terrarum, tenementorum, sive hæreditamentorum in manibus præfati

Richardi Beke existentium in possessione, reversione, sive remanere, necnon omnes et singulas fines, exitus et proficua quæ præfatis antecessoribus nostris aut nobis, ullo modo, prætextu aut ratione alicujus talis alienationis sine licentia accrescere possint; et firmiter præcipimus et mandamus prædictis et fidelibus Thesaurario et Commissariis nostris pro thesauro nostro, et Subthesaurario scaccarii nostri, Firmariis nostris hujusmodi finium exituum et proficuum, inter alia, quod sine dilatione faciant plenam et absolutam relaxationem et exonerationem petenti, etⁿ omnibus talibus finibus, exitibus, et proficuis; et hæ præsentēs literæ nostræ patentes erunt eis sufficiens warrantum in ea parte. Necnon pardonamus, remittimus, et relaxamus prædicto Richardo Beke omnes et omnimodas forisfacturas et penalitates per ipsum Richardum Beke, contra formam et effectum et provisionem aliquorum statutorum de apparatu et sagittatione in balistis et tormentis quibuscunque seu eorum aliquibus, ante prædictum decimum diem Junii perpetratas. EXCEPTIS tamen semper, et extra has præsentēs omnino forisprisatis, execrabili illa rebellionē in Hibernia nuper suscitata, omnibusque machinationibus, conspirationibus et designationibus, advisamentis, procurationibus, auxiliationibus, et assistentiis ejusdem rebellionis, mentionatis in quodam actu parlamenti inchoati tertio die Novembris, anno regni dicti patris nostri decimo sexto, intitulato *An Act for the speedy and effectuall reducing the Rebels in his Majestyes kingdom of Ireland to their due obedience to his Majesty and the crowne of England*; Necnon omnibus et singulis offensis commissis per aliquos Jesuitas seminarios sive Romanos sacerdotes; Necnon omnibus et singulis aliis offensis per quascunque personas commissis contra tenorem et effectum cujusdam statuti in parlamento anno vicesimo septimo nuper Reginæ Elizabethæ editi et provisi, intitulati *An Act against Jesuits, Seminary Preists, and other disobedient persons*; Et omnibus utlagariis pro omnibus judiciis et executionibus pro eisdem offensis vel eorum aliquo; Necnon omnibus et singulis briberiis, corruptionibus, perjuriis, et subornationibus perjuriae, tendentibus ad inducendum aliquam personam vel aliquas personas in discrimen vitæ suæ; Ac etiam omnibus offensis nefandi criminis sodomiae et buggariae; Ac etiam omnibus offensis pro aut concernentibus falsam fabricationem seu contrafacturam aliquarum vel alicujus debenturarum, (Anglicè *debentures*.) seu billarum publicæ fidei, et omnibus advisamentis seu procurationibus hujusmodi offensarum; Ac etiam omnibus offensis et feloniis contra statutum de restringendo omnes personas a maritaggio, donec priores uxores et priores mariti sint mortui; Ac etiam omnibus offensis invocationum, conjurationum, et venificationum (Anglicè vocatarum *witchcraft*); Ac omnibus et singulis accessoriis eorundem seu

eorum alicujus ante eosdem offensus seu eorum aliquem commissis, ac omnibus et singulis judiciis convictionibus et utlagariis de aut pro aliquo^o offensu aut crimine per præsentes excepto. ET ULTERIUS, de uberiori gratia nostra, firmiter præcipimus omnibus et singulis iudicibus, justiciariis, officiariis, et aliis quibuscunque, quod hæc præsens libera et generalis pardonatio per generalia verba, clausulas, et sententias supradicta constructur, interpretetur, exponetur, et adjudicetur in omnibus curiis nostris et alibi, in beneficentissimo et benignissimo sensu, et pro maxima et firmiori exoneratione præfati Richardi Beke, secundum veram intentionem nostram, absque aliqua ambiguitate, quæstione, sive dilatione quacunque, et in tam beneficiâli modo et forma, et ad omnes intentiones et proposita, prout si prædicta offensus, contemptions, forisfacturæ, penaltates, res, judicia, executiones, et cetera præmissa (exceptis præexceptis) per apta et expressa et specialia verba, pardonata remissa et relaxata fuissent; Et quod hæc literæ nostræ patentes, remissio, relaxatio, et pardonatio nostra in eisdem contentæ, in quibuscunque curiis coram quibuscunque justitiariis placitetur et allocetur, sine aliquo brevi de allocatione; et non obstante quod idem Richardus Beke securitatem de se bene gerendo aut aliter, juxta formam statuti in parlamento domini Edwardi nuper Regis Angliæ post conquestum Tertii decimo, non inveniet; Et non obstante eodem statuto, eo quod expressa mentio de vero valore annuo, vel de certitudine præmissorum sive eorum alicujus, aut de aliis donis sive concessionibus per nos seu per aliquem progenitorum sive patris nostrorum præfato Richardo Beke ante hæc tempora factis, in præsentibus minimè facta existit; aut aliquo statuto, actu, ordinatione, provisione, proclamatione, sive restrictione, in contrarium inde antehac habito, facto, edito, ordinato sive proviso, aut aliqua alia re causa vel materia quacunque, in aliquo non obstante. IN CUJUS rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. TESTE me ipso apud Westmonasterium, secundo die Januarii, anno regni nostri duodecimo.

