

King incontinently gave to WILLIAM DE VALENCE his brother, with the Renowned CASTLE OF WARKWORTH, and many other lands and possessions to the aforesaid Noble, ROGER, belonging.

BY Writ, dated 22nd June, 1249, King *Henry* the Third ordered an Inquisition to be made concerning the extent of ROGER FITZ-JOHN'S possessions, which is recorded in a long document,\* of the value of which the following is a summary:—

In NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY ( <i>WARKWORTH, &amp;c.</i> )	-	-	£136	2	0
In NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ( <i>AYNHOE, &amp;c.</i> )	-	-	49	1	2
In ESSEX COUNTY ( <i>CLAVERING, &amp;c.</i> )	-	-	46	10	0
In HERTFORDSHIRE	-	-	0	6	8

NET PRODUCE *per annum* - - - - - £231 19 10

ROBERT FITZ-ROGER, the infant heir, was placed in the Wardship† of WILLIAM DE VALENCE, the King's brother, who would, according to Feudal Custom, derive the profits of the lands to his own use during the minority of the heir.

8. ROBERT FITZ-ROGER, LORD OF CLAVERING.  
BARON BY TENURE OF WARKWORTH AND CLAVERING.

Baron by Writ (dated 28th June, 1283) and a Lord of Parliament.

ROBERT FITZ-ROGER, herein designated 'the Second,' to distinguish him from his Grandfather of the same name; was born about the year 1248; and when about twenty-eight years of age, on the 12th November, 1276, is recorded as sitting as a Peer in Parliament when Sentence was pronounced upon *Llewelin*, Prince of *Wales*. The first recorded Writ of Summons to Parliament as a BARON directed to him is dated 28th June, 1283. The first recorded Writ of Summons to Military Service is dated 12th December, 1276. During his lifetime he received the following Writs of Summons as a Baron:—Twenty-five SUMMONSES TO PARLIAMENT, from 28th June, 1283—26th October, 1309. Twenty-two Summons to MILITARY SERVICE, from 12th December, 1276—30th July, 1309. One Summons to a Royal Wedding, dated 30th December, 1296; and one Summons to a Coronation, dated 18th January, 1308—being a total of forty-nine Summons to Service.‡

On the 18th October, 1297, ROBERT FITZ-ROGER was appointed Captain of the Marches in *Northumberland*, and by Special Writ, dated 5th April, 1306, received Royal thanks for his discharge of the duties of that Office. On the 12th February, 1301, he was present with the Barons in Parliament assembled at *Lincoln*, when his name appeared as ROBERT FITZ-ROGER, LORD OF CLAVERING, in the celebrated Remonstrance of that date from the BARONS OF ENGLAND to Pope *Boniface* the Eighth at *Rome*.

ROBERT FITZ-ROGER served in the Wars in *Scotland*, *Wales* and *Gascony*; and was present at the Battle of *Falkirk* and the Siege of *Carlaverock*. On the 20th March, 1310, he was elected and sworn at *Westminster* as one of the Peers appointed as Ordainers to whom was committed the Reformation of the State and the Regulation of the Royal Household, owing to the imprudent Conduct of King *Edward* the Second. ROBERT FITZ-ROGER died before the

\* *Inquisitio post Mortem*, 33 *Henry* III., No. 66.

† *Close Roll*, 33 *Henry* III., membrane 4.

‡ The Writs of Summons to Parliament and Military Service, being always expressed in the same form with change of place, date, and purpose of meeting—those Writs only, of which facsimiles are here given, have been translated and printed in this work. Some of the Writs are recorded in Norman-French; others—the majority—are in Latin.