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THE RECORDS OF THE CORPORATION OF OSWESTRY.

By STANLEY LEIGHTON, M.A.

(Continued from p. 148 of Vol. III.)

No. XXVIII.

18 Charles II. 1666.

22 Nov. } Indenture of Lease by William¹ Earl of Craven,
18 Charles II. } Viscount Uffington and Baron of Hampsted
1666. } Marshall, Berks, to Thomas Edwards the elder
of Kelehendrey, Salop, Esq., (for a sum of money in the
name of a fine) of a tenement in the Lordship of Oswestry in
a place called Coyd Ralth known by the name of Burchin

¹ William, first Earl of Craven, was the son of Sir William Craven, Knight, Lord Mayor of London. On returning from foreign service in 1625, he was raised to the peerage as a Baron, and afterwards in 1663 to a Viscounty and Earldom. He was a staunch Royalist in the wars, but does not appear to have taken a personal part in Shropshire affairs, though his Castle of Stoke-say (not many years before purchased from the Vernons) was garrisoned for the king, and captured by the Parliamentary forces. In 1624, Thomas first Earl of Suffolk, whom we have noticed as Lord of Oswestry about the year 1600, after the attainder of his half brother, Philip, Earl of Arundel, sold the Lordship and Castle of Oswestry, together with its appendant manors of Duparts and Trayne, to Lady Craven, the widow of Sir William Craven, and the mother of the first Earl of Craven. On the death, without issue, in 1697, at a very advanced age of the Earl of Craven, the Lordship of Oswestry passed to his great nephew, William Herbert, second Marquess of Powis, whose grandfather the second Baron Herbert had married Elizabeth, sister of the first Earl of Craven. On the death, without issue of G. E. Henry Arthur, Earl of Powis, in 1801, his sister, Lady Henrietta Antonia, having married Edward, eldest son of the first Lord Clive, carried her great estates,

Close otherwise Cay Beddow Farm with all lands &c. thereto belonging late in the possession of Thomas ap Evan with the herbage of the Forest of Coyd Ralsh and all the cottages and quarries of stone there with liberty to sink for and get coals and to erect a grist or corn mill on the River Dee and with liberty of fishing in that river and also a moiety of the tithes of corn and grain in the tithing of Wiggington and Vaughan late in the possession of John Vaughan and Margaret Vaughan widow of John Vaughan. All which premises are situate within the Manor of Tryan and Lordship of Oswestry: Reserving all marble stone limestone and metal mines and timber trees &c. and liberty to the said Earl to hawk hunt fish and fowl: To hold for 99 years if Thomas Edwards gent. son of the said Thomas Edwards the elder Judith & Frances his daughters or any of them shall so long live, at the yearly rent of 6s. 8d. and also £3 every year for such part of the term as the lessee shall get coal on the premises. The lessee is not to demise the premises to anyone save his children or grandchildren without licence of the lessor. Covenant by lessee to repair and to pay dues taxes &c. Lessee to be allowed timber for repairs and estovers. Signed by lessee.

No. XXIX.

23 Charles II. 1671.

4 Sept., 1671. } Indenture of bargain and sale and release by
 23 Charles II. } Thomas Kynaston of London gen. at the
 request of Richard Jones and John Lloyd Esquires Bailiffs of
 Oswestry, Richard Edwards vicar of Oswestry, David Hammer
 and Thomas Vaughan churchwardens of the parish of Oswestry,

including the Lordship of Oswestry, into the family of Clive. Her husband was created Earl of Powis in 1804, and assumed the surname of Herbert. In his family the Lordship remains (1880). In this note we have anticipated the subject of future notes, in order to point out the devolution of the Lordship of Oswestry. We have seen how the estates appertaining to the Barony of Oswaldstree became severed from the title on the attainder of Philip, Earl of Arundel, in 1590, and were afterwards assigned to Thomas, Earl of Suffolk, by the Crown. The Barony, indeed, was revived in the House of Norfolk, but the Lordship and estate have been held in the three succeeding centuries by four distinct families, the Howards, Earls of Suffolk, the Cravens, Earls of Craven, the Herberts, Earls and Marquesses of Powis, and the Clives, Earls of Powis.

