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The Council of the Shropshire Archæological and Natural History Society, having decided not to continue the issue of the Calendars of Wills and Administrations in the various Peculiar Courts at Birmingham, Derby, and Lichfield, since they do not relate to the County of Salop, nor of the Alphabetical Index of names of testators to the whole series, beg to inform those members who wish to complete their sets, that the Calendars of the above-named Peculiars and also the Alphabetical Index can be obtained on payment of five shillings. Names of intending subscribers should be sent to the Rev. W. G. D. Fletcher, St. Michael's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

later than in other places. The old custom of "Heaving" at Easter, a popular form of commemorating the Resurrection, was very general in it less than half a century ago. On Easter Monday it was the privilege of the men to lift the women whom they met three times above their heads in the air, and on the following day the women claimed and exercised a similar privilege with regard to the men.¹ On the evening of All Souls Day (Oct. 31st) the boys used to go "Souling," i.e., collecting seed cakes called "Soul cakes," or anything else they could get. St. Thomas' Day (Dec. 21st) was called "Begging Day." Women and children used to go round to the houses begging corn. At most farm-houses a sack was put ready, and each woman and child had a small measure full given them when they came; at other houses they received money or bread and cheese. All these old customs have died out now, as has also "Wake Sunday," which was for Shrawardine Sept. 19th, if a Sunday, or the first Sunday after; an instance of the Wake Sunday not being on the same day as the festival of the Saint to whom the Church is dedicated, St. Mary the Virgin being the dedication of Shrawardine.²

It is still, however, considered unlucky for a woman to be the first to cross the threshold into a house on New Year's Day.

And the Sermon Bell is still rung at 8 a.m. every Sunday, a memorial, perhaps, of the time when there were only sermons at long intervals, often dependent upon the occasional visits of some preaching friar, and when the Church bell was sounded to tell the villagers that there would be a sermon in English as well as the reading of the Prayers in Latin.³

¹ Agnes Strickland, in her *Lives of the Queens of England*, tells us that King Edward I. was heaved by the Ladies of Queen Eleanor and paid £14.

² This may be one of the numerous cases of the Normans finding a British Church in existence at the Conquest, and altering its dedication from that of some old British Saint to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

³ (*Of. Stones of the Temple*, by W. Field, pp. 184, 185).

Copy of a Paper in the Church Chest describing the Communion Plate and Registers of Shrawardine Church. List of Books in the Chest taken this 16 day of Feb. 1852. Communion Plate, consisting of a pewter plate and silver Tankard.¹

Register Book of Banns of Marriage.
 Register Book of Baptisms and Burials from 1664² to 1812.
 Register Book of Burials commencing 1813.
 Register Book of Baptism commencing 1813.
 Register Book of Marriages commencing 1813.
 Two Register Books of Marriages commencing Nov. 14, 1837.
 Register Book of Marriages commencing 1755 and ending 1812.
 A Book of Records for the parish of Great Shrawardine begun

the 15th day of Dec., 1705, and ending 1812.³

The above books and plate were found in the Parish Chest by the undersigned, examined and placed there again by them.

John Hinton Bluck, Curate of Shrawardine.

Henry Plimley, Churchwarden of Shrawardine.

James Crane, Farmer of Shrawardine.

dated Feb. 16, 1852.

To be added to the above list the Tithe Commutation papers.

J. H. B.

Also this list answers to the contents of the Chest, *excepting* the Tithe Commutation map, &c. March 25, 1858.

As witness my hand

GEORGE NEWTON LLOYD.

I hereby certify that I leave the whole of the above contents (excepting the tithe commutation map, &c., which I have never seen) in the iron Chest as I found them.

As witness my hand this 25th day of April, 1869.

GEORGE NEWTON LLOYD.

LORDS OF THE MANOR AND PATRONS OF THE LIVING OF SHRAWARDINE.

Richard Clive, of Styche, Market Drayton, M.P. for Montgomery, married Rebecca, daughter of Nathaniel Gaskell of Manchester, and had besides five sons and three daughters who died young,

(1) Robert, b. 29 Sept., 1725, first Lord Clive.

¹ The Rev. G. A. Clive subsequently gave a silver Chalice and Paten to Shrawardine Church.

² 1664 is a mistake for 1645.

³ 1812 is a mistake for 1751.

- (2) Rebecca, b. 18 Oct., 1730, m. her first cousin Robert Clive, Rector of Moreton and Canon of Westminster, and died 1825, aged 95.
- (3) Sarah, b. 20 April, 1732, m. Sir John Markham, Bart.
- (4) Judith, b. 1 Dec., 1733, m. Thomas Wolley, Esq., of Shrewsbury.
- (5) Frances, b. 12 Feb., 1734, m. Matthew Wilson, Esq., of Easton, co. York.
- (6) William, b. 1745, d. June 15, 1825, father of the Rev. William Clive, Rector of Shrawardine 1834-1842, and of the Rev. George Arthur Clive, Rector of Shrawardine 1842-1881.

Robert Clive, writer in H. E. I. C. 1743; Ensign H. E. I. C. army 1746; Captain 1750; M.P. St. Michael's, Cornwall, but unseated 1752; Lieut.-Colonel, and Governor of Fort St. David, 1755; M.P. Shrewsbury 1761-74; Baron Clive of Plassey, co. Clare, Ireland, 1762; Governor and Commander-in-Chief of British Possessions in Bengal, 1765-1767; Recorder of Shrewsbury 1771-74; created a Knight of the Bath. Married 15 March, 1752, to Margaret, dau. of Edmund Maskelyne of Purton, Wilts. Died Nov. 22, 1774, aged 49, leaving two sons, Edward, who succeeded him, and Robert, a Lieut.-Colonel, b. Aug. 30, 1769, and two daughters, Rebecca and Margaret. On his return from India in 1760, Lord Clive "set himself to cultivate Parliamentary interest. His purchases of land seem to have been made in a great measure with that view, and after the general election of 1761 he found himself in the House of Commons at the head of a body of dependents, whose support must have been important to any administration" (Macaulay "Lord Clive"). It was at this time that he bought the "Lordship" of Shrawardine and Montford from the 2nd Lord Montfort.

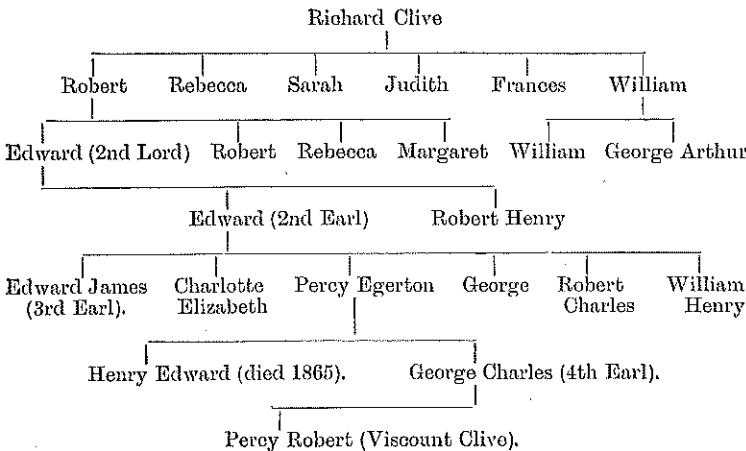
Edward Clive (2nd Baron), b. 7 March, 1754, Governor of Fort St. George, Madras. Received on 3rd May, 1804, the thanks of both Houses of Parliament for the important services he rendered during the Mahratta war. Created Baron Clive of Walcot, co. Salop; Baron Powis of Powis Castle, and Earl of Powis, 14 May, 1804; Recorder of Shrewsbury 1775. Married Henrietta Antonia, daughter of the 1st Earl of Powis (created 1748), and heiress of her brother, the 2nd Earl (who died in 1801). About 1825 he began to build the present Shrawardine Castle for a residence at Shrawardine, but never finished it, the building now standing being, it is said, intended only for the servants' quarters. He died in 1839, leaving two sons, Edward, who succeeded him, and Robert Henry.

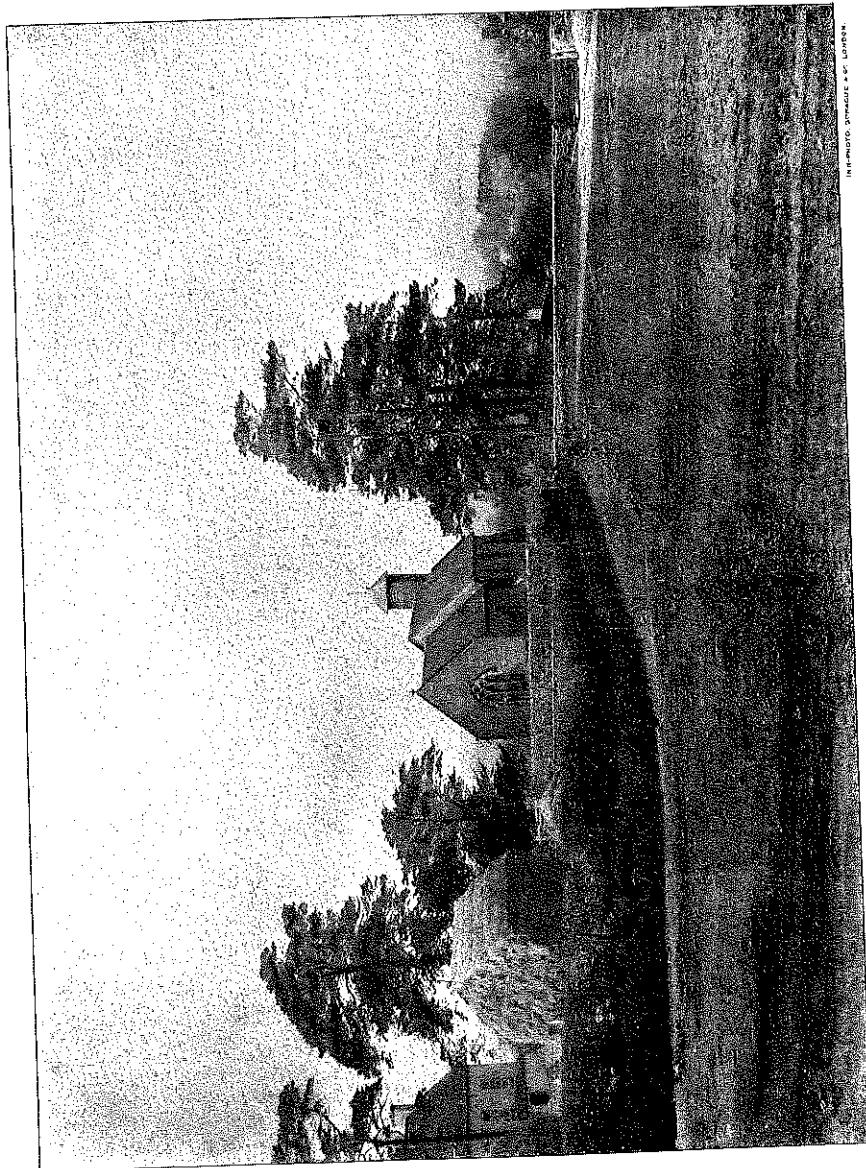
Edward (2nd Earl), b. 22 March, 1785; Knight of the Garter; M.P. Ludlow; Lord-Lieut. of co. Montgomery; Colonel South Salopian Yeomanry 1828-1848; assumed in 1807 the surname and arms of Herbert by royal licence. Married in 1818 to Lucy Graham, daughter of the 3rd Duke of Montrose, and died 1848, leaving five sons and two daughters.

- (1) Edward James, b. 1818, who succeeded him.
- (2) Charlotte Elizabeth, b. 1821, married 1846 to Hugh Montgomery, Esq.
- (3) Percy Egerton, b. 1823, P.C.; K.C.B.; M.P. for South Shropshire; General in army; d. 1876.
- (4) George, b. 1825; Dean of Hereford 1867; d. 1894.
- (5) Robert Charles, b. 1827, Chancellor of the Diocese of Lichfield.
- (6) Lucy, married Thomas Calvert, Esq.
- (7) William Henry, b. 1834, Major-General 1885-90; formerly Col. of 4th West Indian Regiment.

Edward James (3rd Earl) was M.P. for North Shropshire 1843-48; Colonel of the South Salopian Yeomanry 1843-72; and Lord-Lieut. of Montgomeryshire. Died 1891, and was succeeded by his nephew George Charles.

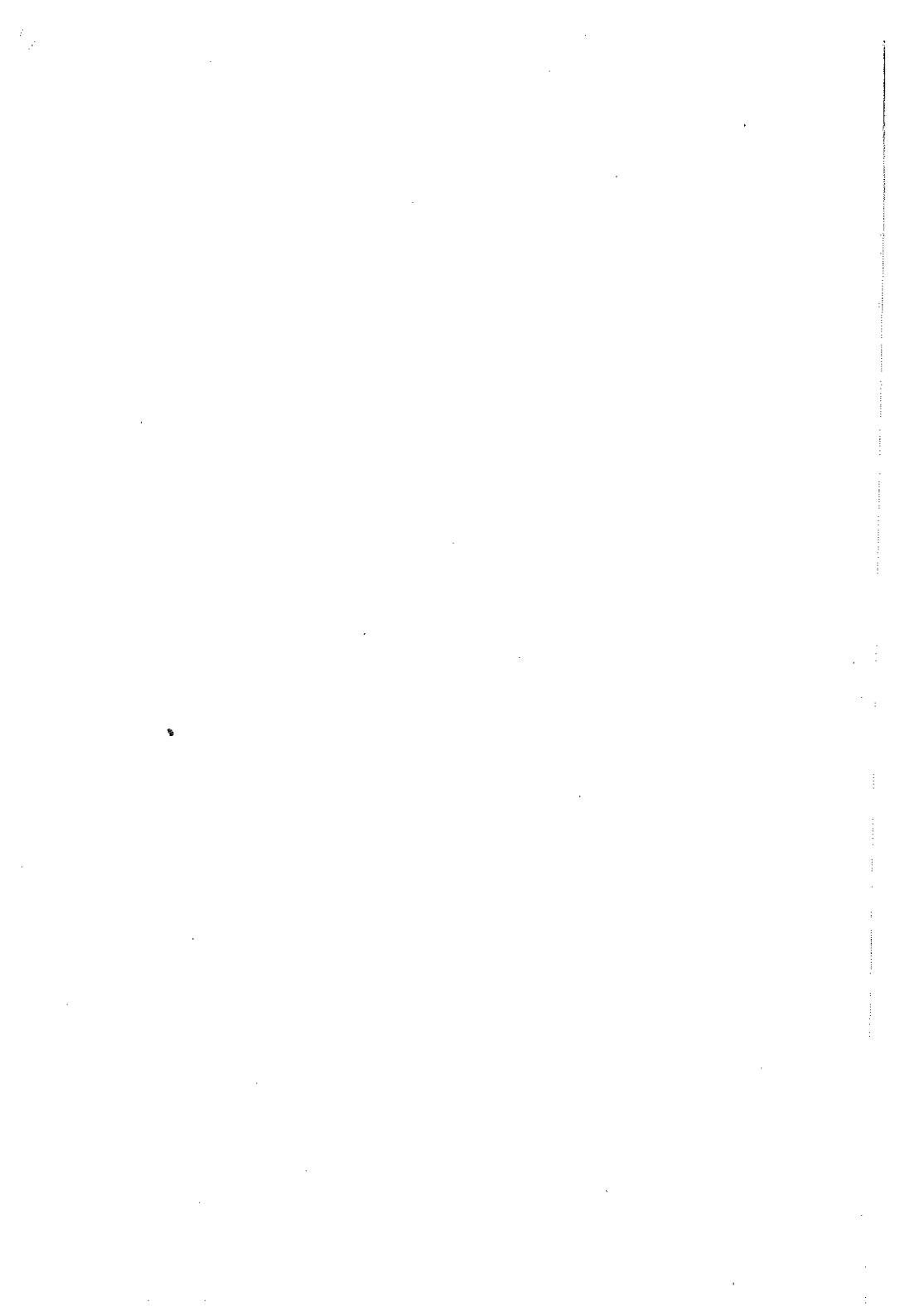
George Charles (4th Earl), b. 24 June, 1862, is the second and only surviving son of the late General the Right Hon. Sir Percy Egerton Herbert, P.C.; K.C.B.; M.P.; younger brother of the 3rd Earl. He married in 1890 the Hon. Violet Ida Eveline Lane-Fox, daughter of the 12th Baron Conyers, and has issue, Percy Robert, Viscount Clive, b. Dec. 2nd, 1892.





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SHRAVARDINE.



RECTORS OF SHRAWARDINE.¹

Sovereign of Country.	Date of Institution.	Name of Rector.	Patron
John	Nov. 10, 1213.	Robert de Cerne.	King, the Earl of Arundel being a minor
Henry III.	June 20, 1230.	Herbert, Clerk of the Marshalsea	King.
Edward I.	March 13, 1305.	Hugh de Biryton inducted to the Church of Shrawardyn, Resigned the Church of Castle Isabel 1325.	King.
Edward II.	Dec. 12, 1325.	Sir John de Stretton. Resigned the Church of Castle Isabel Dec. 30th for the Rectorry of Kinfare.	Edmund, Earl of Arundel.
Edward II.	Dec. 30, 1325.	Robert de Northwich, late Rector of Kinfare.	Same.
Edward III.	? ?	Hugh . . . [Rector here on 30th Jan., 1331] ²	Same.
„ „	July 19, 1352.	Sir William de Wolverton. Resigned.	Richard, Earl of Arundel.
„ „	May 6, 1354.	Sir William de Warden. Resigned.	Same.
„ „	Dec. 16, 1355.	Sir Hugh de Zonge. Resigned 1358.	Same.
„ „	Aug. 14, 1358.	Sir Adam de Ertham. Resigned 1359.	Same.
„ „	Oct. 14, 1359.	Sir William de Drayton. Died 1386.	Same.
Richard II.	Mar. 21, 1386.	Robert Pebbelwe (or Pobellowe) instituted to the free Chapel of St. Mary of Shrawardine. Resigned 1388.	Richard, Earl of Arundel.
	May 22, 1388.	Richard Clopp, instituted to this free Chapel.	Same.
	April 18, 1393.	Thomas Harlyng, instituted to Chapel of Great Schewardyn. Resigned 1408.	Same.
Henry IV.	July 21, 1408.	Thomas Willmer, instituted to this free Chapel. Died 1427.	Thomas, Earl of Arundel.
Henry VI.	Feb., 1427-8.	John Home, instituted to the free Chapel. Resigned 1464.	King, because John, Earl of Arundel a minor.
Edward IV.	Mar. 21, 1464-5.	William Dudley. Resigned on his consecration to the Bishopric of Durham 1477. Died 1485.	William, Earl of Arundel.
„ „	April 7, 1477.	Sir John Essyng, Chaplain.	Same.
„ „	? ?	John Philepys. Died 1504.	
Henry VII.	Dec. 21, 1504.	Sir Matthew David, Chaplain. Died 1528.	Thomas, Earl of Arundel.
Henry VIII.	Sept. 4, 1528.	Sir David ap Llewelyn.	Heliseus David, grantee of Thomas, Earl of Arundel for this time.

¹ The earlier part of this list is from the Blakeway MS. in the Bodleian.

² On Jan. 30, 1331, Thomas Chelton, Bishop of Hereford, censures the Archdeacon severely for having appointed one William, brother of Hugh, Rector of Shrawardine, as his coadjutor, thus setting at naught the Bishop's paramount authority. The Bishop authorises his commissary to act in the affair.

Sovereign of Country.	Date of Institution.	Name of Rector.	Patron.
Henry VIII. ?	?	David Edgerley, [Here in 1535].	
Elizabeth July 2, 1562.		John Corbet. Also Rector of Bishop of Here-Wistanstow, and of Carddeston.	Bishop of Hereford by lapse.
" 1592.		Richard Harrison, M.A., Fellow of Queen's College, Oxford. Buried at Shrawardine, 15 September, 1638, aged 86.	Sir Henry Bromley.
Charles I. Nov. 26, 1638.		Francis Browne, M.A., Lincoln College, Oxford. Born at Newport, Salop, 1608. Son of Henry Browne. Vicar of Montford 1632-38. Buried Dec. 3rd, 1664, at Shrawardine.	Henry Bromley.
Charles II. March 20, 1664-5.		Robert Adams, M.A., Magdalen College, Cambridge. Published "A Caution against Suretyship," in 1688. Buried 16 Oct., 1710, at Shrawardine.	Henry Bromley.
Anne. October, 1710.		Edmund James, B.A. Buried 18 June, 1747, at Shrawardine. "A good and constant Preacher, an affectionate Parent, a sincere Friend, and courteous and affable to all men." (Parish Register).	John Bromley.
George II. Dec. 5, 1747.		Adam Newling, M.A., late Rector of Fitz. He was also Vicar of Montford 1714-58. Born 29th May, 1690. Buried 2nd March, 1758, at Shrawardine.	Henry, 1st Lord Montfort. ¹
George II. March 25, 1753.		John Foster, M.A., Fellow of King's College, Cambridge. Inducted the same day to the Vicarage of Montford. Author of "Essay on the different Nature of Accent and Quantity," pub. in 1763. Died 1774.	Thomas, 2nd Lord Montfort.
George III. 1775.		Nevil Maskelyne, D.D., F.R.S., Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, B.A. 1754, Astronomer Royal. Resigned 1782. Died 1811, aged 79. ²	Edward, 2nd Lord Clive, 1st Earl of Powis.

¹ For this spelling of his name cf. the entry made by the Rev. A. Newling in the Montford Register under May, 1741. "Memorandum: in the beginning of this month His Majesty was pleas'd to create Henry Bromley, Esq., Lord of this Manor, a Peer of Great Britain by the style and Title of Lord Montfort, Baron of Horsesheth, in the County of Cambridge; and my Lord, at that time, by word of Mouth gave me Orders to alter the name of the Parish in the Register according to his Title."

² Nevil Maskelyne, Astronomer Royal, was the third son of Edmund Maskelyne, of Purton, in Wilts, by his wife Elizabeth Booth, and was born in London, Oct. 6, 1732. Educated at Westminster, in 1749 he entered Catherine's Hall, Cambridge, but soon migrated to Trinity, and graduated in 1754 as 7th Wrangler. In 1757 he was elected Fellow of Trinity, and in 1758 a Fellow of the Royal Society. He took his M.A. in 1757; his B.D. in 1768; and his D.D. in 1777. Ordained to the curacy of Barnet, Herts, in 1755, he was presented by his nephew to the living of Shrawardine in 1775, but vacated it in 1782, by the acceptance of the Rectory of North Runton, Norfolk. The solar eclipse of July 25th, 1748,

Sovereign of Country.	Date of Institution.	Name of Rector.	Patron.
George III.	1782.	Isaac Frowd, M.A., Fellow of Exeter College, Oxford, Vicar of Bishop's Castle 1777-1834, and for many years of Clunbury. Inducted to Bishop's Castle, Oct., 11th, 1777, but did not come into residence at once, being at Madras with Lord Clive as Chaplain. Born at Brinton, Deverell, Wilts, 1754; son of Edward Frowd, gent. Educated at Winchester. For a short time a private tutor at Eton. Died 5 Dec., 1834, aged 81.	Edward, 1st Earl of Powis.
William IV.	Feb. 5, 1835.	William Clive, M.A., St. John's College, Cambridge; ord. 1818; Vicar of Welshpool 1819-65; Chaplain to the Duke of Newcastle 1824; Vicar of Montfort 1831-35; Archdeacon of Montgomery 1844-61; Hon. Canon of St. Asaph 1849; Residential Canon 1854, resigned 1861; Rector of Blymhill 1865-83. Died 1883.	Edward, 1st Earl of Powis.
Victoria.	1842.	George Arthur Clive, M.A., St. John's College, Cambridge, B.A. 1827; Vicar of Clunbury 1828-42; Bishop's Castle 1835-42; of Montford 1835-81. Born July 20, 1803. Died Nov. 8, 1881, aged 78.	Edward, 2nd Earl of Powis.
Victoria.	1882.	Charles Henry Bromby, D.D., St John's College, Cambridge; ord. 1838; Vicar of St. Paul's, Cheltenham, and Principal of Cheltenham Training College 1843-64; Bishop of Tasmania 1864-82; Master of St. John's Hospital, Lichfield, 1887-92; Coadjutor to Bishop of Bath and Wells 1892.	Edward James 3rd Earl of Powis.
Victoria.	1887.	John Edward Hill, M.A., Christ Church, Oxford; ord. 1848; Curate of Welshpool 1850-65; Vicar 1865-87; Proctor in Convocation for Diocese of St. Asaph 1886-92; Born at Dartington, Devon, 1825. Son of Lieut. Col. John Humphrey Hill, C.B., 23rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers. The present Rector of Shrawardine.	Edward James 3rd Earl of Powis.

made an astronomer of him. Astronomer Royal, 1765. In 1802 he was elected one of eighth Foreign Members of the French Institute, and he died in his Observatory on the 9th of February, 1811, aged 79. His writings and controversies are too numerous to mention, but among them was the establishment of the Nautical Almanac. His sister Margaret, Lady Clive, survived till 1817. (Dict. of Nat. Biog.).

In the time of the Rev. G. A. Clive the Rectory of Shrawardine was joined to the Vicarage of Montford for ecclesiastical purposes. In all civil affairs, however, the parishes are still as distinct and separate as they were before. When the union was made about 1860, Shrawardine was transferred to the Diocese of Lichfield from that of Hereford. The present Church at Montford was opened on March 5, 1737, the foundation stone being laid on March 19, 1736. "Mr. Edmund James, Rector of Shrawardine, and Mr. Henry Withington, Steward of Shrawardine Manor, were two of the trustees." The dates on the three bells, which were removed in 1891, were 1656, 1676, and 1717.

CURATES OF SHRAWARDINE.

- 1758. Thomas Hanmer. Born 1731. Curate of Montford 1758-75; Vicar of Montford 1775-89. Died Dec. 1789, aged 58. Buried at Montford.
- 1790. John Parry.
- 1800. John Wingfield. Vicar of Montford 1790-1830. Resided at Shrewsbury under a dispensation from the Bishop of Lichfield, Montford Vicarage not being in a sufficient state of repair for his habitation. Born Aug. 11, 1755; died Sept., 1830, aged 75. Buried at Montford.
- 1814. Owen Williams. Lived at Oswestry, riding over for Sunday duty. [Mr. Williams had a wooden leg, and his way of riding much impressed his parishioners].
- 1821. Charles Crisp. Lived at Ruyton-xi-Towns.
- 1826. Benjamin Maddy.
- 1827. John Connor. Rector of Sudborne with Orford, Suffolk, Dec. 1828.
- 1829. John Norgrove Baker, B.A., St. John's College, Cambridge; ord. 1829; first resident clergyman in Shrawardine since death of Mr. Newling in 1758. Educated at Shrewsbury School. Rector of How Caple, Ross, 1851-84. Died 1884.
- 1851. Richard Perrian Thursfield, M.A., St. John's College, Cambridge; Bell's University scholar 1816; B.A. 1819; Rector of Sidbury, Bridgnorth, 1851; educated at Shrewsbury School;

1851. John Hinton Bluck, B.A., St. John's College, Cambridge; ord. 1847; Vicar of Ampney-Crucis, Cirencester 1883.

1858. George Newton Lloyd, M.A., Hatfield Hall, Durham; ord. 1855; Rector of Killesk, Waterford, 1869-75; Vicar of Bicton, Salop, 1875-88. Born July 19, 1831; educated at Rossall School; died April 24, 1888. Son of the Rev. George Newton Kynaston Lloyd, Rector of Selattyn. (See S. A. *Trans.*, 2nd Series, iii., 308). Buried at Bicton.

1869. John Eddy, M.A., Trinity College, Oxford; B.A. 1824; Rector of Elworthy, Somerset, 1844-69. Born at Toddington, Gloucester, 1802. Son of Rev. John Eddy, M.A. Died Sept. 1st, 1870, aged 68; buried at Shrawardine.

1870. Arthur George Brooke, St. Bees, 1858; ord. 1862; Vicar of Astley, Salop, 1883; formerly Lieut. H. M. Lincolnshire (10th) Reg.

1883. Charles Egerton Fiennes Stafford, M.A., New College, Oxford; ord. 1866. Born at Dinton, Wilts, 1843. Son of the Rev. James Charles Stafford, B.D.

1884. John Philip Dalton, St. Mary's College, Oscott; ord. 1876; Vicar of Withington, Salop, 1889; of Alberbury 1894; formerly Professor of English Literature at St. Mary's College, Oscott.

1889. John Ernest Auden, M.A., Lincoln College, Oxford; ord. 1883. Born at Silverdale, co. Stafford, 1860. Son of the Rev. John Auden, M.A. Educated at Shrewsbury School.

PARISH CLERKS MENTIONED IN REGISTER.

1647, May 28. "Richard Whittakers, the Parish Clerk, an aged honest man was buried."

1647, Sept. 27. A daughter of "Richard Pe'nel Parish Clerk," was baptized.

1667, July 25. A son of "Richard Pennell Clerk," was buried.

1796, Feb. 20, "was buri'd Edward Humphreys Clerk of the Parish."

1856, Nov. 14. "John Edwards for 60 years Parish Clerk of Shrawardine," aged 82 years and 11 months, was buried.

1892, Jan. 1st, died Samuel Edwards, son of the last, after 35 years service as Parish Clerk, aged 79 years and 9 months.

CHURCHWARDENS.

1649. Richard Typton the elder, yeoman ; buried 1659.

1654. Richard Typton the younger, yeoman ; buried 1683.

1655. John Griffiths, yeoman ; buried 1664.

1656. William Hussey, "boatman at Shrawarden Ferry ;" buried 1704.

1657. John Clark, yeoman ; buried 1675.

1658.¹ John Clark, yeoman ; buried 1675.

1659. Henry Hilley of Hilley ; yeoman ; buried 1662.

1660. Henry Hilley of Hilley ; yeoman ; buried 1662 ("Voluntarie Churchwarden").

1661. Foulk Davies, butcher ; buried 1689.

1662. Edward Smout, yeoman ; formerly carpenter ; buried 1674.

1663. Anthony Russell, husbandman ; buried 1697.

1664. Thomas Dyos, yeoman ; buried 1671.

1665. Thomas James, gentleman ; buried 1685.

1666. Andrew Wesson.

1667. George Griffiths, yeoman ; buried 1726.

1668. John Tipton, yeoman ; buried 1713, aged 102.

1669. Nicholas Mansell, husbandman.

1670. George Griffiths (also 1667, 1670, 1675, 1687, 1690, 1706).

1671. Thomas Howells ; buried 1682.

1672. Richard Humphreys, husbandman ; buried 1720.

1673. John Glass ; buried 1737 (?)

1674. William Hussey (also 1656, 1678, 1697).

1675. George Griffiths (also 1667, 1670, 1687, 1690, 1706).

1676. Richard Typton of ye ffolly (also 1654).

1677. John Typton (also 1668 and 1694).

1678. William Hussey (also 1656, 1674, 1697).

1679. Henry Shelvock, yeoman.

1680. Foulk Davies

1681. Foulk Davies } also 1661.

1682. Foulk Davies

1683. Anthony Russell (also 1663).

1684. William Russell, farmer, formerly tailor ; buried 1702.

1685. Henry Rogers.

1686. Rees Price (also spelled "Reece p' Reece" and "Reece Preece" in the Register Book).

1687. George Griffiths (also 1667, 1670, 1675, 1690, 1706).

1688. Jonathan Tristrum.

1689. Richard Morris, blacksmith ; buried 1705.

1690. George Griffiths (also 1667, 1670, 1675, 1687, and 1706).

1691. Adam Manwaring, gentleman ; buried 1725.

1692. Adam Manwaring, gentleman.

1693. Adam Manwaring, gentleman.

1694. John Typton (also 1668, 1677, and 1696).

¹ 1658. "This year we had neither Churchwarden nor Constable, Rowland Owen, a soldier in the Countie Troop, being chosen to both offices, but refusing to serve as a priviledg'd person. John Clark remained in his office of Churchwarden, but did nothing, being removed out of the parish to Calcott, in the Townshipp of Bicton." (Note in the Register).

1695. Edward Evans, farmer; buried 1699.

1696. John Typton (also 1668, 1677, 1694).

1697. William Hussey.

1698. Henry Shelvock (also 1679)

1699. William Hordley of Hilley Farm, yeoman; buried 1752.

1700. Thomas Gough.

1701. John Watkis, farmer; buried 1749.

1702. William Speak.

1703. Edward Parton; buried 1730.

1704. Thomas Wilson; buried 1739.

1705. Richard Humphreys (also 1672).

1706. George Griffiths (also 1667, 1670, 1675, 1687, 1690).

1747. Gideon Bevan, labourer; buried 1755.

1748. Samuel Gittins; buried 1775.

1749. Henry Griffiths, carpenter; buried 1772.

1750. Samuel Ward, wheelwright; buried 1807.

1751. Mr. Henry Withington, steward to the Lord of the Manor; buried 1752.

1752. Edward Jones, of the Farm; buried 1753.

1753. John Gittins.

1754. Richard Humphreys; buried 1790.

1762.¹ George Griffiths; buried 1773.

1830.² John Dansey, the Folley, died 1838, aged 41.

1831. John Plimley, Hilley, died 1867, aged 84.

1832. Thomas Clemson, Buckley.

1833. Thomas Clemson (also 1832, 1838, 1843).

1834. James Crane, Drury Lane Farm, ³ died 1871, aged 67.

1835. John Dansey (also 1830).

1836. Richard Gittins,⁴ the Castle, died May 4, 1845, aged 49; buried at Montford.

1837. John Plimley (also 1831, 1842).

1838. Thomas Clemson (also 1832, 33, 43).

1839. James Crane (also 1834, 44, 47, 63).

1840. John Nightingale Asterley, the Folley.

1841. Richard Gittins (also 1836)

1842. John Plimley (also 1831, 1837).

1843. Thomas Clemson (also 1832, 33, 38).

1844. James Crane (also 1834, 39, 47, 63),

1845. John Nightingale Asterley (also 1840 and 49).

1846. Henry Plimley, Hilley (after 1864, the Folley), died 1891, aged 65.

1847. James Crane (also 1834, 39, 44, 63).

1848. Thomas Bowen, the Castle, died 1852, aged 64.

1849. John Nightingale Asterley (also 1840 and 45).

1850. Henry Plimley (also 1846, &c.).

1851. Henry Plimley.

¹ From an entry in the old Church Bible, which was purchased that year.

² The only existing Churchwarden's Book begins this year. John Dansey was the youngest son of Richard Dansey of Easton Court, Herefordshire.

³ The Drury Lane has now disappeared, though there are still traces left. It ran at the bottom of the Rectory garden, parallel to the road past the Church and Rectory.

⁴ Richard Gittins was the originator of the breed of Shropshire sheep as it exists at present, the first Shropshires being bred by him on Shrawardine Castle Farm.

1852. Henry Plimley.
 1853. Henry Plimley.
 1854. Pryce William Bowen,¹ the Castle, died 1868, aged 38.
 1855. Pryce William Bowen.
 1856. Pryce William Bowen.
 1857. Pryce William Bowen.
 1858. Pryce William Bowen.
 1859. Henry Asterley, the Folley.
 1860. Henry Asterley.
 1861.² Henry Plimley.
 1862. Henry Plimley.
 1863. James Crane.
 1864. James Crane.
 1865. Robert Grindley Jones, Hiley ; died March, 1893, aged 56.
 1866. Robert G. Jones.
 1867. Pryce William Bowen.
 1868. Pryce William Bowen.
 1869. Henry Plimley, the Folley, formerly Hiley, (also 1846, &c.)
 1870. Henry Plimley.
 1871. Henry Plimley.
 1872. Henry Plimley.

1873. Robert Edward Lingen Burton³, the Castle, died in Texas, 1883.
 1874. Robert E. L. Burton.
 1875. " "
 1876. " "
 1877. " "
 1878. Robert G. Jones.
 1879. Robert G. Jones.
 1880. Alfred Tanner, Drury Lane Farm
 1881. Alfred Tanner.
 1882. " "
 1883. " "
 1884. Robert G. Jones.
 1885. Alfred Tanner.
 1886. William Ward, the Castle.
 1887. " "
 1888. " "
 1889. " "
 1890. " "
 1891. Alfred Tanner.
 1892.⁴ " "
 1893. " "
 1894. " "

THE REGISTERS OF SHRAWARDINE, 1645—1812.

The New Regester booke of the parish of Shrawardine in the Countie of Salop, and in the Diocesse of Hereford, transcribed out of a former, which was too litle, and insufficient for this use.

March 26, 1664. Francis Browne, Rector,
 Anthonye Russell Churchwarden.

1664

There is a custom in this parish for the payment of Mortuarys according to ye Statute,⁵

¹ A window has been placed in the Church to the memory of Mr. Pryce Bowen "by his neighbours and a few of his friends, as a memento of their respect and esteem for his many good qualities."

² 1861 Church restored.

³ Mr. Burton (Eton and Christ Church, B.A. 1865) rowed 4 in the Oxford crew of 1862, and afterwards did a little in the steeplechasing line, riding his own horses, under the pseudonym of Mr. "Den."

⁴ 1892, Church restored.

⁵ This entry is in the handwriting of Robert Adams, who was inducted into the Rectory in March 20th, 1664-5. Francis Browne died December 1st, having lived only nine months after transcribing the old Registers. Mortuarys were fees paid "upon the death of the head of the family."

Shrawardine, March 28, 1664—In the tyme of our late Unnatural, Unciuil and Unhappy warrs that were between the King and Parliament, Shrawardine Castle was made a Garrison for the King Sept 28, 1644. Sr William Vaughan, Colonel, was made the Gouernour of it. This Castle was the head Quarters of al his forces. While this Garrison Continued, the Church & Chancell were puld downe; the Outbuildings of the Castle, the parsonage house with al Edifices thereunto belonging, and the greatest, fairest, & best part of the Town, were burnt for the safetey (as it was pretended) of the sayd Garrison. In this fyring the Regester book, among many books of the Minister was burned.

Now here followeth a Regester of al such weddings, christnings and Burials as have been sinc that tyme: only by the way, some things are to be noted & remembered.

Shrawardine Chancel was thrown down on St Matthias day, Feb. 24, 1644.

The Church was puld down on Whitsunday Eve, June 8, 1645.

The Town was burnt on Midsum'r Eve & Midsum'r day, 1645

The Garrison was cowardly surrendred up to the Parliament forces under the Command of Colonel Hunt,¹ Colonel Lloyd, and M^c Charlton² after 5 days seige. And within less than a fortnight after al the timber works of the Castle and much Goods y^e were in it, were al consumed with fire, upon a sudden report, y^e Sr Willia^m Vaughan was Coming to surprize it. Afterwards the Stone work was puld down, & carried to Shrewsbury, for the repaying of the Castle there; & the making up of Rousal wal standing on the Seuern side.

The Churh was rebuilt by a Voluntarye Collection through the Countrie in the year 1649. Al the mean-while the parish assembled for the publick worship of god in the Castle Stable. Richard Typton the Elder was a diligent careful Churhwarden, when the Church was builded

One, Mr. Edgerly is sayd to have been parson here for aboue the space of 40 years

After him succeeded Mr Corbet Rector of Westonstow, & also parson of this parish; He is reported to have lived to a very great age, he injoyed this place for aboue 50 years

Richard Harrison a Cumberland man, Mr of Arts & fellow of Queens Colledg in Oxford was chosen parson of this parish by Sr Henry Bromley; He enjoyed this place 46 years, & then dyed being aged 86 years, he was buried Sept 15, 1638

Francis Browne born in Newport, Mr of Arts of Lincoln Colledg in Oxford, was Vicar of Monford 7 years, and after the death of Mr Harrison (by the free donation of Henry Bromley, Esq., Lord of this Man'our, & patron of the Rectorye) was remoued from Monford to be parson of this parish: He was inducted into this Rectorye by Mr Clark, parson of Flitz, Vicar of Alberbury & the Rural Dean of Pontesbury, Nour 26, 1638. The Sunday following he read openly in the Church the book of Articles

Francis Browne being Vicar of Monford, Marryed Priscilla Morris the daughter of Rowland Morris [of Endsdon³], yeoman, & Bayliff of this Lordshipp [of Shrawardine³], July 25, 1637

Isaac Browne the son of Francis Browne Vicar of Monford and of Priscilla Browne his wife was baptizt May 7, 1638

The sayd Isaac Browne, being prentise to Capt^t. Price, Merchant and Mr of a Ship, dyed at the Bay of Bengal in the East Indies, and was buried in May, 1658

Johaⁿa Browne daughter of Francis Browne, Rector of this parish, and of Priscilla Browne his wife was baptizt the 26 day of April 1640

¹ Colonel Thomas Hunt had been removed from the Town Council of Shrewsbury in 1642 for having "taken upon himself to be captain of the Militia," and for having been active against the King, but in 1645 was restored to the office of Alderman, in 1654 was Governor of Shrewsbury Castle, and in 1657 was Mayor of Shrewsbury. He was also M.P. for Shrewsbury in 1643. On the Restoration in 1660 he was deprived of the Governorship, Col. Hunt was admitted to Shrewsbury School in 1609, and died 1669.

² Mr. Robert Charlton of Apley Castle, near Wellington, had raised 200 Militia for the Parliament. (cf. *Garrison of Shropshire*.)

³ The words "Endsdon" and "Shrawardine" have been lightly crossed out, but are still perfectly legible.

The sayd Joha'na Browne, was marryed to William Haw . . . Chandler and Alderman of Newport Apr. 30, 1603. They had a license and were marryed at Shawbury¹

Henry Browne the son of Francis Browne, & of Priscilla Browne his wife was baptized the twentie & sixt day of June 1641

Susa'na Browne the daughter of Francis Browne & of Priscilla Browne his wife was baptized the tenth day of May 1644

Priscilla Browne the daughter of Francis Browne & of Priscilla Browne his wife was baptized the twelfth day of June 1648

Martha Browne the daughter of Francis Browne & of Priscilla Browne his wife was baptized the thirteenth day of November 1650

1645—Oct. 10 Katherine Pen'el the daughter of Richard Pen'el and of Isabel Pen'el his wife was baptized

Jan. 28, A child of Edward Smouts Carpenter was baptized by Mr Heyling² Jan. 2, and buried Jan. 8

March 19. Margaret Wall the daughter of Richard Wal Baker, and of Joan Wall his wife was baptized

March 25th 1646

Apr 14 Henry Punch Cobler was marryed to Mary Morris

June 8 Anne Farmer daughter of William Farmer Taylor & of Elizabeth Farmer his wife was baptized

July 28 Sara Churm the daughter of William Churm Labourer and of Anne Churm his wife was baptized

Nou. 10 William Hussey the son of William Hussey Boatman and of Anne Hussey his wife was baptized

Jan. 1 Richard Elks the son of Roger Elks husbandman and of Jane Elks his wife was baptized

March 25. 1647

March 25 Mary Parks widdow was buried

1 There is no entry of this marriage in the Shawbury Register. The rest of the bridegroom's name is completely lost.

2 Probably one of the Heylins of Alderton. The following is the latter part of their Pedigree in the Heralds' Visitation of 1623:—

Griffith Heylin of Alderton—Beatrix, daughter of David Kynaston

John¹—Galewbrid, da. of John Tannat of Abertannat

Richard—Jane, da. of John Forster of Watling Street

John²—Margaret, da. of Thomas Charlston of Cristins (1st wife)

Jane (b. 1621))

Golibra

1 John and Galewbrid Heylin had 11 other children—(1) Thomas, who married Margaret Kynaston of Ryton; (2) Ann, who married Richard Cooper of Oswestry; (3) William, who married Margaret Goghe of Oswestry; (4, twins) Robert, who married a Miss Phillips, & Elizabeth, who married George Griffith of Shewerden; (6) Johanna, died unmarried; (7) Emma, who married Roger Thomas of Kynton; (8) Eleanor, who married William Genow of London; (9) Margaret, who married John Hillye of Hillye; (10) Jane, who married Robert Lloyd of Daywell; (11) John, died unmarried.

2 "Mr. John Heylin of Alderton in Shrawardine parish . . . was descended of a good but yet decayed family. Hee was a very strong man; and I have heard it reported that hee would take a threepenny horse shoo and with his two hands would draw it stuyt. He was a captain in the army of King Charles the first. He had a daughter named Golibra. She was servant to a lady in the West of England. This lady was blinde, and by her maid's persuasion, she came to live in Shrewsbury for the wholesomeness of the ayre. Att that time Mr. Heylin was an officer in Shrewsbury Castle (temp. Car. I.) Hee came often to visit this Lady, and would sitt by her discoursing half a day. Att last shee gave him his table, and afterward was marryed to him, and then hee tooke her to her owne country azen." (Gough's *Hist. of Myddle*, p. 90).

