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IN my Paper on the Saxon Chapel brought to light at Deerhurst, (ante page 105), I raised the question whether it was possible that Earl Odda, whose connexion with the chapel as founder seemed to be demonstrated, had any part in bestowing the large Manor of Deerhurst on the Abbey of Westminster. I alluded to the existence of an undated English or Saxon Charter, which appeared to show that the manor was conveyed to Westminster previously to the signing of the great Latin Charter of 28th Dec., 1065. Since my Paper was printed, a friend who has been able to consult one of the later editions of the Monasticon, which I do not possess, has had the kindness to inform me that in the undated charter King Edward makes known to Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, and other great men, that he has given to Westminster, Pershore and Deerhurst. Now, as an announcement of the kind would naturally have been of something tolerably recent, and Wulfstan was appointed to the See only in September 1062, whilst Odda died just six years before that event, it seems altogether improbable that in this particular bestowal of the estates in question Odda had any share.