to John Jones of Porkinton yeoman (for £120 paid to the said Richard Jones and the others by the said John Jones in recompence for all sums due to the Bailiffs Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the poor out of the lands or tenements of John Swinerton the elder of London Esqr. deceased,—or of Sir John Swinerton of London Knight deceased son and heir of John Swinerton the elder—and for 5^s. paid to the said Thomas Kynaston by the said John Jones) of a messuage wherein David Ap-Howell heretofore dwelt in Pentreclawdd in the township of Porkinton now in the possession of John Nicholas with all lands &c. thereto belonging, and heretofore in the possession of John Thomas and now in the possession of the said John Jones: To hold to the grantee his heirs and assigns. Covenant for peaceable enjoyment without contradiction of any persons except such as shall claim any right to the premises by force of an Indenture dated 20 May, 23 Charles I. between Thomas Kynaston citizen and merchant of London (father of the said Thomas) of the one part and Morris Evans and Thomas Edwards Esquires then Bailiffs of Oswestry John George of Oswestry mercer and Andrew Ratcliffe gent. then churchwardens of the parish church of Oswestry of the other part. Signed by Kynaston and John Jones. [Portion of a large Seal.]

No. XXX.

1673.

Table of the ancient tolls usually paid at the gates of the Towne by buyers and sellers on fair market and week days :—

The freeholders but not the undertenants in Trevelagh, Treverclawdd, Trevonnen, Bryn, Llynhtys, Cricketh, Blodwell, Morton, Maesbury, Sweeny, Llanvorda, Connynion, Pen-tragaer, and Sylattin are free on the payment of one penny only—"Soughton is not free for a penny a fair but are to pay as other foreigners."

¹ Thomas Swinnerton, of Oswestry, had a son John, who was a merchant-taylor of London, and Lord Mayor in 1612. He left money for the preaching of a monthly sermon in Oswestry Churb, and in the Churches of Shrewsbury, Ellesmere, and Whitechurch, with an annual bequest to the poor of each place (Price's *Hist. Oswestry*, p.132). In the Parliamentary Report of the Endowed Charities (1868) absolutely nothing appears to remain of this bequest excepting the name of the founder.

The parchment, which is slightly illuminated, is signed by John Trevor Seneschall.

RICHARD JONES }
JOHN GLOVER } Bailiffs.
MORGAN WYNNE Recorder.

No. XXXI.

1673.

We have now arrived at the period when the Charter which governed Oswestry from 1673 to 1836 was granted by King Charles II. The documents referring to the event shall all be put together in the present chapter. They will begin with a list of persons in the neighbourhood who subscribed towards the expenses of procuring the charter. We cannot find a single name in the whole list, the representative of which exists now in the male line. We notice also that the Lordship of Oswestry had lately been in the market and found a purchaser, in the son of a London Alderman—namely the first Earl of Craven. Then will follow in succession the petition of the Lord, the Bailiffs and Burgesses, for the Charter; the report of the Attorney-General; the Royal Warrant; the correspondence incident to the sending down of the Charter “in a long black box with a key,” probably the identical box in which the charter is still contained. The correspondence connected with the fees, of which the Lord was to pay half and the town half; but the Lord eventually was content to receive £50 instead of £93 13s. 8d. in consideration of “the low estate of the Borough of Oswestry.” Ralph Marshall, who appears to have acted for the town of Oswestry, received a gratuity of five guineas for his pains in passing the Charter, which he is said to have “dearly earned.” The grounds for asking for the grant of a new Charter, are stated to be the loyalty of Oswestry during the late wars and the destruction and sufferings it had undergone at the hands of the “late usurping powers.” The petition also asks that the “popularitie be excluded from the

election of Mayor Aldermen and Common Council for the prevention of blood shedding and other great disorders." The principal changes made by the new Charter were the substitution of a "Mayor Aldermen and Common Council" in lieu of the Bailiffs and Burgesses; the grant of a Court of Quarter Sessions; the reservation to the Crown of the appointment of Recorder; and the power of the Crown to remove the members of the Corporation. This rather dangerous prerogative was exercised by James II. throughout the kingdom, and the dissatisfaction aroused thereby materially contributed to his own removal from the throne. The chapter will conclude with a transcript of the Charter in full, and an abstract of its provisions:—

