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Beds. partes, and closing agayne a litle beneth the mylle makith an isleland. The lesser streame servith the mil. I passid first by a bridge of wood over this arme; and by and by over the mayne streame of Use-ryver by a timber bridg. And heere I lernid of the millar that there was but another bridge of tymbre on Use at * . . . . . betwixt the mylle and S. Neotes.

After that I had passid over bothe these bridges I enterid onto sumwhat low ground, where were very fair medowes and pastures, and so Willington-village distant about half a mile from Castelle-Mylle.

The village self of Willington is commodiusly set in a fair gravely ground and fair wood in sum places about it. It longgid to the Beauchaumpes barons of Bedeforde [and] sins
fo. 119. it [came in parti]tion to the Lorde Moulbray of Axholme.

Mr. Gostewik beyng borne in Willingtoun boute this lordeship of the Duke of Northfolk now lyving, and hath made a sumptuus new building of brike and tymbre *à fundamentis* in it, with a conduct of water derivid in leade pipes.

There was, not very far from the place wher now Mr. Gostewike hath buildid, an old manor place, wher in tymes paste sum of the Moulbrays lay for a starte. Now it is clene doune: but the place is notabely seene wher it was.

Mr. Gostewike hath purchacid there beside Willington a v. or vj. lordeshippes mo.

From Willington to Antehille-Castelle a xij. miles, almost al by chaumpayn grounde, part by corne, and parte by pasture, and sum baren hethy and sandy ground.

About the castelle self and the toune of Antehille is faire wood.

The castelle and town of Antehille * with diverse fair lordshippes th[erea]bout longgid [to the L. Fannope, a man of great renowne in the raigns of Henry the v. and Henry the syxte.] This Lorde Fannope buildid this castelle as it is now stonding stately on an hille, with a 4. or 5. faire towers of stone in the inner warde, beside the basse-courte, of such spoiles as it is saide that he wanne in Fraunce.

[* Blank in MS.]

* Ampthill.

It apperith by the este wyndow in the chapelle withyn the castelle of Anthille that he maried yn a noble blood: as I remembre she was the Duches of Excestre; it may chaunce that the mariage of her was a great cause of the sumptuus building there. Beda.

This Lorde Fannope lyith at the blake freres in London, as I have lernid, and his wife on the right hand of hym and a childe.

How the Lorde Gray of Ruthin cam to this castelle and landes aboute it, I have hard these thinges folowing told for a verite.

In the tyme of the civile war betwixt King Henry the [vi.] and King Edwarde the [iv. the]re was a [battaile] faught [hard without the south suburbes of Northampton.] The Lorde Fannope tooke totally King Henry's parte. fo. 120.

The Lorde Gray of Ruthine did the same in countenance.

But a litle afore the feeld he practisid with King Edward, other saying that he had a title to the Lorde Fannopes landes at Antehil and there aboute, or depraving hym with false accusations so wrought with King Edwarde, that he with al his strong band of Walschemen felle to King Edwardes part, apon promise that if Edward wan the feelde he shaul have Antehil and such landes as Fannope had there.

Edwarde wan the feelde, and Gray opteinid Antehille *cum pertinentiis*: and stil encreasing in favor with King Edwarde was at the laste made by hym Erle of Kente.

But wither the Lord Fannope were slayn at [this] feelde [or] no I am not sure.

The market town of [Antehill] is praty and welle fa[voridly buildyd, and is a quarter of a mile] distant from the castelle: part of it standith on [a] hille, but the most and the best parte in a valley.

There rennith a broket, as I remember, by the est part of the towne.

From Antehill to Dunestaple * a x. miles, or more. First I passid partely by wooddy ground and enclosures, but after moste parte by champaine grounde, and aboute a 2. miles from Dunestaple by est I toke thorough a fair uplandisch

* Dunstable.