Apr 2 John Howels yeoman, was buried
 May 21 Leonard Smout the son of Edward Smout Carpenter & of Anne Smout his wife was baptized
 May 28 Richard Whittakers the Parish Clark an aged honest man was buried
 Sept^r 9 Joan Edmunds the daughter of Edmund Edmunds¹ a Cornet of Dragoons & of Elizabeth Edmunds his wife was baptized
 12 Rose Bickly Single woman was buried
 27 Blanch Pen'el the daughter of Richard Pen'el Parish Clark and of Isabel Penel his wife was baptized
 Oct. 1 The sayd Blanch Pen'el was buried
 5 John Danis the son of John Danis Labourer and of Eleanor Danis his wife was baptized
 Nov. 30 Margery Griffiths the daughter of Richard Griffiths labourer and of Mary Griffiths his wife was baptized
 Feb. 3 Henry Wilson labourer was marryed to Margery Taylor
 25 Thomas Hussey the son of William Hussey Boatman and of Anne Hussey his wife was baptized
 March 4 Steuen Lynaker the son of Steuen Lynaker gent. and of Cicelye Lynaker his wife was baptized
 12 The sayd Steuen Lynaker was buried
 March 25, 1618
 June 1 Margaret Clark widdow was buried
 Sept 22 Thomas Griffiths labourer was buried
 Oct 4 A bastard child at Willia' Farmers was buried
 25 Cicely Lynakers the wife of Steuen Linakers was buried
 Nov: 25 Jane Gregorie an aged poor woman was buried
 Jan: 8 William Hussey the son of William Hussey boatman & of Anne Hussey his wife was buried
 14 Thomas Wal the Son of Richard Wall Baker, & of Joan Wall his wife was baptized
 Feb. 7 Joan Edmunds the daughter of Edmund Edmunds Cornet & of Elizabeth Edmunds his wife was buried
 9 A man seruant of Richard Typtons was buried
 March 25, 1649
 April 22 Patrick Hamans, the son of Patrick Hamans an Irishman, forsaken by his father & left to the parish to keep, was buried
 30 Richard Morris the son of Thomas Morris husbandman & of Blanch Morris his wife was baptized
 Oct. 23 John Typton the son of John Typton husbandman & of Elizabeth Typton his wife was baptized
 Nov: 4 Thomas Farmer the son of William Farmer Taylor & of Elizabeth Farmer his wife was baptized
 26 Thomas Hussey the son of William Hussey Boatman & of Anne Hussey his wife was baptized
 29 Margaret Churm the daughter of William Churm labourer & of Anne Churm his wife was baptized
 Jan: 22 Steuen Punch the son of John Punch Butcher, & of Katherine Punch his wife was baptized
 Feb: 10 Anne Tyler the daughter of Richard Tyler Serving-man & of Beatrice Tyler his wife was baptized
 25 Margaret Griffiths the daughter of Richard Griffiths Labourer & of Mary Griffiths his wife was baptized
 March 25th 1650
 Apr. 5 Anne Dyos the daughter of Thomas Dyos yeoman & of Jane Dyos his wife was buried
 16 William Smout the son of Edward Smout Carpenter & of Anne Smout his wife was baptized
 23 Elizabeth Pen'el the daughter of Richard Pen'el parish-Clark & of Isabel Pen'el his wife was baptized
 July. 8 Joan Edmunds the daughter of Edmund Edmunds & of Elizabeth Edmunds his wife was baptized

¹ Possibly a nephew of Sir Clement Edmunds of Shrawardine, Clerk to the Privy Council, who died in 1622, aged 58. The Elizabeth Edmunds who died in 1655 aged over 80 may have been Sir Clement's sister-in-law.

Nou: 12 Mary Linaker the daughter of Steuen Lynaker gent & of Sarah Lynaker his wife was baptized
 Jan: 16 Richard Hilley yeoman was buried
 March 25, 1651
 Apr 4 Eleanor Leyth the daughter of William Winford gent and wife of Thomas Leyth yeoman was buried
 25 John Wall the son of Richard Wall baker & of Joan Wall his wife was baptized
 June 28 William Winford of Endson gent, an honest upright & iust person was buried
 Oct: 30 Martha Lynaker the daughter of Steuen Lynaker gent, & of Sarah Lynaker his wife was baptized
 Nou: 25 Samuel Sheluock¹ the son of Henry Sheluock yeoman & of Marye Sheluock his wife was baptized
 Dec: 29 Elizabeth Wim, an aged Single woman was buried
 Jan: 7 Alice Callier the wife of Abram Callier keeper of the park² & by birth a Frenchman, was buried
 18 Thomas Danis the son of Richard Danis Carpenter of the Pentry³ was baptized
 21 John Hussey the son of William Hussey Boatman, and of Anne Hussey his wife was baptized
 Feb. 6 Thomas Howells a young man, who dyed of a strong feuer was buried
 10 Eleanor Griffiths the daughter of Richard Griffiths Labourer & of Mary Griffiths his wife was baptized
 15 Cicelye Punch the daughter of John Punch Butcher & of Katherine Punch his wife was baptized
 22 Jane Farmer the daughter of William Farmer taylor, and of Elizabeth Farmer his wife was baptized
 1652
 Apr 11 Thomas Prichard yeoman was buried
 Aug: 1 John Lee a child at nurse, the son of Richard Lee of Shrewsburye Butcher was buried
 Jan: 28 Arthur Price a child at nurse, the son of Arthur Price of Shrewsburye Vintner was buried
 Feb. 11 Richard Pen'el the son of Richard Pen'el parish Clark was baptized
 24. Thomas Edmunds the son of Edmund Edmunds, and of Elizabeth Edmunds his wife was baptized
 March 20. Richard Mathews Mason, an honest & religious young man, having been here at Church, & going ouer the Seuern at the Snod meddow,⁴ in a high water, & tempestuous wether was drowned with three others March 13, and buried here the 20 of the same moneth, there was never a greater congregation seen here than was at his burial; the Church could not contain the Companye, but the Minister standing in a chayr preach't to the Assembly
 20 Joan Tyler the daughter of Richard Tyler Serving ma' & of Beatrice Tyler his wife was baptized
 March: 25, 1653
 May 29 Anne Smout the daughter of Edward Smout Carpenter & of Anne Smout his wife was baptized
 31 Marye Hussey the daughter of William Hussey Boatman, & of Anne Hussey his wife was baptized
 June 2 John Churm & Anne Churm Twins, the children of William Churm Labourer & of Anne Churm his wife were baptized
 8 Edmund Edmunds (going as it was supposed to bath himself in the Seuern) was drowned the eight day of June, & buried the next day

¹ of Sheluock, near Baschurch

² cf. 1654, Sept. 9th.

³ At the Pentry is growing an ash tree, which stands in the Manors of Kinnerley, Shrawardine, and Great Ness; in the Townships of Ruyton, Shrawardine, and Edgerley; in the Hundreds of Pimhill and Oswestry; in the Dioceses of Lichfield and St. Asaph, and till 35 years ago, of Hereford; and in the Parishes of Shrawardine, Great Ness, and Kinnerley.

⁴ There is a field near the river still called the " Snod."

10 Anne Churm the wife of William Churm labourer, dying in child-bed was buried
 23 Steuen Lynaker the son of Steuen Lynaker an Irish gent, was baptized
 July: 15 John Churm the son of William Churm labourer was buried
 Aug: 11 John Hilley the son of Henry Hilley yeoman, who dyed of a strong feuer was buried
 Nou: 3 Jane Wall the daughter of Richard Wall, Baker & of Joan Wall his wife was baptized
 Jan 15 Elizabeth Griffiths the daughter of Richard Griffiths Labourer & of Mary Griffiths his wife was baptized
 March 7 Henry Sheluock the son of Henry Sheluock yeoman & of Marye Sheluock his wife was baptized

March 25, 1654

June 7 Henry Wilson Labourer who dyed of a strong feuer was buried
 25 Joan Punch the daughter of John Punch Butcher, & of Katherine Punch was baptized
 Sept, 9 Abraham Callier, by birth a French-man brought out of France by Sir Thomas Bromley,¹ & by him made Keeper of the Park, who dyed of the third fitt of a palsie, was buried
 Oct: 19 John Dax of Foord Smith, & Margerye Dauis of Onslow-hill were marryed at my house at Monford
 Nou: 1 Judith Winne the wife of John Winne Labourer, was buried
 Oct: 11 Georg Griffiths the younger yeoman & Dorothy Littlehales were marryed att Pontesbury
 Nou: 22 Joan Wall the wife of Richard Wall, baker (who dyed of a sore in her throat that had troubled & payned her aboue 12 months, & could haue noe cure for it) was buried
 Dec, 10 Judith Humphreyes the daughter of Richard Humphreyes husbandman and of Anne Humphreyes his wife was baptized
 13 The sayd Judith was buried
 Feb: 12 Edward Farmer the son of William Farmer taylor and of Elizabeth Farmer his wife (who dyed of a plurisie) was buried
 20 Richard Sheluock the son of Richard Sheluock yeoman, & of Margerye Sheluock his wife was baptized
 March 10 Owen Euans an old man, & a good Thatcher was buried
 March: 13 William Farmer Taylor², who dyed of a pluresie, was buried
 18 Thomas Bowker the son of Gregorye Bowker yeoman, & of Elizabeth Bowker his wife brought, fro³ Endsdon was baptized
 Richard Typton the younger Church Warde. Francis Browne Rector.

March: 25, 1655

Apr. 5 Sarah Lynacer the daughter of Steuen Lynacer, & of Sarah Lyacer (sic) his wife was baptized
 5 Richard Sheluock the son of Richard Sheluock yeoman, & of Margerye Sheluock, was buried the same day
 June 13 Thomas James gent, marryed Elizabeth Edmunds widdow. They were marryed at Monford
 30 Joyce Prichard, an aged widdow, was buried
 July 3 Thomas Sheluock, Thomas Dyos & John Typton of their own accord, wthout asking my leave, pulled down part of the Chancel & therewith repayred their part of the Church-wall
 18 Marye Euans widdow a moythering old woman was buried
 Sept 30 Martha Hussey the daughter of William Hussey Boatman, & of Anne Hussey his wife was baptized
 Oct. 16 Thomas Dax the son of John Dax Smith & of Margerye Dax his wife was baptized
 Nou: 14 John Dauis, the son of Richard Dauis Carpenter, & of Joan Dauis his wife brought from the Pentry, was buried

¹ Sir Thomas Bromley, Lord Chancellor of England, purchased the Shrawardine Estate in 1583, and died in 1587. His grandson, Sir Thomas Bromley, was owner of Shrawardine 1615-1641, and it is probably the latter who is mentioned here.

² In 1660, Richard Farmer, son of William Farmer of Shrawardine, tailor, deed., was apprenticed to Thomas Dunford of Battlefield. There is the following entry in the Berrington Register relating to the family:—"1613 Richard Farmer of the Parish of Shrawardine, died at Calcott at the house of his brother Thomas Farmer, bur. 15th May."

Dec 1 Elizabeth Edmunds, an aged widow of aboue eightie years of Age, was buried
 2 Marye Griffiths the daughter of Richard Griffiths labourer, & of Marye Griffiths his wife was baptized
 Jan 24 Roger Frances of the parish of Baschurch yeoman, married Margaret Griffiths of this parish the daughter of Georg Griffiths. I married them at Shrewsbury
 Feb 3 Thomas Typton the son of John Typton husbandman, & of Elizabeth Typton his wife was baptized
 7 John Brain of Shrewsbury Butcher married Elizabeth Ambler widow. Married at Monford
 Francis Browne Rector. John Griffiths Churchwarden.

March 25, 1656

March 30 Richard Humphreyes the son of Richard Humphreyes husbandman, & of Anne Humphreyes his wife was baptized
 30 John the son of a poor wandering man was baptized the same day

May 11 Margaret Fortune a good harmles old woman, aged aboue four-score years, & unmarryed, was buried
 25 Edward Smout the son of Edward Smout Carpenter, a lustie propre yong man, who dyed of a strong feuer was buried

June 8 John Punch Butcher a lustie yong man heing in the prime of his age dyed of a violent feuer and was buried
 13 David Prichard yeoman, of a middle age, who dyed of a Consumption was buried

Sept. 6 Jane Sheluock the daughter of Richard Sheluock and of Margerye Sheluock his wife was baptized
 16 John Punch of Endsdon wener married Elizabeth Lloyd of this parish

Oct: 23 Elianor Punch the daughter of John Punch (lately deceased) and of Katherine Punch his wife was baptized

Nov: 9 Georg Griffiths the son of George Griffiths the yonger and of Dorothy Griffiths his wife was baptized

Dec. 26 Margaret Bithaiah, the daughter of John Ferrar Inkeeper at the Bel in Endsdon¹ and of Ann Mary Ferrar his wife was baptized

Jan: 1 Sarah Betton the daughter of Robert Betton of Shrewsburye gent. and of Margaret Betton his wife was baptized by me at Wilcott at his house. It was an extream cold day

March 3 Elizabeth Edwards, widow, was buried
 5 Elizabeth Lynaker, the daughter of Steuen Lynaker gent: & of Sarah Lynaker his wife was baptized
 William Hussey, churchwarden. Francis Browne Rector.

March 25, 1657

Apr: 19 Anne Griffiths, the wife of John Griffiths, yeoman was buried
 20 John Griffiths of Calcott, yeoman, of the parish of St Chadds, who dyed of a plurisie, was buried here

May 19 Elizabeth Lynaker the daughter of Sarah Lynaker widow, was buried

Aug. 23 Hugh Tyler, the son of Richard Tyler, & of Beatrice Tyler his wife, was buried

Nov. 7 Rowland Owen² of Shrewsbury, Maltster was marryed to Anne Prichard of this parish, widow

25 Ralph Hood husbandman of the Town & parish of Ryton was marryed by me at Shrewsbury to Beatrice Griffiths, the daughter of Georg Griffiths of this parish

Dec. 30 Sarah Grafton, the daughter of Richard Grafton, labourer & of Margerye Grafton his wife was baptized

¹ The only memorial of this inn is a field opposite Endsdon House, called the "Bell-yard" in 1730, and now the "Bell Meadow," though it is currently reported that Endsdon House was once an old coaching inn. (Cf. 1660, Nov. 27). A man named Charles Paddock, who worked there, used to declare he had seen a coach and four drive past him in the night, while others were positive they heard the noise of wheels drive by the house on many occasions, when none was stirring about, and long after coaches had ceased to be used. Bones and a pair of shoe buckles were found when making an engine tank in one of the buildings some years ago.

² A Rowland Owen, was admitted to the Schools in 1620, and also in 1633.

Jan. 14 This Sarah Grafton was buried
 Febr. 2 Roger Elks, husbandman was buried
 15 Joan Griffiths an aged widdow brought fro' Calcott in the Town-
 shipp of Bicton, was buried here
 March 20 Roger Wil'son an honest yong man, being a Maltster in Shrews-
 bury but born in this parish, was buried here
 Francis Browne Rector
 John Clark, Churchwarden

March 25. 1658

March 27 Richard Wall, baker, a lustie man in the midst of his age, went
 well to bed, but was found dead in it in the morning, was buried
 Apr: 24 The child of a wandring woman was buried
 28 John Vaughan of Wilcott, yeoman, but brought from Carston,
 where he dyed, was according to his will buried here
 June 6 Upon the Sixth day of June we had a Collection for the poore
 Poland, distressed Protestants in Poland, at which tyme was gathered
 towards their relief the sum of fifteen shillings & nine pene
 Piemont¹. About 3 years before, we had a Collection for the persecuted
 Protestants in Piemont, & for them we gathered ten shillings
 Sept. 14 John Purcell, the son of John Purcel, weuer, & of Elizabeth
 Purcell his wife, was baptiz'd
 Oct. 3 A stil born child of Richard Dani's of the Pentry, carpenter, & of
 Joan Dani's, his wife was buried
 8 Henry Hilliey, yeoman, an aged honest man, who dyed of a Con-
 sumption was buried
 Dec. 17 Henry Jordan of the Pentry, an old man & a weuer was buried
 Jan 1 We collected here towards the repaire of Ercall² church in the
 Countie of Salop, the sum' of 14^s 8^d. And the Hob^e Beatrice
 Bromley, Ladye of this Man'or gave 20^s to the same use
 March 6 Thomas Russell, the son of William Russell, Taylor, & of Elianor
 Russell his wife was baptiz'd
 15 A stil born child of Richard Humphreys, husbandman, & of
 Anne Humphreys his wife was buried
 18 Joan Griffiths, widdow, the late wife of John Griffiths, a
 moythering Woman brought from Calcott, was buried
 Not^o This year we had neither Churchwarden nor Constable, Rowland
 Owen, a Soldier in the Countie Troop being chosen to both offices,
 but refusing to serve as a priveleg'd person. He was fined in
 fiftie shillings, for his Obstiancy. Thomas James gent: was
 Constable for part of the year, and John Clark remained in his
 office of churchwarden, but did nothing, being remoued out of the
 Parish to Calcott in the Township of Bicton

Francis Browne Rector

March 25. 1659

The former year was a tyme of great sickness & distrases in these parts
 & generally all the land ouer, for the Ceasing of which, we had a
 day of humiliation, & after that through the mercy of god, the
 sickness abated in all places

Apr. 1 Margaret Griffiths, the wife of Georg Griffiths, senior, who dyed of
 a feuer occasioned by a cold, was buried

¹ Piemont In 1658 the Duke of Savoy determined to make his reformed subjects in Piedmont return to the Roman Church. All who refused compliance were massacred. Those who escaped, and concealed themselves in their mountain fastnesses, sent to Cromwell for relief. Milton wrote his beautiful sonnet "On the late Massacre in Piedmont," and Cromwell commanded a general fast, and a national contribution for the relief of the sufferers. £40,000 was collected. He then wrote to the Duke, and so great was the terror of the English name that the persecution was stopped, and the surviving inhabitants were restored to their homes and to freedom of worship.

² Jan. 1. High Ercall was garrisoned for the King by Sir Richard Newport, who gave £6000 towards the Royal cause, and was therefore advanced to the dignity of a Baron of England by the title of Lord Newport of High Ercall in September, 1642. The Hon. Beatrice Bromley was a daughter of Sir Richard Newport, and widow of Henry Bromley, who died 1652, hence her liberality. On the outside wall of Ercall Church may still be seen marks caused by cannon balls, when the adjacent Hall was besieged by the Parliamentarians, and taken by them after a stubborn resistance. In their "Weekly Account," under April 8th, 1645, they said they had "made a great breach into High Ercall Church."

Apr: 4 Henry Hilly took on him the office of churchwarden, and Rowland Owen that of a constable

Note. Roger Elks was the first single Constable, after him Steven Lynaker, then Richard Shluock, then Mr James, & after him Rowland Owen. Before the Town had two constables

15 Richard Dauis, the son of Fouk Dauis, butcher, & of Katherine Dauis his wife was baptized

18 This Richard Dauis was buried

27 Jane Elks, a decrepit, aged widdow was buried

May 11 Thomas Russel, the son of William Russel, Taylor, & of Elianor Russel his wife, being an infant, was buried

17 Eliano^o Jacks, a very aged widdow was buried

June 8 Richard Typton, yeoman^o aged about fourscore, an honest man & a louing Neighbour was buried

July 15 Anne Owen, the wife of Rowland Owen, yeoma^o, who dyed of a languishing pain occasioned by a sore legg was buried

July 16 There was collected in this parish, July 16, 1659, the sum of 24^s 4^d towards the rebuilding of the Church of Oswestrie, wh : in the late warrs was demolish & layd even with the ground¹

Oct. 10 Richard & Edward Griffiths, Twins, the sons of Georg Griffiths y^o younger, & of Dorothy Griffiths his wife were baptised

20 Thomas Wilson, the son of Richard Wilson, labouner, & of Martha Wilson his wife was baptized

Dec. 17, 22 Richard & Edward Griffiths, Twins, the sons of Georg Griffiths, were buried the one the 17th, the other the two & twentieth day of December,

Feb. 7 Elizabeth Typton, the daughter of John Typton, husbandman, & of Elizabeth Typton his wife was baptized

14 John Winne, labourer, a decrepit aged man was buried

22 Thomas Russell, yeoma^o, aged about 84, who dyed of a lingering sickness, was buried

March 20 William Punch, the son of Henry Punch, Cobler, & of Mary Punch his wife was baptized

{ Francis Browne Rector } { Foulk Dauis Constable }

{ Henry Hilly Churchwarden } { Anthony Russell, Overseer of y^o poor }

March 25, 1660

Apr: 11 Joan Dauis, the wife of Richard Dauis of the Pentry, Carpenter, who dyed of a consumption was buried

29 May His gracious ma^{ti} our dread soveign, king Charles the second, came to London the 29th of this Moneth, attended wth the greatest part of the Nobilitie & Gentrye of the land, where with all demonstrations of ioy, he was welcommed and received. Neuer was more cordial love, & hono^r shewed to any king than was to this exiled prince, at his reception into the kingdom in all places.

June 9 William Stafford of the Pentry, weuer, was marryed to Gwen Evans, a mayd servant of M^r Wingfields²

1 "Memorandum, that there was collected in Mapledurham, in the County of Oxon, the sum of Twelve Shillings of Lawful Money of England, towards the building of the Church of Oswestree in the County of Salop, by virtue of Oliver Lord Protector his letters patent for that purpose, 25 March, 1659."—Extract from the Register of St. Margaret's Church, Mapledurham, Reading.

When Oswestry Castle was garrisoned for the King the Steeple of Oswestry Church was taken down to prevent its being used as a point from which to molest the Castle, in the event of the town falling into the hands of the Parliamentarians. On June 22nd, 1644, Oswestry surrendered to General Mytton.

2 "John Wingfield, gent., of Alderton," who on June 8th in this year (1660) availed himself of King Charles II, offer of pardon by a public declaration at Shrewsbury that he would henceforth be a loyal subject. The house at Alderton bears the date 1591. Thomas Wingfield (who was made a Burgess of Shrewsbury in 1609, and after being an Alderman, was elected Baillif in 1617 and 1623, and Mayor in 1640) sided with the Parliament. He married a cousin of Colonel Thomas Hunt, who commanded the troops that captured Shrawardine Castle, and had two sons, Samuel (who bought the estate of Preston Brockhurst, when Sir Vincent Corbet of Moreton Corbet, had to sell part of his property to pay the fine levied on him by the Parliament), and John, (who purchased Alderton from John Heylin also a sufferer for royalty), from whom the Rev. John Wingfield, Vicar of Montford 1790-1830, and curate of Shrawardine 1800-1814, was fourth in descent, (Blakeway's *Sheriffs of Shropshire*, p. 150). Samuel Wingfield was admitted to Shrewsbury School in 1628, and John in 1631.

10 Lodowick Dauis, the son of Foulk Dauis, Butcher, & of Katherine Dauis his wife was baptized.

July 22 Judith Humphreyes, the daughter of Richard Humphreyes, husbandman, & of Anne Humphreyes his wife was baptized.

Aug. 24 Henry Thomas, the son of John Thomas, labourer, brought fro' Knibheath, was baptized.

Sep. 13 Thomas Cleuerlye the son of Thomas Cleuerlye gent: & Steward to M^{rs} Bromley Lady of the Manor, & of Marye Cleuerlye his wife was baptized

Oct. 23 Peter Vashon, the son of Peter Vashon, a Frenchman, & Dr^r of Phisick, & of Marye Vashon, his wife was baptized by me at Shrewsbury

Nov. 27 Humphrey Ward,¹ the son of Thomas Ward, of Endsdon, Inkeeper at the Bel,² & of Jane Ward his wife was baptized

Jan. 6 William Lloyd, the son of Thomas Lloyd, labourer, & of Mary Lloyd his wife was baptized

22 Marye Russel, the wife of Anthonye Russel, husbandman, was buried. She was of a middle age, & dyed of a lingering sickness.

Feb. 11 William Punch of Monford bridg, Butcher, was marryed to Alice Whittaker of this parish

14 Roger Clark, the son of John Clark, husbandman, & of Anne Clark his wife was baptized by me at Calcott

{ Francis Browne Rector } { John Typton, Constable
{ Henry Hilley, Voluntarye Churchwarden } { William Hussey, Overseer of
y^o poor

March 25. 1661

March 31 Joan Griffiths, the daughter of Richard Griffiths, labourer, & of Mary Griffiths his wife was baptized

May 23 Marye Griffiths, the daughter of the foresayd Richard Griffiths was buried

June 16 Anne Farmer, the daughter of Elizabeth Farmer, wid: & one of our poor, who dyed of the Measels was buried

Jan. 19 Anne Edwards, the daughter of John Edwards, Labourer, & of Joan Edwards his wife, brought out of Foords parish was baptized

20 The sayd Anne Edwards was buried the day following

Feb. 23 Katherine Weston the daughter of Andrew Weston, husbandman, and of Elizabeth Weston his wife was baptized

{ Francis Browne Rector } { Mr James constable for Joh: Griffiths
{ Foulk Dauis, Churchwarden } { Andrew Weston for Typtons, overseer of the
poor

March 25. 1662

Apr. 1 Anthony Russell, husbandman, was marryed to Elizabeth Downes of Meluerley. The Banns were thrice asked before marriage

17 Elizabeth Griffiths, the daughter of Georg Griffiths Jun^r yeoma', & of Dorothy Griffiths his wife was baptized

26 Henry Hilley, yeoman, & batchlo^r, an honest religious yong man, who dyed of the Smalpox, was buried

May 19 John Ducket, husbandman, of the parish of Great Ness, marryed Jane Smout of this parish

June 22 Mary Cleuelye the daughter of Thomas Cleuelye, gent: & of Mary Cleuelye his wife was baptised

24 Elizabeth Mathewes, a religious mayd, brought from Foord, was buried

July 13 Henry Wilson, the son of Richard Wilson, labourer, & of Martha Wilson his wife was baptized

21 Richard Hilley, Batchlo^r, who dyed of the smalpox was buried

Aug. 10 Mary Lloyd, the daughter of Thomas Lloyd, labourer & of Marye Lloyd his wife was baptized

Dec. 7 Ludowick Dauis, the son of Foulk Dauis, Butcher, & of Katherine Dauis his wife, an infant, was buried

¹ In the Shrewsbury Free Library is an "Exemplification of Recovery, Mich. Term, 28 Clas. 2, 1676, Humph. Ward, Demandant, Thos. Shelvoke, Tenant, Edw. Tonkis and Mary his wife, Vonchées of an Estate at Grafton, Co. Salop."

² cf. Dec. 26th, 1656.

March 16 William Danis, the son of the foresayd Foul Danis, & Katherine was baptized
 22 James Bromley, a poor decrepit Labourer was buried

Francis Browne Rector } Will: Hussey, constable for Sheluocks
 Edward Smout, churchwarden } living
 { And: Weston, ouerseer of the poor for
 { Mr Cruckleyes living

March 25. 1663

Apr: 20 Georg Russel, the son of Anthony Russel, husbandman, & of Elizabeth Russel his wife, was baptized
 June 11 The sayd George Russel being ourlaid at Nurse was buried
 Aug. 15 Jane Typton, widdow (who was taken w^h a dead Palsie, & departed 3 days afterwards) was buried
 Sep. 10 Richard Russel, the son of William Russel, Taylor & of Eleanor Russel, his wife was baptized
 Oct. 15 Richard Hosier, the son of Edward Hosier gent: & of Anne Hosier his wife was baptized
 Nov. 22 Elizabeth Clark, the base daughter of Margaret Clark, single woman, & of one Robert Brookfield, the pretended father, was baptized
 Dec. 10 The sayd Elizabeth Clark was buried
 Feb. 2 Anne Griffiths the daughter of Richard Griffiths, Labourer, & of Mary Griffiths his wife was baptized
 23 Mary Weston, the daughter of Andrew Weston, husbandman, & of Elizabeth Weston his wife was baptized
 25 Andrew Weston, a little youth, the son of the foresayd Andrew & Elizabeth, who dyed of the worms & a flux was buried

Francis Browne Rector } Geo. Griffiths, constable for Clark's
 Anthony Russel churchwarden } living
 { John Typton, overseer of the poor for
 { Mr Edmund's living

March 25. 1664

Apr: 12 Anne Mansel, the daughter of Nicholas Mansel, husbandman, & of Margaret Mansel his wife was buried
 18 Alice Callier, a mayd of a middle age, brought fro' Kinton, who dyed of a long linging, stupifying sickness, was buried
 May 26 Richard Davis, a child ye sonn of Richard Davis of ye Pentry carpenter, & of Mary Davis his wife was buried
 July 31 Joyse Russell, ye daughter of Anthony Russell, Husbandman & of Elizabeth Russell his wife was baptized
 Aug. 14 Ann Evans the daughter of Edward Evans, Labourer & of frances Evans his wife was baptized
 Nov. 1 Richard Typton ye sonn of John Typton yeoman & of Elizabeth Typton his wife was baptized
 Dec. 3 Francis Browne², Parson of this Parish deceased December 1. after y^t hee had enjoyed this parsonage, 26 years & four days, & was buried

Jan. 17 Mary Hilly ye daughter of Elianor Hilly widow was buried
 17 John Griffiths ye sonn of John Griffiths & of Ann Griffiths his wife was baptized

Jan 29 Margery Griffiths, widow was buried

Feb. 15 John Griffiths ye sonn of John & of Ann Griffiths his wife was buried

March 17 John Griffiths yeoman, an old man was buried
 19 Richard Clarke illegitimate, ye son of Margaret Clarke was baptized

¹ After the Restoration in 1660, Charles II. made Captain Richard Hosier, eldest son of Colonel Richard Hosier of Cruckton, governor of Shrewsbury Castle, and this "Edward Hosier gent." was most likely his brother. (cf Phillips' *Hist.*, p 140.)

² Francis Browne must have been another "Vicar of Bray," for though he was seemingly a strong Loyalist (cf his note on 1660), yet the Puritans appear to have left him alone, and not ejected him from his benefice, as they did Soothill, Vicar of Montford. Soothill was a great sufferer for his loyalty, and, "after his death, some of his Family were at length necessitated to seek relief from the Corporation for ministers' widows." (Walker's *Surgeries of the Clergy*, p. 369.)

20 Robert Adams¹ (*Master of Arts of Magdalen Colledy in Cambridge*) the sonn of William Adams of Longdon Esq, was inducted into this Rectory March 20 by Mr Timothy Hammonds, Parson of one of ye portions in the Parish of Pontesbury & Vicar of St Gyles or holy cross in ye Abby ffrogate of Shrewsbury 1634 Christenings this { males 3 Robert Adams Rector
year 6 { females 3 Thomas Dyas, Churchwarden
Buryalls this { males 4 Richard Typton, overseer of poor
year Two being { females 3 Anthony Russell, constable for John
Foreigners 7 Griffiths liveing

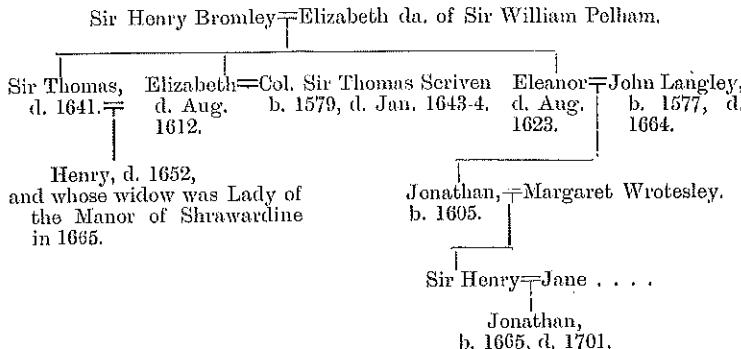
March 23, 1665.

May 21 Abygall Cleavely ye daughter of Thomas Cleavely & of Mary his wife was baptized
June 12 Catherine Davis ye Daughter of ffoulke Davis & of Catherine his wife was baptized
Aug 1 William Evans & Elizabeth Richards were marryed in this Parish Church
Aug. 3 Elizabeth Wilson y^e Daughter of Richard Wilson & of Martha his wife was baptized
June 5 Jonathan Langley y^e sonn of Henry Langley of y^e Abbey in y^e parish of holy Cross, gent: & of Jane his wife was baptized²
Nov. 22 William Winford, y^e sonn of Henry Winford of Enson was buried in this Parish
Febru 8 Stephen Punch ye sonn of Catherine Davis wife to ffoulke Davis was buried
March 15 Johanna Davis, ye Daughter of Richard Davis of the Pentry, carpenter, was buried
March 20 Margaret Griffiths ye Daughter of John Griffiths & of Ann his wife was baptized

1 March 20. The words, "Master of Arts of Magdalen Colledy in Cambridge," have at some subsequent date been crossed out, but are still quite legible. Mr. Timothy Hammond was Vicar of the second portion of Pontesbury in 1650. In 1663 he became Vicar of the Abbey, which he held with the first portion of Pontesbury till his death in 1671.

2 Thus entered in the Abbey Church Register, "1665, June 5, Jonathan the grandchild of Jonathan Langley, Esqre., and son of Henry Langley, gent., and Jane his wife, bap. at Shrawardine by me Timy Hammond, Vicar of Holy Cross." These Langleys were descended from William Langley, who bought the site of the Shrewsbury Abbey in 1546. John Langley of Shrewsbury Abbey married Eleanor, daughter of Sir Henry Bromley of Shrawardine Castle (she died Aug. 20th, 1623). Their son Jonathan (born 1605), married Margaret, daughter of Sir Hugh Wrotesley of Wrotesley in Staffordshire, and had a son Henry, who was a knight in 1637. Henry's son Jonathan, christened at Shrawardine, was Sheriff of Shropshire in 1689, and had an only daughter, who married Thomas Thornes of Shavelock. (Blakeway's *Sheriffs of Shropshire*).

The following Pedigree shews the connection of the Langley's with Shrawardine:—



Christenings this year, one { Males 1 Robert Adams Rector
 being a foreigner 5 { Females 4 Thomas James Churchwarden
 Burials this year, two { Males 2 George Griffiths Overseer of
 being foreigners 3 { Females 1 the poor For Lynegar's
 living
 Anthony Russell, constable
 for his one living

March 25, 1666

April 22 Mary Griffiths ye Daughter of Richard Griffiths & of Mary his
 wife was baptized
 October 7 Joanna Edmonds daughter to Elizabeth now wife to Thomas
 James gent: was buried
 Dec. 10 Isabell Pennell wife to Richard Pennell was buried
 Robert Adams Rector. Andrew Wesson, Churchwarden. John Griffiths overseer

March 25th 1667

July 15 Margaret Mansell, ye Daughter of Nicholas & Margaret his wife
 was baptized
 July 25 Richard Pennell, the son of Richard Pennel Clerk was buried
 Oct. 13 Isabel Griffiths the daughter of John Griffiths & Ann his wife was
 baptized
 Feb 11 Ann Davis ye Daughter of ffoulk Davis was baptised Febru 11 &
 buried Feb. 18
 Mar. 13 Margaret Wilson ye Daughter of Richard Wilson was baptized
 Mar 15 Alice Davis ye wife of Richard Davis was buried
 Mar. 23 sfrancis Pennell ye Son of Lodwick Pennell & Elianor his wife
 was baptized
 Elianor the daughter of William Russell & Elianor his wife was baptized
 in January this year either upon ye 5 or 6 day

Robert Adams Rector. Georg Griffiths, churchwarden. Houlk Davis Overseer
 March 25. 1668

May 1 William Peply ye Son of William Peply & of Margaret Peply his
 wife was baptized
 May 12 Isabell Russell ye Daughter of Anthony Russell & of Elizabeth
 his wife was baptized
 June 5 Mary Hilly ye daughter of Thomas Hilly & of Margaret his wife
 was baptized
 August 17 Isabell Russell the daughter of Anthony Russell & of Elizabeth
 his wife was buried
 Y^e same day A strang woman who was an Harvest Labourer was buried
 here
 Sep. 27 Ann Griffiths ye Daughter of John Griffiths was buried
 Oct. 6 Elianor Cross ye daughter of William Cross & Ann his wife was
 baptized
 Nov. 22 John Griffiths, ye son of John Griffiths & of Ann his wife was
 baptized

Robert Adams Rector
 John Tipton Churchwarden
 Will: Hussey Owerseer

March 25. 1669

June 6 Sarah Davis ye daughter of ffoulk Davis & Catherine was wife was
 baptized
 Jan. 27 George Griffiths ye elder was buried
 Robert Adams Rector. Nicholas Mansell, churchwarden. John Clerk,
 overseer.

March 25. 1670

June 5 Richard Pennell ye son of Richard Pennell & Joane his wife was
 baptized
 Sep. 18 Thomas Preese ye son of Richard Preese and Ann his wife was
 baptized
 Dec. 28 Elizabeth Glass ye daughter of John Glass & Ann his wife was
 baptized
 Jan. 8 Elianor Russell ye daughter of Anthony Russell & Elizabeth his
 wife was baptized
 Robert Adams Rector. Georg Griffiths, churchwarden.

March 25. 1671

June 12 Thomas Hilly the son of Thomas Hilly & Margaret his wife was
 baptized

Sep. 7 William Cherm of this Parish was buried
 " 17 Thomas Dias of this Parish was buried
 Oct. 12 John Speake ye son of William Speake & Sisly his wife was baptized
 " 12 Margaret Davis ye daughter of ffolk Davis & Catherine his wife was baptized
 Feb. 11 Mary Wilson the daughter of Richard Wilson & Martha his wife was baptized
 Robert Adams Rector. Thomas Howells, churchwarden

March 25, 1672
 May 26 Roger the son of Roger Purcell & Joane his wife was baptized
 June 24 Marget Willson a poore widow of this Parish was bury'd
 August 17 Joane Howells widow was bury'd
 " 22 Margaret Davis the daughter of ffolk Davis and Catherine his wife was bury'd
 Oct. 12 Mary Wilson the daughter of Richard Wilson & Martha his wife was bury'd
 Nov. 15 M^r Henry Crichlow of Edgerley, deceased in ye parish of Kinnerley was buried in this Parish Church
 Dec. 15 Hannah Speake the daughter of William Speake & Sisly his wife was baptized
 Jan 19 Bridget the daughter of Lodwick Pennell & Elianor his wife was baptized
 Feb. 21 Elizabeth a bastard daughter of Catherine Pennell was buried
 Mar. 13 Thomas Clark a bastard child of Margaret Clark was baptized
 Robert Adams Rector. Richard Humphrys Churchwarden

March 25, 1673
 March 25 Sarah the wife of Martin Speake was buried
 April 3 Hannah the daughter of William Speake & Sisly his wife was buried
 14 Edward Jeukes the Smith of this Parish was buried
 Oct. 5 John Glass of this Parish was married to Eleanor Jones of the parish of Montford after the banns were thrice publish'd in both parishes
 Jan. 8 Roger Wilson & Richard Wilson twin sons of Richard Wilson & Martha his wife were baptiz'd
 " 14 Both were buried
 Mar. 9 Mary the Daughter of Roger Purcell & Joane his wife was baptiz'd
 Robert Adams Rector. John Glass Churchwarden.

March 25, 1674
 Aug. 13 Edward Smout of this Parish yeoman was buried
 " 30 Richard Glass the son of John Glass & Eleanor his wife was baptiz'd¹
 Robert Adams, Rector. William Hussey Churchwarden.

March 25, 1675
 April 13 John Clarke yeoman was bury'd
 Jan. 10 Mary Morris the wife of Richard Morris was buried
 " 23 William Wilson, the son of Richard Wilson & Martha his wife was baptized
 Feb. 1 Elizabeth Pain widow was bury'd
 23 Thomas Hilly of Hilly yeoman was bury'd
 Mar. 10 Richard Young of ffelton-butler² was bury'd
 March 21 Joane Pennell the wife of Richard Pennell was bury'd
 Robert Adams Rector. Georg Griffiths Churchwarden

¹ Aug. 30. cf. Entry in Moutford Register, 1674—"Ellinor ye wife of John Glass of ye Psh. of Shraden was buried September ye 16th." "Isdem Helgotus tenet Felton, Aluric ² Domesday et Alchen tenuerunt pro iii Maneris et liberi homines fuerunt. Ibi iii virgatae terra geldibiles Terra est v carucis. In dominio est una carucia et iii servi et iii villani cum una carucia Bernardus tenet de Helgote. T. R. E. valebat xiii solidos. Modo valet xv solidos." In 1165 Felton belonged to Hamo fitz-Buteler, from whom it probably derived its present name. (Cf. Eytون x, 202).

March 25, 1676

May 4 Jane the daughter of Roger Purcell & Joane his wife was baptized
 Nov. 23 Jane Bromley widow one of the poor of y^o Parish aged 94 was
 bury'd
 Mar. 18 Isabell the daughter of Lodwick Pennell & Elianor his wife was
 baptized
 Robert Adams Rector. Richard Tipton Churchwarden.¹

March 25, 1677

June 24 Elizabeth Purcell, the wife of John Purcell was bury'd
 July 5 Richard Brayne son in law to ffolk Davis, a stranger come from
 London was bury'd
 Jan. 17 Joane the Daughter of Roger Purcell & Joane his wife was baptiz'd
 Robert Adams, Rector. John Tipton Churchwarden.

March 25, 1678

June 9th Thomas Edmonds the son of Thomas Edmonds & Mary his wife
 was baptized
 June 23rd Thomas Leigh the son of Daniel Leigh & Sarah his wife was
 baptized
 July 3rd Thomas Leigh the son of Daniel Leigh and Sarah his wife was
 buried
 July 7th Mary Glass the Daughter of John Glass & [. . .²] his wife was
 baptized
 Jan. 24 Elizabeth the wife of Antony Russell was bury'd
 Robert Adams Rector. William Hussey Churchwarden

March 25, 1679

June 9th Sarah the daughter of Daniel Leigh & Sarah his wife was baptiz'd
 June 19th Richard the son of William Russell & Elianor his wife was
 bury'd
 July 28th John the son of John Glass & Mary his wife was baptiz'd
 Nov. 16th Elizabeth the Daughter of Lodwick Pennel & Elianor his wife
 was baptiz'd
 Feb. 8th William the son of Thomas Edmonds and Mary his wife was
 baptiz'd
 March 7th William the son of Roger Purcell & Joane his wife was baptiz'd
 Robert Adams, Rector. Henry Shelvock, Churchwarden

March 25, 1680

June 15th Jane Humphreys, Sister of Richard Humphreys the Elder, was
 bury'd
 June 24th Edward the son of Daniel Leigh & Sarah his wife was baptiz'd
 July 4th Richard the son of Richard Humphreys the younger & Jane his
 wife was baptiz'd
 Jan. 23 Edward the son of Leonard Smout & Mary his wife was baptiz'd
 Jan. 30 Jane the Daughter of John Postern & Mary his wife was baptiz'd
 Robert Adams, Rector. Foulk Davies, Churchwarden.

March 25, 1681.

Sept. 11 Martha the daughter of John Lloyd & Alice his wife was baptiz'd
 Jan. 22 Richard the son of Thomas Edmonds & Mary his wife was baptiz'd
 March 12 Jane the daughter of Richard Humphreys ye younger & Jane
 his wife was baptiz'd
 Robert Adams, Rector. Foulk Davies, Churchwarden

March 25, 1682

May 21 Mary Davies of the Pentry in the parish of Kinnerley, widow was
 buried in ye parish of Shrawarden.
 August 13 Sarah the Daughter of Robert Prichard & Margaret his wife
 was baptiz'd
 Jan. 21 William the son of Thomas Finch & Jane his wife was baptiz'd
 Feb. 19 Thomas the Son of Roger Howells & Mary his wife was buried
 Feb. 25 Margaret the Daughter of Roger Purcell & Joane his wife was
 baptiz'd
 Robert Adams, Rector. Foulk Davies, Churchwarden

¹ Cf. "Richard Typton of ye ffolly Churchwarden" in entry of the Divisions of the Churchyard wall.

² There is a blank in the Register. Cf. entries on July 28th, 1679; Aug. 3rd, 1674; Dec. 28th, 1679, which seem to say there were three persons of the name of John Glass in the parish, the names of whose wives were severally Mary, Eleanor, and Ann.

March 25, 1683

May 26 Hannah the daughter of Joane Tristram was marry'd to Robert Goddert of Shrewsbury, Gentleman.

June 6th Margaret Crutchley of this parish widow was marry'd to William Punch of ye parish of Monford widower.

Aug 5 Mary the daughter of Lodwick Pennel & Elianor his wife was baptiz'd

Sept. 22 Richard Tipton ¹ yeoman was buried.Nov. 20 Robert Adams Rector of Shrawarden was marryed to Elizabeth the Daughter of Samuel Powell of Staunedge in the County of Radnor Esqr^o

Dec. 9th Evan the son of John Lloyd & Alice his wife was baptiz'd

Feb. 17 Mary the daughter of Robert Prichard & Margaret his wife was baptiz'd

Robert Adams, Rector, Anthony Russell, Churchwarden.

March 25, 1684

May 2 Thomas Edmonds the son of Elizabeth ye wife of Mr Thomas James was buried.

July 9 Ann the wife of William Hussey was buried.

Nov. 5 Thomas the son of Thomas Finch & Jane his wife was baptized.

Dec. 26 Richard the son of ²Adam Manwaring & Mary his wife was baptized

Jan. 6 Samuel the son of Robert Adams Rector of Shrawarden & Elizabeth his wife was baptiz'd

Jan. 13 Thomas ye son of Thomas Finch & Jane his wife was bury'd.

Robert Adams, Rector, William Russell, Churchwarden.

March 25, 1685

April 1 Ann Crichloo the daughter of Margaret Punch widow was buried.

Aug. 2 Elizabeth Farmer widow was buried.

Nov. 27 Mary ye daughter of Lodwick Pennell & Elianor his wife was buried.

Dec. 7 Bridget ye Daughter of Lodwick Pennell & Elianor his wife was buried

Dec. 13 John the son of Thomas Finch & Jane his wife was baptized

Feb. 23 Mr Thomas James was bury'd

Robert Adams Rector, Henry Rogers Churchwarden

March 25, 1686

April 5 Richard Davies of ye parish of Kinerley was bury'd in Shrawarden

June 8 Dorothy ye Daughter of Adam Manwaring & Mary his wife was baptized

July 18 Elizabeth ye Daughter of Thomas Wilson & Mary his wife was baptiz'd

July 25 Mary ye Daughter of John Lloyd & Alice his wife was baptiz'd

Aug. 17 George ye Son of Robert Adams, Rector of Shrawarden & Elizabeth his wife was baptized

Oct. 24 Mary the Daughter of Lodwick Pennell & Elianor his wife was baptized

Robert Adams Rector, Rees Price Churchwarden

March 25, 1687

Jan 21 Meredeth ap Edwards was buried

Feb. 23 Mary the Daughter of Leonard Smout & Ann his wife was bap.

March 4 Mary the Daughter of Leonard Smout & Ann his wife was buried

Robert Adams Rector, Georg Griffiths Churchwarden

March 25, 1688

May 6 Henry the son of Georg Griffiths & Ann his wife was baptized

May 7 Elizabeth the daughter of Jonathan Tristram & Sarah his wife was baptized

May 19 Ann Tipton widow was buried

May 20 Ann Smout widow was buried

Robert Adams Rector, Jonathan Tristram Churchwarden.