A Booke conteyning the names of countrey gent' p'sons of note and qualitie with the sums of money mented y't each of them payd towards renewing of our Charter Anno Dom'i, 1673; these being Burgesses of the towne of Oswestrey in comitatu, Salop.

WHITTINGTON

¹ Doctor Robert Powell

¹ Of Park (see note p. 70, No. VIII., ante). Park Hall is one of the best examples of the timbered style of Architecture in Shropshire. Its date is about 1580. It is engraved in Nash's *Old English Mansions*. The elevation of the front is particularly characteristic. The arms of Powell, Corbet, and Needham over the door in the hall represent alliances of the Powells, with those families in the 16th century. On the mantelpiece in the panelled drawing-room is the date 1640. The hall is a long low room, and in it is a table of a single plank 23ft. by 4ft. and 2½ inches thick. A small domestic chapel occupies the southern wing. There is here some good plaster work, and a number of quaint Latin inscriptions carved in stone and in wood. On the sun dial which used to be in the garden with date 1578 were the following verses arranged in Adonic stanzas:—

(Which may be translated.)

Præterit ætas	The cycle is passing
Nec remorante	The ages no more
Lapsa recedunt	Return in their courses
Sæcula cursu	The same as before.
Ut fugit ætas	As passes the cycle
Utque citatus	As sure and as fast
Tarbinis instar	Is rolled by the year
Volvitur annus	As the breath of the blast,
Sic quoque nostra	And so too my own life
Præcipitanter	Grows less unto me
Vita recedit	As the tide wave recedes
Ocyor undis	To the depths of the sea.

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| <p>¹ Thomas Lloyd Esq
 John Payne gent
 Edward Griffiths gent
 Mrs. Penelope Lloyd widow
 Mr. John Jones
 ² Mrs. Mytton of the Hallston
 Mr. Thomas Price
 Mr. Edward Morris of Pentre-
 kirnig
 Roger Trevor gent
 John Thomas & his neigh-
 bours
 Thomas Judson
 BLODWELL
 David Maurice Esq^r.
 ³ Roger Matthews Esq
 The gentlewomen of Aber-
 tanat</p> | <p>Mr. Raulph Kynaston
 LLANSILIN
 ⁴ Edward Morris of Lloran Esq
 Richard Mydelton gent
 William Moris of Keven yb. .
 gent
 John Lloyd of Lloran gent
 John Lloyd of Mollfry gent
 Mr. William Ellis
 Mr. John Muchleston
 Mr. Jones of Squenan
 Mr. John Arthur of Rhwlas
 Mr. Thomas Edwards of Lled-
 red
 Mr. Edward Davis of Rhwlas
 SWYNEY
 ⁵ Thomas Baker Esq</p> |
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¹ Thomas Lloyd was the son of Col. Andrew Lloyd of Aston (see note, p. 142, vol. III., No. XXV.) He married Sarah, d. and coh. of Francis Albany of Whittington, and probably lived at Whittington during his father's lifetime.

² She was probably the widow of Gen. Thomas Mytton, and if so, was Margaret, the daughter of Sir Robert Napier of Luton, co. Bedford, and the sister of Lady Myddleton of Chirk.

