

Ormskirk, 18th February, 1881.

DEAR SIR,

In the last issued vol. (xxxii.) of the Historic Society's *Transactions*, I find on p. 198, a note from Miss ffarington, discrediting a statement of mine in a paper on "Discoveries made during certain alterations at Ormskirk Church," (p. 149, vol. xxx.)

My authority for what I said is Draper's *House of Stanley*, published at Ormskirk in 1864, by Mr. Hutton, proprietor of the *Ormskirk Advertiser*, in the pages of which journal the work first appeared, in a series of weekly chapters.

Miss ffarington is almost certain to have that work, and must have read as follows, under the heading of "*A View of the Garrison, &c.*" "*Her Captains*" (p. 136). "Captain Henry Ogle, Captain Edward Chisenhall, Captain Edward Rawstorne, Captain William Farmer, Captain Molyneux Radcliffe, Captain Richard Fox, assisted in their consultations by William ffarington, of Worden, Esq., who for executing the commission of array, and attending her ladyship in her troubles, had suffered the seizure of all his personal estates, and the sequestration of all his lands."

According to Miss ffarington's letter to you, a William ffarington lived between 1602 and 1672, and the siege of Lathom House took place in the years 1644-5; consequently, if Mr. Draper's statement is correct (and I am not in a position to disprove it), I was justified in drawing a conclusion from it, which only went to prove the existence of a devoted feeling on the part of the Mr. ffarington in question.

I am, yours faithfully,

JAS. DIXON.

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Jan. 27th, 1882.

SIR,

That the ffaringtons were at the Siege of Lathom is a matter of county history, and that the elder died in 1658 and the younger in 1672 is matter of family history; but in no case can either be the "This gentleman," &c., whose pew in Ormskirk Church is dated 1693, as asserted in page 11 of "Ormskirk Church Notes." Whether the mistake is Mr. Draper's or Mr. Dixon's I cannot say, but in any case the mistake speaks for itself.

I remain, yours truly,

S. M. FFARINGTON.

C. T. Gatty, Esq.