“Per mandatum Regis,

“HOWARD.”

^o The words *eosdem*, *eorum*, *aliquem*, and *aliquo* show in this instance that the abbreviated word *offens'* must be read in the masculine gender and fourth declension, contrary to the regular practice of using *offensa* in Common Law Latin.—W.H.B.

*List of Deeds and other Documents relating to the Family of Beke,
preserved in the Muniment Room of Hartwell House.*

- 1649, April 6. Assignment from Nicholas Luke, of Ford, in the parish of Dinton, in the county of Bucks, Gent., to Henry Beke, of Haddenham, Esq., of a term of eight years in a messuage in Ford and 110 acres of land, granted by Thomas Dover of Aylesbury, deceased, to Richard Dover of Ford, by a lease dated Dec. 16th, 1645, at the yearly rent of 70*l.*; and covenant from Nicholas Luke that "neither he nor Elizabeth his wife [sister of the said Henry Beke, whose first husband was Thomas Dover deceased,] will obtain the wardship, tuition, or guardianship of Thomas Dover an infant, her grandchild, son and heir of Thomas Dover deceased, but will leave the same wholly to the said Henry Beke, in whose custody and guardianship the said infant now is, and ever hath been since the death of his father, with the consent of his grandmother the said Elizabeth before her marriage with the said Nicholas Luke."
- 1660-1, January 2. Pardon by Letters Patent under the Great Seal to Richard Beke, of Haddenham, Esq.
- 1662, June 16. Lease from Sir Thomas Lee, of Hartwell, Baronet, to Richard Beke, of Haddenham, Esq., in consideration of 500*l.*, of lands in the parishes of Hartwell and Stone, at a peppercorn rent, for 80 years, if the said Richard Beke should so long live.
- 1662, June 17. Lease of the premises from Richard Beke to Sir Thomas Lee for 79 years and 11 months, if &c., at the yearly rent of 60*l.*
[These two deeds are equivalent to the grant from Sir Thomas Lee of an annuity of 60*l.* to Richard Beke for his life, in consideration of 500*l.*]
- 1664, June 20 and 22. Lease and Release of a messuage in Stone and lands in Stone and Hartwell from Sir Thomas Lee, Bart. to Richard Beke for a term of 500 years, by way of mortgage for securing 1,000*l.* and interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum. On the lease is an indorsement dated Jan. 26, 1691-2 [after the decease of Sir Thomas Lee], being an assignment of the said term by Richard Beke to Simon Mayne, Esq., in trust to attend the inheritance, on the receipt by him of 1,200*l.* for arrears of principal and interest of the said mortgage debt.
- 1669, Sept. 10. Lease by the said Richard Beke (described as of Hartwell, Esq. and as the guardian constituted and appointed by the High Court of Chancery, of Thomas Dover, an infant, son and heir of Thomas Dover, late of Chilton, in the said county of Bucks, Gent.) to Edward Hitchcock, of a messuage and lands in Ford, in

the parish of Dinton, containing in all 136 acres, for four years, at the yearly rent of 70%.

[Thomas Dover of Chilton here named is the "infant" mentioned in the deed of April 6th, 1649. The "infant" named in the present deed, son of the former by his wife Penelope Croke, was born in 1659, and died in 1682, without issue, having previously settled the reversion of his estates on his cousin Richard Beke in fee.]

1674-5, March 20. (On paper.) Award under the hands and seals of Thomas Farrer, of Aylesbury, Esq. and Bernard Turvey, of Cublington, Esq., arbitrators between Richard Beke of Hartwell, guardian of Thomas Dover, an infant, and Thomas Ford, of Bishopstone, in the parish of Stowe, blacksmith, in respect of "a lott meadow called Hoyford Meadow," in Bishopstone.

