

“ de Chesterfeld fere iii annos,” and happened the 15th of May 1266 [x]. on Whitsun Eve [y].

BUT something should be added on the event and consequences of it. Earl Robert, according to Stowe, was in a fit of the gout [z]; however, he at first hid himself in the church [a], under some sacks of wool [b]; but by the treachery of a woman was soon discovered, and brought prisoner to London, but was removed afterwards to Windsor; “ Eodem anno, in vigilia Pentecostes apud Cestrefelde, “ facta est strages magna Baronum per dominum J. de Baynal [c], “ et socios suos, ubi captus est Dominus Robertus de Ferreres, “ Comes Derebiae, et apud *Wynntlesbore* in custodia missus [d].” *The same year, on the eve of Whitsuntide, a great slaughter of the Barons was made at Chesterfeld, by Sir J. de Baynal and his associates; when Robert Earl Ferrers was taken and imprisoned at*

[x] Sir William Dugdale, by mistake, places the battle in 48 Hen. III. or 1264. Baronage, p. l. 287. Knyghton expressly says, where he is writing of the year 1265, “ Anno sequenti mense Maii quarto die ante festum Sancti Dunstani.” Knyghton, inter X Scriptor. col. 2437. Now St. Dunston's day was 19 May; and the annals of Waverley expressly say the battle was 15 May.

[y] Annal. Dunstaple, cited below. Nic. Trivet, p. 227. Annal. Waverl. p. 222. Walsingham, p. 470. Wikes, p. 75.

[z] Wikes says, *sugere non poterat*.

[a] It is not said what church either by Hemingsford or Knighton; but as he was in the gout, it was probably the nearest church, so that the place he fled from was his *station*, as generalissimo. Perhaps the church of Chesterfield might be the *place of arms*, or was occupied for defence, which will account for the wool-sacks being there.

[b] Hemingsford does not mention these sacks; but Wikes says he was *ignobiliter deprehensus*.

[c] I think it strange we meet with no account of so considerable a person in any other author. One may justly suspect some mistake; ought we to read *subter* or *propter* dominum J. de Daynel? to wit, Daynel for D'Eyvil, as above.

[d] Annal. Dunstaple. p. 389. A. 1266.