

Lancelot died in his father's lifetime and "old Hugh" died 5 May, 1619. By Hugh's inquisition post mortem, taken 7 April, 1622 at Shap, his grandson and heir is Hugh, then only 12 years old and this explains the lad's uncle Henry (as per indenture of 11 years lease, from 4 March, 1616,) holding Crackenthorpe hall, albeit, (says the late Mr. Machell) the jurors seem unaware of Henry's strict right to hold the rents. Henry Machell having thus got possession, determined with Thomas Beck of Penrith, called Hugh's tutor, to carry Hugh off, which they did, to Carlisle, 24 April, 1622, and they married him later, (at Richmond,) to Mr. Beck's daughter Margaret. Francis, Earl of Cumberland, as Hugh's lawful guardian, was down upon them at once, and proceedings were only stayed by payment of a heavy fine, £200 in all.* Henry Machell and Beck subsequently fell out over the manor receipts, and on 30 Aug. 2 Charles I. (1626), Sir John Lowther, councillor in the law, is called in to keep the peace between uncle, nephew, and father-in-law.

Hugh Machell, Lord of Crackenthorpe, and mayor of Appleby, (1632-8) held courts 8 Oct. and 17 Nov. 1624. He had to pay a composition fine to Lord Wentworth of £10, on 28 Oct. 1630, for neglecting to attend King Charles' coronation, and to receive the order of knighthood. It is noted of him that "he was the first who gave anything to ye scholars at Appleby, for performing of exercises and yt which he gave (being the mayor of the place) was a large meddall . . . 10s. in value." Of his two sisters, Ann married Barnaby Machell of Kirkby Thore Bridge End,

* Writ of attachment 3 May, 1622, against Machell and Beck (Machell papers). See Appendix for deed of 30 Aug. 1624, selling Hugh's wardship. Anthony Hutton in an opinion preserved among the papers gives his reasons for coming to a remarkable conclusion actually in favour of Machell and Beck, "I am of opinion" says he "that the defendants have good cause to demure and ought not to be compelled to make anie further or other Answer . . . but ought to be discharged wth good costs for their wrongfull arrests and vexations."

And see king's subsedeas 24 Ap. 2 Chas. I. Henry having at last answered Hugh Machell's bill of complaint, and paid the fine for his contempt. (Machell Papers).

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