

then often occupying this post, and sometimes made bishops from it^d. He was under the *Dapifer*, as was likewise the *Cocus Dominica Coquinæ*, concerning whom, his assistants and allowances, the *Liber Niger* may be consulted^e. It appears further from *Fleta*, that the chief cooks were often providers, as well as dressers, of victuals^f. But *Magister Coquinæ*, who was an esquire by office, seems to have had the care of pourveyance, A. D. 1340^g, and to have nearly corresponded with our *clerk of the kitchen*, having authority over the cooks^h. However, the *Magnus Coquus*, *Coquorum Præpositus*, *Coquus Regius*, and *Grans Queux*, were officers of considerable dignity in the palaces of princes; and the officers under them, according to Du Fresne, were in the French court A. D. 1385, much about the time that our Roll was made, 'Queux, Aideurs, Asteurs, Paiges, Souffleurs, Enfants, Sauffiers de Commun, Sauffiers devers le Roy, Sommiers, Poulliers, Huiffiers'ⁱ.

In regard to religious houses, the Cooks of the greater foundations were officers of consequence,

^d Sim. Dunelm. col. 227. Hoveden, p. 469. Malmf. de Pont. p. 286.

^e Lib. Nig. Scaccarii, p. 347.

^f Fleta, II. cap. 75.

^g Du Fresne, v. Magister.

^h Du Fresne, *ibid*.

ⁱ Du Fresne, v. Coquus. The curious may compare this List with Lib. Nig. p. 347.

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