

de Crackenthorpe,\* and he had two sons Henry and Thomas, who both confirm the estate granted by their father.† Alexander and Thomas Mauchael also appear in an agreement between two of the Crackenthorpes.‡

Roger Malus Catulus, vice-chancellor of England, is of course claimed as a member of the family. In the war against the Turks, he was cast on the coast of Sardinia, or of Cyprus, or (following Hoveden) on that of Sicily, off Messina.§ Hence, according to the Antiquary, "Roger's Sea-Bed," in the high ground at Crackenthorpe, and "Roger Head," often referred to in the papers. Holinshed tell us of King Richard's ordering a new seal, and of the loss of the old one through this shipwreck.|| Lord Campbell's "Lives of the Chancellors" note this as the earliest distinct evidence of the existence of the office of vice-chancellor or Sigilfer. The details in rhyme from the Provençal of Piers of Langtoft are given by Miss Strickland,¶ and Mr. Jeaffreson, remarks that "the good man had the ill luck to topple over board . . . and to be drowned together with the bauble . . . Whether Malchien could swim and whether the weight . . . rendered vain his efforts at self-preservation the record sayeth not. It is enough to know that the great seal went under and was seen no more."\*\*\*

\* Machell, MSS Carl. V. 483-5.

† Ego Henricus filius Galfridi Mali Catuli concessi G hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Alexandro filio Radulphi de Crakenthorp & heredibus suis duas bovatas terre in territorio de C. & duas acras prati in eodem territorio cum tofto & crofto predictæ terre adjacenti quas tenet de dono patris mei Galfridi M. C. &c. Thomas' confirmation is identical.

‡ Hec concordia facta inter Ricardum filium Bernardi de Crackenthorp & Willielmum filium Alexandri de eadem villa &c., ex parte Rici Alexander Mauchael & Thoma Mauchael &c.

§ Hoveden, 690.

|| H. Chron. 1586, reprint ex orig. 1807, II. 252. See Inscription in Machell MSS. Carl. VI. 210-11.

¶ Lives of the Queen's of England, II. 7.

\*\* Book about Lawyers (1867) l. 44. Another Roger Machell much later is noted in the Lichfield Corporation's Register of a guild founded there c. R. II. in honour of the Blessed Virgin, i.e., "Magister Gild, Rogerus Machell anno Regni Regis Henrici VIII. decimo nono."