

VIII. *Extract of a Letter from M. Johnson, Esq; to William Bogdani, Esq; concerning an extraordinary Interment.*

Read October 8; 1741.

**I**N a letter to me from Mr. Symson, master of the works of the cathedral at Lincoln, dated 28 September last, I was informed, that, in digging a grave at the west end of that church, they opened the foot of an ancient sepulchre.—The corpse was sewed up in a strong tanned leather hide, the seam running up the middle of the breast.—I should suppose it to be some great lay lord, before the custom prevailed of laying them within the church itself.

THIS church was built by Remigius, about the time of the Norman conquest; who, in obedience to a canon of 1076, removed his episcopal see from Dorchester hither, and here laid the foundation of his cathedral, under the protection of the castle, and in the capital city of his diocese, in 1088. He had a near relation, Walter lord Deincourt, who had a large estate in this part of England, and seventeen lordships in Lindsey coast, whereof Blankney (afterwards lord Widdrington's) was one, and his chief seat not far from Lincoln. This might be the sepulchre either of him, or of his son Deincourt, who, from an inscription on lead, given in Sir William Dugdale's I. Baronage, fol. 386 (which I have seen in the dean and chapter's library at Lincoln, and which was taken out of his sepulchre, near, if not in, this tomb about 1670) appears from the words "Hic jacet," &c. to have been buried there.—Gilbert de Grant, earl of Lincoln, and constable of the castle there, and his issue, were buried at Bardney Abby, which he refounded or restored, not far from Lincoln, and whereof they were patrons.

IX. *Account*