THE LADY BERKELEY,

Was Anne, daughter of Sir John Savage, Knight of the Garter, by Catherine, daughter of Thomas Lord Stanley. She was the second wife of Thomas Lord Berkeley, whose first lady, Mary Hastings, daughter of the first Earl of Huntingdon, had died without issue. Lord Berkeley dying on the fifteenth of September, 1534, left her a young widow, with a daughter, Elizabeth, then under one year old, who became the wife of Thomas Butler, tenth Earl of Ormond, and pregnant of a son, afterwards Henry, eleventh Lord Berkeley.

Her character, which probably deserved a better fate, is nearly buried in oblivion. She was a wise, honest, and spirited manager for her infant children, under circumstances which, especially in her time, rendered such a conduct highly difficult and delicate. William, Marquis of Berkeley, having died without children, and on ill terms with his brother, Maurice, great-grandfather to this lady’s husband, settled his castle of Berkeley, with its appendant barony, on King Henry the Seventh, and his issue male; on failure of which, he willed that they should revert to his right heirs: That failure occurred by the death of Edward the Sixth, and the immediate restitution of the estates to the youthful lord appears to have been chiefly owing to the prudence and care of his mother.