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THIS work contains some of the more romantic episodes in the history of a great historic family of the North—the Lords Scrope, of Bolton, in Wensleydale, and the Lords Scrope, of Masham and Upsall—with remarks upon the unjust and illogical decision of a Committee of Privileges of the House of Lords in 1869 against the claim to the Earldom of Wiltes, made by Simon Thomas Scrope, of Danby, Esquire, heir male of Sir William Le Scrope, K.G., Sovereign Lord of Man, and Earl of Wiltes, of the creation of King Richard II., in 1397.

This adverse decision of the Lords Chelmsford and Redesdale gave great dissatisfaction to many peers and eminent lawyers.

As Lord Houghton pointed out, it unsettled the titles of several peers whose patents were in the same terms as that of the Earl of Wiltes.

The following protest was signed by the Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal; the Earl of Gainsborough; the Earl of Abergavenny; the Earl of Denbigh; the Earl of Warwick; the Earl of Granard; the Earl of Zetland; and the Earl of Feversham; also by Lord Wenlock; Lord Wentworth; Lord Colville of Culrosse; Lord Arundell of Wardour; and Lord Houghton:

(1.) "Because the resolution of the House is opposed to the decision in the Devon case in 1831, a decision accepted and acted on by the Crown.

(2.) "Because King Richard was in full possession of the Royal authority at the time that the dignity of Earl of Wiltes was created.

(3.) "Because the proceedings relied on as affecting the rights of the heirs male of the Earl of Wiltes, were all taken at a time when no lawful or legal government existed in England, and that the subsequent proceedings in the Parliament of Henry IV. had in no manner purported to affect, or could in law affect, the dignity of the Earl of Wiltes."

The illustrations in the work are a large Book-Plate (dated 1698) as frontispiece—a shield of twenty-eight quarterings—being the complete Achievement of Arms of "Simon Scroope of Danby on Yore, in Com. Ebor, Esq^r., 1698," printed from the original copperplate; (2) a Portrait of Sir William Le Scrope, K.G., Earl of Wiltes, as King of Man, crowned, and with the Collar of the Order of the Garter round his neck, from an old painting at Danby Hall; (3) Seal of Sir William Le Scrope as Lord of Man and the Isles, from the Seal appended—together with the Seals of Edward, Earl of Rutland, Admiral of England, and Thomas, Earl of Nottingham, Earl Marshal of England, Lord de Mowbray and Segrave—to an ordinance, dated 1395, relating to the Treaty of Peace between France and England, now in the *Archives Nationales*, Paris; and (4) Pedigree of Simon Conyers Scrope, of Danby on Yore, Esquire, claiming the Honour and Dignity of Earl of Wiltes.

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