

“ and humble Commendation and Greeting; Equity willeth, and  
 “ Reason ordereth, that men virtuous, and of noble courage be by  
 “ their merits and good renown rewarded; not only their persons in  
 “ this mortal life, so brief and transitory, but also after them, those  
 “ that shall be of their body descended: to the end that by their en-  
 “ sample, others may the more enforce themselves, to get the re-  
 “ nown of ancient Nobles, in their Lines and posterities,

“ And forasmuch as JOHN DODGE of Rotham in the County of  
 “ Kent, Gentleman is descended of a House bearing Arms, as ap-  
 “ peareth by an ancient Patent of Arms, granted and given by Jac-  
 “ ques (James) Hedingley as Guyen King of Arms the viiith day of  
 “ April, in the xxxviii (*sic.*) Year of the Reign of King Edward  
 “ the First, to PETER DODGE, born in Stopworth, in the County of  
 “ Chester, Gentleman: then being as more plainly appeareth by  
 “ the said Patent, of the which the said JOHN is descended. There-  
 “ fore the said Clarencieux King of Arms by the authority and  
 “ power annexed, attributed, given and granted by the King, our  
 “ Sovereign Lord, by express words, under his most noble Great  
 “ Seal, to me, and to my office of Clarencieux King of Arms; Do  
 “ Ratify, Set forth, Confirm and Grant to the said JOHN DODGE,  
 “ Gentleman, for him, and his posterity the said Arms, with a Crest  
 “ thereunto in manner as hereafter followeth, that is to say; *Gold*  
 “ *and Sable, Barry of Six pieces: on a Pale Gules, a Woman's*  
 “ *pappe, gouttant, Situ.* Upon his *Helmet*, on a *Torse, gold* and  
 “ *azure; a Demi-Lyon maryn: Sable, langued and armed gules:*  
 “ about his *neck a Gemmel Gold, manteld Gules, Dabled, Situ:*  
 “ as more plainly appeareth depicted in the margin. To have and  
 “ to hold the said Crest and Arms to the said JOHN DODGE, Gentle-  
 “ man, for him and his posterity, and they it to use and enjoy ever-  
 “ more.

“ In Witness whereof, I, the said Clarencieux King of Arms have  
 “ signed this present Confirmation with my hand and set the seal  
 “ of my Arms with the Seal of my office of Clarencieux King  
 “ of Arms. Given and Granted at London the xvi th day of  
 “ December, in the xxxviii th year of the reign of our Sovereign  
 “ Lord Henry the Eighth, by the Grace of God, King of En-  
 “ gland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith and of the  
 “ Church of England and Ireland, on Earth, the Supreme  
 “ Head.”

This Patent contains two errors of date; viz. of the First Patent  
 as granted 38th Ed. I, who died in the 35th year of his reign (1307)  
 and the record as we have seen dated it the 34th Ed. I; and also in  
 that of Henry the Eighth, who died January 28th, 1547; just enter-  
 ing on the 38th year of his reign; this Patent issued the previous  
 month of December, 1546; 37th Hen. VIII.

Before leaving these Heraldic honors and history of our English  
 Parent stock; I may add that the Herald's College has on record the