1683-4, Feb. 8. "Counterpart of Esq. Beke's Marriage Settlement." Indenture between (1) Richard Beke, described as of Dinton, Esq.; (2) Simon Mayne, of Dinton, Esq. and Samuel Harrison the younger, of Hartwell, clerk; (3) Sir Thomas Lee, of Hartwell, Bart., Richard Hampden, of Hampden, in the said county, Esq., and Elizabeth Lee, daughter of the said Sir Thomas Lee; whereby, in consideration of the said marriage and of 1,200*l.* paid by Sir Thomas Lee as the marriage portion of his daughter, Richard Beke settled all his estates in fee simple in the county of Bucks, consisting of—

A messuage and farm in Bishopstone, in the parish of Stone, containing by estimation 220 acres. [Allotted to Anne Beke in fee by Partition Deed of November 8, 1708.]

A messuage and farm in Ford, in the parish of Dinton, containing by estimation 165 acres. [Allotted to Mary Beke in fee simple by said Partition Deed.]

A messuage and farm in Westcott, in the parish of Waddesden, containing by estimation 90 acres. [Conveyed to John Griffin and others by deed of April 16, 1700.]

Another messuage and farm in Westcott, containing by estimation 110 acres. [Conveyed to John Griffin and others as aforesaid.]

A mill, mill-house, and lands in Haddenham, containing 4 acres. [Allotted to Mary Beke by Partition Deed of November 8, 1708. If this mill be (as seems) that which the ancestors of Richard Beke held under a beneficial lease from the Crown, he must have acquired the fee simple subsequently to the expiration of his term therein.]

The lands in Bishopstone and Ford were for the jointure of the said Elizabeth Lee, and the whole was limited to the first and other sons of the marriage in tail male, with remainder to Richard Beke in fee; a term of 100 years being limited to Sir Thomas Lee and Richard Hampden, in trust to raise 1,200*l.* for an only daughter, or 2,000*l.* for two or more daughters.

1686, Sept. 4. Counterpart Assignment from Richard Beke (described as of Hartwell, Esq.) to Alexander Denton of Hellesden, Esq. of hereditaments in Oving, in the county of Bucks, which had, by indenture of March 3, 1683, been mortgaged by Arthur Claver to the said Richard Beke (then described as of Dinton) for a term of 1,000 years, for securing 1,000*l.* and interest; such assignment being made to the said Alexander Denton in trust to attend the reversion and inheritance purchased of the said Arthur Claver by Francis Drake, of the Middle Temple, Esq.

1692, August 8. (Not executed.) Lease for a year from Dame Ann Lee, widow and relict of Sir Thomas Lee, Bart., deceased, and Richard Beke (described as of Hartwell, Esq.) and Simon Mayne, of Dinton, Esq., executors of the last will and testament of the said Sir Thomas Lee, to Martha Lee, one of the daughters of the said Sir Thomas Lee, of a messuage and hereditaments in Southwarpe, in the parishes of Stone and Hartwell, to the intent that she might receive a release of the premises in fee simple.

1694, July 4. Counterpart Reconveyance in fee from Sir Edward Ward, Knight, their Majesties' Attorney-General, and John Walker, of Hillingdon, Esq., to Henry Neale, of Allesly, in the county of Warwick, Esq., of the manor or lordship of Allesly *alias* Awseley and Shilton, and other hereditaments in the county of Warwick, and of a mansion and hereditaments in Dinton, in the county of Bucks, all which premises had been mortgaged in fee by the said Henry Neale for securing 2,400*l.* and interest to the said Sir Edward Ward.

1695, Dec. 7. Mortgage in fee from Richard Beke (described as of Hartwell, Esq.) to the Right Honourable Sir Edward Ward, Lord Chief Baron of His Majesty's Exchequer, and John Walker, Esq., of a mansion and hereditaments in Dinton (being part of the premises comprised in the indenture of July 4, 1694), for securing 1,400*l.* and interest. Endorsed on the same indenture is a receipt for the sum of 1,440*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* in discharge of the said mortgage debt and interest, dated July 7, 1696, signed by the said Sir Edward Ward.

