

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER WRITTEN TO H. E. RAVENEL
BY MR. E. H. FROST, OF DATE, "CHARLESTON, SEP-
TEMBER 7, 1894."

"MY DEAR HENRY EDMUND:

"As you asked me to do, I write a copy of the Memo-
randa which I made in Paris, in 1892, relative to the
Ravenel family.

"I was curious to look at a book in the Bibliothèque
Nationale which was chained to the shelf, and on obtain-
ing permission to do so, I, expecting something very rare,
found it to be but an index, printed in 1866, to a grand
Armorial of France, entitled as follows:

"Indication du Grand Armorial general de France, re-
cueil officiel dresse en vertue de l'edit de 1696 par Charles
d'Hozier Juges D'Armes. Paris, 1866."

"The work, of which the above is the index, is in about
thirty-five thick manuscript volumes, well written, but
rather difficult to read sometimes, for a modern foreigner,
because of old forms, both of writing and of spelling.

"The thirty-five volumes contain alphabetical lists of
persons named in them, divided into sections according
to the geographical departments.

"The name of Ravenel is found in several departments,
viz.: Bretagne, Champagne, Lorraine, Paris, Poitou,
not Picardie. I looked only for the name Ravenel in
Bretagne Vol. I., the manuscript beginning is, as on the
other side (meaning reverse page). I should say that the
names given include Écuyers, Sieurs de, Comtes de,
Cures de, Lieutenants, Medecins, Avocats, Bourgeois
etc., and the arms are given in each case, but no pedi-
grees.

Reverse page above referred to.

"M. S. Title to Vol. I., Bretagne.

"L'Etat des Armviries des personnes et Communautés,