

HAMLET OF
BADDESLEY CLINTON,
In the Parish of Polesworth, Warwickshire.

(From the Cotton MS. Julius, f. VI, Art. 158, p. 296.)

NOW FIRST PRINTED.

THIS seate and soyele from Saxon Bade, a man of honest
fame,
Who held it in the Saxons tyme, of Badesley tooke the
name.
When king Edward, the Confessor, did weare the Eng-
lish crowne,
The same was then possest by Wrox, a man of some re-
nowne;
And England being conquered, in lot it did alighte
To Geoffrey Wiete, of noble birth, an Andegavian knighte.
A member Hamlet all this whyele of Hampton here at
hand,
With Hampton, so to Moulbroy went, as all the Wietes
land.
Nowe Moulbroy, lord of all, doth parte these twoe, and
gives this one
To Bisege, in that name it was awhyle, and then is gon
To Clinton, as his heyre, who leaves it to a younger son;
And in this lyne the name of Baddesley Clinton was be-
gon.
From them agayne, by wanting of theyr heyre, at first it
came
To Conisby, and after him to Fowkes, who weds the same.
From Fowkes to Dudley, by a sale, and so to Burdet past
To Metley next, by Metleys Will, it came to Brome at last.
Brome honours much the place, and after some descentes
of Bromes,
To Fernes, for a daughters parte of theirs, in match it
comes.
Yn this last name it lasteth yet, and so long longer shall,
As God shall please, who is the king, and lord, and gever
of all.