

from the family of Fiennes, Viscounts Say and Sele, for Thomas Filmer, Esq., of Amwell Bury, Herts, doubtless one of the East Sutton family, married a sister and co-heiress of the fifth Viscount Say and Sele, who used it as his family motto.

It may be well to point out finally that the only authentic coats of arms are—

FYNAMORE or FYNMORE, authority unknown, but probably used from a very early date, and frequently recognized by the Herald's College, as the arms of Fynamore, of Whetham. The Fynmores are known to have used these arms since the middle of the seventeenth century, being probably entitled to do so as cadets of the Fynmores of Fimmere and Whetham, though the descent yet remains to be shown. Very possibly other Finnimores, Fenemores, and perhaps Phillimores, may be equally well entitled, though it may never be practicable to demonstrate such a right.

FILMER, granted to Sir Robert Filmer, Knt., in 1570, and rightfully borne by his descendants only.)

PHILLIMORE, granted in 1880, and which the descendants of the late Joseph Phillimore, Esq., are alone entitled to use.

NOTE.—Since writing the above, I find that the crest ascribed to Fynmore, is clearly that of the Wickhams of Swalcliffe and Abingdon, who bore—a bull's head coupé sable, armed or, charged on the neck with two chevrons argent. The present representative of the family, Mr. W. A. Wykeham-Musgrave, of Swalcliffe, uses for his crest—a buffalo's head sable, horned or, charged on the neck with two chevrons argent. It is evident, therefore, that on the erection at Hinksey of a monument in 1677 to William Fynmore, his widow finding that he was not entitled to a crest placed that of her family above his coat of arms, with which her paternal shield of Wickham was impaled.

This deficiency was not uncommon with mediæval families, but in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, when crests came to be viewed as a necessary accompaniment to a shield, the need was often supplied by a special grant from the college of arms.

As might have been expected, no crest was placed on the tablet which commemorates William Fynmore, the Recorder of Abingdon, who died in 1687, for he was not related to the Wickhams. But the history of the crest was soon forgotten, and the cognizance of the Wickham family has ever since been used by the Fynmores in connection with their coat of arms.

It will be noticed that the tincture, gules, ascribed, in the preceding pages, to the chevrons on the bull's head, violates a very elementary rule of heraldry. They appear to be so on the tablet of 1677, but it must be added that the colours are somewhat faded, too much so, perhaps, to determine them with precision.