

BEAUCHAMP

Capt. of the Gentlemen at Arms, (Liberal) 1906-07; Lord Steward 1907-10; President of the Council 1910.

Family Estates.—These, in 1883, consisted of about 10,600 acres in co. Worcester (worth about £18,000 a year), about 2,900 in co. Lincoln, 2,400 in co. Gloucester, 1,000 in co. Warwick and 700 in co. Hereford. Total about 17,600 acres, valued at about £25,000 a year. *Principal Residence.*—Madresfield Court, co. Worcester.

BEAUCHAMP DE ST. AMAND

See "ST. AMAND," Barony, *cr.* 1299, from the date of 1449 to 1508.

BEAUCHAMP OF BERGAVENNY

See "ABERGAVENNY," Barony (*Nevill*), 1392 to 1408.

BEAUCHAMP (of Bletsoe)

BARONY
BY WRIT.

I. 1363.

I. ROGER BEAUCHAMP, of Bletsoe, co. Bedford, and of Lydiard Tregoz, Wilts, sometimes said to be a yr. s. of Giles B. (living 1346), s. of Walter B., of Powick, co. Worcester, who was a yr. s. of William Beauchamp, of Elmley, by Isabel Mauduit, heiress of the Earls of Warwick. ^(a) He is described as King's Yeoman on 24 Apr. 1337. Keeper of Devizes Castle, granted to him by Queen Philippe as "her bachelor," 26 Oct. 1340. As early as 1346 he served in the French wars; was made CAPTAIN OF CALAIS in 1372. He was sum. to Parl. from 1 June (1363) 37 Edw. III, to 20 Oct. (1379) 3 Ric. II, by writs directed *Rogero de Bello Campo*, ^(b) whereby he may be held to have become LORD BEAUCHAMP. ^(c) He was Lord Chamberlain of the Household (1376-77) 50 Edw. III. He *m.*, 1stly, before 1336/7 (on 6 Jan. 1348/9 the manor of Lydiard Tregoz was confirmed to him and his wife), Sibyl, 1st of the four sisters and coheirs of Sir William PATSHULL, da. of Sir John PATSHULL, of Bletsoe afsd, by Mabel, da. and in her issue coh. of William DE GRANDSON [LORD GRANDSON], of Lydiard Tregoz. She, who was living 26 Oct. 1351, was *bur.* at the Blackfriars, London. Esch. (1359) 33 Edw. III. He *m.*, 2ndly, Margaret. He

rewards to political "rats" who have gone, or in some cases returned, to the Liberal fold, have of late been unprecedented in number; since 1906 they comprise 6 Peerages and 5 Baronetcies, 1 Cabinet Office, and 5 other ministerial posts, 1 Colonial Governorship, and 2 Knightships of St. Patrick. What joy must have been felt over, and by, repentant sinners! V.G.

^(a) This Roger is stated in *Dugdale* (who, however, does not give his parentage) to be grandson of the above-mentioned Walter Beauchamp of Alcester.

^(b) There is proof in the Rolls of Parl. of his sitting.

^(c) As to how far these early writs of summons did in fact create a peerage title, see Appendix A in the last volume. V.G.

d. 3 Jan. (1379/80) 3 Ric. II. Will dat. 19 Dec. 1379, reg. at Lincoln, directing his burial to be at the Blackfriars. His 2nd wife survived him.

ROGER BEAUCHAMP, grandson and h., being s. and h. of Roger B., who *d. v.p.*, s. and h. ap. of the 1st Baron. He was never sum. to Parl., nor were any of his descendants. He was aged 17 in 1380, and made proof of his age (1374) 7 Ric. II, when he had livery of all his lands, *viz.* Bletsoe, co. Bedford, Bloxham and Spelsbury, Oxon, and Lydiard Tregoz, Wilts. He was a knight. In 1395 he attended the King into Ireland. He *m.* Joan CLOPTON. He *d.* 3 May 1406.

JOHN BEAUCHAMP, s. and h. He had livery of his lands (1406-07) 8 Hen. IV. In Jan. 1405/6, he *m.*, or was about to *m.*, Margaret, da. of Sir John HOLAND. ^(a) He *m.*, later, Edith, da. of Sir John STOURTON. He *d.* about 1412. His widow *m.* Sir Robert SHOTTESBROOKE, and *d.* 13 June 1441.

JOHN BEAUCHAMP, only s. and h., aged two years at his father's death. He *d.* young and unm., ^(b) when the right to any Barony *cr.* by the summons of 1363 would (according to modern doctrine) have devolved on his sister and sole heir. ^(c)

BEAUCHAMP OF KIDDERMINSTER

BARONY.

(The first *cr.*
by Patent.)

