Honour (this of the plantation being the *Hoc Age*, first and principall part of my employment from Ireland hyther), I will not faile, God willing, even in *ipso puncto* sincerely and proudly to sett downe and send, about the middle of next weeke, for your Lordship's perusall att your owne best tymes. My ever good God in heaven continue and increase to your Lordship all honour, healthe, and happyness. Even soe forbearing your Honour's furder trouble, I humblye and ever remain your Lordship's wholly to dispose of, THOS. RIDGEWAY.

"From my
Lodging in ye Strand,
March 15th, 1609."

"I humbly present also to your Lordship the Irish Conceived pedigrees of their great Lordes" (4).

"The enclosed Summary of contents," referred to in the foregoing letter has been preserved among the State Papers, and now re-appears as a most interesting specimen of the manner in which the lands were distinguished and distributed. The part thus done was selected as an illustration of the whole, and forwarded under the title of "Summary of the Contents of the County of Ardmagh, and Explanation of Conventional Signs on the Map:—

"The whole county of Ardmagh consists of 835 balliboes of several contents [of different sizes], making in all 81,160 acres, whereof

Ecclesiastical land, coloured *green* in the maps.

Baronies.	Balliboes.		Acres.
Fewes	30½	of 100 acres the ballibo	3,050
Ardmagh	63	„ „	6,300
Orrier	7	„ „	440
Toghrany	64	„ „	6,400
Onealan	16	„ „	1,600
Abbey lands distinguished with this ‡ O mark, and coloured green.			
Fewes	13	of 100 acres in the ballibo	1,330
Orrier	10	of 120 acres in the ballibo	1,200
Onealan	16	3 of 60 acres and 7 of 100	880
Temporal lands already granted, left white in the maps and marked ✠.			
Fewes	35	of 100 acres to Tur. McHenry	3,500
Ardmagh	2	of 100 acres to Charlemount	200

(4). *Great Lordes.*—These pedigrees filled a book, which, it may be supposed, Salisbury did not often consult. The contents of this book appear to have been compiled by some person wholly unfitted for the task. The book "was made in the year of Christ ——," and professed to contain "the descents of the mere Irish families, with the severall monarchs of them which ruled in that land, whose government continued until that Henry II. conquered and suppressed them. The same was formed by sundry collections of the Earl of Thomond, and was corrected by divers of the nation according to the true orthography of the Irish nation." If so, it must have been afterwards sadly confused and disfigured by some ignorant scribe in Sir George Carew's office.