# EIGHTH REPORT OF THE BARROW COMMITTEE.

EIGHTH REPORT *of the Barrow Committee—consisting of Mr. P. F. S. Amery, Mr. G. Doe, Mr. P. O. Hutchinson, Mr. E. Parfitt, Mr. J. Brooking Rowe, and Mr. R. N. Worth* (Secretary)*—to collect and record facts relating to Barrows in Devonshire, and to take steps where posssible for their investigation.*

Edited by R. N. WORTH, F.G.S., Hon. Secretary.

(Read at St. Marychurch, July, 1886.)

---

THE Committee regret that they are unable to present a fuller report. The Barrow Literature of the county appears to be practically exhausted, and opportunities for original investigation have not presented themselves. There is unquestionably, however, much work in this direction still to be done. For the reference to the very interesting note on early "Barrow Digging" in Devon the Committee are indebted to Mr. R. W. Cotton.

J. BROOKING ROWE, Chairman.
R. N. WORTH, Secretary.

## BARROW DIGGING IN DEVON, 1324.

Patent (p. 2) 17. Edw. II. m. 12.

*De terra fodenda pro thesauro abscondito quærendo.*

Rex Vicecomiti Devon. et omnibus aliis ballivis, ministris, et fidelibus suis in eodem comitatu, tam infra libertates quam extra ad quos, &c., salutem. Quia datum est nobis intelligi quod in sex Collibus et aliis locis diversis in comitatu prædicto, thesaurus in terra absconditus existit. Nos super hoc plenius certiorari volentes, assignavimus dilectum et fidelem nostrum Robertum Beaupel juniorem ad quærendum in sex Collibus et locis prædictis hujismodi thesaurum sic absconditum. Ita quod pro eodem negotio possit

terram fodere, et etiam lapides et ligna evertere, suis sumptibus, plano die et in præsentia tua præfate Vicecomes, et decenarii, ac aliorum proborum hominum de partibus prædictis qui inde veritatem valeant testificare. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod eidem Roberto in prœmissis, et ea tangentibus, intendentes sitis consulentes et auxiliantes quotiens et quando per ipsum Robertum ex pacte nostra super hoc fueritis præmuniti. Proviso quod si thesaurus ibidem inventus fuerit, subsigillo prædicti Roberti et sigillo tuo prefate Vicecomes, ac sigillis aliorum fide dignorum custodiatur, quousque nos inde certiorati aliud super hoc dixerimus ordinandum. In cupis, &c. Teste Rege apud Westmonasterium primo die junii.

There is no record of the result of the investigation, and possibly it was unproductive of the special treasures sought. The precautions taken against appropriation seem to have been sufficient, seeing that the search was to be made in open day, and in the presence of the sheriff of the county. The Beaupels held lands in Brendon, North Devon, on the borders of Somerset; and Mr. R. W. Cotton suggests that the six barrows, in respect of which the grant was made, may have been Chapman Barrows, a short distance to the south-west. This immediate group originally consisted of at least five tumuli, and there are still remaining many others in the vicinity.