March 25, 1689

Mar. 28 Elizabeth the Daughter of Thomas Wilson & Mary his wife was buried

¹ A Richard Tipton was admitted to Shrewsbury School, in May, 1620.² Cf, "1677 Mar. 9, Adam Manwaring of ye parish of Wellington & Mary Wolfe of ye parish of Littelnesse mar." [St. Julian's Church Registe

June 9 Foulk Davies was buried
 June 23 Mary Davies widow of ye parish of Kinnerly was buried
 Aug. 21 Sarah the Daughter of Georg Griffiths and Ann his wife was
 baptized.
 Oct. 2 Eleanor Hilly widow was buried
 Oct. 13 Mary the Daughter of Thomas Gough & Catherine his wife was
 baptiz'd
 Nov. 13 Sarah ye Daughter of George Griffiths & Ann his wife was buried.
 Dec. 1 Elizabeth Griffiths was marry'd to Philip Bowdeler of Shrewsbury
 Jan. 15 Richard Morris was buried.
 Mar. 16 William ye son of Richard Corbet and Jane his wife was baptiz'd
 Robert Adams, Rector. Richard Morris, Churchwarden.

March 25, 1690
 April 13, Elizabeth the Daughter of Thomas Wilson & Mary his wife was
 bap.
 April 22 David Shelvock was buried.
 July 14 William the son of Richard Corbet & Jane his wife was buried.
 Sept. 19 Mary the Daughter of Thomas Gough and Catherine his wife was
 buried
 Sept. 21 George the son of George Griffiths & Ann his wife was baptized.
 Feb. 1 Elizabeth the Daughter of Richard Morris & Margaret his wife
 was baptiz'd
 Feb. 22 Samuel the son of William Sauunders & Hannah his wife was
 Baptiz'd
 Mar. 3 Jane the daughter of Thomas Griffiths & Jane his wife was baptized
 Robert Adams, Rector. Georg Griffiths, Churchwarden

March 25, 1691
 April 15 Georg the son of Georg Griffiths and Ann his wife was buried.
 June 21 Roger Clark & Margaret Crutchloo were married.
 Aug. 17 Eleanor ye wife of John Davies one of ye poor of ye parish was
 buried
 Oct. 28¹ Dorothy the wife of Georg Griffiths ye elder was buried
 Jan. 18 Ann ye wife of Richard Humphreys was buried
 Robert Adams Rector. Adam Manwaring Churchwarden.

March 25, 1692
 April 27 John ye son of Roger Clark & Margaret his wife was baptiz'd
 May 27 John the son of Georg Griffiths & Ann his wife was baptized
 July 10 Elizabeth James widow was buried
 July 25 Margaret Clark was buried
 Oct. 6 Eleanor the Daughter of Alexander Glass & Margaret his wife was
 baptiz'd
 Dec. 11 Thomas Hilly of Hilley was buried
 Jan. 24 John ye son of William Speak & Sisley his wife was buried
 Jan. 31 Mrs Priscilla Brown the Relict of Francis Brown Rector of ye
 parish of Shrawarden was buried
 Robert Adams Rector. Adam Manwaring, Churchwarden.

March 25, 1693
 April 19 Catherine Davies widow was buried
 Aug. 5 Joan Purcel Junior the daughter of Roger Purcell & Joan his wife
 was buried
 Oct. 22 Richard ye son of Georg Griffiths & Ann his wife was baptiz'd
 Nov. 26 John the son of Richard Morris & Margaret his wife was baptiz'd
 Nov. 27 Richard Humphreys was marry'd to Elizabeth Typton after thrice
 publishing of ye Banns of Matrimony
 Dec. 26 Mary the daughter of Thomas Wilson & Mary his wife was
 baptiz'd
 Dec. 30 Mary the daughter of Roger Purcell & Joan his wife was buried
 Feb 2 Mary ye daughter of Roger Clark & Margaret his wife was baptiz'd
 March 4 Joseph the son of Thomas Finch & Jane his wife was baptiz'd
 March 7 Richard Wilson was buried
 Robert Adams Rector. Adam Manwaring Churchwarden

¹ Oct. 28, 1691. The oldest stone with a legible inscription in the Churchyard is to this Dorothy Griffiths.

March 25, 1694

Oct. 14 Mary ye daughter of Samuel Jones & Elizabeth his wife was baptiz'd

Dec. 1 William Hordley of ye parish of Fitz in ye county of Salop was married to Mary Hilly of ye parish of Shrawarden in ye county afores^d in ye parish Church of Shrawarden afores^d after ye Banns of Marriage had been thrice published in ye Churches of both parishes afores^d

Dec. 16 Julian ye daughter of Richard Davies & Mary his wife was baptiz'd Robert Adams Rector. John Tipton Churchwarden.

March 25, 1695

May 18 Jane ye daughter of Roger Purcell & Joan his wife was buried

June 26 Ann ye daughter of Georg Griffiths & Ann his wife was baptiz'd

Dec. 18 Roger Clark Farmer was buried

Dec. 27 Richard the son of Samuel Jones & Elizabeth his wife was baptized

Jan. 3 Margaret Clark widow was bur'd

Jan. 5 Elizabeth the Daughter of Thomas Gough & Catherine his wife was baptiz'd

Jan. 24 Margaret Punch¹ widow was buried

Robert Adams, Rector. Edward Evans, Churchwarden.

March 25, 1696

April 12 Mary ye daughter of William Horley & Mary his wife was baptiz'd

May 19 Alice ye daughter of William Russell & Elianor his wife was buried

July 5 Margery the daughter of Thomas Griffiths & Jane his wife was baptiz'd.

July 12 Julian the Daughter of Richard Davies and Mary his wife was buried

Aug. 6 John Clark an orphan was buried

Oct. 1 Elizabeth Pennel was buried. Robert Adams, Rector. John Tipton, Churchwarden.

March 25, 1697

Dec. 5 Julian ye Daughter of Richard Davies & Mary his wife was baptized

Jan. 11 Anthony Russel yeoman was buried

Robert Adams, Rector. William Hussey, Churchwarden.

March 25, 1698

July 26 Margaret ye Daughter of William Horley & Mary his wife was baptiz'd

Aug. 20 Richard Griffiths a true labourer, who left his wife Mary Griffiths his executrix, was buried

March 12 Martha the Daughter of Samuel Jones & Elizabeth his wife was baptiz'd

Robert Adams, Rector. Henry Shelvock, Churchwarden.

March 25, 1699

May 30 Georg the son of Georg Griffiths & Anu his wife was baptiz'd

Dec. 4 Richard the son of Thomas Gough & Catherine his wife was baptiz'd

Jan. 12 Edward Evans Farmer was buried

Feb. 14 Alice the Daughter of John Gardener & Elianor his wife was baptiz'd

March 15 Sarah the Daughter of Hugh Hughes & Elizabeth his wife was baptiz'd

Robert Adams, Rector. William Hordley, Churchwarden.

March 25, 1700

April 12 William the son of Thomas Wilson & Mary his wife was baptized

April 21 Arthur ye son of Richard Davies & Mary his wife was baptiz'd

May 28 John Gardiner, son in law to William Russel farmer was buried.

July 8, Elizabeth the wife of John Tipton farmer was buried.

July 9 John Watkis of ye Parish of Montgomery and Elianor Lyth of the Parish of Shrawarden were married upon a license granted to ym

July 8, 1700.

¹ The name of Margaret Punch has not yet passed out of remembrance, for in the Terrier of 1693 the glebe is stated to be " bounded on ye south with a field belonging to a Tene-ment of Margaret Punch," and a field called " Peggy's Croft " still " bounds on ye south " a field now called the " Glebe."

July 17 Mary ye daughter of Thomas Griffiths & Jane his wife was baptized
 Dec. 8 Mary the daughter of Thomas Gough & Catherine his wife was
 baptiz'd
 Dec. 13 Sarah Davies, pauper was buried
 Feb. 14 Edward the son of Thomas Lyth & Elianor his wife was buried.
 Robert Adams, Rector. Thomas Gough, Churchwarden.

March 25, 1701
 April 17 William the son of William Hordley and Mary his wife was
 baptiz'd
 April 22 Ann the daughter of John Watkis & Elianor his wife was baptized
 Dec. 7 Sarah the daughter of George Griffiths & Ann his wife was baptiz'd
 Dec. 28 Samuel the son of Thomas Griffiths & Jane his wife was baptiz'd
 Robert Adams, Rector. John Watkis, Churchwarden.

March 25, 1702
 May 3 William Evans of the Parish of Shrawarden in the County of Salop
 was married to Margaret Wilson of the Parish afores^d in the Parish
 Church of Shrawarden afores^d after the Banns of Marriage were
 thrice publish'd in the Parish Church afores^d
 May 10 Sarah the daughter of Thomas Tipton & Sarah his wife was
 baptiz'd
 Sept. 4 Ann the daughter of John Watkis & Elianor his wife was buried
 Sept. 29 Elizabeth the daughter of Reece Preece & Ann his wife was
 baptiz'd
 Dec. 5 Martha Wilson widow was buried
 Dec. 20 John the son of John Watkis & Elianor his wife was baptiz'd
 Jan. 30 William Russel yeoman was buried
 Feb. 18 Richard the son of Henry Wilson & Mary his wife was baptiz'd
 March 14 Martha, the Daughter of William Evans & Margaret his wife
 was baptiz'd
 March 17 Martha the Daughter of William Evans & Margaret his wife
 was buried
 Robert Adams, Rector. William Speak, Churchwarden.

March 25, 1703
 May 6 Hanna, the Daughter of Samuel Jones & Elizabeth his wife was
 baptiz'd
 May 6 Edward Parton of ye parish of Baschurch & Elianor Gardener
 widow of ye parish of Shrawarden were marryed in the parish
 Church of Shrawarden afores^d after ye Banns of Marriage were
 thrice published in both ye parish Churches afores^d
 May 9 Anne the Daughter of Richard Davies & Mary his wife was baptiz'd
 May 14 Elizabeth Daughter of Reece Preece & Anne his wife was buried
 Sept. 26 William Purcell & Thomas Purcell Twins the Sons of William
 Purcell & Rachel his wife was baptiz'd
 Oct. 11 Elianor the wife of Thomas Lyth was buried
 Oct. 20 Sarah the wife of Thomas Tipton was buried
 Nov. 26 William the son of Reece Preece & Anne his wife was baptiz'd
 Jan. 16 Faith Russell pauper was buried
 March 5 Sarah the Daugter (sic) of William Hordley & Mary his wife was
 baptiz'd
 March 21 Thomas the son of William Purcell & Rachel his wife was buried
 Robert Adams Rector. Edward Parton Churchwarden

March 25, 1704
 March 26 Elizabeth the Daughter of William Evans & Margaret his wife
 was baptiz'd
 May 7 Roger Purcell yeoman was buried
 July 13 William Hussey Boatman at Shrawarden Ferry was buried
 July 31 William the son of Edward Parton & Elianor his wife was baptiz'd
 Jan. 29 Elizabeth the Daughter of Reece Preece & Anne his wife was
 baptiz'd
 Feb. 27 Elianor the Daughter of John Watkis & Elianor his wife was
 baptiz'd
 Robert Adams, Rector. Thomas Wilson, Churchwarden.

March 25, 1705
 March 29 Henry the son of Thomas Griffiths & Jane his wife was baptiz'd
 April 10 Richard Morris blacksmith was buried
 April 19 Margaret Hilly of Hilly widow was buried

April 27 Anne Shelvock widow was buried
 May 11 Sarah the Daughter of Samuel Jones & Elizabeth^o his wife was
 baptized
 July 23 Sarah the Daughter of Samuel Jones & Elizabeth his wife was
 buried
 Oct. 28 Thomas the son of Henry Wilson & Mary his wife was baptiz'd
 Nov. 23 Richard the son of Thomas Griffiths & Jane his wife was buried
¹Dec. 15 Ishmael the son of John Powell & Elinor his wife was baptiz'd
 Dec. 28 Richard the son of Richard Nunney & Margaret his wife was
 baptiz'd
 Jan. 24 Jane Morris Widow one of the poor of yo parish of Shrawarden
 was buried
 Feb 10 Robert the son of William Purcell & Rachell his wife was baptized
 Feb. 13 Elinor the wife of Edward Parton was buried
 March 3 Richard the Bastard Child of Ann Griffies Spinster and of
 Thomas Evans the reputed Father (sonn of the Widow Evans of
 Shrawarden) was baptized
 Robert Adams, Rector. Richard Humphreys, Churchwarden
 March 25, 1706
 March 30 William the [Eldest] sonn of Thomas Finch & Jane his wife was
 buried
 April 7 Thomas Evans and Ann Griffies [both of the Parish of Shrawarden]
 were married after the banns had been thrice publish'd.
 April 30 Sara the Daughter of Samuell Jones & Elizabeth his wife was
 baptized
 May 23 Richard the sonn of Thomas Typton & Martha his wife was
 baptised
 June 20 Richard the son of Thomas Typton & Martha his wife was buried
 June 30 Hannah the Daughter of William Hordley & Mary his wife was
 baptiz'd
 July 14 Mary the Daughter of William Evans & Margaret his wife was
 baptiz'd
 August 7 Joyce Russell [Spinster] was buried
 Sept. 15 Thomas the Sonn of Thomas Gough & Katherine his wife was
 baptiz'd
 Nov. 1 John the Sonn of Reece p' Reece & Ann his wife was baptiz'd
 Nov. 1 Ann the Wife of Reece p' Reece was buried
 Dec. 1 Elinor Russell Widow was buried
 Dec. 8 Richard the Sonn of John Watkis & Elinor his Wife was baptiz'd
 March 4 [5th] Cisley the wife of William Speak was buried
 Robert Adams Rector. Georg Griffiths Churchwarden
 March 25th 1707
 Aug. 3 Elizabeth the Daughter of Thomas Typton & Martha his wife was
 baptiz'd
 Nov. 23 Edward the Sonn of Thomas Evans & Ann his wife was baptiz'd
 Feb. 18 Mary Griffiths widow was buried
 March 25, 1708
 May 20 [19] Dorothy Wolfe widow was buried
 June 6 Thomas the Sonn of Richard Nunney & Margaret his wife was
 baptiz'd
 June 24 Edward the sonn of Edward Parton & Jane [Anne] his wife
 was baptiz'd
 June 27 Thomas the sonn of William Purcell & Rachell his wife was
 baptiz'd
 Aug. 8 Martha the daughter of William Evans & Margaret his wife was
 baptiz'd
 Aug. 29 Richard the Sonn of Thomas Griffies & Jane his wife was baptiz'd
 Sept. 1 [2] Elizabeth the Daughter of Samuell Jones & Elizabeth his
 wife was baptiz'd

¹ Dec. 15.—At this date begins a parchment book entitled "A Book of Records, or Register, for the Parish of Great Shrawarden begun the 15th Day of December, 1705." It is, however, but a duplicate copy of the other Register book, both being written for the most part, if not wholly, by the same hands. The only difference is that the entries in this "Book of Records" are in one or two instances slightly more full, and when so they have been incorporated into this copy, but enclosed in brackets []. Its last entry is June 9, 1751.

Oct. 21 John the son of Thomas Tipton & Martha his wife was baptized
 Oct. 24 Mary Davies one of the poor of the Parish was buried
 Nov. 18 Mr John Lathum¹ a faithful Steward to the Lord of the Manor
 of Shrawarden was buried
 Feb. 10 Jane the Daughter of William Speak & Ann his wife was baptized
 March 2 Elizabeth the wife of Richard Humphreys Senior was buried
 March 6 Ann the daughter of John Watkis & elianor his wife was baptized
 March 15 Lodwick Fennel was buried

March 25, 1709
 July 30 Samuel the son of Robert Adams, Rector of Shrawarden &
 Elizabeth his wife was buried.
 Sept. 1 John the son of Thomas Tipton & Martha his wife was buried
 Oct. 1 Thomas the son of Thomas Edmonds & Sarah his wife was buried
 Oct. 4 Mary the Daughter of Thomas Tipton (& Martha his wife was
 baptized)
 Nov. 17 Richard the son of Richard Gittins & Martha his wife was baptized
 Dec. 21 Thomas Lyth was buried
 Febru. 7 Georg the son of Robert Adams Rector [of this Parish] of Shra-
 warden & Elizabeth his wife was buried.

March 25, 1710
 May 30 Mary the daughter of John Powell & Elinor his wife was baptized
 July 21 Mary the daughter of Thomas Tipton & Martha his wife was
 buried
 July 30 Richard the son of ²Reynold Evans & Martha his wife was baptized
³Aug. 9 Priscilla the Daughter of William Hordley & Mary his wife was
 baptized
³Oct. 16 Robert Adams late Rector of this parish was Buried
 Nov. 5 Ann & Mary ye daughters of Edward Parton & of Ann his wife
 [Twins] were Baptized
 Jan. 4 John Bitheil [one of ye poore of ye parish] was Buried.
 March 8 John ye son of Thomas & Martha Typton [Tipping] was Baptized
 March 11 Priscilla ye [infant] daughter of William Hordley & Mary his
 wife was Buried
 March 13 Thomas ye son of Richard Gittins & Martha his wife was
 Baptized
 March 18 Mary ye daughter of Richard Nunniley & Margaret his wife
 was Baptized

1711
 April 2 Margret ye son (sic) of John Watkis & Elinor his wife was Baptized
 Aug. 24 [20] Mary ye daughter of John & Mary Davies was Baptised
 Aug. 25 Martha Hussey was buried
 Sept. 13 Martha ye daughter of Thomas & Sarah Ward was Baptized
 Oct. 21 Martha ye daughter of Richard & Mary Davies was Baptized
 Dec. 3 Priscilla ye daughter of William & Mary Hordley was Baptized
 Dec. 19 John ye son of John Watkis was Buried
 Dec. 19 Anne ye daughter of John Watkis was Buried
 Dec. 20 Elinor ye daughter of John Watkis was Buried
 Dec. 21 [24] Richard ye son of John Watkis was Buried
 Jan 17 [4] Richard Grafton was Buried
 March 25 [18] Anne Parton, Infant was Buried

1712
 March 28 Richard Humphreys Senr was Buried
 April 16 [18] Elizabeth James was Buried

¹ In 1687 "Mr. John Latham of Shrawarden in this county," was a benefactor to the Library of Shrewsbury School. His son, the Rev. John Latham, was Vicar of the Abbey Church, Shrewsbury, 1728-50, the year of his death. Shortly after his induction to the living, he presented a petition to the Bishop of Lichfield praying that a picture representing Our Lord upon the Cross, which had been placed in the chancel by his predecessor, might be removed. A counter-petition was presented by the Churchwardens and parishioners, and the Bishop decided in favour of the Vicar. It eventually came into the possession of the great grand-daughter of the original giver, who presented it again to the Church in 1820, and it is now in the vestry.

² In 1621 a Reynold Evans held lands in Coleham, Shrewsbury, and this may be a descendant.

³ Aug. 9th.—This is the last entry in the handwriting of Robert Adams; and the next (Oct. 16) the first in that of Edmund James,

June 13 Elizabeth Morris was buried
 Oct. 5 William ye son of Reynold & Martha Evans was Baptized
 Nov. 2 John ye son of William & Rachael Purcell was Baptized
 Nov. 11 Samuel ye son of Richard & Martha Gittins was Baptized

1713 April 3 Anne & Edward ye son & daughter of Edward & Anne Parton were Baptized
 April 17 Thomas ye son of Thomas & Sarah Ward was Baptized
 May 26 Mary ye daughter of Thomas & Martha Typton was Baptized
 Sept. 1 John ye son of John & Eleanor Powell was Baptized
 Sept. 7 Edward Parton, Infant was Buried
 Sept. 22 Eleanor ye daughter of John & Eleanor Watkis was Baptized
 Oct. 17 John Typton aged about 102 was Buried
 Jan. 2 Anne Parton, Infant was Buried
 Jan. 24 Anne ye daughter of Edward & Mary Morris was Bap.

1714 April 11 Samuel ye son of Rich^d & Margaret Nonely was Baptized
 Sept. 8 Mary ye wife of Thomas Wilson was Buried
 Oct. 15 Jane ye daughter of Edward & Anne Parton was Bap.
 March 20 Sarah ye daughter of Reynold & Martha Evans was Baptized

1715 April 20 William ye son of Richard & Martha Gittins was Baptized
 May 13 Abel ye son of Abel & Anne Richards was [Born &] Baptized
 May 15 Abel ye son of Abel & Anne Richards was Buried

1716 April 22 Jane ye daughter of Richard & Mary Davies was Baptized
 April 24 Alice ye daughter of Thomas & Susan Lyth was Baptized
 June 24 Eleanor ye daughter of John & Eleanor Powell was Baptized
 July 15 John ye son of Abel & Anne Richards was Baptized
 June 12 [August 12] John Powell, Boteman [ferryman] was Buried
 Sept. 22 Robert Davies a traveller born in Anglesea was Buried
 Nov. 3 Esther Hughes, Infant was Buried
 Nov. 11 Edward ye son of Edward & Mary Morris was Baptized
 Nov. 11 William Purcell & Rob^t Purcell his son were Buried
 Nov. 21 William Purcell Jun^r was Buried
 Nov. 24 Eleanor Powell, Infant was Buried
 Dec. 18 William ye son of Thomas & Sarah Ward was Baptized
 Dec. 18 Sarah ye Wife of Thomas Ward was Buried
 Jan. 2 Martha ye daughter of Richard & Margaret Nonely was Bap.
 Jan. 4 M^a Elizabeth Adams [Relict of M^r Rob^t Adams Rect^r] was Buried
 Jan. 4 Mary Nonely [Infant] ye daughter of Rich^d Nonely was Buried
 Jan. 13 Martha Nonely Infant was Buried

1717 April 22 William ye son of Gideon & Mary Bevan was Bap.
 Oct. 13 Mary ye daughter of William & Anne Bevan was Baptized

1718 March 18 Mary ye daughter of Thomas Lyth was Buried
 April 16 William ye son of Rich^d & Margaret Nonely was Baptized
 June 3 Jane Finch was Buried
 June 3 Mary ye daughter of Thomas & Susan Lyth was Baptized
 Sept. 30 Mary ye daughter of Richard & Martha Gittins was Baptized
 Dec. 26 Mary ye daughter of Abel & Anne Richards was Bap.
 Jan. 9 John Morris of Epsdon was Buried
 Feb. 12 Sarah Evans Widow was Buried
 March 24 Elizabeth & Henry ye daughter and son of Edw^d and Anne Parton were Bap.

1719 April 19 Samuel ye son of Thomas & Eleanor Ward was Baptized
 June 18 Mary ye daughter of John & Elizabeth Davies was Baptized
 July 21 Elizabeth Davies was Buried
 Oct. 10 Henry Parton Infant was Buried
 Dec. 17 Anne ye daughter of Joseph & Martha Hughs was Baptized
 Jan. 7 Richard ye son of Mary Gough & his reputed father John Glass was Bap.
 Jan. 8 Robert ye son of William & Anne Bevan was Baptized
 Jan. 10 Thomas ye son of Richard & Mary Jones was Baptized

1720 feeb. 9 Jane ye daughter of Thomas & Jane finch was Baptized
March 23 Thomas ye son of Richard & Elizabeth Morris was Baptized

1720 May 6 Judith ye wife of Thomas Downes was Buried
May 20 Margaret Morris widow was Buried
May 29 [28] Richard Humphreys ye Elder was Buried
June 16 Richard ye son of M^r Richard & M^r Anne Glover was Baptized
July 24 Elizabeth ye daughter of Thomas & Margaret Hughes, Travellers,
was Baptized
Aug. 21 Thomas ye son of Gideon & Mary Bevan was Baptized
March 8 Thomas Norton was Buried

1721 April 12 John ye son of Thomas & Anne Emry was Baptized
April 26 Mary ye daughter of Thomas [& Susan] Lyth was Buried
May 7 Richard ye son of Richard & Elizabeth Morris was Baptized
May 15 William Hordley ye younger aged 20 was Buried
June 17 Margaret Hordley was Buried
July 6 Jane Griffiths was Buried
July 22 George & Margaret Parton son & daughter of Edward & Anne
Parton were Baptized
Oct. 8 Joshua ye son of Thomas & Eleanor Ward was Baptized
Nov. 19 Anne ye daughter of Abel & Anne Richards was Baptized
Dec. 25 Anne ye daughter of Rich^d and Margaret Nonely was Bap.
Jan. 21 Richard ye son of Gideon & Mary Bevon was Baptized
Jan. 30 Gideon ye son of Will^m & Anne Bevon was Baptized
feeb. 11 Richard ye son of Gideon Bevon was Buried

1722 June 24 Richard ye son of Edw^d and Anne Birch was Baptized
July 15 Elizabeth ye daughter of Timothy & Elizabeth Hews was Baptized
Sept. 23 Elizabeth Hughes Infant was Buried
Dec. 4 Mary ye daughter of Richard & Mary Jones was Baptized
Dec. 28 George Parton Infant was Buried
Jan. 14 Samuel ye son of Hannah Barrow & his reputed fath^r John
Bullock was Baptized
Jan. 25 Samuel ye son of Haannah Barrow & his reputed fath^r John
Bullock was Buried

1723 Aug. 20 William ye son of Christabel alias Christien Glass¹ & his sworn
reputed fath^r Morris Roberts alias John Evans was Bap.
Aug. 29 Mary ye daughter of John & Mary Humphreys was Baptized
Sept. 7 John ye son of Timothy & Elizabeth Hughes was Baptized
Sept. 13 Charles Evans was Buried
Oct. 18 Martha Jones was Buried
Oct. 19 John ye son of John & Elizabeth Griffiths was Baptized
Dec. 30 Elizabeth ye daughter of John & Mary Jefferyes of Ensden was
Baptized²

1724 April 10 Ann ye daughter of William & Ann Bevon was Baptized
May 7 Mary ye daughter of Martha Hughes & her reputed sworn fath^r
Sam^l Griffiths Bap.
June 30 William Jones was Buried
Jan. 1 Sarah ye daughter of Gideon & Mary Bevon was Baptized
Jan. 6 Edward ye son of Timothy & Elizabeth Hughes was Baptized
Jan. 17 Sarah ye daughter of Edw. & Anne Parton was Baptized
feeb. 7 Sarah ye daughter of John & Mary Humphreys was Baptized
feeb. 14 Sarah ye daughter of Richard & Elizabeth Morris was Baptized
feeb. 16 Eleanor Downes Widow was Buried
feeb. 26 John ye son of Thomas & Jane finch was Baptized

¹ Probably her real name was Christabella, for in the Register of St. Julian's Church Shrewsbury, under the year 1702 there occurs the following entry:—"Aug 2 Christabella d. of Richd Glass labourer and Anne his w. bap."

² Entered as follows in Montford Register:—"Dec. 30^o Baptizata in Eccles. de Shrawarden Elizabetha Filia Johani et Marie Jerfferis de Ensden Nat. Nov. 23^o"

1725

March 30 Martha ye daughter of Richard & Mary Jones was Baptized
 March 30 Mary ye daughter of Richard & Margaret Nonely was Baptized
 May 24 Mary Davies of ye Pentree [Kinnerly Parish] Widow was Buried
 June 18 [M^r] Adam Manwaring was Buried
 Jan. 1 John ye son of John & Hannah Gassett was Baptized

1726

May 16 Thomas ye son of William & Anne Bevon was Baptized
 June 17 Joseph ye son of Timothy & Elizabeth Hughs was Baptized
 Sept. 10 Thomas Richards Infant was Buried
 Sept. 16 M^r John Watkin of Montgomery [gent.] and M^a Anne Glover of
 Shrawardine [gentew^m] were married in Shrawardine Church,
 &c. cum Licentia
 Sept. 4 Mary Norton widow was Buried
 Oct. 11 Richard Littlehales [of ye Parish of St Cedd in Salop, Singleman]
 & Sarah Griffiths [of this Parish Singlewoman] were married
 Licentia
 Nov. 30 Thomas Lyth was Buried
 Dec. 8 George Griffiths Sen^r was Buried
 Dec. 8 Mary ye daughter of John & Hannah Gassett was Baptized.
 Dec. 11 Martha ye daughter of Abraham & Julian Powell was Baptized
 Dec. 13 Mary Gassett Infant was Buried
 Dec. 18 Anne ye daughter of George & Isabell Griffiths was Baptized
 feeb. 2. John Humphreys & Elizabeth Williams both of this parish were
 married by Licence

1727

April 10 Sarah ye daughter of Gideon & Mary Bevon was Buried
 May 24 William Wilson (both these of ye small Pox) was Buried
 June 3 Jane Humphreys Widow was Buried
 June 4 Thomas Downes was Buried
 July 15 Elizabeth Sandford was Buried
 Aug. 6 Susanna ye daughter of Timothy & Elizabeth Hughs was Baptized
 Oct. 5 John ye son of John & Elizabeth Humphreys was Baptized
 Oct. 29 Mary ye daughter of John & Anne Gittins was Baptized
 Dec. 19 Mary ye daughter of John & Hannah Gassett was Baptized
 Dec. 19 Margaret Evans was Buried
 Dec. 26 Timothy ye son of Elizabeth Dyas & his Sworn & reputed flather
 Richard Gittins Jun^r was Baptized
 Jan. 7 Elizabeth ye daughter of George & Anne Purcell was Baptized
 Jan. 29 William Evans was Buried
 feeb. 20 Edward Poyner was Buried.

1728

March 29 Mary Manwaring widow was Buried
 April 19 Thomas Bevon Infant was Buried
 June 19 John Lloyd of Condover Paup^r was Buried
 June 30 George ye son of George & Isabell Griffiths was Baptized.
 August 2 Anne Barber from ye Abby Parish Salop was Buried
 August 2 Susanna Lyth Jun^r was Buried
 August 10 [8] Susanna Lyth widow was Buried
 August 11 Richard ye son of Gideon & Mary Bevon was Baptized
 Aug. 18 Alice ye daughter of Richard & Mary Jones was Baptized
 Dec. 21 Mary Glass was Buried
 feeb. 4 Elizabeth Morris was Buried.

1729

April 14 John Bowers was Buried
 May 22 Eleanor Downes was Buried
 June 12 John Calcott Infant was Buried
 July 12 Anne Watkin was Buried
 Aug. 3 Sarah ye daughter of William & Anne Bevon was Baptized
 Sept. 30 Thomas Flucht was Buried
 Oct. 19 William Wilson was Buried
 Nov. 29 Edward Norton was Buried
 Dec. 28 Elizabeth ye daughter of John & Anne Gittins was Baptized
 Dec. 30 Richard ye son of John & Elizabeth Humphreys was Baptized
 Jan. 7 Anne Davies Widow was Buried
 Jan. 21 George Griffiths Infant was Buried

Jan. 31 Edward All-Cocks Infant was Buried
 feb. 20 Sarah Typton was Buried
 March 2 Abel Richards was Buried
 March 24 Elizabeth ye daughter of John & Hannah Gassett was Baptized

1730 May 10 Margaret Poyner was Buried
 May 29 Margaret Norton was Buried
 Aug. 14 John ye son of Abraham & Julian Powell was Baptized
 Aug. 28 Robert ye son of Gideon & Mary Bevon was Baptized
 Sept. 11 Edward Parton was Buried
 Nov. 9 Arthur Davies & Mary Lloyd were Married Publica'. Ban'.

1731 May 9 Edward ye son of Thomas & Mary Norton was Baptized
 May 16 Sarah ye daughter of William & Mary Parton was Baptized
 May 25 Robert Michell [Mitchell] & Mary Griffiths were Married Pub'. Ban'
 June 8 Mary ye daughter of Arthur & Mary Davies was Baptized
 June 14 Edward Norton Infant was Buried
 June 27 Mary ye daughter of Rowland & Sarah Davies was Baptized
 July 26 John ye son of John & Dorothy Evans of Monford was Baptized
 July 26 Elizabeth Typton pauper was Buried
 Aug. 14 Sarah Bevon Infant was Buried
 Oct. 14 Edward Evans & Sarah Thomas were Married Pub. Ban'.
 Oct. 28 Elizabeth Jones was Buried.
 Nov. 28 Sarah ye daughter of William & Anne Bevon was Baptized
 Dec. 26 John ye son of John & Anne Gittins was Baptized

1732 April 10 Thomas ye son of John & Elizabeth Humphreys was Baptized
 April 20 Sarah Parton Infant was Buried
 April 27 Thomas Ward Junr & Anne Barber were Married Pub: Ban:
 July 16 Edward ye son of Edward & Sarah Evans was Baptized
 Aug. 13 Mary ye daughter of Thomas & Mary Norton was Baptized
 Sept. 13 Martha ye daughter of Arthur & Mary Davies was Baptized
 Oct. 26 Sarah ye daughter of Gideon & Mary Bevon was Baptized
 Jan. 16 Philip ye son of Elizabeth Butler & his Sworn Fathers Tho:
 Bevon & Will. Davies was Baptized
 feb. 9 Henry ye son of William & Mary Parton was Baptized
 March 11 Sarah ye daughter of Thomas & Anne Ward was Baptized

1733 July 26 William ye son of John & Mary Ethelstone was Baptized
 Nov. 12 Anne Griffiths Widow was Buried

1734 April 9 William Jones Infant ye son of William & Mary Jones of Bicton
 was buried [in William Hordley's Burying place]
 April 24 John Powell aged 20 was Buried
 May 19 Mary ye daughter of John & Margaret Edwards of florid was
 Baptized.
 May 30 Joseph Lyth was Buried
 July 6 John ye son of Arthur & Mary Davies was Baptized.
 July 28 John ye son of Robert & Mary Mitchell was Baptized
 Oct. 13 William ye son of John & Elizabeth Humphreys was Bap.
 Nov. 3 Edward Millart & Martha Williams were Married Ban. Pub.
 Dec. 1 Elizabeth ye daughter of Edward & Sarah Evans was Bap.
 Dec. 8 Anne ye daughter of Rowland & Sarah Davies was Bap.
 Jan. 30 Thomas ye son of Thomas & Jane Finch was Baptized
 Feb. 12 Samuel Jones was Buried.
 Feb. 19 Jane ye daughter of Thomas Ward Junr & Anne his wife was Bap.
 March 19 Thomas ye son of Thomas & Mary Norton was Baptized.

1735 March 30 Elizabeth ye daughter of William & Mary Bevon was Baptized
 June 1 Richard ye son of Richard & Mary Jones was Baptized
 July 13 William ye son of William & Mary Parton was Baptized
 Oct. 19 Katherine ye daughter of William & Jane Moody was Bap.
 Jan. 1 Thomas Gittins and Mary Powell were Married, Pub. Bans.
 Jan. 15 Mary ye daughter of John & Anne Bevington was Bap.
 febr. 21 Thomas Bevington, Infant was Buried

1736 April 4 Elizabeth ye Daughter of John & Mary Wildblood was Baptized
 May 28 Henry ye Son of Henry & Margaret Griffiths was Baptized
 June 6 John ye Son of David & Mary Price was Baptized
 June 15 William ye Son of Arthur & Mary Davies was Baptized
 Oct. 2 Edmund & Richard Sons of John & Anne Gittins Baptized
 Oct. 3 Richard Gittins Infant Buried
 March 13 Samuel ye son of John & Elizabeth Humphreys Baptized

1737 May 18 Thomas Norton Infant was Buried
 May 30 Mary ye Daughter of Robert & Mary Mitchell was Baptized
 July 14 John Glass was Buried
 Sept. 18 William ye Son of Richard & Elizabeth Nonely Baptized
 Oct. 18 Mary Mitchell Infant was Buried
 Oct. 25 Richard ye Son of Thomas & Mary Norton was Baptized
 Nov. 13 Thomas ye Son of Edward & Sarah Evans was Baptized
 Jan. 8 Thomas Griffiths was Buried
 feb. 2 Mary ye Daughter of William & Mary Parton was Baptized
 feb. 4 Richard Pearce & Abigail Davies were Married, Bans of matrimony being Thrice Published
 feb. 13 John ye Son of Henry & Margaret Griffiths Baptized
 March 8 Mary Parton Infant was Buried

1738 March 31 Margaret Nonely was Buried
 April 9 William ye Son of William & Jane Moody was Baptized
 May 1 Thomas Jones & Elizabeth Pearce were Married Ban: Publish.
 July 6 Mary ye Daughter of Samuel & Martha Gittins was Baptized
 Sept. 11 Jane ye Daughter of Arthur & Mary Davies was Baptized
 Sept. 12 Richard Norton Infant was Buried
 Sept. 15 Elizabeth ap Evans Infant was Buried
 Jan. 22 Elizabeth ye Daughter of William & Anne ap Evans was Baptized
 feb. 18 Mary ye Daughter of Robert & Mary Mitchell was Bapt.

1739 Aug. 28 Mary Lawley Infant was Buried. She was Daughter of Katherine Lawley, a poor traveller
 Sept. 2 Richard ye Son of John & Anne Gittins was Baptized
 Sept. 14 Margaret ye Daughter of Thomas & Mary Norton was Baptized
 Sept. 23 William Parton Infant was buried
 Oct. 28 Elizabeth ye Daughter of Richard & Elizabeth Nonely was Baptized
 Nov. 5 Edward ye Son of John & Elizabeth Humphreys was Baptized
 Jan. 18 Mary Wilson was Buried
 feb. 7 Thomas Wilson was Buried
 March 5 Richard ye Son of Henry & Margaret Griffiths was Baptized
 March 22 Robert ye Son of Edward & Sarah Evans was Baptized

1740 April 4 William son of William & Mary Parton was Baptized
 April 14 Martha ye Daughter of Thomas & Mary Downes was Baptized
 June 16 Mary Richards was Buried
 July 8 Elizabeth Daughter of David & Dorothy Jones was Buried
 Aug. 5 Richard ye Son of Samuel & Martha Gittins was Baptized
 Sept. 13 William Pugh & Margery Edwards were Married Ban: Mat: Publi:
 Sept. 23 Ann Turner was Buried
 Oct. 5 Elizabeth Ap Evans was Buried
 Nov. 24 William Salter an Infant was Buried. He was son of Richard & Anne Salter of Little Ness.
 Dec. 7 Henry Griffiths was Buried
 March 1 Henry Wilson was Buried
 March 8 Sarah Daughter of Arthur & Mary Davies Bap:

1741 June 26 Martha Daughter of Rich^d Jones. Dyed of ye Small Pox
 Aug. 31 Henry son of Henry & Margaret Griffiths was Buried }
 Aug. 31 John son of Henry & Margaret Griffiths was Buried } Small Pox
 Aug. 31 Richard son of Henry & Margaret Griffiths was Buried }
 Oct. 23 Sarah Davies Infant was Buried. Small Pox.

Dec. 25 Hannah Daughter of Richard & Elizabeth Nonely was Baptized
 Jan. 18 Jane Davies Infant was Buried
 March 19 Robert ap Evans was Buried

1742 April 8 Anne Griffiths Daughter of George & Isabell Griffiths was Buried
 April 9 Elizabeth Harris Maid Serv¹ was Buried
 May 2 Margaret Daughter of Jho: & Mary Norton was Buried
 May 23 Margaret Daughter of Edward & Martha Miller was Baptized
 May 23 Sarah Evans was Buried
 May 25 Richard Nonely Sen² was Buried
 June 23 Mary Hordley was Buried
 July 17 Eleanor Daughter of Henry & Margaret Griffiths was Baptized
 Aug. 29 Elizabeth Daughter of John & Elizabeth Humphreys Bap:
 Oct. 8 Samuel ye Son of Arthur & Mary Davies Baptized
 Nov. 22 Dorothy wife of David Jones, Salop, was Buried
 Jan. 3 Samuel Son of Samuel & Martha Gittins Baptized
 Jan. 6 Edward Lewis & Anne Wynn both of this Parish were married.
 Bans of Marriage Thrice Published
 March 19 Mary Baker Widow was Buried

1743 March 27 Edward son of Thomas & Mary Norton was Baptized.
 May 30 Anne Parton, Widow, was Buried
 July 5 Sarah Parton, Daughter, was Buried
 July 15 Richard son of Richard & Eleanor Judson was Bap.
 Aug. 14 Edward son of William & Mary Parton was Baptized

1744 May 9 Mary Daughter of Edward & Jane Evans was Baptized
 June 30 Anne ap Evans Jun³ was Buried
 Sept. 13 Mary Daughter of Aaron & Margaret Griffiths was Baptized
 Sept. 16 John Ethelstone was Buried
 Oct. 8 Robert Morris of Llansanfraid in Montgomeryshire & Elizabeth Morris of Shravarden were Married. [Bans of Matrimony first Publis.]
 feeb, 4 Richard Davies pauper was Buried
 feeb, 8 John ye Son of Samuel & Martha Gittins was Baptized
 feeb, 10 John ye Son of Thomas & Mary Purcel was Baptized

1745 May 8 Elizabeth Daughter of Martha Baines and her sworn flather John Gower was Baptized.
 May 26 Samuel Ward & Eleanor Watkin were Married. Bans of Marriage.
 May 26 Joseph Son of Edward & Martha Millert was Baptized
 July 25 Susanna James¹ was Buried
 July 31 Sarah ye Daughter of Arthur & Mary Davies Baptized
 Aug. 18 Henry son of Henry & Margaret Griffiths was Baptized
 Oct. 14 Mary Daugther of William & Mary Parton was Baptized
 Oct. 25 Thomas Downes was Buried
 Dec. 29 Mary Davies Widow pauper was Buried
 feeb, 11 John ye Son of Samuel & Eleanor Ward was Baptized

1746 April 2 John Blower & Jane Williams were Married. Bans Matri, Pub.
 July 1 Elizabeth Daughter of Samuel & Elizabeth Nonely was Baptized
 Sept. 5 Elizabeth Evans Widow was Buried
 Sept. 6 Susanna Thomas² Widow was Buried
 Oct. 12 John ye Son of Edw^d & Jane Evans was Baptized
 Oct. 14 John finch was Buried
 Oct. 31 Anne Evans Infant from Nibb-heath was Buried
 Nov. 3 Martha Hughes Pauper Widow was Buried.

1747 March 26³ Elizabeth daughter of Samuel & Martha Gittins Baptized

¹ Wife of the Rev Edmund James, Rector 1710-1747.

² Daughter of the Rev. Edmund James, Rector 1710-1747, & relict of Mr William Thomas of Kinton.

³ March 26 last entry in handwriting of Edmund James; June 18 first in that of Adam Newling.

June 18 The Rev^d Mr Edmund James, B.A., late Rector, was buried. A good & constant Preacher, an affectionate Parent, a sincere Friend, & courteous & affable to all Men.
 July 13 Edward Rogers, Weaver of G^t Ness, & Jane Finch Spinster of this Parish, married by Banns
 Dec. 5 Adam Newling M.A. late Rector of Fitz was inducted into this Rectory by the Rev^d Mr Parry Vicar of G^t Ness, and Coadjutor to the Rev^d Mr Dale Rector of ye 2^d Portion of Pontesbury, & Mr Henry Withington Steward to the Lord of the Mannor; & read the Articles, Declaration, & Subscription, the Day following.¹
 Jan. 31 Margaret, Daughter of Henry & Margaret Griffiths, Carpenter baptized
 Feb. 29 Edmund Glass, Serv^t, (who died of small Pox) buried
 Gideon Bevan Ch. Warden

1748

Ap^r 3 Richard Morris, WhiteSmith, buried
 Ap^r 9 Mary, natural Daughter of Mary Edgerton by Owen Edwards
 Serv^ts baptized
 May 6 Thomas Emery of Alberbury & Eliz. Cruckstone of this Parish
 Serv^ts married by Banns
 June 26 Elizabeth Daughter of Arthur & Mary Davis, Laborer baptized
 July 31 Richard Son of Edward & Jane Evans Laborer bapt^d
 Sept. 9 Edward Son of Edward & Jane Rogers, Weaver of G^t Ness Parish,
 bapt^d
 Sept. 11 Sarah Daughter of Sam^l & Eliz. Nonely Carpenter bapt^d
 Nov. 16 Mary Humphreys, Widow, buried

¹ The Rev. Adam Newling was the son of William Newling, Architect, Alderman and Mayor of Cambridge, and friend of Sir Christopher Wren. He graduated B.A. from Jesus College, Cambridge, and took his M.A. from King's College, where he was for a short time Chaplain. The "Lord of the Mannor" and patron of the living was Lord Montfort of Horseheath, Cambridgeshire.

William Newling, of Cambridge, = Elizabeth Combe, of London.

Adam = Elizabeth Clark, of Downton, Salop.

Charles, Headmaster of Shrewsbury School Vicar of Bicton, &c.	Mary, d. of John Newling, J.P., of Cambridge.	Richard died young.	Richard Martha Botte- vyle, his cousin.
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William, b. 1765, died at Shrewsbury, 1837.

William, of the Folley, d. 1814.	John, of Shrewsbury and Shrawdine, died 1786.	Ann, b. 1737, lived at the Folley, and died there 1798.	Martha, b. 1740, d. 1762.
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Elizabeth, born 1755, died at Ford, 1833.	Ann, born 1757 died 1761.	Edward, b. 1758, d. at Berwick, Salop, 1790.	John, b. 1760, d. 1761.
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John, b. 1762; Vicar of Ford; Chaplain to 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd Lord Sydney; Rector of Ritchingham; J.P. Salop and Stafford; Vicar of Chirbury; Canon of Lichfield. Died 1838.	Mary, b. 1763, d. at Westbury, 1783,
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Feb. 8 Priscilla, Daughter of Thomas & Anne Ward, Wheelwright, from
S^t Alkmund's Parish, buried
A. Newling Rector. Sam^l Gittins Ch^h Warden.

