

No. XIV.

ARCHDALL's MONASTICON having been lately published, and being filled with useful and authentic information, occasions a necessary addenda to our account of the Religious Houses, not only in this Appendix, but in several parts of the following History of the County of Limerick

IN page 184, mention is made that the prior of the house for Canons Regular, had the first vote in the election of chief magistrate of Limerick. But it appears from an inquisition taken the 37th of Queen Elizabeth, that this right belonged to the head of the Augustinians, and that Stephen Sexton, who was seized in fee of this friary, died November 22, 1594; that whilst he lived, he had the first vote for mayor, bailiffs and all other officers; and on the day of election, had the seat in the court house next to the mayor, * North and South Prior's land, belonged to this Friary. † The Augustinians have a chapel in Creagh-street for which see page 192.

IN the year 1333. January 13. A liberate issued for the sum of thirty five marcs, for the payment of one year's pension to the Dominicans of Limerick, Dublin, Drogheda, Cork and Waterford. 1340. March 29. Gerald de Rochfort, a renowned knight died, and was interred in the famous Dominican convent in Limerick, for which see page 189. In the year 1344, John O'Grada, archbishop of Cashell was interred

* Archdall's Monasticon Hibernicum, page 431.

† Inquisition taken Anno 37. Eliz.

interred in the same convent. * In the year 1462, died James, son of John earl of Desmond. In an ancient calendar of the friars preachers of Limerick, it is recorded, that they were bound to say a yearly anniversary for the soul of the most noble Lord, James of Desmond, he being the second founder of this convent, and also for the souls of his parents, his successors and their wives. †

In the year 1508, died M'Namara, the head of his sept, which ancient family were almost all interred in this convent; as was Thady, son of Dermot, head of the sept of O'Ryan, who died this year. David Browne, doctor of divinity in this convent, was sent by King Henry VIII. as his envoy to Italy on state affairs. Edmund was prior at the time of the general suppression, when he was seized of the site, church, steeple, dormitory, three chambers, a cemetery, fundry closes, containing an acre and half within the precincts, a garden of four acres without the walls of the convent, and thirty acres of arable and pasture land called Cortbrecke. The site &c. were valued at two shillings, and the garden and land at 5l. 2s. yearly. Monebrahir also belonged to this convent, and with Cortbrecke, fell into the hands of the Earl of Thomond. The former he granted to the corporation of Limerick, on condition of their keeping the causeway in constant repair, † and the latter was lately sold by the earl of Thomond's descendant to Edmond Henry Pery, esq.

January

* Archdall's Monasticon, page 437. † *Ibid* page 428.

† Auditor General's Office. See also Archdall's Monasticon, page 428.

JANUARY 7th. and 35th of King Henry VIII. this convent with its appurtenances, were granted to James earl of Desmond, in capite, at the yearly rent of 5s. 2d. * On his forfeiture, it is supposed they were granted to the earl of Thomond. Inquisition taken August 23, 1623, finds that James Gould, who died September 6, 1600, was seized of this convent, also of the castle, town and lands of Corbally, and one carucate of land, in free and common socage. † Corbally was granted to Colonel Ingoldsby, who was one of Cromwell's officers. || At present the Dominican friars have a chapel in Fish-lane, for which, see page 197.

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* Auditor General's Office. See also Archdall's Monasticon, page 428.

† Lib. Inquisit. post mort. in Biblioth. honoratifs. W. Conynham.

‡ Thomasin, daughter to Sir Thos. Browne of Hospital, was married to Alexander Fitton, of Knockany in the county of Limerick, esq; and after his death to James Gould of Corbally, esq. By this second marriage was Mary, married to Sir George Ingoldsby, by which alliance he got the lands of Corbally, near the Salmon-weir.

No. XV.

IN the year 975, Brien Boru, King of Munster, at the head of twelve hundred Dalgais troops, assisted by Domhnall, King of Ionmhuinein, recovered the island of Inniscattery from the Danes, by defeating Jomhar, the Norman; and his two sons Amhlaibh and Duibheheann; eight hundred of the Danes, with Mark, and his two sons, who fled thither for safety sometime before, were slain in this battle. * The monument of St. Senan is still to be seen here, with the remains of eleven small churches and several cells. In the stone that closes the top of the altar window of the great church, is the head of the Saint, with his mitre, boldly executed, and but little defaced; an ancient round tower of 120 feet in height, and in complete repair, graces the scene. This beautiful island is remarkable for the resort of pilgrims on certain festivals. § See page 185, for a further account of this island.

* Annal Munst. Act S. S. p. 542. § Smith's H. of Kerry p. 227.

No. XVI.

The OATH taken by a FREEMAN of the CITY of LIMERICK.

YOU shall swear to be true and faithful to our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and lawful Successors, and to your power shall aid and assist the Mayor, Sheriffs and Citizens of the City of Limerick, for the time being, and to them shall be obedient and attendant, concerning such things as they shall lawfully and reasonably require you to do, you shall also well and truly observe, perform, fulfil and keep, all such orders and rules, as shall be made and established by the Common Council of this City for the good Government there, so far forth as you ought or shall be chargeable to do, and you shall not by colour of your freedom, directly or indirectly, or by equivocation or mental reservation, cover or bear out under you, any Foreigners or Strangers Goods or Merchandizes, but according to the best of your skill and knowledge, wit, cunning, and power, you shall uphold and maintain, all the liberties, franchises and customs, orders, and usages, of this City and Corporation.

So HELP YOU GOD.