

## THE BARONIAL PROGENITORS OF THE HOUSE OF CLAVERING FROM THE NORMAN CONQUEST.

### 1. SERLO DE BURGH, LORD OF KNARESBOROUGH.

SERLO DE BURGH, or DE PEMBROKE, as the Monastic Chartularies territorially designate him, was the first of the family who, with his brother JOHN, came into *England* with CONQUEROR WILLIAM. SERLO is recorded as the son of EUSTACE, a Noble Norman. He had a grant of Manorial lands in *Yorkshire*, returned as 'Wasta' in Domesday Book, whereon he built the Castle of *Knareborough*, and which waste lands during his diligent occupation were converted into the Castle and Lordship of *Knareborough*. He died without male issue, and his Castle and Lands descended to his Nephew, EUSTACE FITZ-JOHN.

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#### 1A. JOHN FITZ-EUSTACE.

JOHN FITZ-EUSTACE, named JOHN MONOCULUS, from having the sight of only one eye, was brother of SERLO DE BURGH, and was succeeded by his eldest son, EUSTACE FITZ-JOHN.

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### 2. EUSTACE FITZ-JOHN, LORD OF KNARESBOROUGH.

EUSTACE FITZ-JOHN was heir to his father, and to his Uncle *Serlo* in the Castle and Lordship of *Knareborough*, &c. On the 1st July, 1133, he, with his brothers PAYNE and WILLIAM, were Witnesses to the Charter of Foundation of the Abbey of *Cirencester*. EUSTACE FITZ-JOHN was frequently engaged in the Baronial Wars upon behalf of the Empress *Maud* against King *Stephen*, as the early Monkish Chronicles testify. He married first, BEATRICE, daughter and heir of IVO DE VESCI, a wealthy Norman, and had with her—who died in childbed, leaving a son, WILLIAM DE VESCI—the Baronies of *Alnwick*, *Malton*, &c. EUSTACE married secondly, AGNES, daughter of WILLIAM FITZ-NIGEL, Baron of *Halton* and Constable of *Chester*, by whom he had a son and successor, RICHARD FITZ-EUSTACE.

EUSTACE FITZ-JOHN, who was Governor of *Bamborough* Castle, and possessed the Castles of *Malton*, *Alnwick*, &c., was a great Benefactor to Religious Houses. In the year 1147 he Founded and Endowed the ABBEY OF ALNWICK, in *Northumberland*; and in the year 1150 the PRIORIES OF WALTON and MALTON, in *Yorkshire*, besides minor gifts to various Houses. The original Chartulary of the Priory of *Malton* is now in the British-Museum: a page of which—recording, in Latin, the Foundation and Endowment of the Priory by EUSTACE FITZ-JOHN, with his Genealogy—is here given in facsimile. The translation of the commencement of the first Charter there recorded is as follows:

#### *Charter of Foundation of EUSTACE FITZ-JOHN of the House of Malton.*

EUSTACE FITZ-JOHN, to all the faithful of Christ, as well future as present greeting in Christ. Desiring to provide for the safety of my Soul, and that of my Wife and Children and Parents; I have given in perpetual Alms to God and the Blessed *Mary*, and to the Canons of the Order of *Sempringham*,