1749

June 4 Eleanor, Daughter of Samuel & Eleanor Ward, Wheelwright,
baptized
Sept. 15 Sarah, Daughter of Sam^l & Martha Gittins, baptized
Oct. 18 Richard Son of Rich^d & Mary Jones Labourer, was buried
Oct. 22 Eleanor Daught^r of Gideon & Mary Bevan, Labourer, was bapt^d
Nov. 5 Margaret Daught^r of Edw^d & Jane Evans, Labourer, baptized
Jan. 21 Mary Daughter of John & Eliz. Griffiths Labourer, baptized
Jan. 30 John Watkis an old & decayed Farmer was buried at his own
Son's cost
March 2 Richard, Son of William & Elizabeth Gittins baptized
Henry Griffiths Ch^h Warden

1750

May 4 William Payne of Montford, & Margaret Evans, of this Parish,
Servants, married by Banns
May 6 William Leigh Shoemaker, & Sarah Francis Serv^t both of this
Parish married by Banns
Aug. 19 Arthur Son of Arthur & Mary Davis Labr bapt^d
Sept. 10 George Davis, of the Parish of Melverley, & Mary Candlin of
this Parish, Servants, married by Banns
Dec. 4 John James & Elizabeth Morris, both Serv^{ts} in ye Parish, married
by Banns
March 10 Mary, Daughter of Sam^l & Eliz. Nonely Carpenter, baptized
Sam^l Ward Ch^h Warden

1751 N.S.¹

May 29 William, son of Edw^d & Jane Evans Labr bapt^d
June 9 John son of John & Eliz. Griffiths Labr bapt^d
" Oct. 15 Edward son of Owen & Elizabeth Edwards of ye Folly, Labr bapt^d
Mr Henry Withington Church Warden

1752

Feb. 2 Elizabeth Daughter of Samuel & Eleanor Ward, Wheelwright,
baptized
April 19 Anne Daughter of Gideon and Mary Bevan Labourer, baptized
May 24 Martha Daught^r of Sam^l and Martha Gittins was baptized
June 28 William Reynolds Shoemaker, of Ellesmere, & Sarah Bevan
Serv^t of this Parish married by Banns
July 22 Mary Daughter of Edward & Hannah Gittins of Down Rossall
buried
Oct. 28 Mr Henry Withington, a worthy Steward, as I suppose, to the
Lord of the Manor & his Tenants, buried.
Oct. 28 William Hordley of Hilly Farm buried
Edward Jones of the Farm Church Warden

1753

Feb. 11 Edward Jones of the Farm buried
July 25 Evan Jones of Montford, & Sarah Bevan of this Parish Serv^{ts}
married by Banns
Aug. 29 Dorothy³ Daughter of Josiah & Martha Newcome (drowned in
ye River Severn) was buried.

¹ i.e. "New Style." In the Montford Register Mr. Newling made a longer note:—
"Here according to an Act of Parliament passed in ye 24th year of his Majesty's Reign, &
in the year of Our Lord 1751, the Old Computation of the year, by wh^t it began March 25, is
not to be made use of, but every year for the future to begin on Jan ye 1, instead of
March 25."

² There is this entry in the Montford Register:—" 1751 Dec. 9, James Speke, serv^t in
Shrawardine, sm^t Pox, buried."

³ Formerly a heart-shaped piece of black tin on which was inscribed in gold letters
"D.N. died 1753 aged 15," was to be seen hanging over the window on the S. side of the
nave & underneath were suspended a pair of white gloves, but the whole of the monument
was removed when the Church was renovated in 1840. "Dolly Newcome" had ridden a
cart horse to the river to drink but was thrown off its back and drowned.

Query? Was the Newcome who with a companion was condemned to death at the
assizes held at Shrewsbury in March 1764, & afterwards executed, for robbing the house
of Samuel Griffiths, Esq., of Dinthill of a large quantity of plate, &c., a relation of the
Shrawardine Newcomes? [Phillips's *History and Antiquities of Shrewsbury*, p. 214.]

	Nov. 11 Mary Daughter of Evan & Sarah Jones Labr bap ^a
	Dec. 6 Sarah, late Wife of Wm Reynolds, buried.
	John Gittins Church Warden.
1754	Jan. 1 Sarah Dr of Edw ^a & Martha Cartwright, Labr bap ^a
	Jan. 2 Margaret Daughtr of Sam ^l & Eliz. Nonely bap ^a
	Jan. 6 John, Son of Owen & Eliz. Edwards, bap ^a
	April 12 Eliz: & Martha, Twin Daughters of John & Elizab: Griffiths baptized
	June 24 Sarah & Samuel, Twins of Samuel & Eleanor Ward, baptized
	Sept. 9 Richard Peirce, a Stranger, belonging to St Chad's Parish in Salop, buried
	Oct. 6 Rich ^d , Son of Gideon & Mary Bevon bap ^a
1755	Rich ^d Humphreys Church Warden for Mr ^s Downes
	Jan. 4 Gideon Bevon Senr, buried
	April 15 Thomas Son of Sam ^l & Martha Gittins bap ^a
	June 3 Owen Owen and Mary Frances Davis, Servants in this Parish were married by Banns
	June 22 William, Son of John & Eliz. Griffiths bap ^a
	July 14 Thomas Ward the old Boat Man, buried
	Sept. 4 Thomas Son of Tho: & Eliz. Morris Wheelwright, baptized
	Sept. 9 Jane the Wife of Wm Bevon buried
	Oct. 24 Mary the Wife of Wm Jones of Bickton buried
	¹ Dec. 1 st Samuel Barber and Mary Rider both Servants in this Parish were married by Licence
1756	March 7 Thomas Son of Owen and Elizabeth Edwards baptized
	March 18 Abraham Powell Basket Maker buried
	May 23 Martha Daughter of Edward & Martha Cartwright baptized
	July 17 Mary the Wife of Rich ^d Jones Labr buried
	July 25 Tho ^s Son of Sam ^l & Eliz. Nonely baptized
	Oct. 3 Ann the Daughter of Evan & Sarah Jones baptized ¹
	Nov. 5 William Son of Samuel & Martha Gittins baptized
1757	Feb. 19 Rob. Son of Gideon & Mary Bevan Baptized
	March 29 Thomas Finch buried
	Aug. 22 Ann the Wife of Will ^{ms} Bevan Labr was buried
	Oct. 8 Rob. Bevan was buried
	Nov. 29 Jn ^o Son of Tho ^s & Eliz. Edwards Baptized
1758	March 2 The Revd Mr Adam Newling Rector of Shrawardine & Vicar of Montford ^a buried at the End of the Chancel
	March 25 th The Revd Mr John Foster, M.A., Fellow of King's College in Cambridge was inducted into the Rector of Shrawardine, & the next day read the Declaration, Subscription, and Articles.
	June 18 Anne, Daughter of Edward & Martha Cartwright baptized
	July 23 Joseph Son of Samuel & Martha Gittins baptized
	Oct. 8 th Owen son of Owen & Eliz. Edwards baptized.
	Nov. 22 Mary Daughter of William & Martha Bevan baptized.

¹ Dec. 1st last entry in the handwriting of Adam Newling.

² The Rev. Adam Newling was a Cambridgeshire man, and was appointed Vicar of Montford in 1714, by John Bromley of Horseheath, Co. Cambridge, who had obtained by marriage the Shrawardine and Montford estates.

³ He was also inducted into the Vicarage of Montford the same day, but does not appear to have ever taken duty in either Church, at least his name is never again mentioned, nor is his handwriting to be found in their Registers. Mr. Foster was a benefactor to the Library of Shrewsbury School in 1758, and died in 1774.

⁴ Oct. 8 first entry in the handwriting of "Thomas Hammer, curate." He was also Curate of Montford from 1758 to 1775, when he was appointed Vicar by Lord Clive, but continued to serve as Curate of Shrawardine till his death in 1789. He was buried in Montford Churchyard December 23rd, 1789. (Cf. Montford Register, "1731 Nov. 25, Bapt' Thomas Fif' Hen. and Marg' Hammer de Montford, nat Oct 29th Jos. Mucklestor, Hen. Withington et El Newling Sponsors"). He also held the farm near Montford Church, now in the occupation of Mr. T. S. Minton.

1759	Jan. 30 Thos son of Gideon & Mary Bevon bap ^d April 7 Robert son of Edward & Jane Evans was buried May 27 John son of Thos & Mary Jones bap ^d Dec. 19 Thos Finch Batchelor & Sarah Sides spinster both of this Parish were married by Banns Dec. 27 Jane Daug; of Will; & Martha Bevon bap ^d
1760	Jan. 8 Jane natural Dau; of Eliz. Higgs bap ^d Jan. 18 Eleanor Ward buried Feb. 22 William son of Edward & Martha Cartwright bap ^d April 12 John Powell Batchelor & Elizabeth Thorns Spinster both of this Parish were married by Banns, June 16 Thomas Leake Batchelor & Elizabeth Davis Spinster both of this Parish were married by Banns Aug. 3 Thos son of Thos & Eleanor Edwards bap ^d Aug. 8 Will. Thorns buried Sept. 21 Martha Dau; of Samuel & Elizabeth Nonnerly bap ^d Sep. 23 Jane Daug. of John & Jane Humphris bap ^d Oct. 3 Julian Powell buried Oct. 21 Eliz. Dau. of Thos & Sarah Finch bap ^d
1761	Jan. 27 Arthur Davies buried Feb. 8 Martha Daug; of John & Eliz; Powell bap. Mar. 21 Ann ^d Daug; of ye Rev ^d Mr Charles & Mary Newling buried March 30 Will; Humphris Batchelor of ye Parish of Great Ness & Eliza- beth Ford Spiaster of this Parish married by Banns May 3 Gideon son of Gideon & Mary Bevon bap ^d June 28 Amadine Daug; of Edward & Amadine Jones bap ^d July 12 Edmund ^d son of John & Ann Gittins buried Sept. 20 John Son of ye Rev ^d Charles & Mary Newling buried ³ Nov. 2 Mary Pearce was buried
1762	Jan. 1 Thos son of Thos & Sarah Finch bap ^d March 21 Mary Da; of Thos & Mary Paine bap ^d March 28 Ann Da; of John & Eliz; Humphris bap ^d May 23 Mary Da; of John & Mary Brown bap ^d June 28 Thos Williams Batchelor & Elizabeth Tydder Spinster, both of this Parish married by Banns Aug. 5 Martha ^d Da; of ye Rev ^d Mr Adam Newling late Rector & Eliz; his wife buried Oct. 3 (4) Humphry natural son of Ann Millard bap ^d Dec. 14 Will ^m Bevon buried
1763	Feb. 8 Elizabeth Da; of John & Mary Brown buried Mar. 7 Jane Da of William & Martha Bevan buried Mar. 21 Ed ^d Son of ye Widow Jones of ye Farm buried Apr. 8 Mary Da of William & Martha Bevan buried Sept. 27 Edward son of John & Eliz; Humphries bap ^d Nov. 28 Mary Daughter of Thos & Sarah Finch bap ^d Dec. 18 William Rogers of the Parish of St Julians Batchelor and Eleanor Griffith of the Parish of Shrawardine Spinster were married by Licence
1764	March 25 Eliz; Daughter of William & Elizabeth Humphris was baptiz ^d April 30 Joseph Wall Batchelor of this Parish and Eliz; Humphris Spinster of this Parish were married by Banns

1 March 21. Ann Newling was born 1757.

2 Grandson of the Rev. Edmund James, Rector 1710--1747, and son of Mr. John Gittins of Ensdon.

3 Sep. 20, John Newling was born 1760.

4 Martha Newling, the youngest daughter of the late Rector of Shrawardine, was born at Fitz, 1749.

5 There is this entry in the Montford Register:—“1762 Oct. 17 Martha Gittins, wife of Rich. Gittins of Shrawardine was buried.”

July 1 Elizabeth Daughter of John & Mary Pain was baptiz'd
 Aug 6 William son of William Jones of Bicton was buried
 Sept. 16 Mary Daughter of William & Eleanor Rogers was baptiz'd
 Nov. 9 Elizabeth Daughter of Joseph & Elizabeth Wall was baptiz'd

1765 Jan. 4 Edward Son of William & Mary Parton was buried
 March 17 John son of Thos & Sarah Finch was bap'd
 Oct. 19 Isabel wife of George Griffith buried
 Nov. 17 buried a Foundling

1766 April 20 Eleanor Daughter of William & Eleanor Rogers baptiz'd
 June 19 Mary Daughtor of Evan & Sarah Jones bap'd.
 Aug. 4 Robert Michael of Shrawardine was buried
 Sept. 8 Jane Finch of Shrawardine was buried
 Sept. 13 Mr Jefferies Widow of Eusdon was buried
 Sept. 29 George Letherland Batchelor of the Parish of St Chad's & Sarah Davies of this Parish were married by Banns
 Nov. 1 buried ye Widow Jones of Buckley Farm
 Nov. 14 John Plimly was buried
 Dec. 5 William Son of Ed' & Susannah Gittins of Rosshall was buried

1767 Jan. 6 Josiah Son of Rich : & Mary Newcomb was buried
 April 5 Elizabeth Daughter of William & Eliz : Humphris was baptized
 June 7 Ann Daughter of Thos & Sarah Finch was bap'd
 July 5 Sarah Daug : of Tho. & Mary Payne was bap'd
 July 30 Francis Ellis was buried
 Oct. 11 Thos Nunnely was buried
 Nov. 4 Eliz : Wife of John Humphris was buried
 Dec. 20 Samuel Son of Edward & Rebecka Moody bap'd

1768 Jan. 4 Joseph Jones of Buckley Farm was buried
 March 23 Samuel Gittins of this Parish Batchelor and Penelope Brough Spinster of this parish were married by Licence
 April 7 Edward Saakey was buried
 April 10 Mary wife of Arthur Davies was buried
 April 25 Thomas Son of Samuel & Penelope Gittins was baptiz'd
 May 8 Margaret Daughter of William & Eleanor Rogers was baptiz'd
 June 17 Peter Fox of ye Parish of Atcham Batchelor & Martha Jones of this Parish Spinster were Married by Banns
 June 23 Thomas Son of Samuel & Penelope Gittins was buried
 Sept. 17 Mary Bevan Widow was buried
 Sept. 29 Rich'd Davies of the Parish of St Chadd's Batchelor and Martha Downes of the Parish of Shrawardine Spinster were Married by Licence
 Oct. 2 Samuel Son of Thos & Mary Walton was bap'd

1769 Jan. 22 Richard Son of Thos & Sarah Finch was bap'd
 Jan. 30 William Jones of Bicton was buried
 March 27 Mary Daughter of Samuel & Penelope Gittins was baptiz'd
 Sept. 27 Sarah Daug : of William & Eliz : Humphris was bap'd
 Oct. 6 Sarah wife of Thomas Gittins was buried

1770 May 13 William Parton Batchelor of ye Parish of Montfort and Jane Price Spinster of this Parish were Married by Banns
 Aug. 14 John Son of Thos & Eleanor Edwards & William Smoakum (both being drowned), were buried
 Sept. 23 John Son of Edward & Rebecca Moody was bap'd

1771 Jan. 17 John Son of Joseph & Elizabeth Wall was baptiz'd
 Jan. 20 Elizabeth wife of Joseph Wall was buried
 Jan. 27 Joseph son of Thos & Sarah Finch was baptiz'd
 Feb. 24 Elizabeth Daughter of Samuel & Penelope Gittins was baptiz'd
 Mar. 8 Henry Son of Henry & Margaret Griffith was buried
 Mar. 10 Elizabeth Daughter of John & Eleanor Webster was baptiz'd
 June 6 Ed' Evans was buried
 June 16 R'd a natural son of Margaret Griffith was baptiz'd

Aug. 4 Thos^o Lloyd of the Parish of Alberbury, Batchelor & Elizabeth Jones Spinster of this Parish were married by Licence

1772

Feb. 25 Edward Son of William & Jane Parton was baptiz'd
 April 26 John Son of William & Elizabeth Humphris was baptiz'd
 June 14 Charlotte natural Daug^r of a Daug^r of Joshua Ward was baptiz'd
 Nov. 26 Henry Griffith was buried
 Dec. 27 Rich^d natural son of Margaret Griffith was buried

1773

Jan. 17 Sarah Daughter of Thos^o & Sarah Finch was baptized
 Jan. 24 Martha Daught^r of Samuel & Penelope Gittins was baptized
 Feb. 2 George Griffith was buried
 April 5 Hannah Lunnon was buried
 July 9 Priscilla Moody Daughter of Edward & Rebecca Moody was baptized
 July 2 William Gittins Batchelor of this parish & Mary Bate Spinster of this parish were married by Banns
 Nov. 7 John Humphris Jun^r was buried
 Nov. 23 Eliz. Daughter of Benjamin & Eliz; Lem was baptized
 Dec. 26 Edward son of Edward & Mary Paddock of Hilly was baptized

1774

Jan. 9 Ann Daughter of W^m & Elizabeth Gittins baptized
 Feb. 11 Mrs Sankey Widow was buried
 Feb. 17 Mary Wife of T^r Norton was buried
 March 25 Hannah natural Daughter of Sarah Ward was baptized
 May 16 John Evans Batchelor of this Parish & Elizabeth Bevan Spinster of this Parish were married by Banns
 May 20 Richard son of Edward & Mary Paddock was baptized
 July 10 John son of Robert & Mary Evans was baptized
 Aug. 19 Mary Daug^r of Thomas & Margaret Bennyon was baptized
 Oct. 20 Martha Wife of Josiah Newcomb was buried

1775

Feb. 26 Elizabeth daughter of Edward & Rebecca Moody was baptized
 Feb. 28 William son of Samuel & Penelope Gittins was baptized
 March 18 John son of Edward & Rebecca Moody was buried
 April 20 Richard Jones was buried
 April 28 Samuel Gittins Senr was buried¹
 May 8 John son of John & Mary Evans was baptized
 May 28 Martha Daug^r of William & Elizabeth Humphreys was bap^d
 June 25 John son of John & Mary Williams bap^d
 July 16 Sarah natural Daug^r of Mary Owen was baptized
 August 8 Margaret Daug^r of Margaret Griffith was buried
 Sept. 17 Richard Son of Richard & Elizabeth Edwards was baptized
 Sept. 25 William Parton was buried
 Nov. 19 Mary Daug^r of Benjamin & Elizabeth Lem was baptized
 Nov. 24 Mary wife of W^r Parton was buried

1776

Jan 1 Mary Daug^r of Edward & Mary Paddock of Hilly was bap^d
 Jan. 28 Robert son of Robert & Mary Evans was bap^d
 Feb. 2 John son of Rich^d & Martha Davies of Bickton was buried
 Feb. 23 Elizabeth Jones was buried
 March 10 Thos^o Finch was buried
 March 17 Martha Daug^r of William & Eleanor Rogers was baptized
 March 17 Sarah natural Daug^r of Sarah Ward was bap^d
 March 24 Samuel Son of Samuel & Elizabeth Nuneley was bap^d
 April 12² Elizabeth Wife of ye Rev^d Mr. Newling late Rector of Shrawardine was buried

¹ He was apparently buried at Montford, for cf. this entry in that register:—" 1775 April 28, Samuel Gittins of Shrawardine was buried."

² Montford Register, 1726, "May 25 Matrim' Solem' inter Adam Newling hujusce Ecclesie Vic', Nat 29^o, May 1690 of Elizabetham Clarke de Downton in Paroch' Upton Magna, Nat. 11^o Dec 1702, in Eccl' Uffington pr Licentiam." Her brother William Clarke, born 1696, Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, Rector of Bucksted Sussex, and Prebendary of Chichester Cathedral, was a distinguished antiquary, and died 1771. Elizabeth Newling died at the Folley, the residence of her son, William Newling.

April 21 Mary Daug^r of William & Jane Parton was bap^d
 May 2 Thos Gittins Sen^r was buried
 May 12 Samuel Jones of this Parish Batchelor & Eliz: Nuneley of this
 Parish Spinster were married by Banns
 August 4 Josiah Son of Richard & Mary Newcomb was baptized
 Aug. 22 Martha Daug^r of William & Elizabeth Humphreys was buried
 Dec. 26 Sarah Daug^r of Samuel & Eliz: Nunely waz buried

1777
 Feb. 10 Thomas Norton was buried
 March 28 Ann Daug^r of Widow Finch was buried
 April 1 Thos Son of Thomas & Margaret Pryce was buried
 Aug. 17 Edward son of John Williams bap^d
 Sept. 21 John Son of David & Mary Bowyer was baptized
 Dec. 1 William Bowker of Montford Parish Batchelor & Margaret Evans
 of this Parish of Shrawardine Spinster were married by Banns

1778
 Jan. 13 Edward Evans of this Parish Batchelor & Ann Bevan of this
 Parish Spinster were married by Banns
 Jan. 24 Jane Evans Widow was buried
 Feb. 18 Hannah Daug^r of John & Eliz: Evans was baptized
 March 1 Sarah Daug^r of Samuel & Elizabeth Jones was baptized
 April 5 John Son of William & Margaret Bowker was baptized
 April 8 William Son of William and Eleanor Rogers was baptized
 June 6 Elizabeth Daug^r of William & Elizabeth Evans was baptized
 June 8 Martha Daug^r of Richard & Mary Newcomb was baptized
 June 13 Elizabeth Lewis from Shrewsbury was buried
 June 26 Martha wife of Richard Davies was buried
 July 5 Elizabeth Daug^r of Richard Davies was buried
 Aug. 7 John Humphries was buried
 Sept. 1 Joseph son of William and Elizabeth Gregory was baptized
 Oct. 13 Richard Gittins of this Parish Batchelor & Elizabeth Brough of
 this Parish Spinster were married by Licence
 Oct. 31 Hugh Williams of ye Parish of Alberbury Batchelor & Eleanor
 Ward of ye Parish of Shrawardine Spinster were married by Banns
 Nov. 6 Mary¹ wife of Thomas Gittins was buried
 Nov. 11 John Lewis & Mary Parton both of this Parish were married
 by Banns
 Nov. 22 John Son of Samuel & Eliza: Nuneley was baptized
 Dec. 31 John Jones & Mary Edwards both of this Parish were married
 by Banns

1779
 Jan. 3 John son of Ellis & Mary Ellis of Hilley was baptized
 March 10 Elizabeth Daug^r of John & Mary Jones was baptized
 Sept. 26 Mary Daughter of Edward & Ann Evans was baptized
 Oct. 31 Jane Humphries Widow was buried
 Oct. 31 Martha Daughter of Richard Davies was buried

1780
 Jan. 6 Mary Daug^r of William & Margaret Bowker was bap^d
 Feb. 3 Elizabeth wife of William Humphries was buried
 Feb. 7² Ann Gittins widow was buried
 March 4 Lydia Daug^r of Wm & Eliz: Evans was buried
 May 28 Mary Daug^r of John & Mary Plimley of Hilley was baptized
 July 5 Sarah Daughter of David & Martha Bowyer was baptized
 Nov. 6 Thomas son of John & Eleanor Jones of Buckley farm was bap^d
 Nov. 23 Jane Daug^r of Hugh & Eleanor Williams was baptiz'd
 Dec. 13 Joseph son of John & Eliz. Evans was baptiz'd

1781
 Jan. 26 John Jones of this Parish Batchelor & Mary Lloyd of this Parish
 Spinster were married by Banns
 Feb. 13 Martha Bottevyle³ widow was buried

¹ Grand-daughter of the Rev. Edmund James, late Rector,

² Daughter of the Rev. Edmund James, late Rector, and relict of John Gittins of Eusdon,

³ She was sister-in-law to Adam Newling, the late Rector; Cf. Montford Register 1726,
 "Feb. 20 Matrim' Solemn' int' Richardum Bottevyle Sti Ceddie Par. Salop, & Martham
 Clarke de Downton, Par. Upton Magna, per Licentiam." There is a Brass to her memory
 in Shrawardine Church. She died Feb. 13th, aged 80. Her daughter Martha married
 Richard, son of the Rev. Adam Newling.

May 20 Martha Daughter of John & Mary Jones baptiz'd
 July 8 Ann Davies was buried
 Aug. 24 Mary Downes Widow was buried
 Sept. 30 Thomas son of John and Mary Plimley was buried
 Oct. 10 John Lewis of this Parish Batchelor & Sarah Hickey of this
 Parish Widow were married by Banns
 Nov. 8 Jane Daughter of William & Margaret Bowker was baptized
 Dec. 19 Hannah Wife of Edward Gittins of Rosshall was buried

1782
 Jan. 6 Mary Daughter of John & Sarah Lewis was baptized
 Jan. 20 Hannah Daughter of Edward & Ann Evans was baptized
 June 4 Edward Thomas was buried
 Sept. 29 John Son of John & Mary Williams was baptized

1783
 Jan. 12 John son of John & Mary Plimley of Hilley was baptized
 Feb. 19 John son of ye Widow Thomas was buried
 May 18 John Ellis of the Parish of St Alkmund's Batchelor & Eleanor
 Howells of this Parish Spinster were married by Banns
 June 29 John natural son of Ann Blower was baptized
 June 29 Edward son of David & Martha Bowyer was bap^d
 Aug. 24 Thomas Morris was buried
 Sept. 14 Mary¹ Daughter of ye Rev^d Charles & Mary Newling was buried
 Here begins ye Stamp Act.
 Oct. 19 John Son of Samuel & Elizabeth Jones, pauper, was baptiz'd
 Nov. 30 Tho^o Asterley of the Parish of St Chadd, Batchelor & Sarah
 Gittins of this Parish Spinster were married by Licence
 Nov. 30 John natural son of Ann Blower was buried

1784
 Jan. 18 Ann Daughter of Tho^o & Ann Tomkis was baptiz'd
 Jan. 21 Ann Daughter of Thomas & Ann Tomkis was buried
 Feb. 17 Edward son of John & Eliz Evans was baptiz'd
 March 5 Mary Withington was buried
 March 28 Ann Blower, Pauper, was buried
 April 9 Rebecca Wife of Edward Moody, Pauper was buried
 May 23 Ann Daughter of John & Sarah Lewis was baptiz'd
 Sept. 19 Ann daughter of John & Mary Hughes (Paupers) was bap^d
 Sept. 19 John & Thomas, Twins of John & Mary Jones paupers were bap^d
 Oct. 3 Elizabeth Daughter of William & Elizabeth Bevan was bap^d. F.
 Wynn D^y Coll^r

1785
 Jan. 23 Ann natural Daughter of Sarah Beddow pauper was bap^d
 March 26 William Goodwin Widower of ye Parish of Madeley & Ann
 Humphries of this Parish Spinster were married by Licence
 April 17 Samuel Son of Samuel & Elizabeth Jones was baptiz'd¹
 May 7 Joseph Wilkes of this Parish Batchelor & Mary Antling of this
 Parish Spinster were married by Banns
 June 26 Thomas son of John & Mary Plimley was baptiz'd
 Aug. 30 Samuel son of Samuel & Elizabeth Jones was buried
 Oct. 30 William Phillips of the Parish of Madeley, Batchelor & Mary
 Rogers Spinster of this Parish were married by Licence
 Nov. 14 Thomas Gittins of this Parish Widower & Mary Wild of the
 Parish of Montfort, Spinster were married by Licence
 Nov. 14 Richard Wildblood of the Parish of Withington, Batchelor &
 Susannah Humphreys of this Parish Spinster were married by
 Licence
 Nov. 27 William son of John & Mary Williams was baptiz'd
 Dec. 4 Elizabeth wife of Samuel Jones, pauper, was buried
 Dec. 11 Edward son of Edward & Ann Evans was baptiz'd. F. Wynn
 D^y Coll^r

1786
 Jan. 28 Priscilla wife of John Gittins was buried
 May 11 Richard Edwards (a pauper) was buried
 July 30 John son of John & Mary Hughes, paupers, was baptiz'd

¹ She died at Westbury, Sept, 5th, in her twenty-first year.

	Sept. 28 Thomas Gittins was buried
	Oct. 31 John Newling was buried
	Nov. 10 Josiah Newcomb was buried
	Nov. 12 Martha Daughter of William & Elizabeth Bevan was bap ^d .
	F. Wynn
1787	March 4 Elizabeth Daughter of John & Eliz : Evans bap ^d
	March 21 The Reverend Mr Charles Newling ² was buried
	May 3 Martha Daughter of John & Mary Jones was bap ^d
	Nov. 1 Samuel Nunneley was buried
	Nov. 24 Elizabeth Daughter of William Humphries was buried
1788	Jan. 1 Richard son of John & Sarah Lewis (pauper) was bap ^d
	Jan. 12 Samuel son of John & Mary Williams was baptiz'd
	April 27 Elizabeth Daughter of John & Mary Hughes was bap ^d
	May 12 Richard Gittins formerly of Coracovar, ³ was buried
	July 14 Thomas Rogers of ye Parish of Llanfyllin Batchelor & Mary Reynaldes of this Parish Spinster were Married by Banns
	Nov. 9 Mary Daughter of Thomas & Mary Morris baptiz'd
	Dec. 28 Joseph son & Elizabeth Daughter of John & Elizabeth Lewis, Paupers, were buried
1789	Jan. 20 Elizabeth wife of John Hughes (a pauper) was buried
	Jan. 31 Edward son of William & Jane Parton was buried
	Feb. 14 Elizabeth, Daughter of John Hughes, pauper, was buried
	May 26 Robert Son of Robert & Eliz. Bolliver was buried
	June 24 Martha Evans (pauper, from Shrewsbury) was buried
	Sept. 26 John Son of John & Sarah Lewis was baptiz'd
1790	Jan. 29 ⁴ Funer. Richardus Humphreis
	Feby 21 Evardus Gulielmus, Filius Tho ¹ & Jane Williams baptizatus est
	Feby 21 Funer. Edvardus Newling ⁵
	Feby 26 Funer. Edvardus Evans
	May 23 Bapt. Edvardus Lloyd, Filius Edvardi et Elizabethae Lloyd
	Sept. 19 Bapt. Gulielmus & Maria, Filius & Filia Johannis & Mariae Jones
	Sept. 19 Bapt. Richardus Parry, Filius Richardi & Elizabethae Parry
	Dec. 14 Funer. Thoma Tunkis
1791	Jany 10 Samuelus Plimley Filius Johannis & Mariae Plimley Bapt.
	Feb. 28 Robert Asterley of the Parish of St Chadd's Bachelor & Elizabeth Gittins of this Parish married by Licence
	April 3 Bapt. Gulielmus, Filius Edvardi & Anne Evans
	May 5 Funer. Edvardus Evans
	May 29 Funer. Elizabetha Evans

¹ Cf. Montford Register: "1732, Oct. 16, Nat. et Bapt. Gulielmus et Johannes Gemelli fil. A. and E. Newling." The Rev. Edmund James and Mr. Henry Withington were among the six sponsors. John Newling lived at Shrewsbury first, and afterwards at Shrawardine, where he died. William lived at the Folley Farm, and died there Aug. 14, 1814, aged 81.

² The Rev. Charles Newling, eldest son of the late Rector of Shrawardine, was born in 1727. "(April 7) Bapt. Carolus fil. Adami Newling Vic. et Elizabetha Uxor, Nat. 22o Mart. Revi Edm. James de Shrawarden, et Joha' Fieldhouse de Shawbury et Jane Tonge vid. Predecessoris Fidejussores." Montford Register. Was educated at Shrewsbury School, entering in 1739, and St. John's College, Cambridge (B.A. 1747), of which he became a Fellow. From 1754-70 he was Headmaster of Shrewsbury School; 1764-69 Rector of Pontesbury 2nd Portion; 1770-87 Rector of St. Phillip's, Birmingham, and Prebendary and Treasurer of Lichfield Cathedral; and 1772-87 Vicar of Westbury. He was also for some time Vicar of Bicton and Official and Ordinary of St. Mary's, Shrewsbury. He died at Westbury, March 17th, in the 60th year of his age. From his daughter's tombstone in the Churchyard we see, too, that he was "Domestic Chaplain to the Right Hon. George, Lord Ferrars de Charlton, and a magistrate for the Counties of Warwick and Salop."

³ Probably Careghofe, near Llanymynech

⁴ First entry in the handwriting of John Parry, who was curate of both Montford and Shrawardine for about ten years.

⁵ He was the eldest son of the Rev. Charles Newling, M.A., and died at Berwick, near Shrewsbury, Feb. 15th, in the 32nd year of his age.

July 24 Bapt. Thoma, Filius Thomæ & Marie Morris
 Oct. 18 Funer. Gideon Bevan
 Nov. 2 Mary the Daughter of William & Elizth Bevan was baptized

1792 May 28 John Charles of the Parish of Kinnerly & Hannah Davis of this Parish were married by Banns
 Sept. 28 Henry Parton was buried
 Oct. 20 Ann the Daughter of Richard & Elizabeth Parry was baptized

1793 March 17 Hannah Daug^r of John and —— Lewis was baptiz'd
 Whitsunday Sarah the Daugh^r of Will^m and Elizabeth Lloyd was baptized
 May 26 William Peacock of Parish of Weist Felton & Elizabeth Rogers of the Parish of Shrawardine were married by Licence
 June 23 Richard the son of John & Mary Jones was baptiz'd
 June 23 Eleanor Ward was buried
 July 21 John the son of Tho^s and Mary Morris was baptized

1794 June — Sarah Bolifer was Buried
 June 1st William son of Will. & Eliz. Beavan was baptiz'd
 Oct. 2 William Clemstone was bap^d
 Dec. 7 Richard son of Edward & Sarah Long was bap^d
 Dec. — Richard Long was buried

1795 Feb. 1 Alice Jones was buried
 Feb. 15 William son of Wil^m & Elizth Beavan was buried
 July 4 Mary Bolifer was buried
 Oct. 25 Margaret Daughter of Robert & Ann Beavan was baptiz'd
 Dec. 11 Mary the Daughter of Edward & Sarah Long was buried
 Dec. 18 Joseph Nunnerley was buried

1796 Feb. 20 was burid Edward Humphreys Clerk of the Parish
 March 28 Edward son of John and Mary Jones was baptized
 April 10 Sarah the Daughter of William & Elizabeth Beavan was Baptized
 Same Day Elizabeth the Daughter of Thomas & Margaret Barrow was baptized
 April 15 Margaret Griffiths was buried
 May 8 Richard Edward son of Tho^s & Mary Morris was baptiz'd
 July 10 Richard Tomkis of Ford was buried
 July 10 John son of William & Elizabeth Lloyd was baptized
 Sept. 25 Martha Daughter of Edward & Sarah Long was baptized

1797 May 12 William Rogers was buried
 May 19 Jane Beavan was buried
 June 1 Mary Asterley was buried
 June 11 Martha Daugh^r of Samuel and Elizabth Nunnerley was bap^d
 June 26 Tho^s Beavan was buried
 July 2 Maria Rogers the Base Child of Jane Rogers was bap^d
 July 9 Mary Windsor base Child of Mary Windsor was bap^d
 Oct. 8 Elizabeth Gittins was buried

1798 Jan. 4 Elizabeth Hicks was buried
 Jan. 9 Ann Parry was buried
 March 25 Tho^s Edwards was buried
 April 29 Tryphena the Daughter of William & Sarah Clemson was baptized
 May 5 Eleanor Rogers was buried
 May 6 Elizabeth, Daughter of William and Susanna Weston was baptized
 July 23 Ann Newling was buried¹
 Aug. 12 Jane the Daughter of William & Elizabeth Beavan was baptized
 Oct. 11 Evan Jones was buried

1799 Feb. 24 Edward the son of Edward & Mary Brayn was baptized
 March 3 Tho^s the Son of Edward & Sarah Long was baptized

¹ Ann Newling was a daughter of the Rev. A. Newling, Rector of Shrawardine; was born 1737; and kept house for her brother William at the Folley Farm, where she died.

1800	May 8 Thomas Brooks ¹ of the Parish of Great Ness & Elizabeth Morris of this parish were married by Banns Oct. 20 Hannah the Daughter of W ^m & Elizabeth Evans baptiz ^d Oct. 27 Samuel the son of Thos ^o & Mary Morris was baptized Oct. 31 Hannah Long was buried Nov. 17 Shusanah the Daughter of John & Shusanah Bigford was baptized Nov. 19 Robert Asterley of Shrewsbury was Buried
1801	May 1 Rich ^d Weston an infant buried May 4 Mary daughter of William & Sarah Clemson baptized May 7 William Webster buried May 11 Thomas Goodall ² & Sarah Reynolds both of this parish married by Banns May 18 Mary Weston an infant buried Aug. 24 Susannah daughter of William & Susannah Weston baptized Sept. 26 John Corbet buried Oct. 12 Joseph a base child of Hannah Evans baptized Oct. 19 Sarah daughter of John & Jane Humphreys baptized J. Wingfield ³ Curate
1802	Feb. 1 Elizabeth daughter of Edw ^d & Jane Long baptized April 30 John Lloyd of Montford Batchelor & Martha Gittins of this parish Spinster married by Licence May 24 William son of Will ^m & Mary Rogers baptized May 31 Joseph son of John & Mary Jones baptized May 27 Elizabeth Gittins buried June 16 Thomas Long buried June 21 Thomas Gittins buried June 21 Mary daughter of Thos ^o & Sarah Goodall baptized July 5 Ann daughter of Will ^m & Eliz ^o Bevan baptized J. Wingfield, Curate
1803	Jan. 24 Mary daughter of Thos ^o & Mary Morris baptized Feb. 14 Mary Morris an infant buried June 13 Martha a base child of Eliz ^o Evans baptized Oct. 4 John son of Edw ^d & Mary Brayne baptiz ^d Dec. 19 William son of John & Susanna Onions ⁴ baptiz ^d Dec. 20 Marg ^t Price buried Dec. 26 William son of Will ^m & Susanna Weston baptiz ^d Dec. 28 Rich ^d Morris buried J. Wingfield, Curate.
	Jan. 24 Eliz. Nunnerly buried Feb. 28 Martha Lloyd buried March 20 Thomas son, & Mary daughter of Richard & Elizabeth Parry baptiz ^d April 8 Will ^m son of Thos ^o & Mary Morris baptiz ^d May 20 Samuel Brayne of the parish of Ryton in this County & Mary Parton of this parish were married by Banns. [No date] Ann Thomas buried Sept. 4 Sarah daughter of Thos ^o & Sarah Goodall baptiz ^d Sept. 29 Ann Hughes buried Oct. 5 Edward Evans of Montford & Elizabeth Jones of this parish were married by Banns J. Wingfield, Curate.

Last entry in handwriting of "John Parry, Curate."
² Thomas Goodall lived in the Rectory, where he kept the village shop, and farmed the glebe, entertaining the clergy on Sundays when they came over to take the single service of the day. On the appointment in 1829 of a resident curate at Shrawardine he had to leave, as the house was wanted for its proper use.

³ John Wingfield, whose handwriting first appears this year (May 1st), was born Aug. 11th, 1755, was Vicar of Montford from 1789 to his death on Sept. 8th, 1830, and curate of Shrawardine for the greater part of that time.

⁴ Onions. In the Montford Register, in the 17th Century, this name is spelt "Vunions."

1804

Jan. 1 Mary a base child of Lydia Evans baptized
 Jan. 2 Mary Ann Williams Finch a base child baptized
 Jan. 2 Penelope Gittins buried
 Feb. 12 Jane Daughter of Sam^l & Mary Brayne baptized
 Feb. 26 William son of Edw^d & Eliz: Williams baptized
 April 3 Mary daughter of Will^m & Eliz: Bevan baptized
 April 3 Mary Ann Williams Finch^l an infant buried
 June 21 John Gardner of Pontesbury & Martha Newcomb of this parish
 married by Licence
 July 1 Sarah daughter of Will^m & Eliz: Bevan baptized
 Oct. 7 Mary daughter of Will^m & Susannah Weston baptized

J. Wingfield, Curate.

1805

March 24 Sarah Daughter of Edward & Elizth Evans baptized
 April 1 Martha Newling² buried
 May 8 Edward Edwards & Sarah Edwards boath of this Parish married by
 Banns.
 May 12 Jane Base Child of Mary Benbow baptized
 July 29 Hannah Maria Daughter of William & Sarah Clemson baptized
 Aug. 10 Mary Bevan buried
 Aug. 26 William son of Rich^d & Elizabeth Parry baptized
 Sept. 26 Richard Parry buried
 Nov. 11 Maria Daughter of Edward & Elizth Williams baptized
 Dec. 8 Thomas Base Child of Mary France baptized
 Dec. 15 Elizabeth Daughter of Thomas & Sarah Goodall baptized

J. Wingfield.

1806

Feb. 17 Thomas³ Wall³ & Mary Gittins both of this Parish married by
 Licence
 April 6 Sarah Daughter of Edward & Sarah Edwards baptized
 April 6 William Weston buried
 Sept. 10 John son of John & Shusanah Onions baptized
 Oct. 6 Martha Daughter of Samuel & Mary Brayn
 Dec. 25 John Edwards⁴ & Hannah Evans both of this Parish married by
 Banns.

J. Wingfield.

1807

Jan. 11 Thomas² son of Tho^o & Mary Wall baptized
 Feb. 22 Tho^o son of Edward & Elizabeth Williams baptized
 April 9 Samuel Ward buried
 April 15 John Brayne buried
 April 26 Tho^o son of John & Hannah Edwards baptized
 April 26 Sarah Base Child of Ann Evans baptized
 May 3 Thomas son of Will^m & Eliz: Bevan baptized
 May 3 Sarah Daughter of Will^m & Shusanna Weston baptized
 May 8 Sarah Evans buried
 July 20 Benjamin Jones of Montford & Jane Owen of this Parish married
 by Banns
 Aug. 30 Will^m son of Rich^d & Elizth Parry baptized

¹ On the tombstone in the Churchyard is the inscription:—"In memory of Mary Ann Williams, daughter of Sarah Finch, died March 31st, 1803, aged 9 weeks, Farewell sweet innocence."

² April 1. She was the Widow of the Rev. Charles Newling, and died at Ford, where her son John was Vicar, March 23, in her 82nd year. She was a daughter of John Newling, J.P., of Cambridge, and married the Rev. C. Newling in 1754. Her name, however, is entered wrongly here, for it was Mary not Martha.

³ Thomas Wall was a very strong man. He could lift a $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. up on his little finger, and holding it there at arm's length could write his name on a wall. His son Thomas stood 6ft. 3in. Thomas Wall, senr., died 1840, aged 81.

⁴ John Edwards was Parish Clerk of Shrawardine from 1796 to 1856, and for many years Village Schoolmaster. He died Nov., 1856, aged 82 years and 11 months.

Sept. 6	Thomas Base Child of Lidia Evans baptized	
Sept. 13	William Base Child of Bridgit Williams baptized	
Oct. 4	Thomas Evans buried	
Nov. 13	Joseph Wall buried	
Nov. 15	Martha Daughter of Edward & Sarah Edwards baptized	
Dec. 29	John Evans & Sarah Breathin boath of this Parish married by Banns	J. Wingfield Curate
1808	Feb. 6 Rich ^d son of Thos & Mary Wall baptized	
	May 10 William Davies of Great Ness & Mary Cartwright of this Parish married by Banns	
	Sept. 24 William son of Thos & Mary Morris baptized	
	Sept. 24 Ann Daughter of Thos & Sarah Goodall baptized	
	Sept. 26 Eleanor Edwards buried	
	Oct. 14 Mary Wall buried	
	Oct. 30 Elizabeth Daughter of John & Sarah Evans baptized	
	Nov. 13 Eliz th Daughter of Edward & Eliz th Williams baptized	
	Nov. 23 William Humphreys buried	
	Nov. 29 Martha Base Child of Eleanor Edwards baptized	
	Dec. 4 Martha Edwards an Infant buried	
	Dec. 8 Mary Jennings buried	J. Wingfield, Curate
1809	Feb. 16 Thomas Gittins buried	
	Feb. 17 Elizabeth Evans buried	
	March 5 Henry son of Sami & Mary Brayne baptized	
	May 3 Edward Evans & Elizabeth Jones both of this Parish married by Banns	
	July 2 Emma daughter of Edw ^d & Sarah Edwards baptized	
	Sept. 24 John son of John & Hannah Edwards baptized	
	Oct. 15 Will ^m son of Will ^m & Susannah Weston baptized	
	Oct. 28 Sarah Jones buried	
	Dec. 7 Edward Moody buried	J. Wingfield, Curate
1810	March 4 Margaret Daughter of Will & Eliz th Bevan, baptized	
	April 10 Samuel France buried	
	April 23 Mary Smyth buried	
	June 24 Edward son of Edward & Eliz th Williams baptized	
	June 25 John Plimley & Elizabeth Ward both of this Parish married by Licence	
	July 11 Ann Spoonley buried	
	Aug. 5 Thos Son of William & Hannah Lloyd baptized	
	Nov. 6 Thos Son of John & Shusanah Onions baptized	
	Nov. 6 William Lee & Elizabeth Egerton both of this Parish married by Banns	
	Dec. 16 Shusanah Daughter of John & Hanah Edwards baptized	
	Dec. 29 Thos son of William & Sarah Clemson baptized	
1811	Feb 10 Edward son of Edward & Sarah Edwards baptized	
	April 14 Martha Daughter of Thomas & Sarah Goodall baptized	
	April 14 Ann Daughter of Edward & Sarah Evans baptized	
	July 4 William Prise buried	
	July 4 William Reeves buried	
	July 11 Sarah Reeves buried	
	Nov. 17 Thomas Morris buried	
	Dec. 31 George Matthews of Melverley & Elizabeth Edwards of this Parish married by Banns	
1812	Feb. 23 John son of John & Eliz th Plimley baptized	
	March 27 Elizabeth Evans buried	
	April 5 Samuel ^l son of John & Hannah Edwards baptized	

¹ Parish Clerk, 1833—1892. Died January 1st, 1892, aged 79. His father, John Edwards was Clerk, 1796—1856.

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April 12 John Hughes buried
May 17 Eliza Daughter of Edward & Elizth Williams baptized
Aug. 2 Edward Moody buried
Aug. 16 Thomas son of Thomas & Sarah Goodall baptized
Nov. 10 Francis Jones & Lidia Evans both of this Parish married b
 Banns
Dec. 27 Shusanah Daughter of Francis & Lydia Jones baptized

THE BERRINGTON LOVE FEAST.

BY THE REV. A. THURSBY-PELHAM, M.A.

