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THE DESCRIPTION OF THE MANOR PLACE
OF YATE IN THE SECOND YEAR OF
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FIRST a mote compassing the Scite in bredthe from the bryms xxx foote with a standing bridge a gatehouse of stone with a lodging covered with lede square xvj foote.

The baase corte in length CCxx foote in bredth Cl foote walled with Rough stone and embatled with walkes on the wall.

In the same Corte a chapell with a closett over yt and a chymney over the Est syde and on the West syde a gallarye with chambres over yt. Over the south syde a stable with a hey loft and bake house and bruhouse: in the west corner a falce bridge.

Entring to the Hall a lytle moote xii foote brode with a brige over yt: the Inner gate with a lodge and a fayer chamber over yt covered with slate brode xx foote long xxxiij foote the lytle corte long xxx feet brode xvj foote with a lytle garden adioynyng of that measure.

A porche at thentrye of the square ix foote with a chamber over slated.

The Hall broode xxiiij feet long xl feet with ij wyndows hauyng iiij lyghtes transumpt and a fyer harth without a louver tyled.

A buttrye at the west ende and a pantrye long xvij feet brode xij feet with a seller under.

A Ketchen with ij harthes at thende of thalle long xxvij feet brode xiiij feet with a drye larder.

¹ Augmentation Office Rentals and Surveys. Portf. 1. Number 5, fol. 83.

An entry from the hall west long xl feet brode vij feet to the seler. and a little Corte by the seller brode xx feet long xl feet. the seller square xxiiij feet.

by the seller xij steps to the grete chamber.

The grete chamber brode xvij feet long l feet with ij wyndoes of iiij lights a pece not transumpte . . . and a closett within it. the chamber Rooff compasse playsterd. with a plane chymney of free stone.

At the southende a gallarye longe xxvij feet brode viij feet with ij wyndowes of tymber of vj lyghts and one of iij lighthtes.

Over the right hand a litle chamber a lytle chamber [*sic*] with ii glasse wyndowes one of v lightes thother of iij square xvj foote.

At thende of the gallary a chamber longe xxv feet brode xij feet with ij wyndowes one of iiij lyghtes thother of ij lyghtes with a chymney.

A chamber ascending iiij steps square xvj foote with a Jakes within the same.

At the northende of the greete chamber a litle chamber brode viij feet long xv feet.

Next adioynyng an other chamber long xviiij foote brode xvij feet with a chymney ij glased wyndowes and a litle Closett.

Item an another chamber over the same.

At the higher ende of the Hall ascend ix steps a fayer new parlor with a plesant wyndowe with x lightes transumpte of free stone and ij wyndowes lyke of iiij lights with a chymney the parlor longe xxxvj feet brode xx feet in height xiiij feet not sealed. but appoynted for lyme or playster.

At the northende a fayer chamber with a bay wyndowe

transumpt of vj lightes and j wyndowe of ij lightes square xvij feet with a Chymney.

Next adioynng an other lyke longe and brode with one wyndowe transumpt of iij lyghtes with a house of Office.

Item over the sayd iij chambres iij other chambres of lyke length bredthe and lyghtes not all fynshed havng steyses of xxvij steps and havng a garette over those chambres covered with slate.

On the northsyde on the Hall a lytle courte long xliij feet brode xvij feet with iij lytle chambres for yomen and a privey. Vyce from the northende of the new lodging stand ij chambres over the butlerye.

The parke contains by estymacion about ij myles and di.¹ and in the saine a dove house and a hey house distant from the place ccc feet.

Item a fayer large mylle poole and a lytle Corne mylle served with the poole.

Item a small warreyne of Conyes.

Item ther is severed with a pale in the park xxxij acres of mede and pasture.

Item the park is compassed parte with walle and parte with pale and distant from the towne j myle and a half.

Item a medow late parcell of the parke and layed out containing xvj acres.

Item xl deare whereof ij buckes ij soores² ij sorelles.³

¹ Dimidium = a half.

² Sore, a term occasionally applied to the young of animals.

³ Sorell, a young buck, properly one in its third year. Halliwell, *Dict. of Archaic and Provincial Words*.