

“and humble Commendation and Greeting; Equity willet, and  
 “Reason ordereth, that men virtuous, and of noble courage be by  
 “their merits and good renown rewarded; not only their persons in  
 “this mortal life, so brief and transitory, but also after them, those  
 “that shall be of their body descended: to the end that by their en-  
 “sample, others may the more enforce themselves, to get the re-  
 “nown of ancient Nobles, in their Lines and posterities,

“And forasmuch as JOHN DODGE of Rotham in the County of  
 “Kent, Gentleman is descended of a House bearing Arms, as ap-  
 “peareth by an ancient Patent of Arms, granted and given by Jac-  
 “ques (James) Hedingley as Guyen King of Arms the viiith day of  
 “April, in the xxxviii (*sic.*) Year of the Reign of King Edward  
 “the First, to PETER DODGE, born in Stopworth, in the County of  
 “Chester, Gentleman: then being as more plainly appeareth by  
 “the said Patent, of the which the said JOHN is descended. There-  
 “fore the said Clarencieux King of Arms by the authority and  
 “power annexed, attributed, given and granted by the King, our  
 “Sovereign Lord, by express words, under his most noble Great  
 “Seal, to me, and to my office of Clarencieux King of Arms; Do  
 “Ratify, Set forth, Confirm and Grant to the said JOHN DODGE,  
 “Gentleman, for him, and his posterity the said Arms, with a Crest  
 “thereunto in manner as hereafter followeth, that is to say; *Gold*  
 “*and Sable, Barry of Six pieces: on a Pale Gules, a Woman's*  
 “*pappe, gouttant, Situ.* Upon his *Helmet*, on a *Torse, gold* and  
 “*azure; a Demi-Lyon maryn: Sable, langued and armed gules:*  
 “about his *neck a Gemmel Gold, manteld Gules, Doble, Situ:*  
 “as more plainly appeareth depicted in the margin. To have and  
 “to hold the said Crest and Arms to the said JOHN DODGE, Gentle-  
 “man, for him and his posterity, and they it to use and enjoy ever-  
 “more.

“In Witness whereof, I, the said Clarencieux King of Arms have  
 “signed this present Confirmation with my hand and set the seal  
 “of my Arms with the Seal of my office of Clarencieux King  
 “of Arms. Given and Granted at London the xvith day of  
 “December, in the xxxviii th year of the reign of our Sovereign  
 “Lord Henry the Eighth, by the Grace of God, King of En-  
 “gland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith and of the  
 “Church of England and Ireland, on Earth, the Supreme  
 “Head.”

This Patent contains two errors of date; viz. of the First Patent  
 as granted *38th Ed. I*, who died in the 35th year of his reign (1307)  
 and the record as we have seen dated it the 34th Ed. I; and also in  
 that of Henry the Eighth, who died January 28th, 1547; just enter-  
 ing on the 38th year of his reign; this Patent issued the previous  
 month of December, 1546; 37th Hen. VIII.

Before leaving these Heraldic honors and history of our English  
 Parent stock; I may add that the Herald's College has on record the