Seal Robert by Gods divyne providence Lord Bushopp
 defaced. of Coven' and Lichfield To all whom theis
 presents may concerne greetinge fforasmuch as
 Rob. Co:Likel. there hath beene, tyme out of mynd, an auntient
 custome used wthin the parische of Berington in
 our diocese of Coventry and Lichfield that the parson of the
 said parish for the tyme beinge hath yearlye upon Easter day
 feasted all the parishioners and Land-houlders wthin that
 parische wth a love-feast, the solempnyty of wch feast was ever
 yet performed in the Church (a thinge noe-lesse profane then
 irreligious) And whereas also the said parishioners for the
 perpetuall establishment and better confirmac'on of their said
 custome have peticoned Sr Richard Lea Barronet patron of the
 said Rectorie that they the said parishioners may yearlye and
 without molestac'on of him or the succeedinge incumbent
 freely enjoy the liberty thereof, he the said Sr Richard Lea
 hath condiscended to their request. Now the said parishioners
 doe humbly desire, that although we by our letter have pro-
 hibited the said Custome, to be maynetayned or observed in
 the Church (as beinge a thinge altogeaither unfitt to be per-
 formed in soe holy a place) yet, that by our confirmac'on
 under seale, wee would ratify and confirme the same for
 posterity unto them, Wee therefore at their humble petico'n
 doe by these presents pronounce the said custome to have
 beene, and to be due from the parson of Berington for the
 tyme beinge, to the said parishioners yearlye And doe decree
 that the same be yearlye tended unto them by the said
 parson upon Munday in Easter weeke to be celebrated in any
 place convenient for the same (the church only excepted), in
 as good and ample manner as at any tyme heretofore it hath
 beene usually celebrated. In witnes and confirmac'on of wch
 custome wee have hereunto put our hande and seale Epis-
 copall: Geven at Newport this xxijth day of August An'o
 d'ni 1639 iuxta &c. and in the seaventh yeare of our
 translac'on.

Endorsed:—

"An Order about the Love Feast. Dated 1639."

THIS curious document is preserved in the parish chest in Berrington Church. It is given under the hand and seal of Robert (Wright), Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, dated at Newport, August 22, 1639. It quotes an ancient custom of the parish, which had been suppressed. From time immemorial it had been the custom that the Rector of Berrington should upon Easter Day feast all the parishioners and land-holders with a Love-feast within the church. We may suppose that the cheer had been too good, and the Love-feast was abolished by Episcopal authority. We should have imagined that, under these circumstances, the feast would have gone for ever. It was not so, however. The Church-people in Berrington did not see why abuse should sweep away use. Accordingly, through their powerful patron and local magnate, Sir Richard Lea, they petitioned the Bishop for the restoration of the Love-feast. We presume that the Rector concurred. The Bishop consents to Sir Richard's request, and confirms the custom for posterity. The Feast for the future must not be held in the church, "but is to be tendered to the parishioners by the Parson upon the Monday in Easter Week in any place convenient (the church only excepted) in so good and ample a manner as at any time heretofore it hath been usually celebrated."

The Feast was no doubt originally the Dedication Festival. Dedication Festivals were as a rule kept on a Sunday. The good people at Berrington may have selected the greatest of all Sundays for their parochial festival.

Mr. Bourne in his edition of Brand's *Antiquities of the Common People*, says, "In the southern parts of this nation, the most of country villages are wont to observe some Sunday in a more particular manner than the other common Sundays of the year, viz., the Sunday after the day of dedication. Then the inhabitants deck themselves in their gaudiest clothes, and have open doors, and splendid entertainments, for

the reception and treating of their relations and friends, who visit them on that occasion, from each neighbouring town. The morning is spent for the most part in church. The remainder of the day is spent in eating and drinking, together with all sorts of rural pastimes and exercises, such as dancing on the green, wrestling, cudgelling, etc."

St. Gregory the Great gives an order to Mellitus, the Abbot, who accompanied Augustine to England in 590 A.D. "On the day of dedication, or the birthday of holy Martyrs, whose relics are there placed, let the people make to themselves booths of the boughs of trees, round about those very churches, which had been the temples of idols, and in a religious way to observe a feast; that beasts may no longer be slaughtered by way of sacrifice to the devil, but for their own eating, and the glory of God; and that when they are full and satisfied, they may return Him thanks who is the giver of all good things."

In the 28th Canon given under King Edgar, "Decent behaviour is enjoined at these Church Wakes. The people are commanded to pray devoutly at them, and not to betake themselves to drinking and debauchery."

Speght, in his glossary to Chaucer, says, "It was the manner in times past upon festival evens for parishioners to meet in their Church-houses, or Church-yards, and there to have a drinking-fit for the time. Here they used to end many quarrels between neighbour and neighbour. Hither came the wives in comely manner, and they which were of the better sort had their mantles carried with them, as well for show as to keep them from cold at the table. These mantles also did many use in the church at and other times."

When the order was made in 1627 and 1631, at Exeter and in Somersetshire, for the suppression of these dedication feasts, both ministers and people desired their continuance, not only for preserving the memorial of the dedication of their several churches,

but for civilizing their parishioners, composing differences by the mediation and meeting of friends, increasing of love and unity by these feasts of charity, and for the relief and comfort of the poor. The people at Berrington, doubtless, were of the same mind as the people at Exeter and in Somerset. Their parishioners needed civilizing, differences had to be composed, love and unity needed to be increased, and the poor needed relief.

As it was then, so is it now. History repeats itself. Some forty years ago, the Love-feast having disappeared, Harvest Homes were originated in Shropshire. In a way they took the place of the ancient dedication feast. People are beginning to find the need of Parish Rooms. In old days they were called Church-houses. The Love-feast was held in them, and they were practically parish rooms. In America, as a rule, each Church has its Church-house and rooms for various parochial objects attached to it. Guild-feasts are held there. Such social gatherings in well regulated parishes still play their part in building up the spiritual life.

The Leas were lords of Berrington from the latter part of the 13th to the end of the 17th century. They came from Lee, near Pimhill, and were afterwards lords of Langley and Acton Burnell. The recumbent wooden effigy of a man habited in plate armour in the chancel of Berrington Church is probably a Lee. It belongs to the early part of the 15th century. The timber Manor House of the Lees' is on the south side of the church. Sir Richard Lea, the patron of the benefice in 1639, was the second Baronet. He suffered much in the cause of Charles I., and died just a month before the Restoration.

Is it not reasonable to suppose that the Love-feast came to an end during the Commonwealth, and was never again restored?

SELATTYN: A HISTORY OF THE PARISH.

BY THE HON. MRS. BULKELEY-OWEN.

*Continued from 2nd Series, Vol. VI., p. 326.*NOTE.¹

IN the Blakeway MSS. we are told that there was a Suit before the Court of Marches concerning the Rectory of Selattyn, on August 9th, 1554.

It states that Robert Staney was deprived by Ecclesiastical law, and that Robert Ireland was instituted and inducted in his room by the order of the Court.

Robert Staney did not appear in obedience to the order, and he refused to quit, whereupon a further order was made to eject him, and he was committed to the Porter's custody.

The cause of offence is stated as "heretical pravity."

It is added that probably the order was not acted on, it may, however, explain why Robert Staney resigned the living.

1556.—*J. Thomas.* Is said to have been Rector, but we have no mention of him in any contemporary document, nor any other authority than the statement of Browne Willis. He was probably only Curate to Robert Ireland, who, as we have seen, resided at Denbigh.

1557.—*Robert ap Howell.* We do not know the exact date of his appointment, but we know it must have been before March, 1557, the date at which he began the first Parish Register of Selattyn.

His name does not occur in the *First Fruits Composition* records.

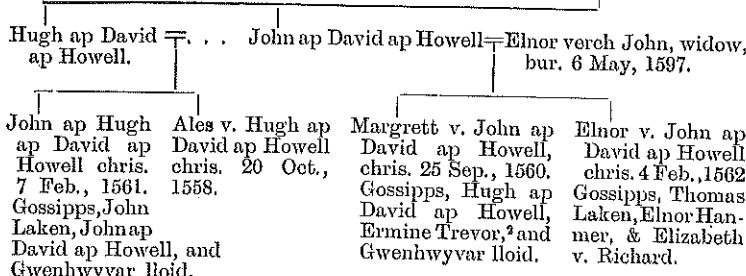
¹ I am indebted for this note to Henry Weyman, Esq., of Ludlow.
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He was probably of the same family as the Powells of Park¹, Thomas Powell, Esq., being nominated overseer to his will.

In the early part of Selattyn Register occur several named ap Howell, they are as follows. It is impossible to state their relationship, if any, to the Rector, but their godparents were of the chief families of the parish, and one of them, Gwenhwyvar lloid, is named in his will.

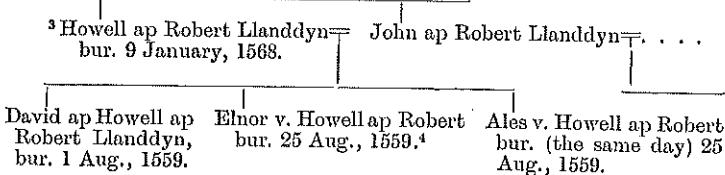
David ap Howell, alias barbor, bur. 30 April, 1557. =

David ap Howell ap John, bur. 19 Aug., 1559. =



Katherine v. Roger ap Howell buried 29 Dec., 1606

Robert Llanddyn =



Llewky v. John ap Robert Llanddyn = John ap Llewelyn
mar. 10 June, 1560.

¹ See Chap. IV.

² Ermine was daughter of John Trevor of Plas Einion, son of Edward Trevor, Constable of Whittington, who died 1537. She married Richard ap Richard of Selattyn. Her sister Jane Trevor married Robert L'oyd of Treffach. (See *Powis Roll*, vol. iv.)

³ Howell ap Robert and Gwenhwyvar lloid were gossipps to Gwenhwyvar v. Hughe ap Mereyth, 24 Oct., 1561.

⁴ John ap Howell ap Madocke and Gwenhwyvar v. Howell were buried 26 Aug., 1559, at Oswestry. This entry is marked in Oswestry Register as amongst those who are supposed to have died of the plague between July and January, 1559. We have no information that the plague reached Selattyn but it is a strange coincidence that these four deaths took place in two days.

In the Oswestry Corporation Records "Hugh Edd, ap Ho'll of Porkington" was sworn burgess for himself and his children on 8th and 9th June, 1582.

Howell is not an uncommon Welsh name, neither is Gwenhwyvar, but there is mention of both in the will of "David ap Ievan, ap David ap Yellen David of St. Martyns." Proved in London 2 Sep., 1553. After bequeathing his body to the Parish Church and 2s. to the "highaulter" of St. Martyns, he leaves the rest of his "goodes & cattels" to his wife Gwenhwyar verch Howell, and his son John ap David. "Overseer, Edward ap Gr. Witnesses, Sir Hugh, Lewis Howell ap Thomas, David ap Richard with others."¹

It is quite possible that this lady may be the cousin referred to in Robert ap Howell's will, and that Robert Lloyd of Trefflech may have been her second husband.

The Register tells us that "Robert ap Powell clerk, Parson of Silatton was buried the 8th day of April, 1578, at Oswestrie."

There is no record at Oswestry of his burial, there being no entries from the end of January, 1569, when "There endeth Sir Hughe Gouge's Register," and "there wanteth the register for eight yeares & fyve months," until 25 June, 1578, when "a true & perfect Register [was] made by Sir William Muckleston² Clerke, Curate of the Parish Church of Oswestre."

There must, I think, be an error in the date of the copy of Robert ap Howell's Will, it having been proved ten days before his burial. The original Will is lost.

The Will of "Sir Robert ap Howell. Clerke, parson of Silattin," 13th January, 1577, bequeathes

¹ Will, Somerset House (Tashe 17).

² He was probably of Sweeney, near Oswestry, "Robert Muckleton of Sweeney was buried 6 Nov. 1611, at Oswestry." Gough speaks of the Mucklestons as "of an antient family, who had a faire ouse & an estate of about £120 per annum at a place called Pen-y-an, near Oswestree." (*Hist. of Myddle*, p. 127).

my bodie to be buried in Saint Mychel's Chauncell¹, as ney
as maie be to the vestrie doore

to the reparacyon of the Churche of Sillattin
aforesayd 5^s to the poore men's box there 10/ to
be distributed by myne executor . . . to the reparacion of the
beywaie from Sillattine to Oswestrie 5/ to paye
for my funeralls & to be distributed to poore fowlkes at my
buringe in money & money's worth five pounds.

To my cosine Hugh ap Richard two bullockes, a
cowe, a coverlette partlie red and ywlwe, a boulster, two
sheetes, a little combe, a little (?) & a coffer, & to either of his
children twoe sheepe.

Item, to my cosine Gwenhwifer weif to Robert lloid a cowe
& to either of her children fowre sheepe.

Item to Robert Powell 20 shellinges & to Elizabeth Powell
20^s to Katherine Powell 20^s & 12 sheepe.

Item to Elin Trevor a heifer of a yeare owld and (?) sheepe.

Item. I do forgive to John ap Jeñn of Sigiton (sic) all
debtes, arrerages & demaundes.

Item. To my cosin Elnor wife to the said John a Cowe &
to Gwenhwifar his daughter a white covelette with the flowres &
to his sonne the yonger John my godsonne fowre sheepe.

Item. I bequeathe to the said John ap Jeñn 6 bushell of
woatts.

Item To the aforesaid Robert lloid of Trefleche two bushells
of woatts.

Item to Alice verche Thom ap Jeñn a cowe, calf & fowre
sheepe.

Item to John Trevor of Sylattin all the corne sowe in the
glebe lande, the residue of all my goodes above not bequeathed.

I do give to the direction of the said John Trevor whom I
do make & ordaine to be my true & lawfull executor that he,
havinge God before his eies to ordaine the same as he
thinckethe beste & moste conveniencie to the pleasure of God
& the welthe of my soule ande as this is my last will I do
make overseer Thomas ap Powell Esquier that this
ordaine & make overseer Thomas ap Powell Esquier that this

¹ We should gather from the wording of the will that "S. Mychel's Chauncell" was in Selattyn Church, did not Selattyn Register state that he was buried at Oswestry. The Chantry Certificates state that he was buried at Oswestry Church "The Service of (Salop Rolls, 40, 41) mention in Oswestry Church "The Service of S. Saynt Mychell, founded off one prest to celebrate at the aulter of S. Michell. Richard Evance Stipendiary, aged xxxvij. xvij^s iiiij^a." Shrop. Arch. Trans., vol. iii., p. 179.

my will may be performed accordinglee & to have for his paines
40^s

Dated 13 Jan^{ry} 1577.

Witnesses—David ap Richard prist. Hugh ap Richard,
John ap Ieñn. John Vaughan Clerke.¹

Debts due upon the testator. Imprimis Sir John Armetr,²
Chapplin to Mr. Doctor Wotton³ or to his executors for Sir
Morice Gruffithe late of Powles the sum of 13^s 4^d

Item to Elnor Price late Weif to Hugh Johnes of Oswestrie 2^s

Item to the heer of John ap David ap Rees 2^s

Item to the heer of David Staney⁴ 2^s 4^d

Item to the heer of Richard Draper 12^d

Item to the debtes upon credytors Lewis Wynne & Edward ap
Atha⁵ his suretie as it appearithe by theire bille foure poundes.

Angnes verch—weif to David ap John ap Gittine 40^s

Thomas ap David ap Rees 40^s

Edward ap Atha 42^s

Edward ap David ap William 40^s 8^d

William ap Ieñn 38^s 4^d

Edward ap Ieñn 5^s 8^d

Proved S. Asaph, 28 March 1578.

Letters of Admon. granted to Sir John Trevor sole executor.

During the incumbency of Robert ap Howell there
is no mention of a curate in the Register, though I
think "Sir John Trevor" probably acted in that
capacity.

Possibly earlier curates during the time of Robert
ap Howell may be found in the nominations of John
Laken.

¹ Vicar of St. Martins, 1575.

² Probably Armenters. The name of John de Armenters occurs in
a Will of Ct. of Husting, 1299. His own Will dated 20 July, 1306,
bequeaths "60 marks sterlinc for the maintenance of a Chantry at
the altar of S. Nicholas in the Church of All Hallows upon the Cellar,"
and bequests to three sons, Robert, Stephen, and Richard.

³ The Wottons were a civic family. William Wotton, Merchant,
bequeaths tenements in three city parishes to Margaret his wife, with
remainder to Nicholas his son, 24 Aug., 1391. Her Will is dated
5 Feb., 1404. Chrystopher Wotton "merchant taylor" bequeathes
his lands and tenements in the city of London to Ioan his wife
20 Dec., 1571. (See Calendar of Ct. of Husting).

⁴ John Wyn Staney, his nephew.

⁵ Probably Adda. i.e. Adam.

1561. Thomas Edwarde scolaris Assaphen dioc' ad titulu' Johis Laken de Sulatton in com Salop gn'si, ad sacer ordin. diaconat est admissus.

Examinat J. Powell:

1562. Will. ap Rob^t ap John . . . ad titulu' John Lake de porkynton in co. Salop . . . diaconat.

1564. Ordines speciales celebrat. in oratorio R^{di} pr's d'ni Thome St. Asaph. Epis. iij die Sp^{ts} An. Dom. 1564. Will. ap Robert Presbyter . . . ad titulu' John Laken¹.

It is interesting to know the fees paid by the Deacons at St. Asaph in 1561:—

fees payd by evry scoler	
Item primis, for entryng of ev'y name yn the boke	iiij ^d
Item, to the apparitor deus upon evry scoler	iiij ^d
Item, toward the repac'on of the Cath. Churche of ev'y one	
iiij ^d	
Item, to the Clarke of the Church for ev'y albe & syruples	
iiij ^d	
Item, for evry of the letters of orders to the rogestor	xij ^d
Item for the mape (sic) of evry letter of orders	iiij ^d
Item, for the barbore, fee of evry scoler	iiij ^d

1578.—*Richard Price.* His name is entered in Selattyn Register as “clerk p[ar]son there June 1578.” In the *First Fruits Composition Book*² we find:—

30th June. Salatyn. Richard ap Rice Clerk

1578. Composition for first-fruits for	}	£11 . 4 . 7
Rectory £12 . 9 . 6		
24 ^s 11 ^d remaining		

Sureties for Richard, Robert Aston of the parish of St Michel in Riola³ merchant tailor & Thomas Pearson of the parish of All Saints ad fenum⁴ salter.

¹ MS. in Bishop's Palace, St. Asaph. From the same MS. we learn that Henry Earl of Arundell appoints Henry Powell to be his domestic chaplain, “Cappella'n domesticus,” I. Eliz., 2nd June.

² Vol. ix.

³ S. Michael's, called Paternoster Church in the Royal, in College Hill, Thames Street. (Stow's *Survey*, Bk. iii., pp. 3, 13).

⁴ All Hallows the Great in Thames Street, called “ad fenum,” “because Hay was sold near thereunto at Hay Wharf.” (Ibid., Bk. ii., p. 205).

We know nothing certain of Richard Price, except that he was deprived and imprisoned, and that he died "at his coming from prison." What his offence was is unrecorded. Was he suspected of favouring recusants or rebels?

A few years before John Price, the Vicar of Oswestry, was said to have concealed one "Hugh Owen, a rebel," and the interrogatories for his examination on 17 Oct., 1575,¹ are still in existence. It is quite possible that the Rector of Selattyn may have been some relation of his, and may have been concerned in some later plot.

His name occurs in an Oswestry Will dated 1580 in conjunction with that of John Price, Vicar of Oswestry.

This Will also supplies us with the name of the "Curate of Silattin," William Edwards.

The following extracts are interesting:—

Thomas Lewis of Oswestrie Sherman.²

My bodie to be buried within the Church of Oswestrie

Bequests to Sir W^m Edwards, Curatt of Oswestry ij

Whereas I had a graunt of John Price, Clerke to make a kneeling place benethe John Price the yonger of Whittington is sett, within Oswestry Church, from that I geve 6^s 8^d out of the xxij^s dewe unto me of the arrerages bestowed on the Churche, beinge Warden & in Lowans thereof doe keepe the Com'union Cup, the reste beinge aboute xvi^s viij^d I geve to the reparacon of the saide Churche of Oswestry

I bequeathe the said kneeling place to Janet Lloid my wifff after her decease to Janet verch Richard Lewis my brother his daughter, & in default to Gwen verch Richard her sister,

¹ Calendar of State Papers, Domestic, Eliz. 1547-1580. He died at S. Asaph, 15 March, and was bur. at Oswestry, 20 March, 1582. Robert Price, senior, was bur. Oswestry, 7 Dec., 1590, and Sir Humphrey Price, Clerk, 3 May, 1599.

² i.e., Shearer of the nap of cloth.

. . . lease to me graunted, to David Stanney¹ . . . a barne & croft.

. . . my graunte to M^r Richard Lloid of Llwynymaen² to Ionet my wifff. . .

Debts due upon M^r Richard Owen of Salop draper³ iijⁱⁱl . . . to Richard ap Ieu'n . . . M^r Richard Lloid of Aston xl. . . M^r Richard Price, Clerke, Parsons of Sillattin xxiv⁸ iv^d

Sole executrix, Jonet Lloid my weddid wifff.

Overseers—My loying ffrends

John Price, Clerk Vicar of Oswestrie

John Price of Whittington the yonger

Edward ap William Lloid

Witnesses—John Price, Clarke, Vicar of Oswestrie, Edward Lloide, W^m Edwards, Curate of Silattin, Griffith Kyffin,⁴ Robert Price of bousley." (Bausley?)

Proved at S. Asaph, 23 Sep., 1580. Admon. granted to Joneta Lloid relict.

In which of the Southwark Prisons, the Marshalsea, the King's Bench, or the Clink, Richard Price was confined we do not know.

If he was guilty of an ecclesiastical offence, he was probably in the Marshalsea.

The state of the Prisons at that time is too well known to need any description here; it is not surprising that his incarceration caused his death; gaol fever was rife. Stowe tells us how, in 1579, the Lords of the Privy Council were petitioned "to take some order for the enlarging of the rooms for the preservation of the Prisoners lives" in the King's Bench.

¹ David Stanney, Gent., was bur. at Oswestry 29 May, 1606.

² Bur. Oswestry 2 March, 1601. He was son of Edward Lloyd of Llwynymaen, Constable of Oswestry Castle, whose Will was proved 16 Dec., 1544. Richard Lloyd's brother, John Lloyd of Drenwydd, Whittington, mar. Eleanor, d. of John Pryse, Vicar of Oswestry. (See *Hist. Powis Fadog, and Llyfr Silin, Arch. Camb.*, Series V. Vol. V., p. 117). She was bur. at Whittington 4 May, 1616.

³ An accident to "a poore kariar commynge from Oswestrie with Welshe Clothe of Mr. Rychard Owen, draper," 26 Nov., 1574, is related in *Shrop. Arch. Trans.*, Vol. III., p. 274. He was bailiff of Shrewsbury, 1576 and 1585.

⁴ Griffith Kyffin was bailiff of Oswestry 27 Elizth., 1584-5, and on 30 January, 1592. (See *Byegones*, 1877, Oswes. Corp. Rec.)

His death is thus entered in Selattyn Register:—

Richard Pryce, Clerke, parson of Silatton died at Southwerk in London at his coming from prison & was buried on the 8th daye February, 1587.

His will is as follows:—

In the name of God Amen. I Richard Price now resident in Southwarke Clerke late of Selatin in the Countie of Salop this sixt daie februario a thousand five hundred the eightie seaven, in perfect mynde of remembrance, by Gode gifte visited with the sicknes of body doethe make this my last will & testament, & I bequest my sowle to Almighty God,

And I doe make Thomas Pearson Citizen & Salter of London my sole executor of this my will, And I doe give unto him all the goodes, debtors & dutie that I ought to have in my lifetime to my said executor, & all my apparell & other househowld stuffe whearsoever they are, for wittnes whereof I have sette my hand & seale to this my will & testament the said daie & yeare.

The marke of Richard Price sealed & delivered in the presence of us here named Teste Thomas Andrewes & per me Thomam Tharkwearie ftem de Langham, John Leveson, Nicholas Ballard, Richard Baker, David Yevans, the marke of Thomas Heathen by me John Clerke, Richard Greene, Ralfe Williams.¹

Proved London P.C.C. 17 Feb. 1587, by Thomas Pearson, Executor.

He makes no bequests to any relations, and it will be remembered that his executor, Thomas Pearson, Salter, was one of his sureties in the *First Fruits Composition Book*.

1587.—*William Horton*. He compounded for the first fruits of “Salatyn” Rectory on 14 July, 1587. (29th Elizth.)

	£	12	9	6
paying	11	4	6½
remaining to be paid	24 ^s	11 ^d	4 ^½

Sureties for William, Radulphus Massie, parish of St Sepulchre's London gent. & Thomas ffetherston, parish of S. Brigid, London, silkweaver.²

¹ Somerset House (Will. Rutland 14).

² Excheq. *First Fruits Composition Book*, vol. xi.

Browne Willis was mistaken in putting William Horton's institution by the Queen after that of the succeeding Rector, Thomas Torporley, and in stating that it was upon the latter's deprivation. We have no record of his ever having been deprived. The mistake probably originated in a clerical error in a MS. book at St. Asaph Palace, the entry in which is as follows—

Tho. Torperly M.A. May 1588 on ye Pres. of Fr^r Albany tho' Will Horton had got institution on ye Queen title by lapse Aug. 1586 on *Torperley's* deprivation.

It should, of course, have been on *Richard Price's* deprivation.

If the date (Aug. 1586) was correct, the living of Selattyn was vacant for nearly a year, and Richard Price was imprisoned for a year and a half.

We have no information concerning William Horton, except that Browne Willis states he was Vicar of Oswestry in 1587. His name does not occur either in the Registers of Oswestry or of Selattyn, and we have no record of his death. A few years later the name occurs in Shrewsbury Registers. That of St. Mary's states:—

M^r Richard Horton bur. 24 July 1608.¹

M^{rs} Mary Horton & M^r Edward Baugh mar. 29 May 1695.

And S. Julian's has

M^r Fras. Horton & M^{rs} Mary Bannister mar. 14 April 1686

William Horton more probably came from Cheshire, like Peter Brereton, the Vicar of Oswestry 50 years before.

We know from "Inquis. p. m., 4 Hen. VI." that Roger de Horton held land in Coole, Co. Chester, and that he had a son and heir William.

Also that a licence was granted 21 Henry VII. to Sir Roger Horton to enter on the Barony of Malpas.

¹ "Rychard Horton fletcher" was chosen "sargent to the Baylyfe" in 1585 and in 1591. (Shrop. Arch. Trans., vol. iii., pp. 304, 323. The Fletchers (i.e., Arrowmakers) Coopers and Bowyers Company of Shrewsbury dates 27 Hen. VI., 1449. *Ibid*, vol. vi., p. 186.

John Horton held Coole. His Inquis. p. m., dated 21 Henry VIII., states that he died 9th December, leaving Roger Horton his son and heir.

Ralph Horton held Coole, his Inquis. p. m. is dated 24 Eliz. He leaves Richard Horton his son and heir.

Richard Horton holds Coole, his Inquis. p.m. is dated 6 Jac I., and he leaves Ralph son and heir¹.

The fact that one of William Horton's sureties in the *Composition Book* bears the Cheshire name of Massie seems to point to his connection with that county.

1588.—*Thomas Tarporley*. Oppidan of Shrewsbury School (in Class 5) 1562; Student of Ch. Ch., Oxford; B.A. 19 Feb., 1573-4; M.A. 27 June, 1577; Rector of Didcot, Berks, 1581; of Selattyn 1588; of Liddington, Wilts, 1590; and of Great Stambridge, Essex, 1591.²

We learn from the public records that "Thomas Tarporley Clerk" was admitted to the Rectory of Selattyn, then vacant, "8th May, 1588."³ He was presented to the living by the patron, Francis Albany. On the

15 June, 1588, *Thomas Tarporley, Clerk, compounded for
30th Elizth.* *Asaph Salatine R.* *the firstfruits extending to 12^l 9^s 6^d a tenth
part of which 24^s 12^{1/2}^d remaining to be paid.*

Sureties. Richard Procter, of the Parish of St Mary Magdalene, Milke Streete, London, Merchaunt tailor, & Gilbert Ramsden, of the parish of St Alban in Wood streete, London, Silk weaver.⁴

Not entirely as a stranger did Thomas Tarporley enter on his duties at Selattyn; he was, as we have seen, a schoolfellow, and in the same class as Richard Hanmer of Pentrepant. There is only one entry in

¹ Ormerod's *Hist. of Cheshire*, vol. iii., p. 202.

² Foster's *Alumni*, Oxon.

³ "Bishop's Certificates, St. Asaph," Public Record Office.

⁴ Excheq. *Firstfruits Composition Book*, vol. xi.

Selattyn Register of the family. "William Dickin¹ and Margarett Torporley, late of the Parish of Whitechurch, were married the 27th daye April, 1589, in the Churche of Silatton."

This probably alludes to the Parish of Whitchurch, in Shropshire, the Registers of which, unfortunately, only date from 1634. Whitchurch, the ancient Parish Church of Denbigh, was only so called in comparatively modern times; it was then known as Llanfarchell. Its Registers are also of more recent date.

Thomas Torporley, being a native of Shrewsbury, the guilds doubtless supply us with his father's name, 6 Eliz. (1563-4):—

Georgie Torporle of the towne of Salop glover, now occupyinge the occupacon trad & mystery of silk buttons makynge wth in the towne of Salop by his humble and truwles suit sondry tymes, made freeman for xxxvj^s viii^d in forme followinge that he may lawfully occupye the making & selling of silk buttons, silk lases, gold wire and thrid as John Beynon of the same, but not to deal in any other wares, or merchaundise.²

Mr. Thomas Asheton, the first Master of Shrewsbury Grammar School, was his surety.

George Torporley was one of the Bailiffs of Shrewsbury who set his seal to the articles and rules of the Glovers' Co., 1st August, 6th Elizabeth.³

It would be interesting to know if Nathaniel Torporley, Astronomer, who is described by Sir Edward Sherburne in his appendix to his translation of Manilius on the Sphere, as "Nathaniel Torporley, an Englishman born in Shropshire . . . sometime Amanuensis to the famous Vieta," was a relation to our Rector. They were contemporaries. Nathaniel

¹ Possibly of Loppington, Co. Salop. The Registers of that parish, which begin 1650, record the death of "William Dicken of English Frankton, 16 April, 1667," and of members of the family from 1650.

² Shrop. Arch. *Trans.*, vol. viii., p. 317.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. vii., p. 433.

was born 1563; entered Christ Church, Oxford, 1579; and died 1632. He wrote a treatise entitled "Diclides Cælo Metricæ seu Valvæ Astronomicæ Universales," and was paid a pension for several years by Henry Percy, Earl of Northumberland.

He bequeathed a clock and his valuable library of books to Sion College; the former has disappeared, and there is no account of his life there.

His will, which is nuncupative, is dated 14th April, 1632.²

Item. I give all my mathematical bookes & others & Astronomicall instruments, notes & mapps & my brasse Clocke to the use of my fellow servante in the Library of Sion Colledg, I give the (?) of M^{rs} Danbrooke to her daughter Sarah, & the Cabonet boxe, excepting the things in it.

I give the three hundred pounds which I paid to John Brothers for an Annuity of fortie pounds, which Annuity I never rec^d, & is now in suite, when it is recovered I give to be equally divided betwixt these five, namely my sister Tasker & her daughter, as also to Martha Clay my neece, & the three youngest children of M^{rs} Danbrooke deceased, namely Sarah, Mary, & John Danbrooke, my desire is that my nurse ffrost, who hath carefully attended me maie by all meanes be remembred.

Witness hereof John Downes, John Slater, John Spencer.

On 7 June 1632, Admon. was granted to Elizabeth Paine niece, & subsequently on 6 Jany. 1633 to Susanna Tasker.

We shall see in the life of the next Rector, Rowland Tasker, that these two ladies were his wife and daughter.

Selattyn Register tells us that—

Thomas Torporley Clerk late p'son of Silatton died the 23rd daye of August, 1592, in a parish called [] in Essex & buried about that tyme.

Great Stambridge was the name of the parish. Its register has—

Buried 1592. August 29th Thomas Torporley.

¹ Somerset House (Will, Awdley 65).

He appears to have resigned the living of Selattyn upon going to Essex, and probably had something to do with the recommendation of his successor.

1592. *Rowland Thasker*, Clerk, admitted to the Rectory of Selattyn 30th March, 1592.¹ He was presented to the living by Francis Albany.

Asaph. Salatyn R. Rowland Thaskar clerk compounds for the
 15 April 1592. firstfruits in the aforesaid year to the
 34 Elizth. value of 12^l 9^s 6^d
 the tenth part of 24^s 11¹₂^d } 11¹ 4^s 6¹₂^d
 remaining to be paid.

Sureties. Robert Banckeworthe, of the parish of All Saints in Bread streete, London Scrivenor & William Payne, parish of St Marie Magdalene in Mylke streate London, Haberdasher.²

Rowland Thasker is mentioned in the Register of Munslow, Co. Salop, as Minister in 1570 and 1573, and on 6th January, 1572, Pitchford Register informs us that he was inducted as Rector there. He seems to have resided mostly at Pitchford, his five children having been baptized there.

Rowland Thasker—Susanna		
Adam bap. 11 Dec. 1577.	Thomas bap. 24 Oct., 1582.	Rowland bap. 5 March, 1588.

Elizabeth bap. 25 March, 1580, =John Payne. Sara bap. 12 March, 1597.
mar. Selattyn, 30 Jan., 1596.

There is also the entry of the burial at Pitchford of "Edward Tasker at 96 or thereabouts, bur. 12 Oct., 1597." This was probably his father.

The arms of Tasker are given in the Heralds' *Visitation of Shropshire*,³ *Or a fesse between 3 lions ramp. sable.* It will be noted that in the record of the burial of Edward Tasker his name is spelt without the h; they

¹ Bishop's Certificates. S. Asaph, Public Record Office.

² Excheq. *Composition Records*, vol. xi.

³ Vol. i., pp. 12, 13, "Adams of Longdon and Adams alias Tasker."

are therefore probably of the family given in the *Visitation*, which may account for the Rector's eldest son being baptized Adam.

The *Visitation* states that Thomas Adams, second son of John Adams of Pontesbury, Co. Salop, married Alice, d. of John Forster, and heir to her mother, Alice Tasker of Warr. The descendants of Thomas Adams were called Adams alias Tasker, and his great-grandsons Thomas and Roger Adams, alias Tasker, are described as of London.

We find that—

The Regester Booke of all weddings christenings & Burials of the aforesaide Parishe [of Pitchford] from ye beginning of the Queenes Maties raigne unto the 17 day of November A.D. 1598 was made & written on parchment agreeing with the olde paper book¹, at the only cost of the Parishens of the forsaid Parishe according to an ecclesiasticall constitution in ye case provided & set furth having the title.

De registris in ecclesiis salvæ custodiae committendis Ao. 1597. Aunoq. 39. Regine Elizabethæ

R. Thasker

Parson of ye forsaid Parishe

Adam Browne. Thomas Madocks Churchwardens there.

The marriage of Elizabeth Thasker to John Payne in 1596 proves that her father occasionally visited Selattyn. We do not know who her husband was, or if he was related to William Payne, haberdasher, of London, her father's surety in the *Composition Book*.

Nor do we know what became of Rowland Thasker's sons. Probably it was his second son, Thomas Thasker, who was buried 19th September, 1654, at Clungunford, Co. Salop, and whose daughter, "Margaret, daughter of Thomas & Elizabeth Tasker," was baptized there 14th December, 1645.

¹ The original paper Register was 1544—1579. The first entry in the Parchment Register is 9th April, 1558. See copies of Salop Registers, Museum Library, Shrewsbury.

The same Register tells us "Margaret Tasker of Rowton widow" was buried 11 July, 1646.

The only other Shropshire entries of the family that I have found are—

1640. John Tasker parson of Abdon & Joane d. of Adam Millichopp were married 19 Sept^r.

He only survived his marriage five months, for

1640. John Tasker bur. 26 Feb.

In Shrewsbury School Register we find—

Rowland Thasker entered 7 August 1601.

He could hardly have been the Rector of Selattyn's son, as his admission fee being 2s. he was not a native of Shropshire. Thomas and John Thasker entered in 1594, and were natives of the county, their fees being 1s. each.¹

Selattyn Register tells us that—

Rowland Thasker Clerke, parson of Silattin died the last daye of Januarey & and was buried the 1st day of February at Pitchford, 1599.

And the Pitchford Register corroborates that fact. Unfortunately his will is not to be found.

1600.—*Henry Johns, M.A.* June 1st.² Browne Willis tells us that he was presented to the Rectory of Selattyn by Sarah Albany. She was the widow of Francis Albany, Sheriff of Shropshire 1595, who was buried at Whittington, 15 Nov., 1597.

From the bequests in the will of Henry Johns to the Church and poor of Llanrwst, he was probably a native of that parish, but I have not been able to find that any relationship existed between him and his namesake Dr. Henry Jones, sinecure Rector of Llanrwst 1573-1591. The will of the latter, proved by his nephew Edward Griffiths 6 Feb., 1591,³ makes bequests to

¹ For this information I beg to thank E. Calvert, Esq., M.D., F.S.A.

² Bishop's Certif., St. Asaph, Pub. Rec. Office.

³ Will, Harrington No. 9, Somerset House.

divers relatives, but to none bearing the name of Johns or Jones.

I think we may conclude that Henry Johns, Rector of Selattyn, belonged to the family of Johnes of Llyfnant, in the parish of Llannefyll, Co. Denbigh,¹ from the fact that William Anwyl (one of his executors) was his cousin.

Jane Johnes of Llyfnant married William Anwyl towards the end of the 16th century.

The arms of Johnes of Llyfnant are *Vert a stag trippant arg. attired and lang. gules.* This family descend from Llywelyn ap Sissyllt, King of Wales 1032-1064.

The Register of Oxford University tells us that "Henry Johnes Co. Denbigh pleb. f." matriculated as a member of Brasenose² on 10 August, 1582, aged 20, and that he was "Scholaris Dr. Harvey." It also states that one Henry Jones of Jesus College was admitted to the B.A. degree 12 Feb., 1585-6. These may be the same men, and probably refer to our Rector.

He married Elin, daughter of Thomas Loker of the Marsh, near Wenlock. Her mother was Katherine, daughter of Thomas or Edward Smalman of Wilderhope, Co. Salop.³

Her brothers Francis and William Loker, and her brother-in-law, Hugh Morris of Oswestry, were executors of her husband's will. The Parish Register of Much Wenlock tells us that Francis Loker "was a Bayliff peere, and when he was first Bayliff, did sett up Morning Prayer in this Church at Six of the Clock evry morning."⁴

¹ Her. *Visit. Wales*, vol. ii., 335, and *Hist. Powis Fadog*, vol. iv., 325.

² The Register of Brasenose does not mention Henry Johnes, and that of Jesus College only goes back to the latter half of the 16th century.

³ Her. *Visit. Shrop.*, p. 339.

⁴ Shrop. Arch. *Trans.*, vol. xi., p. 29.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Johns disappears from Selattyn Register, and we know nothing further of her or her children.

Will of Henrie Johns.¹

In the Name of God Amen. I, Henrie Jones, Rector of Sillatin, sicke in bodye, but in perfect sense & memorie, thanks be to God for it, doe make this my last will & testament, uppon the sixeth daie of Januarie 1609 in manner & forme followinge,

ffirst I bequeathe my soule unto my omnipotent God my Creator & unto Jesus Christe my only Redeemer & Saviour in whom & through whome only I unfaynedlye believe to receive lief everlastinge unto my soule by meanes of the Holy Ghoste working all cleanesses in me & acknowledge theis three persons & one God only, & noe other; & my bodye to be buried in Xtian buriall in the Chauncell of Sillatin.

Item. I give & bequeathe to Henrie Jones my sonne the some of ffiftie poundes for a porc'on to be sett forwarde for his use. Item, I give & bequeathe to my sister Lowrie tenn poundes. Item. I give & bequeathe to my sister Agnes ffive poundes. Item. I give & bequeathe unto my brother David ffive pounds. Item. I give & bequeathe unto my brother Morris ffourtie shillings. Item. I give & bequeathe unto my brother Thomas ffourtie shillings. Item. I give & bequeathe unto my cossin Anwill fortye shillings to buy him a ringe. Item. I give & bequeathe unto Sir Morris my Curate of Sillatin ffourtie shillings. Item. I give to the poore of Sillatin parische ffourtie shillings. Item. to Hugh my man three pounds. Item. to Thomas ap Pughe my servante thirteene shillings, fourpence. Item. I give & bequeathe the boye in house six shillings eighte pence. Item. I give & bequeathe unto Marye my maydeservante ffive shillings. Item. to Ellinor verch Hughe my maydeservante ffive shillings.

All the rest of my goodes, cattells & chattells moveable & unmoveable I give & bequeathe unto my faithfull & well beloved wedded wief Ellin Jones. And of this my last Will & testament I doe constitute & ordaine my well beloved Brother in lawe ffrauncys Loker to be my true & lawfull executor. Also I doe constitute & ordaine my well beloved Brother in lawe Hughe Morris to be another of my executors. And in like sorte doe constitute & ordaine my well beloved Brother in

¹ Will, Wingfield, 93, Somerset House.

lawe William Loker to be my executor, & also my well beloved cosyn William Anwill to be another of my executors.

In wittnes hereof I have putt to my hande and seal the daye & yeare above written in the presence of thes William Anwill, Robert Jones, William Loker.

Henri Jones.

A Codicill.

My Will is that my Studdye of Bookes be carefullie preserved by my executor William Loker to the use of Henrie Jones my sonne if he prove to be a Scholler or els to the use of any sonne of myne w^{ch} shall prove to be a scholler. And if noe sonne of myne shall soe prove to be a scholler then my will is that they shalbe sould & the monye to be putt to what use my executors shall think best.

Item. I give & bequeathe to my saide sonne Henrie Jones the sum of ffiftie poundes over & above the some of ffiftie poundes by me to him formerlie bequeathed.

Item. I give to the Poore of the Parish of Llanwroost fourtie shillings & towards the reparac'on of the Parische Churche of Llanwroost the some of sixe shillings eightpence.

Item. Whereas my wief is now with childe, my will is & I doe hereby give & bequeathe unto the childe (be it sonne or daughter) the some of ffourtie poundes.

Proved London P.C.C. 27 Nov^r 1610.

The death and burial of Henry Johns are thus recorded in Selattyn Register :—

Henry Johns Clerk, M^r of Arte, p'son of Silatton, died on Sunday, being the 7th daye of January, buried on the 15th daye of the same month, 1609."

JOHNS.

William Loker, Bailiff Much Wenlock 1498.¹ (Arms: *Az. a lion ramp. arg. collared sa. garn. or.*)

Thomas Loker Anna, d. Ralph Poyner of Beslow, Co. Salop.

David	Morris	Thomas		Thomas Loker	Katherine, d. Thomas or Edward Smalman of Wilderhope, bur. Wenlock, 9 May, 1610.
Lowrie	Agnes		a	b	

¹ Her. Visit. Shrop., p. 339.

<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>
Henry Johns, M.A., Rector Selattyn June 1, 1600-1609, bur. Selattyn, 15 Jan., 1609. Will dated 6 Jan., 1609. Prov. 27 Nov., 1610, P.C.C.	Elin Francis Loker=Anna, d. John Bailiff Much Wenlock 1622, bur. Yonge, of there 15 Feb., 1635. Charnes.
Samuel, chris. Selattyn, 3 Oct., 1604, bur. there 18 Jan., 1605.	Henry, chris. Selattyn, 16 Jan., 1608.
William Loker, bur. Wenlock, 30 Oct., 1624.	Katherine, chris. Selattyn, 21 Dec., 1606, bur. there 2 May, 1607.
Frances, "died at the Marsh," bur. Wenlock, 30 March, 1598.	Hugh Morris of Oswestry.

1610.—*James Wilding*. Born Nov., 1577. Christ's College Cambridge; B.A., 1600—1; M.A., 1604.¹

The Bishop's Certificates, St. Asaph, tell us "3rd July, 1610, James Wilding, M.A., admitted to the Rectory of Selattyn."²

The Register has the following entry 1610:—"Under me James Wilding, Clerk, M^r of Arte, p'son there £90. 16th of June, aforesaid, entered possession, etc."

He was presented to the Living by Francis Albany, Lord of the Manor, the second who bore the name of Francis.

James Wilding was doubtless the son of a Freeman of the Merchant Guilds of Chester, for we find that in 9, James I. [1611-12] "James Wildinge preacher", took up his freedom at Chester. This he could not have done unless he had been the son of a Freeman.

Richard Wildinge (Wright) is the earliest of the family who is recorded as having taken up his freedom in 1538. The next Wildinge who became a freeman was Robert (Mercer), 7 Elizabeth [1564-5,] followed by Alexander³ (Shoemaker) 9 Eliz., William (Glover), and John (Innkeeper), 15 Eliz., Richard (Shoemaker),

¹ Foster's Index Ecclesiasticus, M.S., for which we are indebted to W. Duncombe Pink, Esq.

² Public Record Office.

³ The Will of Alexander Wilding, of Much Hoole, dated 1602, is at Chester.

37 Eliz. John (Tailor), 41 Eliz., William¹ (Hatmaker)
 43 Eliz. I give these names as showing that the family
 of Wilding were represented in most of the Chester
 Guilds.²

In 1669 we find one Robert Wilding, a rich merchant
 of London, son of John Wilding of Chester, making
 bequests to his cousins, the widow and son of the
 Rector James Wilding, but of this later on.

The above is, I think, conclusive proof that James
 Wilding was a native of Chester. He was probably
 educated at the King's School there; his name does
 not appear in the Admission Book, but between the
 years 1582-85 there is a gap in the School Entries,

We cannot trace any relationship between the
 Wildings of Chester and those of Shrewsbury. The
 first who appears in the guilds of the latter town is
 "William Wildinge sonne to Richard Wyldinge of
 Bechcot, Co. Salop, husbandma'made freeman for xxxvj^s
 viij^d"³ 1 Eliz. [1558], followed by Richard⁴ son of Homfre
 Wylding of Salop, Corvesar, who was apprentice in
 1569-70 and freeman of the Mercers Co, in 1578. His
 son Edward⁵ was apprentice 1618, and freeman
 1626.

The Shropshire Wildings appear all to have come
 from Betchcote, an annex of the manor of Condover; in
 "1598 Edward Wyldyng sonne of Thomas Wyldinge
 of Bechcote, Co. Salop, yoman, comfet maker, made
 freeman as a forryner xxxvj^s viij^d"⁶

The family have continued in Shrewsbury down to
 the present century; a tablet in St. Chad's records their
 deaths as late as 1849. Many of them were in Holy

¹ The inventory of William Wilding of Chester's Will is there, date 1640. There are many Wilding of Lancashire Wills in the Probate Ct. of Chester.

² This information is from Mr. Cann Hughes's list of Chester Freemen.