1. JOHN BEAUCHAMP, s. and h. of Richard B., ^(d) of Holt, co. Worcester, by Eustache, *suc.* his father in 1327, before 17 Dec., when the writ for Richard's *Inq. p. m.* is dated, being then eight years old. He was in

^(a) Lic., for 100s. paid to the King by John s. of Roger Beauchamp kt., for the said Roger to enfeof him, and Margaret, da. of John de Holand, of the county of Northampton, Chivaler, and the heirs of the bodies, of the manor of Bloxham, co. Oxford. (*Patent Roll*, 23 Jan. 1405/6.) V.G.

^(b) A certain Piers Beauchamp *m.* Katherine, da. of Sir John Maningham. She remarried William St. George (*d.* 11 Edw. IV), who in her right is said to have held the manor of Lydiard Tregoz. See *Cal. Patent Rolls*, 1444, p. 32. V.G.

^(c) This was Margaret, who, for her 2nd husband, *m.* John (Beaufort), Duke of Somerset, by whom she was mother of an only child, Margaret Beaufort, wife of Edmund (Tudor) Earl of Richmond, and mother of Henry VII. Margaret Beauchamp had, however, issue male by her 1st husband, Sir Oliver St. John, in which family the estates and representation of the family of Beauchamp of Bletsoe remained, till about 1600, when the representation (though not the estates), passed through the families of Howard and Mordaunt, to that of Gordon, being now (1910) vested in the representatives of the sisters and coheirs of George, 5th Duke of Gordon [S.], who *d. s.p.* 1836.

^(d) This Richard (according to *Dugdale*) *d.* 1327, being s. and h. of John B., of Holt (living 1297), who was a yr. s. of William B., of Elmley, by Isabel Mauduit. See also under BEAUCHAMP (of Bletsoe) on previous page.

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II. 1742.

2. JOHN (ST. JOHN), VISCOUNT SAINT JOHN, &c., 3rd but 2nd surv. s. and h. according to the spec. rem., being only surv. s. and h. by 2nd wife,^(a) was *b.* about 1695; Comptroller of the Customs of London, *in reversion* 1721, *in possession*, Apr 1740; M.P. (Tory) for Wootton Bassett 1727-34. He *m.*, 1stly (lic. Abp. Cant.), 17 Apr. 1729, at St. Geo., Han. Sq., Anne,^(b) 1st da. and, on the death of her br. of the half-blood, Sir Henry FURNESE, 3rd and last Bart. (*cr.* 1707), coh. of Sir Robert FURNESE, Bart., of Waldershare, Kent, being only child by his 1st wife, Anne, da. of Anthony BALAM. She *d.* 14 July 1747, and was *bur.* at Lydiard Tregoze. M.I.^(c) Admon. 19 Aug. 1747. He *m.*, 2ndly, 19 June 1748, at St. Anne's, Soho, Hester, 1st da. of James CLARKE, of Wharton, co. Hereford. He *d.* 27 Feb. 1748/9 in France,^(d) and was *bur.* at Lydiard Tregoze. M.I. Will pr. 1749. His widow, who was *b.* 25 Feb. 1722/3, *d.* 8 Mar. 1752, and was *bur.* at Ullenhall, co. Warwick. Will pr. 1752.

III. 1749.

3. FREDERICK (ST. JOHN), VISCOUNT SAINT JOHN, &c., s. and h. by 1st wife, *b.* 1734. On 12 Dec. 1751, by the death of his uncle, the celebrated Henry St. John, he *suc.* as Viscount Bolingbroke^(e) under the spec. rem. creating that peerage. See BOLINGBROKE, Viscountcy, *cr.* 1712.

SAINT JOHN OF BLETSO^(f)

I. OLIVER ST. JOHN,^(g) of Bletso, Beds, only s. and h. of Sir

^(a) George, the 1st s. by the 2nd wife, was *b.* in 1693 and *d.* unm. at Venice, Jan. 1716. Holles, the yst. s., *d.* unm., 6 Oct. 1738, aged 30 (Musgrave's *Obituary*, Harl. Soc., vol. v, pp. 199, 200).

^(b) She is called Elizabeth in the parish register (*Registers of Saint George, Hanover Square*, Harl. Soc., vol. i, p. 6).

^(c) "Against the south wall [of the parish church] is a marble monument, with a black sarcophagus, to the memory of *John, Lord Viscount St. John*, who died in 1748, and of Ann, his wife, who died July 1747" (Britton, *Beauties of Wiltshire*, vol. iii, pp. 29-30).

^(d) *Gent. Mag.*, 1749, p. 141, but at Naples (*Idem*, p. 44).

