

THE FYNMORES OF THE ROYAL MARINES.

This family of Fynmore, which it is convenient thus to distinguish from the fact that so many of its members have served in the Royal Marines, claims to descend from Richard Fynmore, VI. a., second son of William Fynmore, V., of North Hinksey, who was born there in 1712. This has been doubted on account of an entry in the Hinksey registers recording the burial there of Richard Fynmore in 1728. It is clear, however, that the latter entry refers to Richard Fynmore, Esq., of Kidlington, whose wife, Elizabeth, was buried at Hinksey in 1716, and the entry of the burial of a "Mr. Fynmore," at Kidlington, in 1729, undoubtedly refers to John Fynmore, son of John Fynmore, of Abingdon, and uncle of Richard Fynmore.

A more serious objection is found in the fact that Capt. Richard Fynmore, the known ancestor of this branch, did not obtain his commission as a lieutenant in the Royal Marines until 1759, so that if he were the son of William Fynmore, of Hinksey, he must then have been forty-seven years old, a fact which militates strongly against the idea. We venture to suggest that Richard Fynmore, Lieutenant R.M. in 1759, was a son of Richard Fynmore, born in 1712. If so, we may assume that he was about nineteen when he received his commission, a far more likely age than forty-seven. Another fact to be remembered is, that James Fynmore, the son of Richard, was married at Sherborne, in which town resided, in 1790, another James Fynmore, a linen draper, a coincidence which at once suggests that the latter was a near relative. It is traditionally asserted that Capt. Richard Fynmore was twice married, and that his daughter, by the first marriage, was Jane Fynmore, afterwards Mrs. Brown, born about 1742, which, if correct, would clearly disprove this theory. On the other hand, the family tradition may have confused the two Richards together, and thus Mrs. Brown may have been a daughter of the first, and not of the second. The following table is drawn up in accordance with this theory:—