³ Shrop. Arch. *Trans.*, vol. viii, p 313.

⁴ *Ibid*, pp. 335, 320.

⁵ *Ibid*, pp. 339, 355.

⁶ *Ibid*, p. 349.

Orders, but as they do not concern the Rectors of Selattyn we cannot follow up their history.

We must return to "James Wilding, preacher." This description proves him to have been a man of some ability. It will be remembered that Queen Elizabeth issued proclamations in 1558 and 1577 by which she commanded the Bishops that "no persons be suffered to preach or teach . . . but such as are licensed . . . and where the incumbents were under qualified for preaching, the reading of the Homilies, pursuant to the Injunctions, should be enjoined on them."¹

King James issued a similar order in 1622, bidding "the Archbishops & Bishops . . . be more wary & choice in their licensing of preachers," and ordering "that no parson, vicar, curate or lecturer shall preach any sermon hereafter upon Sundays or holydays in the afternoon . . . but upon some part of the Creed, 10 Commandments, or the Lord's Prayer (funeral sermons only excepted), and that those preachers be most encouraged and approved of who spend the afternoon's exercise in the examination of the children in their Catechism." Disobedience to these directions was punished by suspension for a year and a day.²

James Wilding probably married Prudence Dennar shortly after his appointment to Selattyn, for the Register records the birth of Anne, the eldest of his ten children, on 13 Sept., 1612. We learn the maiden name of his wife from the following entry in Selattyn Register:—"1631, Barbara Dennar, a mayd, sister to Mrs. Wilding was buried the xxivth daye of Aprill."

He held the living for 48 years; his name occurs, to his eternal disgrace, amongst the few in St. Asaph Diocese, who subscribed to the Solemn League and Covenant in the time of the Commonwealth, and were therefore not ejected from their Livings.

¹ Collier *Ch. Hist.*, bk. vi, p. 581.

² *Ibid.*, bk. viii, p. 425.

It has been stated that he sat amongst the Westminster Assembly of Divines in 1644, but that is an error, for his name is not in the list.¹ He, however, conformed to its decrees, which substituted the Directory for the Book of Common Prayer, on 3 January, 1644.

What direct part James Wilding took in the Revolution, we do not know, but he was the tutor of the Parliamentary General, Thomas Mytton of Halston. An account in MS. of Halston² says "Mr. Wilding, rector of Selattyn, was a great friend to the father of our hero [Thomas Mytton] and made frequent visits to Halston. He soon became much attached to the son, and at the request of his parents, undertook the care of his education."

The principles of the Rector must have been a sore trouble to the loyal squires of Porkington and Pentrepant.

We owe to him, however, the thanks of all succeeding generations for the accuracy with which the Parish Registers were kept, at a time when so many are missing.

The silver Chalice still in use was presented to the Church in 1621, during his incumbency.

The entry of his death, which occurred two years before the Restoration is thus described in the Register:—

February, 1658. James Wilding M^r of Arte of Christ's Coll, Cambridge having lived in actuall possession of the Rectory of this parish fourty and eight yeares eight months & 15 dayes & being of the age of fourscore yeares, three months & eight dayes died peaceably in the Lord the eleventh daye & was buried the fifteenth.

His Will is not to be found. Prudence Wilding his wife (who survived him for 16 years), and his eldest

¹ List of the Minutes of the Sessions of the Westminster Assembly of Divines, 1644. Published 1874 from Transcripts of the Originals.

² By Rev. C. A. Lloyd, see *By-Gones*, January, 1874. Thomas son of Richard Mytton of Halston, by Margaret, dau. of Thomas Owen of Condover, Justice of Common Pleas, was born 1608, died 1656.

son Thomas and his children, received bequests under the Will dated 1 January, 1669, of

Robert Wildyng of Hackney, Co. Middlesex, ffreeman of the City of London, & of the Company of Haberdashers . . . to be buried in the vault of my deare and loving wyves, Martha & Katherin Wilding in Hackney Church.

Item. I gyve & bequeath & my desire is that I would not have expended on my funerall above the sume of six hundred pounds. . . I give & bequeath my house & two tenements to my wyfe Ann. . . I gyve and bequeath unto my Cosen Prudence Wilding of Serlattin & to her sonn Thomas Wilding & his wife, the sume of Twenty Shillings a yere to buy them Rings to weare in remembrance of mee, or see many of them as are then lyving & to what children the said Thomas Wilding shall have at the tyme of my decease, whether sonnes or daughters, I give & bequeath to them the sume of Twenty Pounds a yere to be paid them when they shall attaine to the age of Twenty one yeaeres or day of marriage which shall first happen.

To my father in law, Sir John Travor¹ . . . to my father in law John Robinson Esq. & Mrs. Bridget his wife . . . to my father in law Mr. George Holgate . . . 40^s [each] for Rings. . . To my brother in law Sir John Travor & his lady . . . to my sister Massam² . . . to Sir Francis Compton's lady³ . . . to my brother Dr. Travor⁴ . . . to the widow of Alexander Wilding, dyer, 5^l . . . to the poor of Hackney Parish 15^l . . . to the poore of St. Peter's Parish in Chester 10^l . . . to the poor of St. John's Parish in Chester 5^l . . . to the poor of St. Mary's Parish in Chester 5^l . . .

Item. I gyve & bequeathe unto Twenty poore ministers widdowes whose husbands through tendernes of conscience could not conforme, the sum of forty shillings a yere, & in case Twenty be not found, unto some other honest ministers widdowes. I gyve & bequeath unto twenty poor nonconforming ministers 5^l a piece. Item. To the Worshipful Co. of

¹ Sir John Trevor of Trevalyn, Co. Denbigh, Kt., mar. Margaret d. of Hugh Trevannion, Esq., of Cornwall, he died 1673. (Burke's Extinct Peerage, see Hampden.)

² Elizabeth, mar. William Masham eld. son of Sir William Masham of High Lever, Essex, Bt.

³ Jane, mar. Sir Francis Compton, 5th son of Spencer, Earl of Northampton.

⁴ Richard Trevor, M.D.

Haberdashers 100^l to be given towards rebuilding of the Hall in money also part in plate & the rest in money at the discretion of my executrix or overseers. Item. To the Governors of Bridewell and Bethlem 50^l . . . to Samuel Burke of Chester & his wife 40^s a yeere to buy them Rings.

Proved P.C.C. 25th August, 1673.¹

Robert Wilding's pedigree is as follows:—

John Wilding² of Chester, gent. = Margaret, d. of — Parker of Lyme, Co. Chester.

Robert Wilding of Hackney = (1) Martha, probably d. of Mr. George Holgate. = (2) Katherine, d. of John Robinson of Gravesend, Co. Kent, Esq. = (3) Anne, d. of Sir John Trevor of Trevalyn, Co. Denbigh, Kt.

The Hackney Pedigree gives the Arms as “*Arg, a cinquefoil gules, on a chief gu. a demilion ramp. issuant, Arg. a mullet for difference. Crest: a dragon's head erased, Vert.*” But it adds that there is no proof of them.

Robert Wilding though a Puritan like the rest of his family, assisted at the Restoration of King Charles II. and was at that time Col. of the Regiment of Tower Hamlets.⁴ His brother in law Sir John Trevor had married Ruth, daughter of John Hampden of Great Hampden, Co. Bucks, great niece of Oliver Cromwell, and he was Secretary of State, and a member of the Privy Council of Charles II.

Thos: Wilding Can⁵

Thomas Wilding, chris. Selattyn, 6 June, 1615; admit. Christ's Coll., Camb., 26 April, 1632; B.A.

¹ Will, 107 Pye, Somerset House.

² Robinson's *Hist. of Hackney*, vol. i., p. 301. The Register of St. Peter's, Chester, gives the marriage of “Mr. John Wilding & Elizabeth Partington, 12th April, 1632.”

³ Robinson's *Hist.* gives Martha as d. of Sir Thos. Graves of Hadley, Co. Hertford, Kt., as 1st wife.

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ Signature as Canon in the Chapter Book of St. Asaph Cathedral.

1635 ; M.A. 1639 ; Nonconformist Rector Selattyn 1659 ; ordained priest 1666 (?) ; Canon St. Asaph 1672.

The following entry from the books of Christ's Coll., Cambridge, tells us that Coventry was the place where Thos. Wilding received his primary education.

1632, Apr. 26.

Thomas Wilding, Jacobi filius, natus Sillatenae in agro Salopiensi, literis institutis Coventriæ a M^{ro} White, anno ætatis 16^o admissus est pensionarius sub M^{ro} Fenwicke.¹

Selattyn Register tells us that three months after his father's death,

Thomas Wilding, Master of Arts of Christ's College in Cambridge was admitted and had possession given him of the Rectory of Selattyn in ye County of Salop by Thomas Lloyd Esq. Lord of the Mannor of Whittington, the xxxth daye of May, 1659.

Mr. Richard Wilson, Minister of the Gospel.

Richard ap Thomas and Roger Hussey, Churchwardens, and David ap Robert, Sexton of this parish and others being witnesses.

Browne Willis states that Thomas Wilding was ordained by Bishop Griffith in 1666. The accuracy of this date seems extremely improbable. Thomas Wilding must have been well known to the Bishop, who had been Rector of the neighbouring parish of Llanymynech since 1633, and who after his eviction from the Rectory by the Puritans had continued to reside in the parish "disputing with Itinerants, and keeping up the Offices and Ceremonials of the Church."² It is most unlikely that the Bishop would have allowed a man who was not in Holy Orders to have charge of Selattyn Parish until the year of his (Bishop Griffith's) death.

On the 26th February, 1662, Thomas Wilding and Sarah Gardiner, of St. Chad's Parish in Shrewsbury, were married at Selattyn.

The Gardiners are said in the Heralds' *Visitation of Shropshire* to have originally come from Lancashire.

¹ This information was kindly given by the Master of Christ's Coll.

² Walker's *Sufferings of the Clergy*.

One Richard Gardner appears in the Merchant Guilds of Shrewsbury as "dyer & free of the Draper's Co." as early as 1570. He was an active member of the Corporation, seeking to bring a good supply of fresh water to the town, and to furnish it with "a greate store of see cole."¹ In 1603 he wrote a treatise entitled "Profitable Instructions for the Manuring, Sowing and Planting of Kitchen Gardens."²

The father of Thomas Wilding's wife bore also the name of Richard, he was a Dyer and Cloth Worker, and brother to John Gardner of Sansow. He died in 1646.

The Arms of Gardiner are "Per fess arg. & sa, a pale counterchanged & 3 Gryphons heads erased of the 2nd."³

The Rev. Thomas Wilding was evidently fond of farming, for not content with the Glebe Lands, we find he had a lease of the farm of Llwyn y Coppa, belonging to Dr. Powell of Park, for 21 years, from 25 March, 1671.⁴

His six children were all christened at Selattyn; the eldest son James, took Holy Orders and became Rector of Penegos, Co. Montgomery, in 1696. The future of the other five I do not know.

Thomas Wilding was made Canon of St. Asaph in 1672, he died the 4th and was buried the 6th April, 1678, at Selattyn. His Will is not in existence, but there is at St. Asaph the letter of administration to it by "Sarah Wildinge widow of Thomas Wilding, Cleric, decd." dated 17 Nov. 1679.

Richard Gardner, Dyer and Cloth- worker, of Shrews- bury, died 1646. ¹	John Gardner, of Sansaw.	James Wilding, born Nov. 1578. Christ. Coll., Camb., B.A. 1600, M.A. 1604, Rector Selattyn, 1610— 1658, died 11 Feb., bur. 15 Feb., 1658, at Selattyn.	Prudens Dennar, bur. at Selattyn, 23 Jan., 1674.	Barbara Dennar, bur. Se- lattyn, ²⁴ April, 1631, unmar.
<i>a</i>			<i>b</i>	

¹ Shrop. Arch. *Trans.*, vol. iii., pp. 269, 271.

² *Ibid.*, 2nd series, vol. iv., p. 241.

³ *Herald Visit Shrop.*, p. 196.

⁴ See chap. iv., Oldport, etc.

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Sarah Gardiner chris. S. Mary's parish, Shrews- bury, 24 Aug., 1638.	Thomas, chris. Selattyn, 6 June, 1615, Christ Coll, Camb., admit 26 April, 1632, B.A. 1635, M.A. 1639, Minister of Selat- tyn 30 May, 1659, or- dained Priest 1666? Canon 1672, mar. 26 Feb., 1662, died 4 April, bur. at Selat- tyn 6 April, 1678. Admon. of Will granted to "Sarah Wildinge, widow," 17 Nov., 1679 [S. Asaph Registry].	Edward, chris. Selattyn 18 Aug., 1616.	Frances [a son] chris. Selattyn, 6 Oct., 1618.
Eaven, bur. Selattyn, 10 March, 1638.	Anne, chris. Selattyn, 13 Sept., = Philip ap 1612, mar. there 17 Dec., 1644, bur. there 27 July, 1646.	William, bur. Selattyn, 26 Jan., 1620.	James, chris. Selattyn, 22 April, 1621.
Sara, Chris. Selattyn, 19 Jan., 1613, bur. there 14 Feb., 1661.	Barbara, chris. Selat- tyn, 24 Aug., 1617.	Elizabeth, chris. Selat- tyn, 25 Nov., 1630.	
James, chris. Selattyn, 15 Dec., 1663, matric. S. Mary's Hall, Oxford, 4 July, 1682, aged 18, B.A. from Merton Coll. 23 Feb., 1686, M.A. 1689, Rector of Penegoes, or Llangadfarch, near Machynlleth, ¹ 1696.	John, chris. Selattyn, 30 April, 1665.	Thomas, chris. Selattyn, 3 Nov., 1669.	
Elizabeth, chris. Selattyn, 11 June, 1668.	Prudens, chris. Selattyn, 13 Oct., 1672.	Sarah, chris. Selattyn, 9 June, 1674.	

¹ This Deanery was in the Diocese of St. Asaph until 1859, when it was exchanged with Bangor Diocese for that of Ruthin.

PARISH OF HIGH ERCALL. CHURCH-
WARDENS' ACCOUNTS.

PROVISION OF THE SACRAMENTAL ELEMENTS.

BY THE HON. AND REV. GILBERT H. F. VANE, M.A.,
VICAR OF HIGH ERCALL.

“BULL, Sherlock, Beveridge, and other Anglican divines, who belong more to the seventeenth than to the eighteenth century, had expressed much concern at the unfrequency of celebrations of the Eucharist as compared with a former age.”¹ The Celebrations at High Ercall were, however, a little more often than quarterly at the time at which the Churchwardens' Accounts open, for charges for bread and wine for Communions at Christmas, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Day, Whitsuntide, and Michaelmas are usually found in them from 1687 onwards, together with the Churchwardens' charges for the expenses of fetching the wine from Shrewsbury. In 1687 the whole expense was £2 11s. 11d. ; in 1701, £2 12s. 8d. ; in 1704, £3 4s. 10d. ; in 1726 and 1727, £6 17s. 2d.

The following are among some of the more interesting entries on this subject :—

1707.	pd. for a pint of wine	...	00	01	02
	pd. for white bread	...	00	00	02
1718.	for Bread and two bottles of wine for the Sacrament...	...	00	04	06
1719.	for a pint of Tent wine	...	00	01	00

¹ *Abbey and Overton, Church History in the Seventeenth Century.*

In 1716 Low Sunday and Trinity Sunday are added to the list of days when the Holy Communion was celebrated. In 1735 appears the following "Memorandome" :

It is agreed on by ye parishioners . . . that Every Quantity of Wine yt is delivered at the Church for ye use of ye Sacra-ment shall be put Down in the Weekly Booke & the Church-wardens Accounts to be answerable to that.

And following this is this curious record, for the years 1735, 1736 :—

Wine at Whitsuntide	5 bottles.
Wine at Michaelmas	5 bottles.
Wine at Christmas	10 bottles.
Brought by Charles Dixon.	
Wine at Easter	13 bottles.
Wine at Whitsuntide	5 bottles.
baught by W. Rodenhurst.	

And in 1747 :—

pd towards the year's wine to M ^r Wolley,	} 02 . 04 . 03
being 3 Doz. & 3 quts. }	

As the other Churchwarden paid for wine in this same year £2 3s. 6d., and as there were eight Celebrations, the wine must have cost two shillings and three pence per quart, having advanced slightly in price since 1707 and 1719 (*vid. sup.*). Very nearly five quarts, too, must have been used at each Celebration, at a cost to the parish each time of almost exactly eleven shillings. So also in 1758 "bread for eight Sacrem'ts" cost two shillings, wine for the year £3 19s. 9d., and "for going to Salop to pay for the wine" twice, two shillings. To these expenses, already sufficiently large, we must add that in 1761 "6 Loves of Bred for 2 Sacrem'ts" cost sixpence.

Now, as the parish contains at this day about 1,700 souls, very widely scattered over an area of nearly 12,000 acres, and is never likely to have contained more, it is obvious that in the middle of the last century

either the parishioners presented themselves at the altar in exceedingly large numbers, or else that both bread and wine were disposed of in some illegitimate manner. The latter, we fear, was the case ; because, although the odious sacramental test was yet to survive for many a long year, and though during the period of the Reformation, and for some time after, stated attendance at the Holy Communion was regarded not only as a religious duty, but as an ordinary sign of membership of the National Church, old inhabitants of High Ercall have preserved the tradition that it was customary until about 1826 that at each Celebration the clergyman, the two Churchwardens, and the clerk, each "had to their own use" a bottle of wine, in addition to which a loaf or two of bread was given away as a perquisite to those who furnished this element.

In 1756 appears this note :—

It was agreed that the Churchwardens for the time to come should have at their choice either the Bottles or Four Shillings Each Year for Bringing the Wine for the Sacrements to the Church . . . & not to make any other Charge to the Parish.

Bottles were apparently worth something more in those days than they are now ; for in 1766 Mr. Flint was paid "for wine and Bottles" £4 8s. 3½d. However, the Churchwardens seem to have preferred their four shillings a year, which was not long before it increased to five, while in 1813 "5 Journeys for wine" were charged ten shillings, and in 1818, twelve journeys twenty-four shillings. In 1838 wine cost almost exactly double what it had done in 1747, being now four shillings and fourpence halfpenny per quart. Bread, too, has varied much in price, for while a loaf in 1761 cost a penny, in 1780 "a strike of Flower for Wm. Allen in distress," cost six shillings. I have not noted, however, any entry of expenditure on bread between 1768, when the cost for one year was one shilling and ninepence, and 1816, when "Bread for two Sacrements" cost two shillings, so that the cost of bread at High

Ercall at the beginning of the century, when wheat was at the famine price of £5 19s. 6d. per quarter, is unrecorded by the wardens. Entries in the Overseers' books, however, show that those officers in 1800 spent on flour for the poor over £186, that a strike of flour cost then as much as £1 and even more, or a sack £4 10s. 0d., and that loaves were sixpence, ninepence, and a shilling apiece. These prices contrast strangely with those attained in the markets in the week ending October 20, 1894, when the average of English wheat sank to its minimum recorded, viz., seventeen and six-pence per quarter of 480 lbs.

POSTSCRIPT TO THE PAPER ENTITLED AN
INVENTORY TAKEN AT PARK HALL
IN 1761.

By STANLEY LEIGHTON, M.P., F.S.A.

SINCE writing the paper which appeared in the last Part¹ of these *Transactions*, the following allusion to the Gatehouse at Park, which no longer exists, has been brought to my notice. It is an extract from the Mytton MSS., copied by Mrs. Childe of Kyre Park, in 1886.

In Evelyn's *Forest Trees* (Evelyn and Hunter, Book III., p. 196, ed. 1812), occurs the following:—

There is somewhere in Wales an inscription cut in the wood of an old beam, thus:—

Sexaginta pedes fuerant in stipite nostro
Exceptâ comâ, quæ speciosa fuit.

This must needs have been a noble tree, but not without later parallels.

I now give the extract from the Mytton MSS. :—

The Welsh Beame here mentioned by Mr. Evelyn (Evelyn's *Forest Trees*, p. 82-163) is in ye gatehouse of Thomas Powell of ye Parke in ye co' of Salop Esq, and serves for ye out Basis or ceiling of the 2nd storey thereof, along which the following verses were neatly carved, but some of ye letters are now defaced by time and weather (being 136 years since ye building was erected) however with ye assistance of ye sd Mr Powell I have faithfully transcribed them from the original

¹ See pp. 97-119, *ante*.

piece of timber and are inserted here. This day of September A.D. 1708, per me Martyn Baldwyn.

En ego que firmis steteram Radicibus olim
 Silvarum Dominus fertilitate mea.
 Ictibus heu crebris cecidi pulcherrima quereus
 Incumbo saxis pondere pressa domus.
 Sexaginta pedes fuerant in stipite nostro
 Excepta coma que speciosa fuit.
 Non facies formosa potest producere vitam,
 Non genus egregium cum fera fata vocant.
 Quare ne rebus nimium tu fide secundis
 Felix quisquis agis tempore cuncta ruunt.

The change from the feminine to the masculine gender, and the apparent false quantity will be noticed. Whether the fault lay in the author of the verses or in the transcriber of the defaced letters I cannot say. I will only give a paraphrase of the Latin:—

Lo I who once stood deeply rooted in the land,
 The Lord of all the Forest trees, I trow,
 A mighty oak, have fallen by the woodman's hand,
 And I'm the stringcourse of a Gatehouse now.
 Sixty feet in length my measure,
 Undecayed by time or storm,
 But my crown of leafy treasure
 Was the glory of my form.
 The fairest face will not the cruel fates beguile,
 Nor pride of ancient birth prolong life's years.
 Then do not trust too much to fortune's favouring smile,
 Her fickle smile will one day turn to tears.

I cannot suppose that the frontage of the Gatehouse extended the length of 60 feet, but possibly this "noble tree" was sawn into two beams of 20 feet for the front and rear of the building, and two of 10 feet for the sides. I am not aware of the exact situation of the Gatehouse, but I presume that it stood near the front of the present hall.

THE OTTLEY PAPERS RELATING TO
THE CIVIL WAR.

EDITED BY WILLIAM PHILLIPS, F.L.S.

Continued from 2nd Series, Vol. VI., p. 78.

My original design was to print these papers in their proper chronological order, but owing to a misplaced packet containing some interesting documents having come into my possession after those in Vol. VI. were printed, it is found necessary to interpolate here a few belonging to an earlier date, a course, I think, preferable to forming an appendix.

These earlier papers afford an opportunity of introducing matter from other sources, which will aid us in forming a more complete conception of the incidents connected with the King's visit to Shrewsbury on the 20th of August.

In the first of these we are taken back to the 8th of August, 1642, fourteen days before the King erected his Standard at Nottingham, and are introduced to the loyal men of Shropshire who signed the "Declaration and Protestation," which carried so much weight with it as to hasten that hostile and momentous manifesto.

LXV. DECLARATION AND PROTESTATION OF THE
GENTLEMEN OF SALOP.

1642.

The declaracon and protestacon agreed upon by the Graund Jury at the Assizes¹ held for the County of Salop the Eighth

¹ It is stated that Judge Hendon sat at these Assizes, and that his impartiality was seriously impugned by a contemporary journalist in *Special Passages* (23-30 Aug.), who refers to "the pact grand jury,

daye of August 1642, and assented unto by the high Sherriffe and diverse of the Justices of the peace gent. and ffreeholders of the said County then present.

Whereas our honorable and worthy neighbours of the County of Worcester have made a loyall declaracon of the confidence in our Soveraigne Lord the Kings government over us according to our knowne lawes And since our ffaith goeth hand in hand with theirs wee will not soe much as alter their wordes But wee alsoe doe with all thankfullnes and unanimously acknowledge our selves sensible of the good lawes which through his maiesties goodnes hath ben enacted this parliament And wee doe much rejoyce in his ma'ties pious and tender care expressed by his ma'ties declaracons and expres-sions in print And lastly by his highnes letter read unto us publickly this Assizes in open Court to defend and mayntayne the true protestant religion by the lawe established against Popish Recusants Anabaptists and other Separatists And that the lawes of the land shalbe the rule of his maiesties goverment wherby the subiects liberty and Property is defended And that his maietie will preserve the freedome and iust privileges of Parliament with all which expressions wee were abundantly satisfied That wee doe not any way distrust his maiesties constancy in these resolucons And wee doe declare that wee wilbee ready to attend and obey his maiestie in all lawfull wayes ffor the putting of the Countrey in a posture of Armes for the defence of his maiestie and the peace of this Kinglome And doe resolve according to our oathes of Supremacye and allegiance late protestacons to adventure our lives and fortunes in the defence of his Royall and sacred person and honor the true protestant religion The iust Priviledges of Parliament and the knowne lawes and liberties of the subiects That thereby the distractions and disturbances of his maiesties kingdome may bee reduced to his loyall goverment.

John Welde, high Sherriffe	The names of the Grand Jury.
Sir William Whitmore, Knight	Sir Paul Harries, Knight and
Tymothy Tournour Esq ^r Re-	Baronett
corder of the towne of	Sir Thomas Wolridge, Knight
Shrewsbury.	and Baronett

and asserts that the judge "after the sheriff had returned a list of gentlemen to serve, put in and put out, as he thought would advantage the design," and the writer imputes it as a crime to this jury that "they have verbatim presented the same declaration that was agreed on by the pact Grand Jury in Worcestershire." (Owen and Blakeway, i. 417).

Edward Dod, Esca'etor Com. Salop.	Sir Vincent Corbett, Knight and Baronett
William Blackerlay high Con- stable	Sir William Owen, Knight
Thomas ffarmer	Thomas Eyton, Esquire
Richard ffarmer	Thomas Screven, Esquire
George ffarmer	Edward Cressett, Esquire
John Horton	Walter Piggott, Esquire
Nicklos N. Coxe	ffrancis Ottley, Esquire
Rich. Cox	Roger Kynaston, Esquire
William Yorke	ffrancis Thornes, Esquire
Thomas Blakway	Richard Lloyd, Esquire
Thomas Norton	Edward Baldwyn, Esquire
Andrew x Church	ffrancis Billingsley, Esquire
Thomas Lateward	Edward Stanley, Esquire
Thomas x ffarmer	
Rich. Meyre	John Clarke
Steven Philips	Richard Wem
Edward Langley	John Bowdler
Richard Hoggines	Humphrey Madox
Robert Morris	Richard ffarmer
ffrancis Sanfford	Edward x Huxley
William Johnson	Tho. Latward
Thomas Dod	Tho. Mathewes
Thomas x Bennot	George Hollis
ffrancis x Garland	Tho. Younge
Thomas Wellins	William Holland
Robert x Mathewes	Edward Williams
Edward Yate	Richard Mullard
John Peers	Ric. Phillips
John x Mullard	Samuell Dawes
John I E Eves	
ffrancis Harris	
William W Mullard, Jun ^r	Thomas Dodd
Richard Stuarchley	John Bennett
John ap Richard	George Downton
Richard Walker	John ffarmer
Richard Lodge	Homphrey Hoggins
Isaac Browne	John Sucker
Thomas Rowley	Thomas Bullock
William x Mullard	Richard Haries
John Robertes	Thomas Hood
James Harwood	John Phipes
Edmond x Clenchyard	Thomas Phillipes
Humphry x Newell	

Heugh Jones
 Thomas Grainger
 John x James
 John Harris

Thomas Juckes
 We all assent herein except
 by way of the Commission
 of array.

[Names on second copy of the Declaration.]

Richard Hosier
 Thomas fforster
 Thomas Woodcock
 Thomas Harper
 Roger Roe
 Thomas Wright

Robert Cleaton
 ffrancis Alleine
 John Clybery
 Robert Bathowe
 Ric x Bowier

N.B.—Those with a x or capital letter between their Christian and surnames were illiterate.

It by no means follows that we have here the whole of the names of those who signed; these only have been preserved.

LXVI. RESOLUTION OF THE CLERGY OF SALOP.

1642.

August 24th, 1642.

The resolucon of the Clergy of ye County of Salop to associate ye high Sheriffe, the Comissioners for ye Array the Gentry, ffreeholders & others of the said County Responsive to theire resolution.¹

Whereas you have declared yourselves to be ready and assistant with your lives and estates to defend ye Kings royall person, the Established protestant religion in the Church of England, the due rights of parliament, the Lawes of ye Land & liberties of ye subject, Wee who have alreadly subscribed to ye premises & whose names are underwritten, doe in ye name of Almighty God (whose Messengers & Ministers wee are) declare and protest with our lives and fortunes, preaching, prayer, & what else may conduce to ye honor & safety of his Ma'ties royall person, the true Protestant religion, the due rights of parlyment, the allowed lawes of ye land & libertyes of ye Subiect. Unanimously to associate & incorporate our selves with you; expecting & nothing doubting of ye like Corespondency from you,

¹ It can hardly be supposed that the seventeen names appended to this paper were all that appeared to the original "Resolution;" but they are all that have been preserved to us amongst the Ottley papers.

Nich: Page, T. P. Rector de Wem.	Jo: Arnway, Archdeacon of Salop & Parson of Hodnett.
Laurent' Seddon, Th.B., Rector de Worthen.	Willm. Higgins, Archdeacon of Derbie & Rector of Stoke.
Will'm Ramsden, Rector of Edgmund.	Humphrey Wynn, Vicar of Oswestry.
Ri: Awnsham, Rector de Hopeseley.	Geo: Griffithe, T. P., Rector of Llanymonagh.
James Fleetwood, Vic: of Prees.	Edw: Willins, Rector de Whittington.
Ed'nd Wolley, Rector of Adderley.	Ja: Wilding, Rector de Syllaton.
Ger: Needham, Vicar of Bis: Castle.	John Price, Rector, Knockin.
Rich: Waring, Cur: of Halston.	John Smalman, Vicar of
Walter Williams, Vicar of St. Martin's.	Kynerley.

The influence which these loyal Declarations exercised on the King's affairs is well known. He immediately afterwards dispatched a Commission to Mr. Ottley to embody a force of 200 foot to secure Shrewsbury, which step in its turn influenced the wavering Corporation so far as to lead them to pass an order on the 15th September, "That if the King's majesty come to this town, He shall have free access into it, and the town will make the best enterteynment these troublesome times afford." On Monday the 19th, Charles was so far on his way that he delivered the following speech at Wellington at the head of his army, having previously made his well-known Protestation.

His Ma'ts Speech before His Protestacon in the head of His Army after the reading His Orders for Marshall Discipline, on Monday the 19th of September [1642].

GENTLEMEN,

You have heard these Orders read, Tis your part in your several places to observe them exactly. The tyme cannot be long before Wee come to Action, therefore you have the more reason to bee carefull, and I must tell you I shall bee very seveare in the punishing of those of what Condition soever, who transgress these Instructions. I cannot suspect your Courage and Resolution; your Conscience and Loyalty

hath brought you hither, to fight for your Religion, your King, and the Lawes of the Land. You shall meeete with noe Enemyes but Traytors, most of them Brownists, Anabaptists, and Atheists, such who desire to destroy both Church and State, and those who have already condemned you to raine for being Loyall to Us. That you may see what use I meane to make of your labour, if itt please God to bless itt with Success, I have thought fitt to publish my Resolution to you in a Protestation, which when you have heard me make you will believe you cannot fight in a better quarrell, in which I promise to live and dye with you.

The next day he entered Shrewsbury, and took up his abode at the Council House. We owe the most graphic account of his entry to Sir Edward Nicholas, who was an eye-witness of the scene, in a letter to Sir William Boswell, resident at the Hague.

His Majesty arrived here yester-night; the High Sheriff Sir John Weild [Weld] attending him from Wellington with a train of thirty-four liveries. He was received near this town by three fair foot companies of the trained bands, and a hundred horse; afterwards by the Mayor, Aldermen, and liveries, all ranked in a very comely manner; they and all the people shouting with great joy throughout the whole town to the Court gates. After his Majesty there entered the Banner Royal at the head of the Lord General's regiment, then the cannon, munition, and six foot regiments more, which are quartered about the town.¹

On the 23rd the King went to Chester, returning on the 27th to Shrewsbury, and on the following day met a large concourse of people who had been summoned by the High Sheriff to attend him. A contemporary who was present gives us the following account:—

On Tuesday last, at night, his Majesty came safe to Shrewsbury from Chester. And upon warrant, granted out the Friday before, most part of the gentry, clergy, freeholders, and substantial inhabitants of the county, appeared before him last Wednesday at Shrewsbury, in a meadow called the Gay, where

¹ Bouverie's MSS., Hist. MSS. Com. 10th Report; Appendix pt. vi., 86.

his Majesty and the Prince came in person, and made a short speech, which, the crowd being great, I could hear little of, but the substance of that he intended to speak was put in writing and was read to the people, which was to this effect: That such was the insolences of a rebellious and malignant party against him, who had robbed and spoiled him of his goods, and kept his revenues from him, and had now set forth an army marching against him, that now he was enforced to desire the aid and relief of his good subjects to supply him in this necessity for the defence and safety of his person, the preservation of the true religion and maintenance of our laws and liberties, hoping they would be as liberal to their abilities in supplying him as others that were grown wanton with plenty had been bountiful to maintain the war against him; but yet rather than he would put too heavy pressure upon his good subjects he would melt down his own plate and sell and mortgage his land to maintain his just rights and ours. There was no money or plate parted with that I did see, for his Majesty referred it to his High Sheriff and other Commissioners to use the time and method they thought fit, and so we should be called again to express our affections to them. The Lord grant us faith and constancy to undergo all troubles that lie upon us, and send a happy and speedy reconciliation betwixt Prince and people to God's glory and our comfort.¹

On the 12th of October, the King left Shrewsbury for Bridgnorth, on his way to Oxford; but before dismissing this memorable visit I must reproduce a letter from Mr. Basil Waring, a native of Shrewsbury, which contains some interesting facts in relation to it:—

SIR,

My respects to you. I give you many thanks for your good remembrance of me. I could not write to you an answer by the same carrier, because they did not come of the latest unto me, and I was mightily employed about the King's business, I being an officer of the Mayor's. The King did go from hence on Wednesday last to Bridgnorth, and some of his foot soldiers did march yesterday to Stourbridge, in Worcestershire.

¹ *Some late Occurrences in Shropshire, &c.*, London, printed for H. Blunden. Oct. 5th, 1642 (King's Papers, Brit. Mus. 77-4. See Phillips's *Civil War* vol. ii., p. 18).

The King is about 16000 strong of foot, besides horse, and every day more and more come to him, by reason (as we are informed about us) the Parliament forces do so plunder as they go. And the King hath commanded that no plundering shall be at all, for he did cause Sir Robert Heath, who is now made Lord Chief Justice of England, to sit with a Commission of Oyer and Terminer, in our town, where six of the King's soldiers were cast for plundering and stealing.

The Mint is come to our town, and one Master Bushell doth coin every day; for abundance of plate is sent into the King from the several counties about us, and a great deal of plate comes daily out of Wales and Cornwall to be coined here. Also the press for printing is come to this town, and this day they are setting of it up in some vacant rooms in my house.

Sir Richard Newport is made a Lord; he hath given the King 10,000 [it was 6,000] pounds. The King would have knighted the Mayor, but he refused it.

The last Sunday the King took a protestation, and the Sacrament upon it, in St. Mary's Church, in our town, to defend the true Protestant religion, established by Queen Elizabeth and his Royal father.

We hear his Majesty on Tuesday last, with his army, were at Birmingham, Prince Rupert demanding 2,000 pounds; or he would plunder the town; but most of the inhabitants were [before] fled to Coventry. Upon Thursday he marched to Meriden, three miles off Coventry, and intends (as we are informed by divers reports) to march towards Banbury, and so to Oxford; for his resolution it is thought, is to march to London or to Windsor, or thereabouts. God of his mercy turn all to good and peace of this Kingdom, and deliver us from the misery of Civil War. Thus with love to all our friends I rest,

Yours to his power

Shrewsbury, Oct. 18, 1642.

BASIL WARING.¹

While the King was at Shrewsbury the followers of his army were not unoccupied. Taking advantage of the concentration of all the forces at the capital of the county, they are making raids on the innocent inhabitants in the outlying districts, as will be seen in the next letter.

¹ King's Papers, Brit. Mus., 80—15, printed in Phillips's *Hist. Civil War*, ii., 30, from which I quote.

LXVII. JOHN WEAVER TO SIR FRANCIS OTTLEY.

1642.

ffor the Right worshill S^r ffrauncis Ottley, Knight.

May yt please y'r wor'ppe to bee advertized, that divers p'sons have had there houses plundered by some northen p'sons (as is conceyved that followe the campe) and especyallie the house of John Weever dwellinge in the p'ishe of Drayton in Hales in the Countye of Saloppe who is his ma'ties most obeyent and dutifull subject whose house the sayd p'sons Intended to have plundered uppon Monday night last and this last night beinge Tewsdaye they endeavored to plunder yt but were p'vented by reason hee did suspecte them then cominge thyther, and that same night they did hurte and did much vyoelence to a poore man & to two of his sonnes that had lyttle or nothinge to loose, wherof his ma'ties most obeyent & faythfull subjects humblye pray Redresse in that behalfe.

At y'r worships service to bee
commanded

September the xxvijth

JO: WEEVER.

1642.

Divers other p'sons have Receyved
the lyke revenge in these parts
that are noe Roundheades but
moste duitefull subjects to his ma'tie.

As a small detail in the military arrangements
during the King's visit the following should have a
place :—

PROCLAMATION.

All gentlemen and Souldiers within the towne & liberties or thereabouts for the preservation of his majesties sacred person, The true protestant Religion, the liberty of the subject the lawfull Priviledges of the honourable houses of Parliament lett them be ready for the peace of this towne and County at the lawfull warning of Captain ffrauncis Ottley his Drome [Drum] against all sedition tumults or rebellious force accord-
ing to his majesties late proclamation.

God save the King.

There is an abstract among the Ottley papers of several orders made by the Corporation from the King's coming hither in 1642, to the taking of the

town in 1644 by the Parliamentary Forces, from which it will be seen how heavily the town was burdened by this royal visit and other demands.

Tuesday, Sept. 20th [1642] King Charles came to Salop. Ordered that the Chamberlain pay £17 to the King's Princes and Dukes, Footmen and Trumpeters.

That a petition be preferred to shew the weak Estate of the Town, and to desire a week longer to raise the money for his Majesty's Necessity.

Agreed to confer with the Commissioners of the Artillery to know whether they will accept of the Carts, spades, and other Materials in kind, or the price of them in money.

That of the Money collected within the Town & Liberties, all be given to his Majesty, except £100 to the Prince, and a 100 Marks to the Duke of York.

A Committee appointed to treat with Captain Ottley concerning the 200 men to be raised by him within the Town and Liberties, how money shall be raised, and what Part of them the Corporation is to maintain.

Ordered that £200 according to the King's special command be raised by Assessment on Burgesses and Inhabitants for repair of the Castle and the Walls.

Forty men ordered to watch every night, at such places as Mr Mayor and Sir Francis Ottley shall appoint.

The town was possessed of two Pieces of Ordnance given them by his Majesty.

Ordered that the Mayor, Sir Francis Ottley, and others do raise 50 Dragooneers or more, for Defence of the King's Person, and of this Town and County.

An Assessment of £200 ordered for providing two pieces of Ordnance, Tuns apiece, and other stores.

The Corporation agreed to be at half the charge of fortifying Montford's Bridge; and that the other Bridges should be fortified, and have turnpikes erected on them.

That a Tun weight of Bullets be provided, and a Gunpowder work be set on Foot.

A Difference arose between the Corporation and Sir Francis Ottley the Governor about his Laying a Tax on the Inhabitants of the Town without the consent of the Corporation.

An Assessment of £500 ordered for his Majesty's Service.

Another for a Month's pay for 120 Soldiers for Garrison in the Town, which to be also Monthly.

Another for £140 for fortifications.

That the Assessors raise with all speed the Assessment of £800.

Another Assessment of £1,000 ordered for making Fortifications, and buying 6 pieces of Ordnance.¹

The inundation of fervent loyalty backed up by such an overwhelming military force made Shrewsbury an undesirable residence for those who wished to steer a middle course, or who held altogether with the Parliament, and many who were able to do so left the town, while those who remained were closely watched. There are several lists of delinquents among the Ottley Papers.

The names of the delinquents within the towne and liberties of Shrewsbury,
Thomas Mytton, Esqr. Humphrey Mackworth, Esqr. Thomas Nicolls, Esqr. Thomas Hunt, Esqr. Thomas Gardiner, Gent. The daughter of Andrew Studley, deceased, being now in London. Abraham Puller, Clark. John Baker, Gent. John Bromley, maulster. George Williams, mercer. William Rowley. Frank Jones, Alderman of London, hath lands in Berwick.

Another list is as follows:—

[Delinquents.]

William Rowley beare brewer

Owen George

Jhon Prowde, Draper

querie what came of the monies collected.

Jhon Loyde, Draper

John Jeffreys Draper Collector for the subsidie.

Jhon Atcherly.

Adam Webb.

Jhon Lowe Draper.

Thomas Clarke, Butcher.

William Buttrey Trumpeter.

Richard Chesheire.

Jhon Hopton, that did carrie the mase before the Commissioners of the Parliament.

Jhon Mackworth, Dier.

¹ I have given these extracts because they were copied from a "Book of Orders of the Corporation," which, as far as I know, is no now to be found among the Borough archives.

That these be Committed to the Sherriffe his Costodie
untill Humfrey Mackworth Tho. Nicolls Tho: Hunt & the rest
be recalled home, & that this towne & Countie be freed from
the danger of these in viting of the Rebells force.

[On the back.]

Joseph Baines
Edmund Howells
Thomas Peate }
Edward Phips } mercers.

The next paper, although anonymous, appears to be of an official character, and expresses the mind of the triumphant party on what is necessary to be done. It was probably in consequence of this communication that the King issued a Proclamation immediately on his arrival in Bridgnorth, "For the better peace and quiet of our County of Salop," in which he accuses "some persons of good quality" of uttering or dispersing scandalous and seditious speeches, of purpose to alienate the affections of his subjects and to slander his person and government; and of contributing to the maintenance of the forces traitorously and rebelliously raised against him under the Earl of Essex; and commands them to be apprehended, as persons charged by him with high treason. Thomas Nichols and Humphrey Mackworth, Esqs., of Shrewsbury, and Thomas Hunt, Esq., are mentioned by name. In consequence of this and a letter which accompanied it, the Corporation "Agreed that the aldermen and assistants of this town mentioned in his Majesty's letter, viz., T. Nichols, H. Mackworth, T. Hunt, John Betton, Thomas Wingfield, William Rowley, Owen George, John Prowde, John Lloyd, John Lowe, John Mackworth, Richard Cheshire, and George Williams, as persons disaffected to his Majesty's person and government, shall bee sequestered from the several meetings till they have cleared themselves; and if they do not, then new ones to be chosen in their stead." (O. and B. *Hist. Sh.*, i., 430).

LXVIII. TO THE EARL OF BRISTOL.

1642.

RIGHT HONORABLE.

I have made bould to send these propositions to your honor for to furnish us with armes for our number for garison ; first

- 1 That Henry Binney, Clarke to the Bande of Thomas Hunt, who did assume the name of Captaine to the militia of Shrewsburie, doe goe alonge with some eminent officer, to demande all theire armes, powther match & bullet, of every man that was inlisted, or lett them be im-prisoned untill they bring them in.
- 2 What number of souldiers are thought fitt to be raised by the towne & liberties, besydes the Cuntrie forces, & how the Commanders & souldiers maye be payd.
- 3 That these men hereafter mentioned, be to attende his maistie to London, or Special Caution be given for there non invitation of the Rebbles' forces, William Rowley, bear brewer, Owen George, mercer, John Prowde, Draper, John Lloyde, Draper, John Lowe, Draper, Thomas Clarke, Butcher, Richard Chesheare, Draper, John Mackworth, Dier.
- 4 That Joseph Lloyde, John Winckfield, Nathanyell Prowde, all Drapers, be sent for, & on oath to deliver in what Plate they did packe for London ; whose it was, & to what use it was sent ; & who to there knowledge hath sent horse man & monies to the Parliament forces.
- 5 That an Ingeneire & an experienced Chyurgion be left here.
- 6 That six hundred Dragones of Sir Robert Howard's regiment, if it might be spared, be for the defences of this Countie, assisted by the Charge of the North Wales Counties, with Chester, For the Trayned bands at this season being there [they] will be much Troubled, & I feare the service by them will be by them most slenderly performed, some of there minds being soe variously possessed.
- 7 That all the gunsmiths in this Countie maye be Com-manded to worke in Shrewsburie, or thereabouts, that none shall have muskites or pistolls, but what shall be made for the King's use.
- 8 That all the gentrie, of what qualitie soever, that have shewed themselves disaffected, or neutrall, maye give in Caution, that if any enimy come they maye find noe partie to assist them.

9 That North Wales, Chessheare, & Lancasheare, since Shropsheare is there guarde from any force from the Parliament, & now are constrained to draw up a thousand or at least six hundred dragoners, it is desyred that they should Contribute somewhat to our Charge through these whole Counties, soe, that as long as we are able, to defend ourselves or our owne strength that is now to be raised, & our trayned bands.

ffor the Right Honorable
the Earl of Bristoll

These present.

[No signature].

On the 23rd of October took place the Battle of Edge Hill, which, although an undecided event, left both sides much exhausted; hence we find Shropshire in the following December recruiting its strength.

LXIX. INGAGEMENT AND RESOLUTION OF THE GENTLEMEN OF SALOP.

[1642.]

The Ingagement and Resolution of the Principall Gentlemen of the County of Salop, for the Raising and Maintayning of Forces at their own Charge, for the Defence of His Majestie, their Countrey, and more particularly the Fortunes, Persons, and Estates of the Subscribers under-named.

We whose names are under-written, do hereby ingage ourselves each to other, and promise upon the Faith and Word of a Gentleman, that we will do our uttermost endeavours, both by our selves and friends, to raise, as well for defence of our King and Countrey, as our own particular safeties, one entire regiment of *Dragoneers*, and with our lives to defend those men's Fortunes and Families that shall be Contributers herein, to their abilities. And for the more speedy expedition of the said service, as also for prevention of being surprized and plundered by our Enemies, we have thought fit to intreat Sir *Vincent Corbett* formerly Captain of the Horse for this County, to be our Chief Commander over the aforesaid Regiment; And likewise we have appointed the day of our appearance for bringing in of every man's proportion of his Horse or Money, according to the subscription of his undertaking, to be the Twentieth day of *December*, all in *Battlefield*.