^(e) He did not, however, inherit the ancient Baronetcy (*cr.* 22 May 1611) of his family, inasmuch as that dignity having descended in 1742 to his uncle, the 1st Viscount Bolingbroke, became forfeited owing to his attainder in 1715.

^(f) The name of the place is spelt in a number of different ways, *e.g.* Blechenesho and Blechesho in the 13th cent.; Blotneshoo in the will of Sir Roger de Beauchamp, 1379; Bletnesho at the end of the 14th cent.; Blettishoo, Blettishaw and Bletshoo in the 16th cent. (*Publications of the Beds. Hist. Record Soc.*, vol. xxi, p. 109; vol. vi, pp. 55, 151; vol. ii, p. 10; vol. i, p. 33; vol. viii, pp. 143, 145); Bletsoo in the patent of creation, 1559 [see below, note (5)]; Blettesso, 1559; Blettshoo, 1559; and Bletso, 1560 (*Cal. Patent Rolls, Elizabeth*, vol. i, pp. 74, 406, 419). See Ekwall, *Oxford Dictionary of English Place-Names*, p. 47.

^(g) J. H. Round, in a paper on "The Companions of the Conqueror," wrote that: "In the English peerage, the only house, perhaps, that can prove descent from

peers who sat on the trial of the Earls of Essex and Southampton, 19 Feb. 1600/1. He *m.* Dorothy,^(a) da. and h. of John READ, of Boddington, co. Glouc. She was *bur.*, 28 June 1605, at Bletso. He *d.* in 1618, shortly before 14 Oct.^(b) Will dat. 31 May and 27 June 1609, pr. 17 Nov. 1618.^(c)

IV. 1618. 4. OLIVER (ST. JOHN), BARON SAINT JOHN OF BLETSO, s. and h., *b.* about 1584. He *suc.* to the peerage in 1618, and was *cr.*, 28 Dec. 1624, EARL OF BOLINGBROKE. He *d.* in June or July 1646.

V. *circa* 1641. 5. OLIVER (ST. JOHN), BARON SAINT JOHN OF BLETSO, so *sum.* to Parl. *v.p.* by writ,^(d) taking his seat 14 May. 1641. He *d. v.p.* and *s.p.m.*, being slain at the battle of Edgehill, 23 Oct. 1642, fighting on the Parliamentary side.

VI. 1646. 6. OLIVER (ST. JOHN), EARL OF BOLINGBROKE and BARON SAINT JOHN OF BLETSO, grandson and h. of the 1st Earl. He was *b.* 1634, and *d. s.p.* 18 Mar. 1687/8.

VII. 1688. 7. PAULET (ST. JOHN), EARL OF BOLINGBROKE (1624), and BARON SAINT JOHN OF BLETSO (1559), br. and h. He *d. unm.*, 5 Oct. 1711, when the Earldom of Bolingbroke became *extinct*, but the Barony of Saint John of Bletso devolved as below.

For further particulars, see BOLINGBROKE, Earldom, *cr.* 1624, *extinct* 1711.

(^a) She took her father's estates in Longford, Boddington, Barrow and Heydon to her husband. Soon after Boddington passed, by purchase, into the Craven family (Fosbrooke, *History of Gloucestershire*, vol. ii, p. 267).

(^b) *Cal. S.P. Dom.*, 1611-18, p. 584; *Ch. Inq. p.m.*, ii, 376/126. The King stayed with him at Bletso in Aug. 1604 (*Hist. MSS. Com.*, Salisbury MSS., pt. xvi, pp. 202, 206, 209, 263), and in Aug. 1608, when James knighted his 3rd and 4th sons; and the Queen stayed at Bletso in Aug. 1605 (Nichols, *Prog. of James I*, vol. i, pp. 518, 523; vol. ii, p. 203). The P.C. write to him, 9 Oct. 1614, to regret his cold dealings in the meeting held in Beds for promoting the benevolence, his influence being great in that county; and also the absence of his name from the list of free givers, who have already promised contributions. They advise a different course, if he wishes to preserve the King's good opinion (*Cal. S.P. Dom.*, 1611-18, p. 255). Chamberlain told Carleton, 5 Jan. 1614/5, that he had been committed for dissuading a benevolence (*Idem*, p. 269). He signed a petition of some of the nobility to the King [undated, 1618] against the conferring of Scottish and Irish titles on Englishmen (*Hist. MSS. Com.*, MSS. in Var. Coll., vol. v, pp. 119-20).

(^c) P.C.C., Meade 110. Mentions his yr. sons Anthony, Alexander, Rowland, Henry and Beauchamp (all of whom were ed. at Queens' College, Camb.).

(^d) The date of the writ is not mentioned in the *Lords' Journal*, vol. iv, p. 249. See *ante*, vol. ii, p. 204, note "b," *sub* BOLINGBROKE.