

## NOTES.

<sup>1</sup> Herald's Visitations. "Commissions were issued, under the great seal, to the provincial Kings of Arms, authorizing and commanding each by himself, or deputy, to visit the whole of his province as often as he should deem it necessary, to convene before him all those who bore or assumed to bear arms, and were styled Esquires or Gentlemen, and to cause them to produce and show by what authority and right they challenged and claimed the said use of arms. The circuits of the Kings of Arms, called VISITATIONS, commenced about the beginning of the 16th century, and were continued till the close of the 17th century. These VISITATIONS are preserved as books of record, and the principal hereditary arms of the Kingdom (of Great Britain) are borne under the authority of these records. — *From Sir B. Burke's (Ulster King of Arms) General Armory.*

<sup>2</sup> See Harleian Manuscript, now preserved in the British Museum.

<sup>3</sup> Phelps & Gorham purchase, p. 588. Essex and Kent are adjoining counties, and the family at this time (1640) lived in both.

<sup>4</sup> Richard Bennet was Governor of the Colony of Virginia from 1652 to 1655.

<sup>5</sup> See record of patent in office of County Clerk of Westmoreland County, Virginia. Other records of the same time (1653) and subsequent dates show that John Jenkins was the owner of large tracts of land in the southern part of Westmoreland County.

<sup>6</sup> The earliest records of Westmoreland, Richmond and adjoining counties, in Virginia, are the middle of the 17th century. Of parish records there are none in existence, except of recent dates.

<sup>7</sup> This is called the Northumberland Road in some of the deeds, as it runs from Oldham's Cross-roads into Northumberland County.

<sup>8</sup> July, 1882.

<sup>9</sup> The county line being on or near the road from Oldham's Cross-roads, before mentioned.

<sup>10</sup> Cople Parish, the most easterly of the three parishes of Westmoreland County, and the one in which the Rochester property lay. The parishes of Westmoreland County are Cople, Montross and Washington.

<sup>11</sup> For account of parishes in Virginia and names of the Vestry, see "Old Churches and Families of Virginia." Vol. II., p. 153. By Bishop Meade.

<sup>12</sup> Year 1759.

<sup>13</sup> O'Reilly's History of Rochester.