

were attached to *plentiful and splendid tables*; and the same is observed by Harrison<sup>y</sup>. As to the Normans, both William I. and Rufus made grand entertainments<sup>z</sup>; the former was remarkable for an immense paunch, and withal was so exact, so nice and curious in his repasts<sup>a</sup>, that when his primæ favourite William Fitz-Osborne, who as steward of the household had the charge of the Cury, served him with the flesh of a crane scarcely half-roasted, he was so highly exasperated, that he lifted up his fist, and would have stricken him, had not Eudo, appointed *Dapifer* immediately after, warded off the blow<sup>b</sup>.

*Dapifer*, by which is usually understood *steward of the king's household*<sup>c</sup>, was a high officer amongst the Normans; and *Larderarius* was another, clergymen

<sup>y</sup> Harrison, Descript. of Britain, p. 165, 166.

<sup>z</sup> Stow, p. 102. 128.

<sup>a</sup> Lord Lyttelton observes, that the Normans were delicate in their food, but without excess. Life of Hen. II. vol. III. p. 47.

<sup>b</sup> Dugd. Bar. I. p. 109. Henry II. served to his son. Lord Lyttelton, IV. p. 298.

<sup>c</sup> Godwin de Praesul. p. 695, renders *Carver* by *Dapifer*, but this I cannot approve. See Thoroton. p. 23. 28. Dugd. Bar. I. p. 441. 620. 109. Lib. Nig. p. 342. Kennet, Par. Ant. p. 119. And, to name no more, Spelm. in voce. The *Carver* was an officer inferior to the *Dapifer*, or *Steward*, and even under his control. Vide Lel. Collect. VI. p. 2. And yet I find Sir Walter Manny when young was carver to Philippa queen of king Edward III. Barnes Hist. of E. III. p. 111. The *Steward* had the name of *Dapifer*, I apprehend, from serving up the first dish. V. supra.

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