DINTON, with ASTON BERNARD. 163, Lipscomb History of Buckinghamshire, Vol. 2

The ancient family of Lee of Hartwell, Baronets, is usually understood to have had their first settlement in this County, at Morton in Dinton ; and although, perhaps, the period when they became first introduced there, may not be exactly ascertainable, it is quite clear, from the most unquestionable documents, and especially the very ancient monumental brasses in Dinton Church,

that they were established here at a period considerably earlier then has been usually supposed.

In a very elaborate pedigree of the family, compiled with great care,10 it will be shewn that they are a junior branch of the Lees of High Lee, or Leigh, in Cheshire ; that they contracted alliances with some of the most ancient and distinguished families in this County; and it is highly probable

that their first settlement at Morton was early in the reign of Hen. IV. and that they were the immediate successors of the Comptons.

Perkin, or Peter Leigh, the chief of this family, is said to have served King Edward III. and the Black Prince his son, at Cressy ; and, adhering to King Ric. II. was, with that Monarch, taken prisoner at Flint Castle, and in 1399, by command of

Hen. IV. beheaded at Chester.

He was buried at Macclesfield, as was likewise Sir Piers Leigh, or Lee, his son, who lost his life at Agincourt about fifteen years afterwards, as is commemorated in some

old rhymes in the church, which, being nearly obliterated, were renewed by Sir Peter Leigh of Lyme, a lineal decendant.1 In the ordinary accounts, the first of this family distinctly mentioned, as settled at

Morton, was William Lee, who died in I486; but from a careful examination of the ancient brasses remaining, and of the respective accounts, it can scarcely be doubted that the original settlement here,

was as lessee tenants under the See of Winchester, before the separation had taken place between Wycombe and those lands.