- 1697, Sept. 15. Copy of an Allegation of Edmund Waller of Beaconsfield, in a suit between Richard Beke and himself, respecting a pew in Dinton Church, called Aston's seat or pew.
- 1700, April 16. Release in fee from Richard Beke (described as of Hartwell, Esq.), Simon Mayne, of Dinton, Esq., and Samuel Harrison, of Oving, clerk, to John Griffin, Sen., John Griffin, Jun., John Fellow, and John Beck, all of Westcott, yeomen, of a messuage, and farm, and lands, in Westcott, in the parish of Waddesden, containing 90 acres, and of another farm and lands in Westcott, containing 110 acres, in consideration of 1,640*l.* paid to the said Richard Beke; with a covenant from Richard Beke to levy a fine *sur conuissance de droit come ceo*, &c.
- 14 Will. III. (1702-3) Feb. 22. Commission from Thomas Lord Wharton, Lord Lieutenant of the county of Bucks, constituting Richard Beke, Esq. a Deputy Lieutenant of the county.
- 1708, Nov. 8. Deed of Partition between Anne Beke and Mary Beke, the daughters and co-heirs of Richard Beke, late of Dinton, Esq., deceased, whereby the farm and premises in Bishopstone, in the parish of Stone, containing 220 acres, were assured to Anne Beke and her heirs in severalty, and the farm and premises in Ford, in the parish of Dinton, containing 165 acres, and the mill and mill-house and four acres of land in Haddenham, were assured to Mary Beke and her heirs in severalty; the sum of 500*l.* above her moiety of the personal estate of the said Richard Beke being allowed to Anne Beke for equality of partition. [The signature of Mary Beke to this deed is "May Beke."]
- 1710, Nov. 13. Lease for a year (in two parts) from Elizabeth Beke (described as of the parish of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, in the county of Middlesex), widow of Richard Beke, deceased, and Anne Beke, one of the daughters of the said Richard and Elizabeth Beke, to John Padmore and Nicholas Owen, of the farm and hereditaments in Bishopstone, in the parish of Stone, containing 220 acres, to the intent that the said John Padmore and Nicholas Owen might receive a release thereof in fee simple.
- 1734-5, Jan. 29. Receipt for 100*l.* given by Elizabeth Beke (relict of Colonel Richard Beke) to her sister Mary Lee, for a legacy left to her by her sister Jane Lee, deceased.

BEKE OF ERLEGH WHITEKNIGHTS, IN CO. BERKS, AND OF HADDENHAM, IN CO. BUCKS.

See Visitation of co. Berks, 23 Hen. VIII. A.D. 1532.

See Visitations of co. Bucks, A.D. 1634, 1669.

John Beke, 14 Hen. IV. 1412, obtained a grant by letters patent of the manor of Erlegh Whiteknights in co. Berks, with the custody of a free chapel there. 2 Hen. V. 1414, grant by letters patent of the custody of the hospital of St. Mary Magdalen, at Reading,* in co. Berks, with the lands thereto belonging.

Thomas Beke, of Whiteknights. 25 Hen. VI. 1446, grant—Isabel, dau. and coheiress by letters patent of the manor of Erlegh Whiteknights; 37, of ... Mitchell, of co. Berks, 38 Hen. VI., 2 Edw. IV. 1438, 1459, 1462, mayor of Wilts. Reading; 1, 17 Edw. IV. 1461, 1477, M.P. for Reading.

Marmaduke Beke, of Whiteknights.—Margaret, dau. of ...

Thomas Beke, of Whiteknights, at the time of the Visitation, A.D. 1532, Joan, dau. of Nicholas Thorpe, dissolved the free chapel of Arley Whiteknights, without licence, between Berks.

Marmaduke Beke, named in Visitation of co. Berks, 1532; described in Visitation of co. Bucks, 1634, as "of Whiteknights in co. Berks, Esq., Chief Equerry to Queen Elizabeth." 12 Eliz. 1570, obtained a grant by letters patent, in consideration of his faithful services, of the manor of Haddenham, in co. Bucks, for a term of 40 years in reversion: 38 Eliz. 1596, grant by letters patent of the same, for a further term of 31 years.

Francis Beke, named in Visitation 1532. Isabel Beke, named in Visitation 1532.

Proceedings in Chancery, temp. Eliz. p. 60. Henry Beak v. Richard Beak. Suit for performance of contract respecting manor of Whiteknights, of which Complainant was seized; who became bound to Defendant in 200*l.*, conditioned to pay 100*l.* at &c., and to make a lease of so much of the manor as Defendant then occupied.

Richard Beke.
John Beke.
Anne Beke.

Henry Beke, of Hartley Court, in Shingfield, in co. Berks, Esq., died May 23d, 1580. Roger Lewkenor.

Eliza Beke.—Hugh Speke.

George Speke, erected a monument in Shingfield church to his grandfather, by desire of his mother, A.D. 1627.

