

The Rev. Richard Machell Lord of Crackenthorpe, master of arts of the University of Oxford and rector of Asby, 1740-85, Uldale, 1752-70, Brougham, 1770-85, and chaplain to the Earl of Dumfries. He married 15 Aug. 1732, at St. Clement Danes', Middlesex, Mary daughter and heir of Christopher Gibson, of Edenhall. In 1768, Crackenthorpe common was divided by agreement. It contained 526 acres, 2 roods, 12 perches; and there were 17 proprietors. The Rev. R. Machell received for his right as lord, and for his other estate, over 238 acres. He died 24 Feb. 1786, and was succeeded by his second but eldest surviving son Lancelot.

Lancelot Machell, Lord of Crackenthorpe, was baptized 15 Dec. 1741, at Asby. He never married, and a short time before his death (which occurred 23 April, 1788, at Edenhall, where he resided on a small property inherited from his mother) he sold the manor and last remnants of his ancient estate, without any option of its refusal to his family. The bill announced "To be Sold, Together, or in different allotments at the House of Mason Howe, the King's Head, in Appleby, in the County of Westmorland, on the 29th Day of August, 1786, between the Hours of Four and Six of the clock in the afternoon, the Manor or Lordship of Crackenthorp" etc., and then follows the particulars of the estate; in all some 328 acres, exclusive of various outstanding leases. "For further Particulars" it is added. "inquire of Mr. Machell, of Crakenthorpe Hall, who will shew the Premises. Crakenthorp Hall is pleasantly situated near the River Eden close by the Turnpike Road from London to Carlisle, and is two miles from Appleby, and 12 from Penrith." The estate was purchased for £12,000 by Richard Bellas, of Brampton, (father of the late vicar of Bongate,) acting for Lord Lonsdale and thus ended a six centuries' connection of the Machells with Crackenthorpe.

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