Henry Bromley Esquire, Sheriff.

Robert Viscount Killmorrey.	Richard Okeley.
Robert Howard.	Herbert Jencks.
Richard Leveson Knight of the Bath.	Francis Billingsley.
Richard Herbert Esquire.	Robert Matthews.
Richard Lee Baronet.	Richard Church.
Paul Harris.	Rees Tannat.
Thomas Wolrych.	Thomas Phillips.
Vincent Corbett.	John Leighton.

Knights and Baronets.

William Owen.	Lawrence Bentall.
Richard Prince.	George Ludlow.
Robert Eyton.	John Dawes.
John Weld <i>sen.</i>	Thomas Barkley.
Francis Ottley.	Edward Stanley.
Thomas Screven.	Henry Powell.
Thomas Eyton.	Francis Burton.
Thomas Lister.	Fulk Crumpton.

Knights.

John Corbett.	John Pay.
Rowland Lacon.	Pontesbury Owen.
Roger Owen.	Thomas Owen.
Edward Kinaston.	John Newton.
Francis Herbert.	Edward Baldwin.

Robert Corbet of *Humfreston.*

John Bromley.	Charles Baldwin.
Thomas Corbett.	Thomas Edwards.
Pelham Corbett.	Walter Waring.
Roger Kinaston.	<i>Esquires.</i>
Carew Stewry.	Creswell Taylor.
William Fowler.	Thomas Holland.
Edward Acton.	Andrew Charleton.
Walter Pigot.	Edward Owen.
Thomas Ireland.	George Holland.
William Cotton.	Edmund Bullock.
Edward Cresset.	John Huxley.
William Barker.	John Wilkocks.
Francis Thornes.	Thomas Lokier.
Arthur Sandford.	Audley Bowdler.
Ralph Goodwin.	Edward Astley.
Tho. Whitmore.	Richard Hosier.
William Blunden.	John Wibumbury.

Gentlemen.

These who have subscribed, are those which were at the first and second meeting. The rest of the Gentry which are far remote, and well affected, we humbly desire may be added to this our Association.

JOHN STUDLEY Esq^r Major of the Town of Shrewsbury, and the rest of the Inhabitants within the said Town and Liberties thereof, do, with a full and generall consent, engage themselves to finde and furnish one Troop of Dragoneers consisting of sixtie, at the charge of the said Town and Liberties; as also two hundred foot Souldiers at their charges. Likewise under the command of Sir *Francis Ottley*, Knight, Captain for the said Town, for the defence of the Kings Majesties Royall Person, The known Laws of the Land, The Liberty and Property of the Subjects, And the Safety of the said Town and Liberties.

May it please Your Majestie

Wee the Clergy of this County, are (with the Noble Gentry) sensible of Your Majesties Wrongs, and our Countries Danger; And therefore with them offer up our Abilities (with all humilitie) an hundred Horse, to be under the Command of Sir Vincent Corbett, according to Your Majesties Commission: That so Your Loyall Subjects may here live in Peace, and be serviceable to Your Majestie.

This "Engagement" is printed on a broad-sheet, probably at the Shrewsbury Press, and is a good specimen of typography.

LXX. SIR THOMAS SCRIVEN TO THE PURSLOW HUNDRED.

1642-3.

Whereas there hath bine diverse warrants sent unto y'u by his ma'ties comand requiring yo to Collect the payment for ye trained souldiers by ye severall Allotments which never ye lesse is not donne; whether out of neglect of your duty or dislike of ye way of doeing it. These are therefore to will and require you to give speedy notice to all ye souldiers of ye hundred that they bee before mee at Ludlow upon tuesday next 17th of this month by nine in the morning with there Armes Compleat And that you alsoe give notice to ye gentlemen and inhabitants of ye hundred (as well of the Clergie as others) who are contributers in the maintenance of ye Souldiers that they bee there alsoe to see them well furnished, and satisfie mee and others why there money were not sent in

according to warrants and further to consult and conferre with us how the Arrerages shalbe payd and ye Souldiers payd hereafter in the easiest way and best for ye Country. hereof fayle not to give speedy notice of there Apparrance and bee there your selfe to give accompt of your service donne and money receaved by you.

THO. SCRIVEN.¹

Dat. 10th Ja: 1642.

[A note at foot says, "The originall writt with his owne hand."]

LXXI.—WARRANT FOR JOHN BURCH'S APPREHENSION.

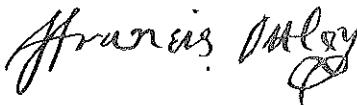
1642-3.

To all Maiors, Sheriffs, Bayliffes, Constables, and all other his ma'ts Ministers officers and Lovinge subjects whatsoever, and especially to John Wesgate, Thomas Hopton, and Edward Evans gent' and to all and every of them greetinge.

Whereas by true informacon made to me Sir ffrancis Ottley Knight how that one John Burch late of Kanke in the County of Stafford gent hath taken up Armes and is a disaffected p'son to our Sov'aigne Lord the Kinge and doth still persist therein as a traytor to his Royall person: These are therefore in his ma'ts name straightly to Charge and comaunde you and every of you ymediatly upon sight hereof you make diligent search and enquirye for the body of the said John Burch, and him to apprehend and attach, and upon his

¹ Sir Thomas Scriven, Knt., of Frodesley, Salop, was the son of Edward Scriven of the same place, by Anne, daughter of William Botterell, of Aston Botterell, Co. Salop. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Henry Bromley of Shrawardine Castle, Salop, by whom he had no family. He married for his second wife Margaret, daughter of Sir Vincent Corbet, and relict of Thomas Corbet of Stanwardine, Co. Salop, by whom he had two sons and three daughters. His name appears in the list of the Grand Jury of the Assizes held in Shrewsbury, August 8, 1642. He took up the royal cause with great earnestness, was knighted in consideration of a handsome gift by Charles I. on the occasion of his visit to Shrewsbury 29th of September of the same year, became Colonel of a regiment of foot, and was appointed Governor of Whitchurch. He served under Lord Capel in the fruitless attack upon Wem, Oct. 18th, 1643, where he was mortally wounded; died the 21st of the following January, and was buried in Condover Church, where there is a monument to his memory.

apprehencion you forthwith bringe him before me to answerre
to all such Matters as shalbe objected against him on his
mat's behalfe as a Traytor. And hereof faile you not as you
or any of you will answer the contrary at yo'r uttermost p'ills.
Given under my hand and seale at Salop the 19th day of Jany:
Anno R. R. Caroli nunc Anglie &c xviiij. 1642.¹



¹ We have in these papers a new chapter brought to light in the career of that remarkable man, Colonel John Birch, who played such a conspicuous part in Herefordshire and Gloucestershire during the Civil War. The editors of his Life, published by the Camden Society, although they had access to the Ottley Papers, appear to have been quite ignorant of Letters No. xxxix. and xliv. (*ante*), which bring him before us as a Bristol Wine-Merchant, desirous of figuring as anything rather than a Roundhead, and especially anxious to promote "free trade" between Shrewsbury and Bristol. Burnet was clearly justified in speaking of him as a *carrier*, though a somewhat misleading designation, inasmuch as he was certainly not a common carrier conveying other people's goods in his own cart or on his own pack-horses. Many of the wealthy merchants of the city of Bristol were also more or less engaged in conveying up and down the river Severn both foreign and home produce, whom no one would dream of calling *carriers* except in derision. According to the Calendar of the Spring Assizes of 1642-3 (No. lxxxi., *post*), he was committed the 4th day of January, by four of the leading Justices of the Peace of Shropshire "charged with suspicion of High Treason," but whether he was actually seized and sent to Shrewsbury Castle we are unable to learn. If so, he must have made his escape shortly afterwards, no unlikely feat for a man who showed such resources and audacity in his subsequent career, for on the 18th of the same month Sir Francis Ottley issued the above warrant for his apprehension. According to a letter dated the day after, from Bridgnorth, (No. xxxix *ante*) he was at that time transacting important business with Sir Thomas Wolrych and others, who offer to become bail for him, for it so happened this warrant was served on him while he was in their company. Eight days later he writes to Sir Francis Ottley from Bristol (letter xliv. *ante*) in which he figures as an innocent merchant. Whether he surrendered himself at the Assizes to answer the charge laid against him we have no means of learning. In the warrant he is called "John Burch, late of Kanke [no doubt Canke or Cannock] in the county of Stafford, gent., who hath taken up arms and is a disaffected person to our Sov'aigne Lord the King, and doth still

LXXII. THOMAS EDWARDES TO SIR FRANCIS OTTLEY.

1642-3.

NOBLE BROTHER,

This day I did meeete Mr Baldwyns to hasten the Kings hereild for raying of dragoons in these p'ts, and I understand

persist therein as a traytor to his Royal person." The inscription on his tombstone in Weobley church, Herefordshire, for which borough he sat in Parliament for a time, informs us he came of a worthy *Lancashire* family ; the Revd. Canon Phillott in a paper on Weobley contributed to the "Transactions of the Woolhope Field Club," says he came of a *Cheshire* family. From these contradictory statements it is evident that nothing is certainly known of his origin. The Revd. W. G. D. Fletcher has, however, kindly furnished the following satisfactory account of him, which sets the question at rest :—

He entered his pedigree, at Sir William Dugdale's Visitation of Lancashire in 1664-5, at Manchester on the 9th of September, 1664.¹ From this pedigree it appears that he was the only child of Samuel Birch, of Ardwick, co. Lancaster, who was third son of Ambrose Birch of Openshaw in the same county. He is described as "of Ardwick aforesaid, and of Whitborne, co. Hereford, esq., and now in commission of the peace for the county of Hereford, aet. 47 in 1664." His wife was Alice, widow of Thomas Selfe of Bristol, grocer, and daughter of Thomas Deane of Bristol ; and by her he had two sons, John and Samuel, and two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth. From his monument in the chancel of Weobley Church, Herefordshire, it appears that he was born on the 7th of Sept., 1616, and died on the 10th of May, 1691, being M P. for Weobley at the time of his death.

There was another well-known old family of Birch, seated at Leacroft in the parish of Kanke or Cannock ; and it would seem that Sir Francis Ottley supposed (erroneously, of course), that John Birch was a member of this Cannock family, whose pedigree is recorded in the Vis., Staffs., 1663-4.—W. G. D. F.

If we may hazard an opinion to explain the presence of John Birch in Shropshire at this particular time, it is that he was seeking recruits for his company of Volunteers, in Bristol, of which he was to be the captain. "From the beginning of October many of the youths of the place [Bristol] under the Parliamentary plea of acting for the King, were already expert in arms."² Owing to his connection with the traffic of the Severn, Birch would be well known to the trowmen, a rough and hardy race, who plied between Shrewsbury and Bristol, from among whom he may have hoped to secure recruits, and that a spy had informed Sir Francis Ottley of the fact.

¹ Dugdale's *Vis. Lancs.*, 1664-5, pub. by the Cheetham Soc., vol. lxxxiv., p. 34.

² *Life of Col. Birch*, Camden Soc., p. 38.

by them that many Pres came to Ludlow which being opened may discover Intelligence to & fro' London. They are both forward & ready to serve theire Kinge & Countrey; and if you will send them a deputation under hand & seal to authorise them & theire deputies they will presently undergoe the service and informe you of what is discovered in those parts. They do consider that you have a Comission from his ma'tie for what you doe this way and if they may receive your deputation by Wensday next they will beginne upon Thursday next to execute theire plan; Mr Edward Baudewyne (our Captayne) dothe intreate you to assist him with an officer to exercise these dragoons if you know of one fitte for the service. Thus with my loving respects to you and my good Sister & Cousins I rest

Yor assured brother

Ffeb. 3: 1642.

THO: EDWARDES¹

To the right wor'll
S^r ffrancis Ottley
Kn't, these present.

LXXXIII. WILLIAM PRICHARD TO HIS PARENTS.

1642-3.

Deare ffather & Mother my Humbille dutie Remembred unto you, not for gettinge my love to my Brother and sister and all the Rest of our good frindes in genarall; the Cause of this my Rightinge to you att this time is that I would in Treete you to Pardon mee in Regard of my slothfullnes in

¹ Thomas Edwardes, of the College, Shrewsbury, and of Greet, co. Salop, a zealous Loyalist, whose name appears to the "Engagement and Resolution" before alluded to, was for his services in the Royal cause created a Baronet by Charles I., March 21st, 1644-5. It has, however, been doubted whether the patent, owing to the unsettled state of the times, was or was not taken out. It is clear that the warrant for the appointment received the Royal sign manual, and, I apprehend, the patent was completed, for in a letter addressed Aug. 6th, 1645, hereinafter inserted, he is addressed as Sir Thomas Edwards. He had to compound for his loyalty by payment of £2,060. In Drury's *Catalogue* he is only entitled "Esq." but so also is Sir Edward Acton, Baronet. He died 1660.—G.M. He served the office of High Sheriff in 1644, and was brother-in-law to Sir Francis Ottley, the latter having married his sister Lucy, widow of Roger Pope, Esq.

wrightinge to you, the Reson is that the times Bee so dangrous that I was feerefull to wright to you By the Reson that the Letters bee brocke open verey offten. I here no good newes to Right to you att all, But that I ame Perswaded that you all Heerd of, that is, that one of the Uper House of Parlement His Cominge sudeny in our Countree with S^r John Corbett, wich was made Shereef By the Parlement, and thee Lord Brookes comes with ane Armie of 15 thousand Dragoners, and Mr Hunte of Shrosberey is Cominge with him, and Mr Winfield, and God knowes what will Bee Come of you all, for I doe much feere that our Cuntree will be punished shoordley [? sorely], and Herefordsheere and Wostersheere, and Stafordsheere, for Hee doth intend to Bringe all theese Cuntreyes in subjescon, for I ame sarttaine of y^t for one; Hall [all] that [were] in Shrosb^{ey} wich Have Bine plundreed are all Cominge downe with them, and one Hall, Called Bluwett Hall, & hath lent ^{twenty} ₂₀₀₀ poundes for the Rasinge of Dragooners, and this Lord Broockes is to Bee the Generall of them. I would Desiere my Brother not soe to with stand them for I doe much fer [fear] all those that doe will loose theere lives, for he is a verey Religous lord, and I ame Parsweded that Hee will doe as Littill Hurtt as can, for he is verey well beloved: wee have noe newes of pece as yett, Butt wee Heere that the Erle of Northumberland, the Erle of Penbroocke, and the Erle of Sallsberey, and the Erle of Holland, doe goe to the Kinge, doe goe 8 Lords and a grete meney of the House of Comans to the Kinge, to see, if soe Bee, that thay can macke pece; if soe Be thay doe not I thinke wee shall all Come to Rewign [ruin]; as for my part, my day Prayers shall Be to god that he may Unight Bothe the Kinge and His Parlement together, and that ther might not Bee one Drop of Blod spilt more in this Civil war. But that we may live pesebley to the glory of god, Hopinge that you all will say Amen.

ffather, I have hard that you doe Here that I was gone for a soulvrier in the Parlemente's armie, Butt I did never goe not as y^t [yet], Butt I doe traime once a weeke as duly as the wecke Comes with my M^r [master] Harries, and our Compeney his 500 soulviers in the Band, and wee doe keepe a foott By Mr Dayoses, and work once a wicke, day and night, in Shiff [shifts] if soe Be that theere Bee not pece we must all goe for shouldres, and for mine owne Partt I will freely loose my life in yt [it], for I doe thinke that theere will Be noe Tradinge in a littell while; my unckell and Ant are well, and my Brother and Sister are well, and Remember theere dutie

to you and the love to my Brothers and sisters. I pray Rem[ember] my love to my unkell Richard Tipton and His wife, and to Thomas tipton, and tell [them] that Elizabeth is in good Helth, and my love to my aunt Margeritt Clarcke, and tell Her that her sone John is in well for his Captaine, and his Troope, His [he is] in London, and John Rem[embers] His dutie to His mother, and is verey galunt, and Hopes that His mother will not Be ofend[ed] soe with Him, for he doth not faight a gainst His Kinge, But for you all, if soe Be that you Rightley Consider, and, I am perswaded, that you shall in a shortt time see. Mary Wilson his well, and Thomas Rusell, and Richard, are all well, for I was with them one shroftuesday. I would Intreatt my Sister Ann for to send me a payre of Stockines, for god Knowes whether I shall ever trubell you Aney more; and I pray lett not my Brother David goe from home, for I doe much feere that there will Bee a greate faight when this lord Comes downe, wch God graunt there might not. Soe with my Dayley Prayers to God for you all I Rest,

Your Obedient Sonne Till Death,

WILLIAM PRICHARD.

ffebbery the 18 day.

Brother David I pray lett me Have once a Letter frome you more, for I doe much wonder that you for gett me soe suddenley.

To his Lovinge ffather Thomas Prichard
Dwelling in Shraweden
Leve this letter att Mr Renald Shelvocke
a Barber surguine in Shrosberey d.d.

LXXIV. PROCLAMATION OF THE REV. GEORGE BAXTER.

1642-3.

Salop. ff To all highe Constables pettie Constables, and all other his ma'ts ministers officers and lovinge subjects within this County of Salop & especially to the Constables of Little Wenlocke greeting.

Whereas I am informed that one George Baxter¹ of yo'r said

¹ George Baxter, a native of Montgomeryshire, became Rector of Little Wenlock, Salop, in 1608. He was admitted of Balliol College, Oxford, 8th December, 1598, graduated B.A. 3rd July, 1602, and M.A. 6th July, 1605. He is mentioned in the *Life of the Rev. Richard Baxter* as "the old, holy and reverend pastor at Little Wenlock, who lived there till about eighty-six years of age, in con-

towne of Wenlocke clerke whoe by reason of his disaffection to his ma'tie hath longe tyme absented himselfe from his Cure and habitacon is now in a private manner returned home. These are therefore in his ma'ts name to charge and comaunde you, or any of you, forthwith upon sight hereof to repayre to the howse of the said George Baxter or any othersuspected house thereabouts or elswhere and make diligent search & enquiryre for the said George Baxter, and apprehend and attach his bodye and ymedately upon his apprencon bringe or cause him to be brought before me to answere to all such matters as shalbe objected against him on his ma'ties behalfe. And hereof faile not as you or any of you will answere the contrary at yo'r uttermost p'ills. Given under my hand and seale at Salop the xvij day of february 1642.

FRANCIS OTTLEY

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LXXV. JONATHAN LANGLEY TO THE HIGH SHERIFF AND SIR
FRANCIS OTTLEY.

1642-3.

From Birmingham

ffe: 22.

RIGHT WORTHY SIRS,

I take so much boldness on me to write my mind unto you, I have left my Father my Wife and Children, with what Mind there's one above knows, and how much I desire to return you shall see by this, I never had an Intention, nor yet have of taking up Arms of neither side, my Reasons this my protestation already taken, binds me both to King and to p'liam^t I am not so senseless [i.e., dull to perceive] (though it were almost to be wished I were) that there are two Armies

stant faithful preaching and practising of the Gospel." His son Benjamin was educated at Shrewsbury School, became Rector of Upton-upon-Severn, and was ejected in 1662. He is said to have been "a preacher of extraordinary skill, who lived uprightly, and suffered much by his ejection." Stephen Baxter, another son, was also educated at the same School, entered New Inn Hall, Oxford, took his B.A. 22nd October, 1639, and his M.A. 15th June, 1642, and became Rector of Harrington, co. Worcester, from which he was ejected for nonconformity, and afterwards practised physic. Baxter calls him most humble and blameless. (*Alumni Oxonienses; Hist. of Shrew. School.*)

each seeking to destroy the other, and by oath bound to preserve both, each Chalenging the Protestant religion for their Standard, yet the one takes the Papists the other the sismatikes for their Adeherents, and (for my part) my conscience tells me they both intend the Protestant Religion, what reason have I therefore to fall out with either —now if you'll be pleased to shelter me by your power, to live at Home is my earnest desire, beseeching you that no more protestations be Urged upon me, for I find in my own Conscience I have sufficiently enough of this, nor be compelled to bear Arms, nor clapt up as disaffected to his Ma^{te}, which very word I abhor from my heart. Thus wishing God to deal with me as I wish to you or either of you, I rest yours to be Commanded,

JONATHAN LANGLEY¹

To the Right Wor^{hs} Henry Bromley Esqr
high Sheriff of Shropshire, Sir Francis Oatley Knight
Governour of the Towne of Shrewsbury present these

LXXVI. W. WATKINS TO THE MAYOR OF SHREWSBURY, &c.

1642-3.

To the right wor'll the Mayor of Shrewsbury; sir ffrances Wottley, Knight; &c.

These are to let yo'u understand that wheras Richard Cotton of Haston & myselfe were charged with horse & armes for a dragone & Richard Trevor of Smethcott for the souldier, yet notwithstandinge both the sayd p'ties have hitherto refused to doe any p'te of the sayd service through whose neglect, yet I have p'formed the service, to my great charge this bearer hath bin the Souldier which hath served hitherto but whether he will goe on you please to question him Richard Cotton conceiveth Thomas Hughes his land to be uncharged I conceave my self to be verie greatly Charged I pay with the allotment for the trayned bond, when his Majestie & four dragoners, fiftie nyne horse for two dayes, fiftene men fiftene

¹ Jonathan Langley, of the Abbey and of Bureot, Esq., was a descendant of William Langley, tailor, who purchased the Abbey in 1546, and father of Sir Henry Langley, Knight, of the same place; he was born in 1605, served the office of Mayor of Shrewsbury 1663, and died 1671. The neutral position which he, with many other honest men, desired to assume, was an impossible one at the time he wrote.

horse all the tyme after, & nothinge payed, the p'mises con-
sidered my humble disire is, you wilbe pleased by this bearer
to the severall constables of Haston, & Smethcott, to sumon
the severall p'ties to appeare in the service; soe with my dutie
to yo'r worships I reste

Shotten, March 2.

Your's to Comand,

W. WATKINS.¹

We here resume the letters in the order of their date, broken off at No. LXIV., March 2nd, 1643, the day on which Lord Brooke received his death wound while directing the siege of Lichfield. Before the end of the preceding month of February, the following places were in the hands of the King:—Newark, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Lichfield (surrendered shortly afterwards), Stafford, Stratford-on-Avon, Chester, Shrewsbury, Ludlow, Bridgnorth, besides many small garrisons in Shropshire and other parts of the Welsh Border.

LXXVII. MRS. LETITIA CORBETT TO SIR FRANCIS OTTLEY.

NOBLE SIR,

1642-3.

I have formerly sent two trunks to Shrewsbury for security, but now my Mother, is going homewards, and I do

¹ William Watkins, son of Francis Watkins, purchased Shotton, according to Gough (*Hist. Middle*), from the Kynastons; the same author says of him that he was Under-Sheriff of Shropshire, a person well educated, and fit for greater employment than that of a husbandman; that he very much improved his farm, overgrown with thorns, briars, and rubbish, when he bought it, by the free employment of labour, and added largely to the house and buildings. He was a cheerful, merry gentleman, and kept a plentiful table for his own family and strangers. He married Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Robert Lee of Chester, a provident and prudent gentlewoman, a very good house keeper, and in all things suitable for such a husband. His eldest son Francis held a commission of Captain in the Parliamentary army, and afterwards inherited his father's lands, and also his art of good husbandry. (Gough's *History of Middle*; Shrop. Archaeol. *Transactions*, vol. iv., n. 8, p. 362).

Shotton, the residence of Mr. Watkins, was within the ancient Liberties of Shrewsbury, and therefore liable to all the assessments of the town.

desire to have them back before the Lo^d Brooke's forces¹ stop
her things from her, soe desiring that you will do me the
favor to let me have y^m speedily I rest

Your freind and servant

LETTICE CORBETT.²

Childs Arcall

Y^e 3^r of March 1642
For S^r Francis Oatley at Shrewsbury.

PROCLAMATION.

Sir ffrauncis Ottley, Knight, and Govenor of this towne of Shrewsbury Doth in his ma'ts name and upon paine of ymprisonment for three dayes, straightly charge and comande All Dragooneers w'thin this towne and subarbs of Shrewsbury w'th all theire mantayners to be in a readines on foote with their Drumes compleate under the Cornemarkett, this afternoon, betwixt the howres of two & fyve of the clocke to be emploied in his ma'ts spetiall service for the Defence of this towne, theire owne lyves & estates from the Danger of the Rebels, who have entred the confines of this County at the towne of Newport, And those that have but onely dragoone peeces must provide and bringe w'th them at the tyme & place aforesaid sufficient musketts for the service aforesaid under the Comande of Leuton't John Allen gent.

God save the King.

¹ Robert, Lord Brook, a man of strong Puritanical views, an adopted son of Sir Fulke Greville, sat before Lichfield, his troops rendering insecure the surrounding district. Warburton says that his "fanatical spirit was strongly moved at the sight of the noble cathedral, and with all the prelatie associations and sacerdotal attributes that it conjured up." It is probable that the undated Proclamation issued in Shrewsbury, and found amongst the Ottley papers, belongs to this period, for all the Royalist garrisons in these parts must have spared what forces they could to relieve so important a place.

² Letitia Corbet was the wife of John Corbet, of Child's Arcall, Esq., son of Sir John Corbet, of Stoke and Adderley, both of whom I shall have occasion to refer to hereafter. She was the daughter of Sir Francis Knollys, cousin of Queen Elizabeth. Mary Boleyne, sister of Anne Boleyne, was his grandmother. (I am indebted for these and other particulars of the family to the kindness of the Rev. R. W. Corbet, Rector of Stoke, Salop.)

LXXVIII. F. BELL TO HIS WIFE MARTHA.
1642-3.

DEARE,

I am in good health I blesse god, am sorry to here Bro. Griffithes is in Prison, and many more of our frends, I had notice that there is a purpose to Tendar a protestation that I have seene in printe to women, but I hope god will keep you and the rest of frendes from takeing it, for if it should be Tendarde to me I should choose death rather, and I hope in god so will you I pray; acquainte Aunte Bell that her sonn is in good health, & in a way, if god spare him life, to be a help to her, but in regard of his extreame want of clothes & all things necessary I would not (having so good & incouragement as I had) but pay him 40^s of which I have received 20^s; and 20^s more I question not but shee will pay to you; I pray present my love to her; and my cossen; I had hoped to see you this tyme, but now the lord above only knows when; it is my prayars our mighting [meeting] may be comfortable; & that in the meane tyme you & our frends me [may] be preserved from dangar; I pray let me here from you so soone as can, whether you are in good health; I suppose the tyme is neare, I pray god make it happy: & thus with my deare affection to you & all frends I for this tyme rest.

Yor F. B.

March 3, 1642.

lo: Br: is dead ¹
To his deare wife Martha Bell
hast
in Sallop.

LXXIX. EDWARD BROWNE TO SIR FRANCIS OTTLEY.

1642-3.

Right Worshipfull Sire ffrances my servis remembred: my Desir is that you will bee pleased with pacienc to reed these fewe lynes. I, a poor neighbour of yours and ane inhabiter of the towne of Shrowsbury, who att all times was compleable to every sesment and lawfull taxsacion, and was con-

¹ Lord Brook was shot in the eye by Dum Dyott, a deaf and dumb man, while directing the attack of the Parliamentary troops on Lichfield Cathedral, March 2nd, 1642-3, of which wound he died. By a strange coincidence he received his death wound on the festival of St. Chad, the patron saint of the Cathedral, and by a bullet made of the lead from the roof of that building.

stantly resident in towne, upon tuesday being the last day of the month, Sire Paule Harris sent for my Brother¹ before him, and from thence too prison and hade not soe much time too returne too his wiffe and seven smale Children: therupon, I beeing in towne came forth the same day to the place where I was borne to certifie his wife of what had befallen my Brother, and having some privit ocasions of my owne beeyond. I stayd there-about till fryday. Worthy Sire, I cam forth openly through the gate about tenn of the cloke and withall I never saw any messenger nor warrand from your worshipp, which if I had I would have binne redy to obaye, nevertheless upon fryday night last five of your worshipps soldeers, whether with your worshipps warrand or without I cannot tell, came to my brothers house where I hade binn the day before and entered the house in a most unhuman manner with thayr sowords drawne too the terrifing of the poore woman and seven small children, and made ane ould mane of forescore years of age arise out of bede and thretned too cleve his brains; and withall rifled all the house with many bloddy oaths and other vile expressions, as if thay had binn searching for some malifaccter, ore, or thife, or murtherer, and tooke away, by the report of the maids, one flactson shert, one on bands of the ould man's, and withall, a coate and a rappure of mine. As for the rappur I have not any ocacion, but my desier is that you wilbe plesed to take my cote into your costitie that it bee not worne by those neightbours, wherby too agravat the great grife of my wife: worthy Sire I ame loath too complaine of my neightbours but in a word they doe much abuse the clemence, mercy, and good nature, that remains in your worshipe in giveing out great threats of cruelty, and saying thay have your worshipps warrand, for my parte I was never acused befor your worship, nor any other, for any disloyelty, and godwilling, when I have ended some small busnes that concerneth my prent ocacion I will returne in the same maner I went forth: soe with my continuall prayers too god in your worshipes behalfe, I rest

Little nesse
this 4th of march.

Yours too Command

To the Right worshippfull
Sire ffraunces Otley, Knight
and Governor of the towne
of Shrosbury, give this I pray youe.

EDEWARD BROWNE.

¹ For the charge against his brother see No. 10 in the Calendar of the Assizes, LXXXI. in note.

LXXX. SIR NICHOLAS BYRON TO THE SAME.

1642-3.

Sr

I am sorye my occasions weare suche as I could not attend my Lord powis comeinge, but I have lately receaved some letters from his honor y^t gives me hopes I shall see him shortly at Chester. I am afrayde yor rayssinge of monyes wh^t ought in y^e first place to be thought on, mooves very slowly, for y^e rayssinge of men wh^t out y^t will but distres yo^r sealfes & yo^r frends, & give noe assistance to eyther, for y^e present we are in ill condicione heare, for whilst we expect other troopes of horse & those heare are uppon theare departure, theare is littell to be don till busines be setled in an orderly waye, wh^t I shall to y^e utmost of my power endeavour in an orderly waye, I am

Your servant,

N. BYRON.¹

Chester the 4 March 1642.

For my honored frend Sr
Francis Ottlye governor of
Shrowsbery these.

LXXXI. A CALENDAR OF PRISONERS AT THE SPRING ASSIZES.

1642-3.

Salop. A Kalinder of all the prisoners which are now in the charge of the Right Worll Henrey Bromley, Esq^r

¹ Sir Nicholas Byron was uncle of the seven brave and loyal brothers of this family who rendered good service to the King, one of whom, Sir John Byron, K.B., M.P. for the town of Nottingham, was created a Baron of the realm by the title of Lord Byron of Rochdale in co. Palatine of Lancaster. Sir Nicholas was appointed Governor of Chester by the King, and according to Clarendon was "a soldier of very good command, with a commission to be Colonel-General of Cheshire and Shropshire, who, being a person of great affability and dexterity, as well as martial knowledge, gave great life to the designs of the well affected there; and with the encouragement of some gentlemen of North Wales in a short time raised such a power of horse and foot as made often skirmishes with the enemy; sometimes with notable advantage, never with any signal loss." He commanded a brigade of foot at Edge Hill, in which engagement he was wounded. On the 12th January, 1644, when escorting arms and ammunition from Shrewsbury for the siege of Nantwich, he was surprised by night in his quarters at Ellesmere by Colonel Mytton, and, together with Sir Richard Willis, Serjeant Major-General of the Horse, and two hundred men, was made prisoner.

high Sheriff of the county aforesaid with there causses for felony or any other crime as followeth.¹

1. William Webb, charged with speacking of ill and malyticus speeches against the Kings Ma^{tie} tending to the dishonor of his Ma^{tie} & disturbance of the comonwealth. Comitted the 24 day of October, 1642.

P. Robart Eyton, Knight.²

2. Saumell Swanwick,³ committed untill his Ma^{ties} Pleasure be further signified concerninge him unto me. Comitted the xijij day of December 1642.

Balled P. Sir Paul Harris⁴

¹ The Judge before whom these cases were tried was probably Sir Robert Heath, Lord Chief Justice of England, for I find in the borough accounts of Bridgnorth the following entry, the 24 February, 1642-3 :—" Frances Onyons, widdow, for loss in taking again 2 hoggs-heades of strong beere, 1 hogshead of table beere, and 2 barrelles of ale, which were lately had of her and lay'd into the College, upon a generall speech of an assize to be kept in this town before Sir Robert Heath, Lord Chief Justice of England, but afterwards staied and put of, in respect of the civil warres in this Kingdom when judges cold not goe their circuite, 10s., and for carryinge in and out of the said beere and ale, 4s. 2d." Shrewsbury being a stronger garrison than Bridgnorth would not be exposed to the same risk. (Re-print of the Hist. MSS. Com. in *Trans. Shrop. Arch. Soc.*, vol. x., p. 126). Ten criminal cases in the first part of the Calendar are here omitted as being of no interest.

² Probably of Duddleston, in the parish of Ellesmere, on the extreme north-west border of the county. Sir Robert Eyton married Jocosa, daughter and heiress of Francis Lloyd, of Hardwick, Salop (*Vide Vis. Salop*, 1623).

³ Gough (*Hist. of Middle*) says, "There were severall Gentlemen in our neighbourhood that were forced to fly from their houses in the warres, and to shelter themselves in Garrisons ; and because they could have but little benefit from their lands towards maintaining them, therefore they had commissions to be captains, to the end they might receive a captain's pay to maintain them. Of this number was Captaine Whitcomb of Hardwicke, Captain Richardson of Broughton, Captain Rea of Wicherley, Captaine Swanwicke, and others."

⁴ Sir Paul Harris, of Boreatton, Knight and Baronet, Sheriff of Shropshire 1637, son of Sir Thomas, Sheriff in 1619, whom he succeeded in 1629, and died in 1644. Gough, the historian, of Middle, says, "He sent out warrants requiring and commanding all men, both householders with their sons and servants, and sojourners and others, within the Hundred of Pimhill, that were between the age of 16 and 60, to appear, on a certain day, upon Middle Hill. I

P. Henrey Bromley,¹ Esq' vic.

Knight & barronet.

3. Robert Corbett,² Esqr charged for speeking certain words tending to treason which is provid upon oath. Comitted the xvth day of Decem. 1642.

Balled by Richard
lord Newport &
Tymothy Tournor, Esqr

P. Paull Harris, Knight & baronet

4. John Burch,³ gent charged with suspicion of high Treason. Comitted the 4 day of January, 1642.

P. Richerd Lee, Knight & Baronet.
Paul Harris, Knight & Baronet.
William Owen, Knight.
ffrancis Ottley, Knight & Capt.

5. Andrew Mills late of Newport, Taylor, charged to have solissited & laboured ernistly to have gayned one Thomas Higgins, a soouldier of Captain Robert Corbett to have left his

was then about eight or nine years old, and went to see this great show, and there I saw a multitude of men, and upon the highest bank of the hill I saw one Robert More standing with a paper in his hand, and three or four soldiers' pikes stuck upright in the ground by him, and there he made proclamation, that if any person would serve the King as a soldier in the wars he should have 14 groats a week for his pay. Sir Paul was a person not well beloved by the ancient gentry of this county, for being, as they termed him, but a buck of the second head ; yet being a baronet, and a proud imperious person, he took place of those of ancient knight's degree ; neither was he beloved by the common people." Sir Paul was succeeded by his son Sir Thomas Harris, a very distinguished loyalist, who, with "Dame Ann, the widow of Sir Paul Harris, deceased, delinquants, had to pay a composition of £1542."

¹ Henry Bromley, of Shrawardine Castle, in this county, and also of Holt Castle, in Worcestershire, was great-grandson of Sir Thomas Bromley, Lord Chancellor of England, son of George Bromley, Sheriff in 1522. He was the High Sheriff of this year. (*Vide* Blakeway's *Sheriffs*).

² Robert Corbet, of Stanwardine, Esq., the friend of Gough the historian of Middle, who was Justice of the Peace for Salop, Custos Rotulorum, and Master in Chancery, was living at this time, but I know of no sufficient reason to conclude that he was the person named above. From the character of his two sureties the accused must have been a man of good position.

³ Colonel John Birch already mentioned. No. **lxxi.**, *ante*.

captain, & to have gone alonge with him to serve Sir William Breaerton, committed the 21 January 1642.

P. Walter Pigott, Esqr

6. Thomas Blackmere, late of Overton,¹ charged with speaking of words tending to high tresson. Comitted the 28 of January, 1642.

P. Tho: Wolrych, Knight & Baronet
Edward Acton } Esqrs.
Edward Cresset }

7. Richard Phillips, charged with speaking scandelous words against his Ma'tie & wishing the death of the prince, & other the Comissioners of Aray, which hath bin proved upon oath. Comitted the 28 of January 1642.

Balled by Paul Harris P. Paul Harris, Knight & Baronet
Knight & Baronet

8. Thomas Harris, gent, charged for his wilfull refusall in Joyning with the power of your County for the Preservacon of the peace thereof, beinge legally somened therunto. As allso his Manifold expresion of his disafection to his Ma'tie & maintayning the rebellion by the Earle of Essex, & other his adherance in taking up of Armes against his Ma'tie: com' the 13 day of february 1642.

P. Paul Harris, Knight and baronet
ffrancis Thornes, Esqr

9. Lawrence Alinson, comitted for expressinge him selfe to be a Parsson justley suspected to be disafected in not houlding the Earl of Essex, & those that take his part, to be Rebells, & houldinge other Tresonable opinions. Com' the 22 day of february 1642.

P. Henry Bromley, vic'.

10. John Browne² of litle nese, comitted for that he hath absolutly refussed to joyne with the power of the County, &

¹ Overton, two miles south-west of Stottesden.

² That the charges against John Brown were proved, and that he suffered imprisonment, is probable, although we have no proof; but I learn from Gough's *History of Middle* (p. 98) that this John Browne, of Little Ness, was, at the time of the Commonwealth, chosen by the Protector, together with Thomas Baker, of Sweeney, "to bee a Parliament man," i.e., a Knight of the Shire. The same authority calls him "a selfe conceited, confident person, butt one that Mr. Baker had a great respect for, because hee favoured the Independent Party. This Parliament," he proceeds to say, "was picked by the Protector through the whoale Kingdom, and not chosen by the free-

refussed to pay the taxacion legaly impossed upon him tuchinge the same, And for that also he hath Manifestly expressed him selfe to be disafected in denyinge the Earle of Essex, & those that tooke his part at Edge hill against the Kinge to be Rebles, & in sayinge that it is conceved that the power of the Kinge is in the two housses of Parlyament. Comitted the 27 day of february 1642.

P. Paul Harris, Knight & baronett.

LXXXII. BUSHELL'S CONTRACT FOR CLOTHING.

1642-3.

March the 6th 1642.

Mr Bushell made his proposition thus that he would procure for the King's Souldiers Cassocks, Breeches, Stockings & Capps at reasonable rates to be delivered at Oxford, and at the delivery to receyve readye money, or a bill of exchange to be payd at London, the choyce to be left to them who provide the clothes. And when one Loade of Clothes is brought, or in bringing, to go on with providing of a second Loade, and so from time to time till the Kings Army be all provided for, and payd for in such manner as before.

Ro: Heath.¹ Ri. Spencer.² Ni. Crisp.³ Geo. Strode.⁴

holders, as usuall. Itt was thought that the Protector chose this Parliament on purpose thatt they might make him King; butt this Parliament was too wise to do that, although the Protector, when he turned them out, called them a Parliament of fools." It was through the families of the Bakers and the Brownes that the Sweeney estate descended to the present owner. See the letter from John Browne's brother complaining of the rough treatment of the soldiers when apprehending their prisoner.

¹ Probably Sir Robert Heath, Lord Chief Justice, already mentioned.

² (?) of Whittton, in the Parish of Westbury, Salop.

³ Sir Nicholas Crisp, knighted in 1641, received a commission from the King in July of this year (1643) to raise a regiment of five hundred horse, but before it was complete it was surprised in his absence at Cirencester by Essex and captured to a man. The disaster appears to have entailed on him no discredit in the opinion of the King, who, in the November following, commissioned him to raise a regiment of fifteen hundred foot, but it would appear he did not carry out the design. (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*) He erected a mansion at Hammersmith, was created a Baronet in 1665, in which year he died. His son, Ellis Crisp, married a daughter of Sir George Strode.

⁴ Sir George Strode belonged to an old Somersetshire family. He resided in London, and afterwards at Westerham, co. Kent. He

LXXXIII. WALTER JAMES TO SIR FRANCIS OTTLEY,

1642-3.

WORTHY SIR SERVIS UNTO YOU.

I am fearfull least you should be Offended for not acquainting you from our Litchfield.¹ I sent a Townsman upon Fryday thither and is not com home yett. and what I shall do I know not, and goe I dare not. Collonell Hasting entered one Street as it is reported upon Sunday Afternoon—this mans not Comming doth extremlly trouble me and his wife doth almost make me Mad, I pray you send me word what I shall do in this case, so in hast I rest

Your Servant to be Commanded

WA: JAMES
 Newport March 6th
 To my honnored Sir Francis Ottley Knt
 and Barronett Governor of Shrewsbury
 present these.

LXXXIV. T. HANMER TO THE SAME.

1642-3.

SIR,

I have sent my Servants with some Carts to fetch away my Goods which I left in my House in Shrewsbury, I shall desire they may have your Ticket to pass the Gate without interuption, I am by the Kings command to stay some time in Chester, where I shall be ready to serve you as,

Yo^r Friend & ServantChester March 7th 1642.

T. HANMER

Mr Bridgman I know will tell you all the News of o^r parts
 To the Honora. Sr Francis Oteley.
 at Shrewsbury.

married Rebecca, daughter of Nicholas Crispe, Citizen and Skinner of London, and dying 20 May, 1663, was buried at All Hallows, Lombard Street. By his will, which was proved P.C.C. 3 June, 1663, he left £100 to his friend, Sir Orlando Bridgeman.

¹ Lichfield surrendered to the Parliamentary forces under John Gell, on March 4th. It appears that the writer had not heard of this at the time of writing.

LXXXV. THO: BUSHELL TO THE SAME.

1642-3.

HONOR'D Sr

I have here in Closed sent you the Kings Letter and the undertaking of your Servant upon Confidence that I should find your best furtherance, wch shall as much redowne to your honor as anything that ever you appeared in, therefor be active in your Assistance and perswation to those I have writt to, the letter they will shew you and for news I refer you [to] the in Closed letter and pamphlets, for am sleepy, soe rest

March the 8th

Your Servant

1642.

THOMAS BUSHELL¹

for his honord Frend

Sr Francis Ottley

Governor of Shrewsbury

LXXXVI. W. SMITH TO THE SAME.

1642-3.

NOBLE Sr

I lately writt unto you by a servant of mine; since when I presented you and your vertuous Lady with my service by yo^r Brother, & I do hereby prosecute the same Offering to you all. I suppose by this my servant you will receive some Order about your troublesome Townsmen² to your future ease, & quiet in your Goverment; wherein I shall not fail to assist yo^r desires to Mr. Secretarie, and make you as good returns as I am Able, I have now no News to Salute you withall; only P. Rupert is abroad, & as I am informed he is this night at

¹ The numerous letters written by Thomas Bushell to Sir Francis Ottley, and the interest he takes in his friend's welfare, point to a very cordial relationship between them. He was a Worcestershire man, engaged in working royal mines in Wales and elsewhere, and was Warden and Master-worker of the royal mint. Having the ear of the King he did not fail to do all in his power to maintain the good understanding between Sir Francis and the King. For further particulars of him see O. & B. *Hist. of Shrewsbury*, vol. i., p. 423.

² This allusion of William Smith, the Provost Marshall, is probably to the men whose names are given in the warrant (No. xci. post) of Sir Francis Ottley.

Sadbury ten miles short of Bristoll;¹ we dayly expect some good News from him as comfortable as that of the L. Brook's Death. S^r I will give you no further trouble but rest

Oxford March 8th 1642. Yo^r humble Servant

W. SMITH.

Mr. Secretary expects something under your own hand about yo^r prisoners & then you will soon find his care of you & yo^r Affairs.

To my hono^{ble} Friend S^r Francis Oately Knight
at Shrewsberie
present this.

LXXXVII. WALTER JAMES TO THE SAME.

1642-3.

NOBLE SIR

Having such an Opportune Messenger I am bound to make you acquainted with this present news concerning Litchfield; it is reported that my Lord of Northampton his forces are upon the towne. They report prince Maurice is by Coventry. Their force at Litchfield is but fifteen Hundred, from the Mouth of Sir Edward Dearing that was in our towne this Day, & S^r John Skevington continue at Weston att S^r W Bruerton's. a great part of Staffordshire hath received Warrants now presently to rise for his Majestie, which if they will not Appear they shall fall upon their Estates and themselves for delinquents: Sir Thomas Wolrich came to our towne last night with his band, and the post of Birmingham coming to our towne the packetts were stopt, and brought unto Sir Thomas Wolrich, four letters I sent unto your perusall that were for Namptwich, I sent a letter unto you this week, and I desired that you would be pleased to give me som directions concerning som business, but I had non; I shall have tomorrow absolute intelligence from Coventry, and then you shall have perfect intelligence from thence.

Mar: 10th

So in hast I rest

Your humble Servant

WA: JA:

¹ Prince Rupert had marched towards Bristol with 6,000 horse. Some of the leading merchants of that city had promised to open the gate to him in the night, but the plot was discovered (March 7th), and by the prompt action of Colonel Birch, the leaders were captured, two of whom, Yeomans and Bourchier, were afterwards executed. Rupert returned to Oxford as hastily as he had come, and Essex made no attempt to follow him. (Gardiner, and *Life of Birch*).

here is a good report: Sir Will.
 Bruerton is either slain or dangerously shott at Delamere,
 if it's not so I would it were.
 To my Most Honnored Sr Francis Ottley Govern. of Shrewsbury
 present.

LXXXVIII. RIC: LLOYD TO THE SAME.

1642-3.