* This hospital had been discontinued before 1413, and its lands converted to other uses, as appears by an inquisition of that year. *Lysons, History of Berkshire, p. 348.*

Robert Cromwell, of Huntingdon, Esq. = Elizabeth.

OLIVER CROMWELL, Lord Protector of the Commonwealth.

Roger Whitstone, of Whittles, in the army of the Commonwealth; served one of the Judges of King Charles I.; executed at Charing Cross for High Treason, Oct. 17th, 1660.

Richard Beke, described as Colcherry, dau. of Sir Richard Lovelace, and sister to Lord Lovelace.

Richard Beke, of Haddenham, in co. Bucks, Esq. born 1596; will dated Dec. 4th, 1627; died January 8, 1627-8, aged 31. A monument erected to his memory in Haddenham church by his brother Henry — "frater fratri." As he was dead in 1634, he is altogether passed over in the Visitation of that year, Henry Beke being styled the eldest son.

Henry Beke, of Haddenham, Esq. 20 Car. I. 1644, High Sheriff of co. Bucks; July 9th, 1649, on his petition to the Commonwealth House of Commons, allowed to come in for 2000*l*. (his losses and expenses in his Sheriffalty) as a purchaser of Deans' and Chapters' lands, on doubling; a Justice of the Peace for the county of Bucks; March 1st, 1653-4, buried at Haddenham.

Frances, dau. of John Billiard, born in co. Nottingham, 8th, 1624, at Dintun, in co. Bucks, married Sept. 1600; married Sept. 1600; married Sept. 1600; married Sept. 1600.

Elizabeth Beke, married 1st Thomas Doyor, 2d Nicholas Luke. Sarah Beke, born 1600; married Sept. 1600; married Sept. 1600; married Sept. 1600.

Maria = Elizabeth Beke, dau. of Slater, of Haddenham, married at Dintun, July 28th, 1628.

William Beke, of Cuddington, in co. Bucks. At Visitation 1634, "arms entered gratis" (see Harl. MS. 4692, p. 20), but no pedigree entered; at Visitation of 1669, he signed the pedigree.

Anne, dau. of H. Emes, or Winley, in co. Warwick.

The Rev. Henry Beke, Rector of Eaton Hastings, in co. Berks, died 1670, and buried there. The inscription on his tomb speaks of his "nephews and nieces," only. It is imagined that he was of this family.

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<p>Henry Whitstone. Thomas Whitstone. Richard Whitstone. Catherine Whitstone.</p>	<p>Levinia Whitstone (first wife), youngest daughter; born in the Netherlands; February 7th, 1655-6, married at Whitehall; Nov. 27th, 1656, naturalized by Act of Parliament; died soon afterwards without issue.</p>	<p>Elizabeth Lee (second wife), youngest daughter of Sir Thomas Lee, of Hartwell, in co. Bucks; Bart. K.B.; July 28th, 1662, baptized at Hartwell; February 1683-4, married her husband's administratrix; Jan. 29th, 1734-5, signed receipt for legacy of 100<i>l</i>. bequeathed by her sister Jane Lee; May 30th, 1737, died a widow; buried at Dinton.</p>	<p>Henry Beke, 2d son, named in the Visitation of 1634, but not subsequently. Margaret Beke, married in or before 1649, to Colonel Robert Lilburne, (eldest son of Richard Lilburne, of Thickley-Punchardon, in co. Durham, Esq.) one of the Judges of King Charles I.; by him she had issue three sons, of whom the eldest, Richard Lilburne, was born 1650.</p>
<p>Mark Antonie, of St. George's Bloomsbury, in co. Middlesex, buried at Sharnbrooke, in co. Beds.</p>	<p>Anne Beke, eldest daughter and coheir; May 4th, 1685, baptized at Hartwell; March 20th, 1752-3, buried at Sharnbrooke.</p>	<p>Elizabeth Beke, second daughter; June 28th, 1686, baptized at Hartwell; June 8th, 1696, buried at Dinton.</p>	<p>Mary Beke, third daughter and coheir; Sept. 19th, 1687, baptized at Hartwell.</p>
<p>John Antonie, of St. George's Bloomsbury, Esq. died unmarried; May 25th, 1760, buried at Sharnbrooke.</p>	<p>Richard Antonie, Esq. of Colworth, in co. Beds, Esq. died unmarried; Dec. 7th, 1771, buried at Sharnbrooke; devised his estates to William Lee, afterwards William Lee Antonie, Esq.</p>	<p>Lucy = Francis Baynes, Esq., living 1748.</p>	<p>John Baynes, Esq. Serjeant-at-law.</p>
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