

thought. He and his wife Elizabeth Dacres lived at Naworth on their wide estates from the time of King James' accession until they died in 1639 and 1640.

A study of the Household Books gives some impression of the life led at Naworth Castle on the Scottish Border in the stronghold of the Dacres which looked across the Irthing to the Waste of Bewcastle. It was an isolated way of living with a rather primitive and cumbered dignity, and it is always surprising that such a library, the fruit of twenty years of antiquarian and religious reading, should have been brought up in the carts which carried the pictures and the household stuffs from Newburn to Naworth across the fells. In return for further books, which were sent from London, Lord William would send to the antiquaries in the South such stones with Roman inscriptions as he could find. "Till haie tyme was past," he wrote<sup>5</sup> on one occasion in this connection to Sir Robert Cotton, "I could get no draughts to undertake to carrie them."

The patriarchal element had a binding force in the routine at Naworth, and it is interesting to observe the way in which the lord's personal interests in genealogy and antiquities and herbals are reflected in the list of casual sums disbursed<sup>6</sup> at the castle door.

"To widdow Hetherton for finding honey vi<sup>d</sup>  
To W. Bowman's son for finding an earthen pot v s.  
To ij boyes for getting yvie for the deer iv<sup>d</sup>  
To Mr. Lowden's man bringing saxifrage vj<sup>d</sup>  
To Jo. Lambert bringing cherries xij<sup>d</sup>  
For drawing a pedigree, to Mr. Pryce i s.  
To iij musicians at the gate xij<sup>d</sup>."

Journeys to London took place from time to time and in his later years Lord William had a set of lodgings in

<sup>5</sup> Letter from Lord William Howard to Sir Robert Cotton, dated from Naworth Castle 13 August 1608, printed in Household Accounts, appendix, p. 412.

<sup>6</sup> Nearly all the following items appear in October accounts under the heading "Rewards, and given to the Pore," Household Accounts, pp. 88-89.

Arundel House. His principal servants were put up<sup>7</sup> at the *Angel* behind St. Clement Dane's, and he used the stables of this inn during his visits to the capital. But he would very soon be back in the North again. There is record of a single journey to the Spa in the Low Countries made for the sake of the waters in 1623.

The state of his health seems to have occasioned several of the London visits, for there are notes of consultations with Catholic physicians of this period, Dr. Moore and Mr. Hickes, the latter an apothecary whose nostrums were at that time greatly valued. Compared to the small sums spent on books and the very slight expenditure on boat hire<sup>8</sup> from Arundel House steps, the payments to the doctors seem considerable. Among the charges met were £10 to Dr. Moore, a bill of four guineas from Mr. Hickes, and one of ten shillings from Mr. Clarke, the tooth drawer. Lord William's life was not without a certain valetudinarian background.

In the fine weather he would sometimes ride down to Lady Wyntour's house at Lydney, staying on the way at Shiffnal Manor with his sister-in-law Lady Arundel for whom he entertained a deep respect. Journeys into Lancashire were more frequent, and there is evidence that he would occasionally in the house of some Catholic gentleman obtain a book which he could not have purchased in the open market. Thus a copy of the office *de Beata* had belonged<sup>9</sup> to Mr. Thomas Talbot of Lancaster before Lord William acquired it in his Naworth period. It was possibly his association with these Lancashire recusants

<sup>7</sup> Under the heading "Riding Charges and Errands" for November 1633 there are interesting details of the various charges at the *Angel* and of the sums given to ostlers and chamberlains, *ibid*, p. 333.

<sup>8</sup> A pair of oars bringing Lord William from the Temple Stairs to the Old Swan or from Arundel House to the Old Swan cost xij<sup>d</sup> which was likewise the cost of a pair of oars from Arundel House to Westminster. The charge for two pairs of oars from Arundel House to Westminster was xviii<sup>d</sup>, *ibid*, pp. 262-3, 333.

<sup>9</sup> This copy of the *Horae in laudem Beatissimae Virginis Mariae, ad usum Romanum* published at Paris in 1531 has the following entry written on the flyleaf. "Liber Thomas Talbotti, Lancastr., qui obiit 10 die Julii, 1598. Willm Howard, Naward."