

Thomas Kinge, (Robert, Robert) of Great Thurlow, Co. Suffolk, married on 20 June, 1691, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Cordell, Bart, of Long Melfort, Co. Suffolk, and sister and co-heir of Sir John Cordell, Bart, of Milford Hall. He was killed in a duel by Sir Sewster Peyton, Bart, and buried on 10 November, 1699, at Great Thurlow. He left issue, sons, Thomas baptized 16 December, 1696, buried 16 March, 1700, and John, under age in 1715, buried 26 January, 1724.

There is apparently a curious error in Burke's Landed Gentry and in the Visitation of Lincolnshire, (Harleian Society, Vol. 51,) which sets forth that Thomas Kinge, (Robert, Richard, Edmund, John, William of Melfort, Co. Suffolk) of Ashby de la Launde, Co. Lincs., was M. P. for Harwich, Co. Essex in time of Charles II. and married to Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Cordell, Bart of Long Melfort, Co. Suffolk. The Pedigree of King of Great Thurlow, Co. Suffolk, as set forth in Davy's Suffolk MSS. (British Museum Add. MSS. 19138, f. 211) absolutely refutes this statement. Moreover the arms of King of Great Thurlow and King of Ashby de la Launde are entirely different. Furthermore, Thomas King, who was M. P. for Harwich, Co. Essex, in time of Charles II, had issue a son John King, born 1655 who matriculated at Christ Church 4 July, 1678, aged 18, B. A. 1682, M. A. 1685; B. D. and D. D. 1704. Rector of Shaldon, Hants 1725; Master of the Charterhouse; Archdeacon of Colchester 1722; and Canon of Bristol 1728, until his death on 4 August, 1737, aged 82 years. Obviously this last John King could not be a son of Thomas King of Great Thurlow, and it is exceedingly doubtful whether Thomas King, M. P. for Harwich was of the family of King of Ashby de la Launde at all. He is much more likely to have been of the family of King of Dovercourt and Harwich, Co. Essex, of which numerous members flourished from 1580-1680.

The question of placing this Thomas King, M. P., for Harwich, Essex, however, is debatable, but he clearly was not of the Great Thurlow "King" stock.

#### IV. KING OF AUDLEY END, ESSEX.

ARMS: "*Azure*, a bend double cotised *or*, charged with three escallops, *sable*, a mullet *argent* for difference." (See Plate IV, No. 5.)

This family is undoubtedly of close kin to King of London and Berkshire (see Plate III) and the first known ancestor was Robert Kinge of Audley End, near Suffolk Walden, Co. Essex, who was stated to have been once Abbot of Walden and after the suppression of the monastic houses married a nun, named Brueres, of good family, and had known issue, a son Robert and a daughter Judith who married (1st) Nathaniel Traherne, Esq., and (2d) John Elmer of Much Hadham, Co. Herts, Bishop of London 1521-1594. This John Elmer was succeeded as Bishop of London by Rev. Richard Vaughan, who seems to have been related to him, either by marriage or descent. The