Sr

Upon Monday, when Sir Nicholas Byron intends to be
 at Shrewsbury, I shall be able to give you an account touching
 the muskets—in the meane[time] I will bespeake all the
 muskets the gunners can make. . . . I am most heartily,
 Wrexham, this Y^r Affectionate humble Servant,

10th of March, 1642.

RIC. LLOYD¹

for my most honoured
 Sr ffrancis Ottley, Knt,
 at Shrewsbury, these.

LXXXIX. THOMAS SPENCER TO THE SAME.

1642-3 [?].

MAIE IT PLEASE YOU SIR

Seeinge the necessitie of all meanes of defence to be
 such as yt is And that we can not be furnished with such
 Armes as we showld It were goode we provide such as wee
 can, therefore I meane to have yt propounded to the Justices
 at theire meeting at Wesbury on Monday next, That a compe-
 tent number of such Staves as I saw in your hall with fower
 Crosse pickes towards the upper end, maie be raised within

¹ To the first letter of Richard Lloyd in this series (No. xxvi.) I appended a note suggesting it might have been written by Richard Lloyd of Llwynymaen, but this is a mistake. There is little doubt that the frequent correspondent of Sir Francis Ottley was Sir Richard Lloyd of Ecclusham, near Wrexham, at whose house the King staid on his way from Shrewsbury to Chester in September, 1642, and again on his return from that city, on which occasion he knighted him. According to the authority of the *Dictionary of National Biography*, he was the eldest son of Priamus Lloyd, of Marrington, Shropshire, entered the Inner Temple 1631; and attended Charles I into North Wales in 1639. In a commission of Prince Rupert preserved in the muniments of Shavington, Shropshire, he is styled "Attorney General of Wales and the Marches." In 1645 he was made Governor of Holt Castle, Denbigh, and treated with the Parliament for its capitulation, Dec. 1646. He died 1676, and was buried in Wrexham Church.

our hundreds, by such as shall be thought meete: which will be the like to take effect, because the chardg will be little though the use maie be greate and necessarie. My request therfore for this purpose is That you would be pleased to lend me one of yours for a patterne for the Smithe for the making of the heads, which being once taken I will not faile to returne yt back whithin fewe daies. Sir hoping you will bothe approve and further our purpose herein I rest,

Your Wor'ps to be comaunded

To the right wor'p'll
S'r francis Otley
p. my S^t

THO: SPENCER.¹

XC. THO: SAUNDERS TO HIS BROTHER.

1642-3.

DEARE BROTHER

My Lo: Capell is coming to you to rayse horse & foot, and Comand them in Cheife. I intend to follow, and take some imployment under him, I stay here yett upon the Kings especiall comand (& cannot gett loose) & can have almost what I will of him. Good S^r as I know you serve the King w'th all your heart, & love mee, deale w'th all your acquaintance & freinds (my unkle Burton imprimis) to send into him all the foot & dragoons voluntiers you can they shalbee lysted & payd; And I shall have the comand of them. you know my condition, I love a man, shall incourage & use them well that am no Merchant of Armes or men. God quite all your love to mee and mine. My love to you my deare sister & yours in hast I am &^e

Oxford 15^o Martii 1642.

Your ever lo: Brother

Jacks duty to you

THO: SAUNDERS

noe news worth writing.

To my deare Brother

Tho: Fowler² at his howse
in Shrewsbury or elswhere

speed mee.

¹ Of Whitton, in the parish of Westbury, son of Thomas Spenser of the same place, and Margaret his wife; baptized at Westbury, June 8th, 1568, entered Shrewsbury School 1580, described as gen. fil. et heres in the Register. Margaret Spenser appears in the list of benefactors to the poor of the parish of Westbury for the sum of £6 13s. 4d., but whether this be the lady above mentioned, or not, I cannot say.

² His family was seated at Harnage Grange, near Shrewsbury. (See Letter iv. and note).

XCI. SIR FRANCIS OTTLEY'S ORDER TO APPREHEND 43
DISLOYAL PERSONS.

1642-3.

Salop. To Reginald Shelvocke, Stephen Davis and Andrew Gibbons, Gent, the three sergants of my band, especially to Thomas Culcopp, Josias Lloyde, Humfrey Davis.

forasmuch as the p'sons whose names are subcribed have not upon severall proclamacons made within this towne app'ed (with such Arms & weapons as they had) to Shewe therie love and loyalltie to his ma'ts service for the defence and preser-vacon of this towne, but have bene backward & slacke therein and rather shewed theire obydience to the Militia against his majestie as formerly they did or durst doe and are negligent & doe sleight the same service to the greate & highe contempt of his majests person and power. These are therefore in his majesties name to charge and comaunde you or any of you ymediatly upon receipt hereof you apprehend the said severall persons, and bringe or cause them to be brought to the custody of the Provost Martiall of this towne there to remayne till such tyme as his majests pleasure in that behalfe be further knowne: Given under my hand and Seale at Salop the xvijth day of March, 1642.

Walter Bentley	Tho: Birchwood
John Harries	Rich. Everall, Cors'r
Andrew Harris	Ja: Whittacres
Edward Clye	Edward Phipps
Rich: flarryan	John Hopton
Jonathan Rowley	Row: Prees
Henry Stone	John Tompkins
Danyell Pughe	John Wallthall
Richard Hotchkiss	Alex: Cleaton
Tho: Jencks	Tho: Luckman
Danyell Jencks	Henry Hill
Tho: Phillipps, Drap.	John Clough
John Wright	Ed: Browne
Walter Grincell	John Jones
William Mason	Geo. Cowper
Tho: Oram	William Lloyde
Rich: Baggott	Edward Hanmer
Ed: Cheshire, tan'	Rich: Fawkner
Tho: Lluellin	John Ottmoore
Rich: Millward	Robert Grene
Will: Dax	Sam: Mall
Tho. Clarke	FFRANCIS OTTLEY Go,

XCII. JOHN JEFFREYS TO MR. ROWLY.

1642-3.

MR ROWLY,

I sent a letter a fortnight since, to desire you to deliver the 2 trunkes of S^r Willm Howard's (which I left at yo'r house) to one Marke Rooke, servant to Mr. Comptroler; if you have not delivered them pray take care that they be sent by the next convoy with Mr Bushell's goods, or otherwise safly, I entreat you to acquainte the governor of the towne hearewith, and send them as soon as you can, and you will very much oblige,

17 March

Yo'r very loving friend

1642.

Jo JEFF¹

Pray write to mee by whom you send them, wee ly at one nollums nere Christ Church in Oxford.
ffor his loveng friends Mr
Jonathan² or Benjamin
Rowly at Shrewsbury, these.

The sense of insecurity expressed in the following letter arose, doubtless, from a very severe reverse sustained by the King's troops under Sir Thomas Aston, at Middlewich, six days previously (March 11th). The account given by Phillips in his *Civil War in Wales* is as follows:—"The largest force which had yet issued out of Chester came to Middlewich. They were exceedingly strong in foot soldiers, most of whom were Welshmen, under the command of Col. Ellis and Major

¹ Probably John Jeffreys, Esq., a Councillor of the Court of the Marches, and Justice of North Wales.

² Jonathan Rowley was the son of William Rowley of Shrewsbury, draper, by his wife Alice, daughter of John King of Birmingham. The father was an intimate friend of the celebrated Nonconformist minister, Richard Baxter, and the son appears to have embraced the same religious principles, hence he was no friend of the royal cause. His name will be found in the preceding list of those whom the Governor had ordered to be apprehended and brought before him on the charge of not having shown their loyalty to his Majesty's service. It is probable that Jonathan Rowley found means to escape from the town and await a more favourable turn of events, which in due course arrived, for during the Commonwealth he was elected (1653) Mayor of Shrewsbury.

Gilmore. Sir Thomas Aston commanded the horse. The next day was Sunday. Partial as was the Puritan to a strict observance of the Sabbath, even in his view there were times when work and not repose was to be. And it was so now, the urgency of the occasion did not admit of delay, and Sir William Brereton occupied himself the whole day in preparing for the morrow, when an attack was a certainty, and in annoying the enemy by frequent alarms. Sir William was then at Northwich superintending the fortifications going on there. The body of his forces was at Nantwich. Messages were sent thither ordering them to join with the Nantwich forces on Monday morning. The battle, however, had been raging for some hours before these appeared. When they did come they brought victory with them. The royalists could not stand the attack of the reinforcements, and were driven back from the streets into the church, where they were 'wedged up like billets in a wood-pile, no man at his arms.' All in the church were captured. No less than five hundred prisoners were made; among them were Col. Ellis, Major Gilmore, some eleven captains, and a number of other officers. Horses, arms, and ammunition in great quantity fell into the hands of the Parliamentarians. The Royalists were utterly routed. Sir Thomas Aston gives a graphic picture of the entire want of discipline, if not even the cowardice, of the men engaged." (Phillips, i., 144).

XCIII. SIR VINCENT CORBETT AND OTHERS TO SIR
FRANCIS OTTLEY.

1642-3.

NOBLE SIR

In regard of the presente daunger wee daylie conceave our selves to bee in, and the want of ffield Officers to comande us under our Collonell, the enemie Daylie threatning or approachinge, doe request that favoure from you for the reasons above s^d that you will be pleased to afford us the assistance of Captaine Rainsford with all possible speede for

his Ma^{ties} servis, we and your selves being soe much concerned
in it, and you will ever ingadge us to bee reallie,

Yor ffaitfull Kinsmen to serve you

Whitchurch March^h: friday

1642 } the 17th

For our Noble worthy ffriend
& Kinsman Sr Francis Ottely
Governour of the Towne of
Shrewsbury

these presente.

V. CORBETT
EDW: KINASTON¹
THO: PIGOTT²
REES TANAT³

XCIV. FRANCIS SMYTH TO THE SAME.

1642-3.

NOBLE S^r

This bearer my most speciall frend, and I assure you a
reall man for the Kinge, hath desired me to write unto you in
the behalfe of one Mr Wicherley a frend of his who being a
welthy man is much threatned and terrified by some unruly
souldiers passing towards Whitchurch. he assures me that
the man is right which I know he would not doe if it were

¹ Edward Kynaston, of Oteley, co. Salop, Esq., son of Sir Francis Kinaston, mentioned in Walpole's *Anecdotes of Painting* as Regent of the Academy for the fine arts established by the King (to whom he was Esquire of the body) in 1636, under the name of Museum Minerva, the members of which held their meetings at his house in Covent Garden. He was the translator of the *Troilus and Cressida* of Chaucer into Latin verse, published at Oxford in 4^{to} 1635, and died soon after the commencement of the civil war. His son Edward appears among those who signed the "Engagement and Resolution of the principall Gentleman of the countie of Salop" before noticed, was among those taken prisoners at the capture of Shrewsbury, Feb. 22nd, 1644-5, compounded for his estate by payment of £1,500, with £50 per annum settled, and was buried at Ellesmere April 21st, 1656.—G.M.

² Thos. Pigott of Stafford and Chester, younger son of Thos. Pigott of Chetwend, co. Salop, and brother of Walter Pigott of the latter place, whose name also appears to the "Engagement" just mentioned, as do those of Sir Rowland Lee, Sir Vincent Corbett, Sir John Wild, Sir Thomas Eyton, and Sir Francis Otley before mentioned.—G.M.

³ Rees Tanat, of Abertanat, co. Salop, who compounded for his estates by payment of £85. He died 1661.—G.M.

otherwise. My humble suite unto you is that you will be pleased to graunte him a protecccon under your hand which I doubt not will quiet the busines, and will give my good frend greate satisfaccon and bind me in a further obligacon of service unto you whoe ever will be

Your wor'ps humble servant
to be comaunded

Burton 17 M'tii

1642.

FFRA: SMYTH.¹

To the right wor'll my
most honoured frend S^{fr}
ffrauncis Otley, Knight
govenour of Shrewsbury

these pr'sent.

XCV. M. GRIFITH TO THE SAME.

1642-3.

S^r FRANCES OTELYE,

All thouge I have not the honer to be knowne to you
ye relation off y'r meritts have given me an ambition of your
aquaintance, and a confidence that you will oblige me soe
mutche as to satisfie me whether anie newse conserning my
father have com to you, or noe ; it has been reported hear that
at Shrewsbeury thar is much sartainetie off sutch acedents be
falne him, which have mutch prejeudiced him in y'e lose off

¹ Burton is two miles south-west of Wenlock, and within the parish, the register of which has several records of the Smyth family. Francis Smith, gent., was displaced from the offices of Common Clerk, and Clerk of the Peace of the Borough of Wenlock, in consequence of his being adjudged a delinquent by ordinance of Parliament, September 19th, 1646, and his name is amongst the compounders for the sum of £28. Who the "special friend," the bearer of the letter, was, we have no means of learning, but we shall be probably correct if we assume the "wealthy Mr. Wicherley" to be Richard Wicherley of Yorton, of whom Gough, in his *History of Middle*, writes that "his father was a welthy man, very provident and spareing, or as some would say covetous"; and that the son, Richard, "was heire to his father's patrimony and parsimony. I never heard that he was commended either for his charity to the poore, his hospitality to his neighbours, nor his plentiful housekeeping to his servants. Hee was troubled in the time of the wars (temp. Car. I.) with the outrages and plunderings of soldiers on both parties (as all rich men were) and seeing his goods and horses taken away, and his money consumed in paying taxes, hee tooke an extreeme greife and dyed."

his Ma'sties faver, which I am sumthing hardly perswaded to beleeve upon vullgar relation, tharfore desire this faver from you, & shall with impatience expecte ye returne of this mesinger: hoping from you to reseave ye trewth which, how ill soe ever, is mutch more acceptable from sutch a relater than it can be from anie other; I pray your S^r let it be ye hole, as you have reseved it, & ye honer you doe me shall make me hapy in anie opertunitie wherein I may expres my selfe,

S'r y'r servante,

S^r frances Wortley
w'ch was at Shrewsbeury
is he inquire[d] after.

M. GRIFFITHE.

For Sr Francis Otelie
Kt. Captane off Shrewesbeurie,

XCVI. ISAAC SCOTT TO THE SAME.

1642-3.

NOBLE SIR,

My sonne came up to London upon occasions of mine, I hope it is noe offence, I pray you if it be doe me that favor as pase it bye, it was his dutie & respects to me which I kindlie take from him; likwaise, I doe intreate you use him in these distracted times with what favour you can. A base fellow hath cast an aspersion upon me, which hath caused much trouble to me, but was glad to take the winges of the morninge, for what he unjustlie charged hee durst not stey to make good, neither could. I pray you, good Sir, to excuse me in my bouldnes, but I beche you be kind to mye sone, & I shall ever rest,

Yours ISAAC SCOTT¹

I conceived my busnes would have bene dispached before this, but hee is to come up in the ester weecke to doe some busnes

¹ Isaac Scott, of Shrewsbury, was the son of Richard Scott, who came from Kent and settled in Shrewsbury, by his wife Mary (*née* Wettenhall). He married Elizabeth Stephens, by whom he had a son Richard Scott, a very zealous royalist, whose absence from Shrewsbury appears to have subjected him to a false charge touching his loyalty. Richard married Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Isaac Scott of Betton Strange, 11 Dec., 1637, son of Anthony Scott of the same place.

for me, which I pray you let him not be stayd in, & you will
doe me a great Curteseye; and you will ever bind me yours,

ISAAC SCOTT.

To his hono'red & much
estemed frend S^r francis Otely,
Govenor of Shrewsbury,

XCVII. JOHN COOK TO THE SAME.

1642-3.

Right Worp'll, I humbly thanke you for the assurance
which you have given mee, that my returne into Shrewsbury
shalbe without danger; which I have reason the rather to be
confident of because I knowe not any thing by my selfe,
wherein I have otherwise behaved myselfe, then becometh a
good & Loyall subject to his Ma'tie. But so it is, that for the
present my occasions are such as detayne mee awhile, but
assonne as my busines is finished, I shall (god willing) returne
to my house, presuming that myne innocency, by your
worships favour, will free me from any trouble. And, therefore,
I beseech you to make noe ill construction of my absence.
And soe with my service presented to your worship, I humbly
take leave, resting,

Your wo'ps to be comanded

To the Right worp'll
S^r ffrancis Oteley
Knight pr'sent these.

JOHN COOK¹

CXVIII. FRANCES FOXE TO THE SAME.

1642-3.

S^r

I am entreated to move yu in the behalfe of my Cosen
John Clough,² and to give yu an account of the causes of his
being absent on Munday at the Generall Muster, which he

¹ John Cooke, of Shrewsbury, dyer, was son of Thomas Cooke, of Wellington, Salop, tanner; he was admitted a burgess of Shrewsbury in 1616, and served the office of Mayor in the time of the Commonwealth, 1654, Humphrey Mackworth being then Governor of the town. His vindication of his loyalty is much discounted by his after life.

² John Clough and his wife Joan resided in St. Julian's parish, Shrewsbury; he served the office of Church-warden in 1640, being designated in the Church books gent. His name is in the list (no. xci. ante) of those who did not answer to the proclamation made

vows was not out of any disaffection to the caues, but by resun that he dares not goe abraud ther being some bisnes against him for surtishep, he says he hath ever bin redy upon all occasions to show his fidelity to the King, he toke the Protestation before the Mare, and will not refus any Servis, in case he were free to goe without dainger; his humbel petition is that you will be pleased to pardon his absence tel he can free himselfe of the travel he is in, or otherwise he must be forst to leve the Towne; I presume the rathert o beage [beg] favour for him, because I veryly beleve him to be A man no way affected to the Puritan fatction, but most vement against them, according to his Judgement, he is one not likely to doe much hurt of ether sid; Thus, hoping you will be pleased to show favour to this poor man, for which I shall be ever thankfull, and rest,

Your poor Sister and Servant

March the 19. [1642]

FRA: FOXE.¹

I beseech to have my humble Servis presented to yo'r Lady, and my respects to my Cosenes.
To my most Honored Brother,

Sr Francis Ottley,

present these wth my service

XCIX. W. BLUNDEN TO THE SAME.

1642-3.

SIR

I have this day sent a letter to our high Sheriffe to know his pleasure what [is] to be done concerning my . . . Company of dragoones, I desire you to do me that favour to have an answer by this bearer from the Sherife of his resolutions what [is] to be done, if that the Sherife be not in towne I desire you to open the letter, and to have your Resolution what is to be done, I pray you to Aford your best Advise and furtherance what is to be done, and you shall Command him, whom is y^r Servant,
March, the 19th 1642.

W: BLUNDEN.

within the town to appear with "arms and weapons," and were consequently ordered by the Governor to be apprehended. There was a family of this name seated at Minsterley and Hogstow in 1623, who bore arms:—Gules three pine apples, two and one, argent, leaved and stalked proper; John Clough was probably of this family.

¹ This was the eldest sister of Sir Francis Ottley, who married Edward Fox, Esqr., of the Hurst, Salop, son and heir of Henry Fox, Esqr., of the same place.

I have not as yet received my Cullers from our Coronell¹; I
pray you to Com'and.

To the Right Woo^{ll} his truly Affected Cosen Sir
Franceis Ottley Knight Gov'ner of Sallop this be
presented.

C. W. BLUNDEN TO HENRY BROMLEY, ESQ., HIGH SHERIFF.

1642-3.

NOBLE SIR,

This day I have a warent from you to oure high
Constables of Slepē hundredes for the someninge of all from
16: ^{to} 60. yeares to be at Bridgnorth one Wensday next which
hath put me to a pussell therein, for I was resolvled with what
forse I had to have come to Sallop the 20 day, beinge
to morrow, therfore, I desire to have your comaund whether I
shall come for Sallope, or else for Bridgnorth, forthwith. We
are altogether destitute of powther, bullettes, & match; if I
goe for Bridgnorth you must have a care to have all things
there, otherwise we shalbe all together unfurnished; soe with
my respectes to you, desireing a speedy answer by this bearer,
I shall ever rest,

Bishops Castell

Af. yo'r freind

March 19. 1642.

W BLUNDEN.

To the Right Woo'll his truly honored ffreind
Henry Bromley Esq^r high Sherife of this County
this be presented.

This was a critical time, and there was probably
some confusion arising from orders and counter-orders.
On the 4th inst. Lichfield had been taken by the Par-
liamentary forces under Gell; Prince Rupert had been
repulsed in his attempt on Bristol on the 7th; and on
the 11th the Royalists were defeated at Middlewich.
Shrewsbury and Bridgnorth had been denuded of
troops, and here was a "force" without ammunition,
without regimental colours, and its commander puzzled
with conflicting orders!

¹ He was a Captain in the Regiment of Colonel Sir Robert Howard,
See letters vi. and xv,

CL. WALTER JAMES TO SIR FRANCIS OTTLEY.

1642-3.

NOBLE SIR

I have sent unto you many times and cannot hear one word from you, this last night hath binn a most sharp battle fought at Stafford¹ many killed of both sides, the least of ours and more considerable, the Lord of Northampton is slain they say and another gallant Collonell it is reported for want of Foot [lost their] Ordnance and all their ammunition, for all that we took 5 or 6 of their Drakes, and five for one they say we have killed, Mr high Sherrif will certifie you of my pains and care to do you both honnor and servis, so in hast I rest

Newport March 20th Yours to be CommandedTo my Honnored Sir
Francis Ottley Governor of Salop
present.

WA: JAMES

CII. ORLANDO BRIDGEMAN TO SIR RICHARD LLOYD.

1642-3.

SIR

I understand this Mathias Gervise hath at Layton² beyond Shrewsbury one tunne of battery shott and a Tonne of Granadoes. the battery Shott was intended by Colonell Ellis³ for Chester, for the peices here and the Granadoes for

¹ This was the battle of Hopton Heath, fought on the 19th March. The Earl of Northampton had been despatched from Banbury to retake Lichfield, when he met Gell's forces about two miles from Stafford. "After a short conflict he drove the enemy before him ; but in the moment of victory, as he was charging too far in advance, his horse was killed under him, and his helmet struck from his head. The Parliamentary soldiers who surrounded him offered him quarter. 'I scorn,' was the disdainful reply, 'to take quarter from such base rogues as you are.' Irritated by this contemptuous rejoinder, a soldier dashed at him with a halbert and silenced him for ever." (Gardiner.) Brereton, arriving on the field, enabled his beaten comrades to hold the ground. Both sides claimed the victory.

² Leighton near Coalbrookdale Iron Works.—G.M.

³ Colonel Robert Ellis, of Gwesnewydd, near Wrexham, was the officer to whom the King assigned the duty of seizing Chirk Castle, January, 1642-3, in the absence of its owner, Sir Thomas Myddleton, which he faithfully carried out with the aid of about a hundred soldiers, and Sir John Watts was made Governor. In the March following he was taken prisoner at the battle of Middlewich, with

Court. There is due for the battery shott to the Masters of the Works 32 : 16 : 0 and to Jervase for the battery shott 2^{lb} : 8 : 0 and for the Granadoes 96^{lb}. I have wished him to go on till I hear further from Court and have ordered him 20^{lb} towards his pay. Some present course must bee taken that the bullets and Granadoes bee brought to Shrewsbury the rather for that 4 pieces must be instantly sent thither and for that purpose course must bee taken wth the M^{rs} of the Iron works for the Money due to them. What must bee done in it I know not. it is not safe letting them to stay where they are. and I wish the granadoes (except some few of them wth I would have here) were sent for forthwith to Oxford. I am so turmoyled here that I scarce know what to write or what to doe as for the battery shott wee have no need of it here. only I wish that there be such a p^rortion left at Shrewsbury as may serve for the 4 peices (which I am sending there) w^{ch} may bee about 100 bullets a peice of each.

I am sending my man for 2 coach mares of Col.ⁿ Hastings w^{ch} he gave mee in exchange for 2 stone horses. S^r Gerard Eyton¹ stayed them as suspecting the man, they are now at M^r Bakers the post masters. I pray let them be delivered to my servant p^resently. and I pray y^u write to S^r ffrancis Oatley to take some present course about the bullets, for that this night, or to-morrow morning early, I intend to send away the canon, and doe not send bullets with them in respect, I conceive, there is bullets enough at the furnace by Shrewsbury. good Sir write to him about it. In great hast, and out of all patience, I write this, who am, y^r most faithfull Servant.²

Sergeant-Major Gilmore, Sir Edward Moscley, and many others, and according to Pennant (*Tour in Wales*) he continued in custody until the following September; on his release he was placed by Lord Capel chief in command in the counties of Denbigh and Flint, where he raised a force of 1,200 men. He was engaged in the defence of Apley Castle in connection with Sir William Vaughan, but being besieged by the Parliamentary forces they were compelled to capitulate, as will be seen further on by the Articles agreed upon, to which their names are attached, bearing date March 24th, 1643-4.

¹ Of Eyton, near Rhuabon, Co Denbigh; a distinct family from the Eytons of Eyton, Co. Salop. He and his son Kendrick Eyton, afterwards knighted, Chief Justice of Wales, and one of the Council in the Marches, were zealous royalists, and paid for their composition £457 10s.—G.M.

² The signature to this letter is omitted, but the writing is that of Orlando Bridgeman.—G.M.

Colⁿ Hastings hath taken and killed 100 at the Heywood going towards Stafford to besiege it.

post the enclosed to Sr ffrancis Ottley and desire him to take especiall care of Convoy of them to Colonell Hastings.

To my ever honoured friend Sir Richard Lloyd
at Wrexham.

CIII. RICHARD MILLWARD'S COMMISSON TO BE ENSIGN BEARER.
1643.

Whereas I have receaved a Comission from the Kinges most Excellent Ma^{te} unto me directed under his Signett Manuall for Governor of this his good Towne of Shrewsbury, and for the Raisinge of fforces both of horse and ffote within the said Towne and libertys for the defence and securitye of the same, and for the suppressinge of all ffources raised or to be raised against his Ma^{te} or contrary to his authoritye and comaund, as likewise for the defence and safetie of his Royall p'son the protestant Rele'gion the Lawes of the Land the liberties of the subiect and priviledges of Parliament And for the nominatinge and appoyntinge for the service aforesaid all officers of Comaund as Captaines Lievtens Ensignes and other officers. I doe therefore by vertue and power of the said Comission constitute and appoynte you Richard Millward gent. to be Ensigne bearor to the foote company raised under the comaunde of Captaine Richard Ottley¹ And for the Exercisinge Trayninge, and disiplininge of the souldiers undr the comaunde aforesaid. And comaunde all inferior officers and souldiers You to obey as theire Ensigne bearor accordinge to this Comission hereby given you And you to observe and followe all such orders and direcions, as you from tyme to tyme shall receave from your Captaine or from me yo^r superior officer and Governor accordinge to occasion and the discipline of warre. And in all things to Governe yo^r selfe as unto your dutye and place of an Ensigne bearor to one foote company doth of right appertayne and belongeth. Given under my hand and Seal at Salop the nyne & Twenteth day of March in the nyenetenth yeare of his mat^s Raigne of England &c 1643.

[Signed] FFRANCIS OTTLEY Go^r

¹ Captain Richard Ottley was the brother of Sir Francis Ottley, born at Rossall, Shrewsbury, 2nd March, 1602; he was the second son of Thos. Ottley.

CIV. RICHARD LLOYD TO SIR FRANCIS OTTLEY.

1642-3.

NOBLE S^r

The inclosed¹ will manifest the occasion of my writing. A course must be taken wth the bullets and Granadoes mentioned in the letters otherwise they may fall into the Enemies power. Mr Bridgmans Confidence is in yo^r care see as the nature and importance of the Service for the King being such, It forbids me further to trouble you but to profess that I [am] in heart,

Wrexham this 20th of
March 1642,

Yo^r most humble &
faithfull Servant
R: LLOYD.

The course that is taken must be proceeded in to morrow.

ffor my ever honoured and noble freind S^r
ffrancis Otteley at Shrewsbury These.

CV. SIR BARNABAS SCUDAMORE TO THE SAME.

1642-3:

S^r EFRAN OTLEY,

The provision² you pleased to spare me was very welcome to Stafford; for the perticuler relation of our battell this messenger will relate, and you may see at the Sherriff's, my busines will not permit me to write at large unto you at this time, but you shall ever find me

ffrom Stafford this
21 Martii 1642.

Your humble servant
B. SCUDAMORE.

CVI. ORLANDO BRIDGEMAN TO THE SAME.

1642-3.

Sir this Tuesday morning I send and hope will bee at Wrexham this night, 3 peices of Ordinance, 2 of brass, one of Iron. I beseech you take present care for their convoy from Orton³ bridge, and for that purpose I desire to hear from you

¹ The preceding letter cii.

² If this relates to the ammunition referred to in the two previous letters, Sir Francis must have acted with great promptitude in despatching the materials. The distance from Leighton to Stafford is little less than 30 miles.

³ Overton Bridge, between Wrexham and Ellesmere. —G.M.

The circuitous route by which these arms were sent was chosen as the only safe one, owing to the north part of Shropshire being exposed to Brereton's incursions.

forthwith. I cannot send many bullets from hence but as many as I can spare I shall send, desiring you to hasten Jervasse to hasten his bullets at Layton, that there bee in all one hundred of Eighteen pound weight a peice, and two hundred of twelve pound weight, to bee ready to go along with the Carriages from Shrewsbury, and, I beseech you, send instantly Post to Colonel Hastings¹ about it. I have written a letter to him here inclosed wth I herewith send with yours these peices are to bee for the present use of Colonell Hastings and of such forces as come to him fro Oxford w^{ch} I hope will this week be a great many. and, therefore, I beseech you sir let present word be sent to him and his directions received therein. I pray God send us good news

I am Sir

Chester Tuesday morning

Y^r very Affectionate Servant

March 21, 1642.

ORL: BRIDGEMAN.

S^r Tho : Astons Regim^t march this day towards Staffordshire, so that I hope they and the Whitchurch forces [will be] in the way betwixt the Enemy and the Canon. the Goven^{or} rec'd your letter and gives you great thanks for it the messenger is in haste, he will send to you shortly.

To my much honoured friend Sir francis Oatley at Shrewsbury hast these to be conveyed with all speed by the post at Wrexham.

N. BYRON.

CVII. SIR BARNABAS SCUDAMORE TO THE SAME.

1642-3.

S^r FFRANCIS OTLYE

I have receaved a letter that their wil be att Shrewbury tomorrow night 3 brass peeces for which cause I am come to Newport this night in expectation of their comming: I pray you send me word that I may give them the meeting to morrow morning by the way or what time they will com for

¹ Colonel Hastings had joined Lord Northampton with the view of retaking Lichfield. Prince Rupert laid siege to the Close and Cathedral, April 10th: it surrendered to him on the 21st.

heare I shall waite their comming. my servis to your Lady & your self I drink your health being your affectionate
servant

B. SCUDAMORE.¹

7 a Clock Wednesday
night.

Wa: Jam.

To my honnored freind
Sr ffrancis Otley
Governor of Sallop.

CVIII. RICHARD LLOYD TO THE SAME.

1642-3.

HONoured S^r

I am to reccomend to yo^r favour and especiall care for their Accomodation twoe Noble gentlemen and my especiall freinds who are now in their passage from the farthest part of Lacashire to his Ma^{tie} at Oxford Theire names Mr. Morgan and Mr. Preston if it fall in yo^r waye to doe them a Courtesie Yo^r servant will stand obliged to Acknowledge and requite if it lye in the power of

Yo^r Already obliged

Wrexham this 21 of March
1642.

R: LLOYD.

To my Ever honoured ffreind
Sr ffrancis Otteley K^{nt} Governor of
Shrewsbury.

CIX. ORLANDO BRIDGEMAN TO THE SAME.

1642-3.

SIR

these Gentleman Spaniards came hither reccommended

¹ Sir Barnabas Scudamore was serving under Col. Hastings at Stafford, for whom the three brass pieces mentioned in Orlando Bridgeman's letter were intended. Sir Barnabas was a younger brother of the noble house of Holme Lacey, Herefordshire. He was appointed Governor of Hereford by Prince Rupert, which city he successfully held for six weeks against the Scotch forces under the Earl of Leven, who besieged it in August, 1645; but on its surprise by Col. Birch in December of the same year he with difficulty escaped across the frozen river Wye, and fled to Ludlow, from thence to Worcester, intending to ride to Oxford and exculpate himself at the feet of the King. At Worcester, however, he was seized and imprisoned for seven months, and having fruitlessly endeavoured to obtain his trial by a court of war, he published his defence. (*Life of Col. Birch*, Cam. Soc.) He compounded for his estate by payment of £100.

from the Countess of Darby¹ and are going now to Court I beseech y^u, Sir, let them have the favour from y^u w^{ch} is due to all strangers, and that you will please to provide them of lodgings and horses for their money.

This, sir, is the desire of

Y^r Affectionate Servant,

Chester March 22, 1642.

ORL : BRIDGEMAN

To my Noble friend Sir Francis Oateley
at Shrewsbury.

I pray help the bearer who goes to Co^rt wth good post horses,
or other horses, from y^u to Worcester.

More forces are come this day to Namptwich for the enemy.

CX. SIR NICHOLAS BYRON TO THE SAME.

1642-3.

NOBLE Sr

I thank you for your good intelligence & in requitall
sende you the assured taking of preston in Lacashire by my
Lord of Darby² with y^e cannon & ammunition soe that all will
be well where [were] you rightly setled, for which cause I am
ready to wayte on you at an hower's warninge when I shall
receave sum'ns from you or your Sherife, I pray you wryte to
the Baylife of Bridgenorth, or get these packets conveyde by
water³ beinge of Extraordinary concernment to the King at

¹ "This illustrious lady was the third daughter of Claude, Duke of Thouars, Prince of Palmont, and a Peer of France, by Charlotte, daughter of William first Prince of Orange, whose wife was of the Royal House of Montpensier. She was married when very young to James Stanley, seventh Earl of Derby, with whom she lived in peaceful happiness till civil strife called him to the defence of the Isle of Man, leaving to his countess the management of all his English affairs." How gallantly she acquitted herself of this trust may be learned from Warburton's *Prince Rupert*, from which work is taken the above extract (Vol. i., 362).

² James Stanley, seventh Earl of Derby, already noticed (Letter XLIX., note, *ante*), raised three regiments of foot and three troops of horse, clothed and armed them at his own expense, and defeated the Roundheads at Houghton Common, and took Preston by storm.

³ The value of the river Severn to the Royalists at this time can be hardly realised by us to its full extent. By Shrewsbury, Bridgnorth, Worcester, Gloucester, and Bristol a long line of communication was kept open, destined soon to be limited by the activity of Waller in the capture of Gloucester and Bristol. Several certificates

Oxford & yr care will oblige me Particular

Chester the 22nd of

Yo^r humble Servt

March 1642.

N. BYRON.

To his honored ffrend S^r ffrancis Otley

Governor of Shrewsbery

Chester 22 of March rec'd att 4 in the Afternoon

W^m Owen.

Rec^d this packett after 7 of y^e Clock in ye afternoon Wrexham

Thomas Baker.

Rec: this after 9 of the clocke in the afternoon J. Higginson,
Ellesm.

CXI. SIR BARNABAS SCUDAMORE TO THE SAME.

1642-3.

S^r FFRAN : OTLEY

I receaved your lre this morning & shall advance with the troopes to you this night at Wellington. I have sent Capt. Bagott purposely to attend the March of the Canon & I shall desire you to hasten them as soon as you can for I only waite their coming. I know you will not slack tyme in any thing, therefore I shall in treate you to present my service to S^r Rob^t Wolseey¹, & desire him to deliver the ammunition to

to trowmen are present among these papers, and warrants to impress bargemen for special service, of which two examples may be given:—

Ville To John Prychard & Abraham Gyles.

Salop. I require yo to ympresse Two able Bardgmen to convey by Bardge downe by water to Bridgnorth divers of his Ma'ties souldyers & Ammunition And this shall bee yo'r warrant: Salop the xjth day of October, 1642.

John Studley.

These are to sertify that this bearor Abram Gyels a barge mane of Shroesbury being pressed with his barge for the Kinges servis for transporting the Company of Capt. Bolle from Shrosbury to Bridg-North hath honestly Carried him self & desired this not [note] from mee to sertify that he hath reseaved no mony.

John Bolle.

¹ Sir Robert Weiseley, 1st Baronet, Clerk of the King's Letters Patent. He died September 4th, 1646, aged 59.—G.M.

you wlich my Lo : Aston¹ tould mee of this day & let it come along with the canon : Satisfaction shall be given for all, therefore I pray you neglect nothing. So with my best affection to your Selfe & my Service to my Lady I rest,

Your faithfull friend

Newport, Mar. 23.

1642.

to serve you

B. SCUDAMORE.

To my honoured ffriend
Sr francis Ottley
Gov'nour of Shrewsbury.

CXII. THOMAS JUCKES TO THE SAME.

1642-3.

Buttington 23th March, 1642.

NOBLE SYR

My service and devoted respects remembered. I have made bould to write these fewe lines in the bearer his behalfe Edwarde Wilcocks who is tenante to my brother at the yle of Rassoll, whoe I Conceive to be a man well affected, and Cordiall to his Majesty, and (as hee aseevereth to mee) hath taken the last p'testation, w'ch no good subject will denye), butt howsoever, my Cosyn Stirry, whoe had a greate deale of money of my brother for to passe an estate of the lande the bearer howldeth as tenante to my brother, or some frinde of his, doth tearme the bearer a rounde head, and bee is threatened every day to be plundered, and stripped by dissolute p'sons of all hee hath and my Cosyn Stirry would have the bearers turne tenant, and pay the rent to hym, and would enter of his landes agayne, and have the lease forfeited, and disanulled ; because hee aledgeth my brother hath declared hym selfe a disaffected p'sonn to his Majesty, and is in the parlement army as hee heareth, which I hope is not true, for I will assure you I never heard of any such news and I should bee sorry and much abased to heare of y^t to be true. but I heare by my sonninalwe Walter Baygott, and another w'thin the weeke, that they saw hym well in Llondon w'thin this fortnighte, soe that I hope yt bee not true, theirfore (Worthy Cosyn) I would intreate your favoure in the behalfe of the bearer that you would be pleased to speake a worde to my Cosyn Stirry to forbearre to terrifie the bearer with his entrie and wronging his poore freind, and that you would be pleased to p'tecte hym

¹ This must refer to Sir Thomas Aston, Bart., before noticed, there being no Lord Aston.—G.M.

from plundering by your power; soe I rest your Cosen to
serve you.

THO: JUCKES.¹

To the right wo^l his ever approved and
much Honored Cosyn Sy^r ffraunce Ottley,
knight, Cheefe Govenor of his Majesties
good towne of Shrewsbury,

Present these.

CXIII. JOHN CORBETT TO THE SAME.

1643.

WORTHY Sr

I am certainly informed that there is a Soldier of mine
one Sylvanus Floyd who rann away from me about three
weeks since with his Horse and Arms, now in Shrewsbury, if
you will do me the favour to make enquiry after the man and
clopp him up till such time as I can take further Order with
him, you shall add to the engagements of

Yo^r Friend & Servant

from my quarters at

JOHN CORBETT²

¹ Thomas Juckles of Buttington, Esq., was the son of George Juckles, by Mary, daughter of George Kerry of Binweston, Esq. He was grandson of Thomas Juckles of Buttington, Sheriff of Montgomeryshire in 1580, 1602, and 1621. The cousinship between Thomas Juckles and Sir Francis Ottley arose from an aunt of the latter, Anne Ottley, daughter of Adam Ottley, having married George Kerry of Binweston.

² John Corbett, Esq., of Child's Arcall, already mentioned as the husband of Lettice Corbett (Paper LXXVII.), was the son of Sir John Corbett, of Stoke and Adderley, Bart. Unlike his father he sided with the King, and signed the "Engagement and Reolution of the Gentlemen of Salop." He was posted at Dunnington, which I take to be a place of this name, though now spelt Donnington, in the parish of Wroxeter. It stands at the foot of Charlton Hill, midway between the high road to Stafford and the river Severn, both of which it would be of great importance to guard. From the summit of the above-named hill, which is about five hundred feet above the sea level, an extensive view of the surrounding country is obtained. There was a shot foundry at Leighton, not more than three miles away on the south-east, in full working order at the time, and much traffic on the Severn, hence the importance of the position. On the death of his father, in 1662, he succeeded to the baronetcy, and had to compound by the payment of £10,000, according to the *Dictionary of National Biography*; but, according to the late George Morris, it was as John Corbet of St. James's, Middlesex, Esq., that he compounded, and in the sum of £1,000.

NN

Dunnington¹
March the 25th Anno 1643.

To his Honored Friend S^r
Francis Oteley in Shrewsbury
these pr'sent

CXIV. THOMAS OWEN TO THE SAME.

1643 [?].

SIR FRANCIS

I presume by Proxie being imprisoned in Person, onely
desiring to p'ticipate of some part of the fruits our Lady Day
hath produced, sickness hath seised me, and to my enlargement
I am forced to call two of Job's freinds, who though
they may ease me one way, they punish me for't, I mean a
Physitian with an Appendant Apothycary, but Sir, to be plain
I beseech you would helpe me to the £5 you knowe is behind
I vowe I am brought lowe, pray suddenly releeve y^r Souldier.
I would borrow, but how can I Imagine the Towne can spare,
if the Governor want. S^r I rest

Your Servant and Kinsman
THOMAS OWEN¹

CXV. COPY OF AN ORDER MADE BY SIR FRANCIS OTTLEY.

1643.

Whereas William Browne of Roden in this County of Salop
gent. hath lent and disbursed in the xijth yeare of his mats
Raigne last past the some of £300 to Humfrey Mackworth,
Esqr. upon certen of his Lands at Betton Strange, by one
Indenture of Mortgage thereof made by the said Humfrey
Mackworth² to the said William Browne payinge threescore

¹ Whether this is the Town Clerk of Shrewsbury, or Lieut.-Colonel Thomas Owen of Whitley, near Shrewsbury, it is not possible to say. As the subject is that of money it is probably the latter, for had it been the former application would have been made to the Corporation. The Governor, as we shall see hereafter, was unable to obtain payment for his officers and men, until Prince Rupert came into these parts and insisted upon their being paid. Both the Town Clerk and the Lieut.-Colonel were among the prisoners taken at the capture of the town.

² Humphrey Mackworth, of Betton Strange, in the parish of St. Chad, Shrewsbury, the eldest son of Richard Mackworth of the same place, was a burgess and alderman of Shrewsbury, named in the Charter of Charles I. (1638); he declared for the Parliament at the outbreak of the war, and was denounced by the King immediately after his departure to Bridgnorth as one of those "persons of good

powndes p ann. out of the said Lands at Betton Strange to the said W^m Browne his Executors adm'rs or assignes, w'ch Lands, together with all the rest of the state of the said Humfrey Mackworth is sequestred into his mat's hands, and to me and others directed as Sequestors thereof. Now knowe ye that in regard the said William Browne, is a loyall & true subiect to his mat^e, and that the Mortgage was soe longe since made before the Sequestracon, and that the said William Browne may quietly enjoy the remaynder of yeres w'thout losse & detriment I Sir ffrancis Ottley Knight, and the Sequestor, for the consideracon aforesaid am content and doe give license and free libertie to the said William Browne his Executors administrators & assignes to take and receave the rents yssues and profft of the said Lands, by vertue and power, and accordinge to the contents of the said Mortgage, w'thout lett or interrupcon of any p'son or p'sons whatsoever. In confirmacon whereof I have hereunto putt my hand the day of 1643.

This next letter is the first intimation, of an official nature, received by the Governor of Shrewsbury of Lord Capel's appointment "under the Prince his Highness" (the Prince of Wales) to the post of

quality" who were guilty of "uttering or dispersing scandalous and seditious speeches, of purpose to alienate the affections of his subjects and to slander his person and government" (See note preceding Letter LXVIII, *ante*). In 1647 he was Governor of Shrewsbury, and in 1651 was summoned to surrender the town by Charles II, when that Prince entered Shropshire in the nominal command of the Scottish Covenanters; but he politely and firmly declined. He died December, 1654, and, having been one of Cromwell's Privy Council, was buried in King Henry VII's Chapel, in Westminster Abbey, on the 26th, with a very magnificent funeral. His house at Betton Strange has long since disappeared, the only thing remaining being the old brick wall that enclosed the garden.

In his hurry to leave the town on the coming of the King the following things were found:—

A note of Mr. Humfrey Mackworth his goodes that are left at the signe of the beli in Coleham.

Imprimis five Curtons and one paire of Vallians
 Three feather Beds and four Boulsters
 Two yellow Ruggs and one Orrenge Blankett
 five yellow Blanketts and one hide Coverlett
 six Pillowes and one Carpett
 Thirteen Cushiones and eight Empty Baggs.

"Lieutenant General of his Majesty's Forces in the counties of Worcester, Salop, and Chester, and the six northern counties of Wales." It was rumoured in the middle of March, as will have appeared in letter xc. from Oxford. The letter of Lord Capel is unfortunately undated, but it was certainly before April 1st, for in the minutes of a Council of War, held on the 3rd, reference is made to a previous order of Council held on the 1st. The historians of Shrewsbury, Owen and Blakeway, consider his appointment arose from the necessity of some authority more efficient than that of Sir Francis Ottley; whereas Phillips (*Hist. Civil War* i., 159) considered he was sent "to try and repair the messes into which the ill-starred Sir Thomas Aston had brought the country." The latter reason appears to me the far more probable one. Warburton in his "Memoirs of Prince Rupert" (ii., 158) refers to a letter from Lord Capel to that Prince dated from Shrewsbury, the 4th of April, telling him that Sir William Brereton is "master of the field" in Cheshire, with the exception of so much ground as the garrison of Chester can command. Sir William quarters at Whitchurch, and Lord Capel conjures the Prince "to come and take it from him." It is therefore somewhat unfair to place the blame on Sir Francis Ottley. The task he had to perform was undoubtedly a difficult one, but he strove manfully to accomplish it, and up to this period had done so successfully.

Lord Capel was created Baron Capel of Hadham, co. Herts, August 6th, 1641. He sat in the Long Parliament for Hadham, and was beheaded in 1648, by direction of Generals, and Parliamentary leaders, for his zealous attachment to his royal master, having previously escaped from prison, but been retaken.

CXVI. LORD CAPELL TO SIR FRANCIS OTTLEY,
1643.

Sr

It is his Ma^{ties} pleasure to Command my Service in the County of Salop & divers Other adjacent Counties with which

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