

BRACTON'S NOTE-BOOK.

(Additional MS. No. 12,269, British Museum.)

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Much interest has lately attached to this MS. owing to a communication made by Professor Paul Vinogradoff, of the Moscow University, to the *Athenæum*,¹ in which the writer shows that it consists of an Abstract of Pleas made by Bracton, *temp.* Hen. III, for his great work on the English Law.

These abstracts of cases would form a very interesting *Supplement* to the Rolls' edition of Bracton's "De Legibus Angliæ," and might well be included in the same Government Series; besides illustrating points of judicial practice Bracton's Notes, taken from rolls that are now lost to us, should prove of the utmost importance to those engaged in genealogical and topographical inquiries.

The MS. is a folio of 287 leaves of vellum closely written over on both sides in a hand of the 13th century, and contains abstracts of more than a thousand cases decided by the Judges between the second and twenty-fourth years of Henry III. Of the Plea Rolls from which these cases have been taken, more than one-half, viz., 30 out of 58 are no longer in existence, as will be seen by the List now appended. The Rolls which have been lost are shewn in Italics:—

fo. 1 to 3	contains thirteen Pleas of various Counties, but has no heading.
fo. 3 to 7 ^b	<i>Easter 3 Hen III</i>
fo. 8 to 12 ^b	Mich. 3-4. Hen. III.
fo. 13 to 19	Hill. 4 Hen. III.
fo. 19 ^b to 25	Hill. 6 Hen. III.
fo. 25 to 27	<i>East. 6 Hen. III.</i>
fo. 27 to 31	Trin. 6 Hen. III.
fo. 31 ^b to 34 ^b	<i>Hill. 8 Hen. III.</i>
fo. 35 to 38 ^b	East. 11 Hen. III.
fo. 38 ^b to 43 ^b	Trin. 11 Hen. III.
fo. 43 ^b to 45	Mich. 12-13 Hen. III.
fo. 45 to 46 ^b	Mich. 4-5 Hen. III.
fo. 47 to 49	Hill. 13 Hen. III.
fo. 49 to 52	East. 13 Hen. III.
fo. 52 to 59	<i>Mich. 13-14 Hen III.</i> (a fragment of this Roll only is now in existence).
fo. 59 to 60 ^b	<i>East. 14 Hen. III.</i>
fo. 60 ^b to 63	Trin. 14 Hen. III.
fo. 63 to 69	Mich. 14-15 Hen. III.
fo. 69 to 73 ^b	<i>Hill. 15 Hen. III.</i>
fo. 73 ^b to 80 ^b	East. 15 Hen. III.
fo. 80 ^b to 87	Trin. 15 Hen. III.
fo. 87 to 96	<i>Mich. 15-16 Hen. III.</i>
fo. 96 ^b to 102 ^b	<i>East. 16 Hen. III.</i>
fo. 102 ^b to 105	Trin. 9 Hen. III.
fo. 105 to 110 ^b	<i>Hill. 17 Hen. III.</i>
fo. 110 ^b to 114	<i>Trin. 17 Hen. III.</i>
fo. 114 to 120 ^b	Mich. 17-18 Hen. III.
fo. 120 ^b to 124	<i>Hill. 18 Hen. III.</i>
fo. 124 to 127 ^b	<i>East. 18 Hen. III.</i>
fo. 127 ^b to 131 ^b	<i>Mich. 16-17 Hen. III.</i>

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- fo. 132 to 137 Mich. 8-9 Hen. III.
 fo. 138 to 143^b East. 8 Hen. III.
 fo. 144 to 150 Trin. 8 Hen. III.
 fo. 150 to 156 Hill. 9 Hen. III.
 fo. 156 to 161^b East. 9 Hen. III.
 fo. 161^b to 166^b Mich. 18-19 Hen. III.
 fo. 166^b to 173^b *Rotulus de Placitis quæ sequebantur Dominum Regem anno regni sui vicesimo. Coram Rege Roll, 20 Hen. III. (no terms specified).*
 fo. 173^b to 177 *Rotulus de Placitis quæ sequebantur Dominum Regem anno regni sui vicesimo primo. Coram Rege Roll of 21 Hen. III. (a portion of this Roll only is at the Record Office).*
 fo. 177^b to 181^b *Assisæ captæ apud Ebor. coram W. de Ralegh (no date).*
 fo. 181^b to 186^b *Placita quæ sequebantur Dominum Regem H. filium Regis J. anno regni sui vicesimo secundo.*
 fo. 186^b to 192^b *Placita quæ sequebantur Dominum Regem H. filium Regis J. anno regni sui vicesimo tertio.*
 fo. 192^b to 196 *Placita quæ sequebantur Dominum Regem H. filium Regis J. anno regni sui vicesimo quarto.*
 fo. 196^b Hill. 4 Hen. III. (see fo. 13-19).
 fo. 197 to 203 *Prima Placita apud Westm. post pacem factam inter dominum Regem et Barones suos anno regni Regis H. filii Regis Johannis secundo de termino Sancti Michaelis. Mich. 2 Hen. III. (The earliest Roll of this reign at the Public Record Office is that of Mich. 3-4 Hen. III).*
 fo. 203^b to 219^b Trin. 4 Hen. III.
 fo. 220 to 227^b Hill. and East. 5 Hen. III.
 fo. 227^b to 230 Mich. 6-7 Hen. III.
 fo. 230 to 234^b Hill. 7 Hen. III.
 fo. 235 to 237 East. 7 Hen. III.
 fo. 237^b to 243 Mich. 7-8 Hen. III.
 fo. 243 to 248^b Mich. 9-10 Hen. III.
 fo. 248^b to 254^b Hill. 10 Hen. III.
 fo. 255 to 260 East. 10 Hen. III.
 fo. 260 to 264 *The Iter of M. de Patteshull in Kent 11 Hen. III.*
 fo. 264 to 266 *Assises taken in Norfolk 6 Hen. III.*
 fo. 266 to 276^b *The Iter of M. de Patteshull in Norfolk 12 Hen. III.*
 fo. 276^b to 283 *The Iter of M. de Patteshull in Suffolk 12 Hen. III.*
 fo. 283^b to 286^b *The Iter of M. de Patteshull in Co. Leicester 5 Hen. III.*
 fo. 287 to 287^b *The Iter of M. de Patteshull in Co. Sta'ford 5 Hen. III.*