

Afterthoughts

These are not the identical PDF files that were used for printing the book. Having dug out the old TEX files and run them through TeXShop, I took the opportunity to make some slight adjustments. (1) When I first designed the format for that book, I failed to realize (though the manual said so plainly enough) that "\parskip" had to be a stretchable length; and therefore (though I did not understand the reason till later) "\flushbottom" would not work properly. I have put that right. (2) The version of LaTeX which I was using at the time did not make a PDF file: it made a DVI file which then had to be converted to PDF. The conversion worked perfectly except for one snag: with type size "\small" (in the footnotes and some other places), the ligatured characters "fi", "ffi", "fl", "ffl" did not come out correctly. I thought I had put things right by hand, but there are, I see, some errors which I failed to catch. With TeXShop I am free of that problem. (3) In addition, I have had to make a large number of adjustments to get the columns and pages to break in the same places as before; but adjustments of this kind are, ipso facto, not visible in the finished files. Technicalities aside, I have made no changes whatever. In substance these are the same files, misprints and all.

Five years on, it is still too soon to say what impact my reassessment of the evidence will have. As far as I can be the judge of it, the book is standing up well to the passage of time. Looking through it again, I find little that I would wish to alter or add. But I cannot force people to read it; I never supposed that I could. Not everyone is willing to put up with my eccentricities, harmless though they seem to me. Not everyone appreciates my sense of humour.

Some incidental comments follow. At the end is a list of the misprints that I have noticed.

Comments

x] The other book that I speak of here has been published (Flight 2010); the PDF files can be found elsewhere on this site. Though the e-mail address given here has been dead for some time, it remains true that comments would always be welcome.

x] Here and elsewhere, I had a chance to express my gratitude for the help that I received from Caroline Thorn. I am sorry to say that she died, aged 62, on 6 July 2011.

1n3] The book referred to -- J. F. Morgan, *England under the Norman occupation* (London and Edinburgh, 1858) -- is available now (in more than one copy) through www.archive.org.

10n50] The Ordnance Survey facsimiles of DB and D-ExNkSk are more usefully discussed in the other book (Flight 2010, pp. 23--4).

11] Miki Slingsby's photographs of DB and D-ExNkSk were (without

any mention of his name) made available online by the National Archives in August 2006. (But one cannot see them without downloading them; and one cannot download them without paying for them in advance.)

11] The plan to publish "Digital Domesday County Editions" has apparently been abandoned. If that is so, it is to be regretted.

17n22] The ruling of the sheets used for the DB-Ke booklet is worked out fully in the other book (Flight 2010, p. 89). I have nothing more definite to say with regard to the rest of DB.

37n37] See below (p. 111).

62b] "entitled to retain a share of the tax" -- This is utterly wrong. The baron did not make a profit: he simply did not have to pay. Round (1888) understood that perfectly well; I do not know what I was thinking when I wrote this sentence. Fortunately for me, the error does not ramify. It is true either way that the Treasury did not see the money; so the arithmetic is unaffected.

72] One other document relating to Taunton ought to have been cited here: I say something about it in the other book (Flight 2010, p. 5, note 16).

84] The charters of bishops Herveus and Nigel listed in table 23 are printed by N. Karn (ed.), *English Episcopal Acta 31: Ely 1109--1197* (Oxford, 2005).

111] The Canterbury manuscript cited here, Lit. E 28, is not cited correctly: this and other "Lit." manuscripts are in the archives, not in the library. My thanks to Mark Bateman for setting me straight about that. (To search the online catalogue, the "RefNo" string to enter needs to look like this: CCA-LitMs-E/28.) I say much more about Lit. E 28 in the other book (Flight 2010, pp. 35--9). Having consulted Tessa Webber's advice (which I ought to have done sooner), I withdraw the suggestion made parenthetically here that the scribe was a professional.

123] As I realized while I was completing the other book, "lathe" is a misnomer: the proper word is "lath" (Flight 2010, pp. 270--2).

Errata

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