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Dear Dr. Peeples,

I hope this is able to get to you in a timely manner. After having sent the previous letter I went to the Library of Congress (LoC) on this past Thursday evening and made an attempt to recheck over the various sources again. I methodically searched the Visitation Texts for the various families who may have been listed in Somerset, Devon, Dorest, Gloucester, Norfolk and York counties (1534 - 1677). Only in regards to the Devonshire - Smyth of Exeter entry did I achieve a more clear understanding of the family relations. My assessment of the lack of evidence for Katherine Bevan's parentage was wrong, I had looked at only one of the two pages. Proving my point that I am capable of having overlooked something. The fact is this text provides proof of support for your chart for items #21 - #11. It however does not list the wife of Thomas Lord Monthermer, therefore at the moment, no proof for marriage to Margaret Tiptoft, daughter of Pain / Paine Tibetot and Anne / Agnes de Albini. This family group is clearly the key link upon which all does hinge. I also restudied the Extinct Peerage texts of Burke (1886), Banks (1807), Bolton (1769), and Dugdale (1675). All of them reference original manuscripts or cite the others if temporally possible. As such these texts provide proof on your chart for items #9 - #2. These texts also do not list the wife of Thomas Lord Monthermer, therefore no proof for item #10 for the Tiptoft / Tibetot line.

So in summary, I am unable to determine which source will state that Thomas Lord Monthermer was married to Margaret Tiptoft, and that Margaret Tiptoft was the mother of Margaret Monthermer. Even the locating of a source which states that Margaret Monthermer's grandfather was Paine Tibetot would be useful, for I could argue this point by extrapolation. It would seem that since Thomas Lord Monthermer was a grandson of King Edward I, Plantagenet, that records on that generation would have been maintained, but then it is a luxury if we even know what our children are up to, let alone grandchildren.

Should you be able to refer me to the appropriate text please do so without regard as to whether the LoC has a copy. I am fond of the institution and its service, but I am aware they are not the repository of the world. I will access a copy of the given text one way or the other, where 'er it may be.

In the event you have already sent a reply to my previous letter, Thank you. If you have not, then hopefully this will be able to refine the assistance I am requesting. At this point I am truly out of leads and I have no idea as to where to search next. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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