

The same letters were written to :—

. . . ROBERT FITZ-ROGER . . . JOHN DE CLAVERING. . . .

THE following is a translation of a Writ of Summons dated 26th September, 1298, directed to the Earls and Barons, including ROBERT FITZ-ROGER and JOHN DE CLAVERING, requiring them to be present at the Muster at *Carlisle* on the 6th June, 1299, for service against the Scots. A *collotype* facsimile of the *Norman-French* enrolment of this Writ upon the ‘*Close Roll*’ is here given. The Nobility were discharged from this service by Writ dated 16th July, 1299 :—

*Of Coming with Horses and Arms to Carlisle.**

EDWARD, by the Grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, and Duke of Aquitaine, to his Faithful and Loyal ROGER BIGOD, Earl of *Norfolk*, and MARSHAL OF ENGLAND, WHEREAS We intend (by the help of God) to be at *Carlisle* on the Vigil of *Pentecost* next ensuing [6th June, 1299] to proceed with the Scotch business against the Enemies of the Crown and Realm of *England*, to repress their disobedience and malice which aims at nothing else but reducing the said Crown and State of the said Realm of *England* to their power, and also to put Our Faithful and Loyal [Subjects] : those to whom We have given and shall give lands in the parts of *Scotland* in the seizin and possession of their lands and further to do that which God shall put in Our Mind, We pray you especially and strictly charge you by the Fealty and Allegiance by which you are bound to Us, that at the said term of the Vigil of *Pentecost*, to be with Us at *Carlisle* with Horses and Arms as well appointed, as possible to proceed in the said business according as it shall be ordered by you, and by the honourable gentlemen who shall be with Us at that time. And this as you love the Honour and profit of Ourselves and of Our said Realm, and your own in nowise you neglect. Given at *Stanwick* the 26th day of *September* the year of Our Reign the twenty-sixth [1298].

THE following is a translation of the Writ of Summons to Parliament at London, dated 29th December, 1299, directed to ROBERT FITZ-ROGER : and JOHN DE CLAVERING. This is *John de Clavering’s* first recorded Summons to the House of Lords, when he was about twenty-nine years of age. A *collotype* facsimile of this Enrolment is given :—†

Of Summoning a Parliament.

THE KING to his Beloved and Faithful Cousin, EDMUND, EARL OF CORNWALL, greeting :— WHEREAS for the Safety of Our Crown and the Common Advantage of the people of Our Realm on the second Sunday of *Lent* next ensuing [6th March, 1300] We desire to hold a PARLIAMENT at LONDON and with you and with other Magnates and Proceres of the same Kingdom to have special Conference and Discussion, upon affairs touching Us and the same Realm. We command you in the Fealty and Devotion by which you are bound to Us, strictly enjoining you at the aforesaid day and place to appear personally with Us and with the other Magnates and Proceres, aforesaid for the purpose of Deliberating : being about to Treat upon the said business and giving Us your Counsel. And this as you love Us and Our Honour and the Profit of the said Realm you in nowise neglect.

WITNESS the King at *Berwick upon Tweed* xxix day of *December* [1299].

ROBERT FITZ-ROGER and JOHN DE CLAVERING were also summoned by Writ, dated 30th December, 1299, to the Muster at *Carlisle* on the 24th June, 1300, to proceed against the Scots.

The principal incident of this Scottish Campaign was the Siege and Surrender of CARLAVEROCK CASTLE, a stronghold, which lay in the route of the English army, about

* Translated from ‘*Close Roll*,’ 26 *Edward I.*, at back of membrane 5.

† Translated from ‘*Close Roll*,’ 28 *Edward I.*, at back of membrane 17.