

JOHN FITZ-ROBERT'S lands were, for this Charter business, seised into the King's hands, and he was deprived of the Castles of *Norwich* and *Oreford*, and of the Shrievalty of the counties of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*.*

THE KING to JOHN FITZ-ROBERT, greeting:—KNOW YE that We have committed [to our Beloved and Faithful] JOHN-THE-MARSHAL the Castles of *Norwich* and *Oreford*, with the Counties of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, to be held during Our pleasure. And therefore We charge you that you deliver to the same *John* or to his certain Envoy the aforesaid Castles and Counties aforesaid without delay. And in [witness] of this, &c., We send you. *Witness Ourselves at Windles' the xx day of June* [1215].

JOHN FITZ-ROBERT'S Manor of *Aynhoe*, in *Northamptonshire*, was also granted away by King *John's* Writ, dated 17th March, 1216, as follows:†

IT was Ordered the Sheriff of *Northampton* that he should cause the same *Thomas* to have the Manor of *Aynhoe* that was of JOHN FITZ-ROBERT unless such Manor shall have formerly been the Demesne of the Lord King. And if it shall not have been the Demesne of the Lord King and the same *Thomas* shall have had Seizin thereof, and the Sheriff shall have received the rents from the term of the Annunciation of the Blessed *Mary* . . . &c. then without delay he shall cause the same *Thomas* to have such rent and shall cause the Lord King to know how much such lands are worth *per annum*. *Witness as above* [17th March, 1216].

Upon the decease of King *John*, and upon the accession of King *Henry* the Third, JOHN FITZ-ROBERT had restitution made him of his lands,‡ as follows:—

JOHN FITZ-ROBERT has returned to the Fealty and Service of the Lord King. He has Letters of Seizin of his Lands addressed to HUGH DE BALLIOL and 'PHILIP DE ULECOT,' 'FALKES DE BREAUTE,' and 'ENGEL DE CYGONY.'

Witness the Earl [of Pembroke] at Oxford the xxv day of July [1217].

JOHN FITZ-ROBERT died in the year 1240: his body rested for one night in *St. Alban's* Cathedral, and he was probably buried within *Langley* Priory. *Matthew Paris* gives the following obituary notice of him. He was succeeded by his son, ROGER FITZ-JOHN:

A.D. 1240.

IN this year died JOHN FITZ-ROBERT, a man of Noble birth and one of the Chief Barons of the Northern Provinces of *England*.

7. ROGER FITZ-JOHN, BARON BY TENURE OF WARKWORTH AND CLAVERING.

ROGER FITZ-JOHN, who succeeded his father, came to a premature and unnatural end. At Whitsuntide, in the year 1249, while engaged in a Tournament at *Argencia*, in *France*, he was trodden underfoot and killed. He left one son, ROBERT FITZ-ROGER, who was about eighteen months old at the time of his father's death, in July, 1249. *Mathew Paris* gives an obituary notice§ of ROGER FITZ-JOHN, of which the following is a translation:

AT that time [A.D. 1249] died ROGER [FITZ-JOHN] DE BALLIOL a very Noble man, of the northern parts of *England*, Knight and Baron, youthful in age, active in military affairs, being trodden under foot at a certain Tournament in the parts of *France* at 'Argencia.' The Custody of whose land the

* Translated from 'Patent Roll,' 17 *John*, membrane 22.

† Translated from 'Close Roll,' 1 *Henry* III., part 1, membrane 13.

‡ Translated from 'Close Roll,' 17 *John*, membrane 7.

§ *Paris' History*, Rolls Series Chronicles, p. 67.