THE ARMS.

Considering the circumstances of the earlier Langstaffs as here set forth, one cannot be surprised that the records of Heralds' College make no mention of any of the family being entitled to armorial bearings prior to the 19th century.

The late Mr. *H. W. D. Longstaffe* claimed the following arms: "Azure, a chevron between three quarterstaffs argent." Crest: "A demi lion rampant, holding between the paws a quarterstaff all proper."

Mr. *Longstaffe* told the writer that his great-greatuncle, *John Langstaff* [b. at Kirkby-Stephen 1731; see PEDIGREE No. 49], used a seal with the above crest, "the earliest codex."

Mr. *Longstaffe* also shewed the writer a map of several farms, being the estate of Miss *Anne Sandys Langstaffe*, da. and heiress of *Thomas Langstaffe* of Eastbourne, Sussex, deceased. It was dated 1746, and bore a coloured coat of arms, viz.: "Azure, a bend between three cocks argent." Crest: "A scallop or."

This coat may very probably have come, together with the estates, from the mother or grandmother.

Several armouries [including Burke, ed. 1842] give also: "Or, a bend sable fimbriated argent between three pheons of the second; on a chief gules a bezant between two fleurs-de-lis of the field." Crest: "A stag standing at gaze under a tree proper."

In 1839, the official heralds tell us, after stating that the arms of *Joseph Langstaff* were not on the records, a grant was made "to the said *Joseph Langstaff* (late principal Medical Officer in Fort William, Bengal), his descendants and the descendants of his father *Joseph Langstaff*, late of Mickleton in the County of York, gentleman, deceased," of the following coat: "Argent, on a bend azure, between two pheons sable, a leopard's face between two escallops or; a chief engrailed gules, thereon an estoile between two fleurs-de-lis or." Crest: "On a serpent nowed or in front of two palm branches in saltire vert, a stork rising proper."

As neither *Joseph* the grantee nor his father left male issue, this coat can now be borne as a quartering only.

[See PEDIGREE No. 19.]

In 1882 the following grant of arms was made "to *George Dixon Longstaff* of Butterknowle in the parish of Wandsworth, in the County of Surrey, Doctor of Medicine of the University of Edinburgh, and formerly of the City of London, merchant, and his descendants," viz.: "Quarterly, Argent and sable, on a bend indented gules, between two pheons of the first, a quarterstaff or." Crest: "On a wreath of the colours two arms embowed, vested sable semée-de-lis and cuffed argent, the hands proper, grasping a quarterstaff fessewise or."

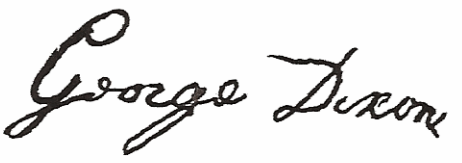
[The following letter should have been printed in APPENDIX XIII.]

DEAR MASTER, RABY, March 11th, 1750.

The children is both very well, and harty and bravely and runs about every day. We have had exceeding great winds, but they have done us no damage to our trees for they all stand very well and firmly and is now putting forth their buds, we have now exceeding fine spring weather, we have had a very great Los in our cattle,

many have lost all the cows they had, there have been a great loss at Staindrop of most of their cows as well as their other cattell, in Raby there not one dead as yet but what we lost and but two cows that take the distemper and they both mended. Severall tenants at Langton have lost pretty many, its goes forward and comes back again. So nane knows where they are they are cleare of it. I fear my master have not yet got the Records searched for the Mill Holme, when Lady Barnard was at Walworth, Douglass the collector tould her the Mill Holme was her own, If she would look for it, but if not she would never get it, She dying it dropped there, and I beleive the family have paid above two hundred pounds free Rent for it, and still pays without looking after it. I desire my Master will get it looked into, its not right to loss one hundred in the year for want of looking after it as also all the ninety nine years Leases in Priggate Street in Darlington for old George Allen tould me that they greatly feared that Lady Barnard would have a taken all these houses from them, I asked if she could, he tould me she could whenever she pleased with a very little trouble so if looked after you would easily have them all, I beleave this is the three hundred pounds a year, Potter Smart tould me he would have helped the family to if they had not broke his lease of the Manes and Flats at Barnard Castle if you got the Records searched, at the same time you should Loke for the Leases to know how the houses Joyned and upon whose each Joyned, for I am fully of that mind the whole street is yours if rightly looked into.

John Jones is now planting all the upper part of Bowrons Banch with many sorts of wood, which if they like will look very well. I am very much failed so as I question whether I shall live to see you any more or not which makes me press so for you to seek for your right and to neglect, being well able to write. I shall conclude with my love and service to my Master and Lady and to all your sons and daughters whom I wish all well both here and hereafter is all from your affectionate Servant. Whilst



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[For anecdotes of "The Quaker Butler" see the late Henry Ecroyd Smith's *Annals of Smith of Cantley, Balby, and Doncaster*. Privately printed, 1878, pp. 190–204. It contains an excellent portrait of George Dixon and a signature when, a younger man, he wrote with a firmer hand. The author is greatly indebted to Mr. H. E. Smith's Dixon pedigrees, though they are not free from serious errors. George Dixon died 26 iv. 1752, in his 81st year. See PEDIGREE No. 15.]