³ Roger Matthews was of Blodwell Hall, a manor house picturesquely situated on the Welsh side of the Llanymynech Hill: The pillars of the entrance gate still remain, and there are some fine Spanish chestnut trees near the house. John Matthews, who married Jane, elder daughter and coheirress of Morris Tanat, Esq., of Blodwell, was the father of this Roger, whose d. and h., Ursula, married Sir John Bridgeman, Bart., the grandson of Lord Keeper Bridgeman, and the ancestor of the present Earl of Bradford, Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire (1880).

⁴ The descendant of this Edward Morris married in the last century the heiress of the Corbets of Ynysymaengwyn, and his son Edward assumed the name of Corbet. The family is now extinct in the male line, and both Lloran and Ynysymaengwyn have been sold.

⁵ Thomas Baker of Sweeney was the son of Thomas Baker of the same place, who purchased the estate in 1623 from Andrew Chambre, whose father had purchased it in 1568 from Henry, last Earl of Arundel, of the Fitzalan surname. Thomas Baker was a Parliamentarian during the Civil Wars, but does not appear to have held any military command. He was Sheriff of Shropshire in 1649, and Knight of the Shire in 1653. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Col.

Roger Edwards Esq
 Mr. Richard Trevor
¹ Mrs. Dorothy Gough
 John Davies
 Richard Tomley
 John Tomley

Roger Tomley
 CRICKETH
 Mr. Richard Vaughan
 HORDLEY
² Roger Kynaston Esq^r.

Fenwicke, whose sister married Humphrey Mackworth, one of Cromwell's Councillors of State. He was a great favourer of the Independent preachers, and Gough in his *History of Middle* says he had heard Vavasour Powell "Pray and preach four houres together in the dining room att Sweeney, where many persons came to hear him; and when the people departed they had every one a quarter of a two-penny bun or cake, and every one a glass of beere, of about halfe a pint." Mr. Baker died in 1675, and was buried in the garden at Sweeney, where others of his opinions also lie buried. He built a new house at Sweeney, which was pulled down in 1805 by Thos. N. Parker, and the present one erected on its site. Having died without issue, he left his property to his kinsman Thomas Browne of Little Nesse. The family of Browne becoming extinct in the male line in 1783, Sarah Browne, niece of the last owner, carried the property into the family of Parker of Longdon, co. Worcester, by her marriage with Thomas Netherton Parker, and on the death without issue of his son, the Rev. John Parker, it passed to his daughter, Lady Leighton, in whose family it remains.

¹ Mrs. Dorothy Gough was the widow of William Gough, uncle to Gough the Historian of Middle, who thus writes of her (p. 103 Gough's *Hist. of Middle*): "William Gough was the wealthiest man of our family. I have heard that he had £500 per annum in lands and leases before he died. He never married until the sixty-eighth yeare of his age, and then hee took to wife Mrs. Dorothy Griffiths, a jolly widow in Oswaldstree By his last will (which hee called his wife's will) he gave all his lands to his wife's friends (except such as he had given to my brother in law Glover). He left some small crumbs of legacies in money to his relations. Nevertheless hee left £5 per ann: for ever to the parish of Middle, for setting out of apprentices, and the like yearly sum for the like use to the parish of Oswaldstree; and a Noble yearly to a minister, to preach a sermon in the English tongue, in Oswaldstree on St. Stephen's day, because hee was told that hee was borne on that day; butt I believe it was a mistake, for I finde by the Register that hee was baptised on the 28^d. of February, and I believe they did not keep him above two months after hee was borne before they baptised him."

² Roger Kynaston was grandson of Roger Kynaston, Sheriff of Shropshire in 1603. He suffered for his loyalty to Charles I., being obliged to compound for his estate in the sum of £921. He was Sheriff of Shropshire 1640 (Blakeway's *Sheriffs of Shropshire*). From

¹ Robert Owen Esq. of Woodhouse	John Davies
Mr. William Jones of Sandford	Mr. James Hanmer of Dwyfrwyd
Mr. William Jones of Sandford	LLANYMYNECH
Mr. John Wittaker of Cotton	Mr. John Edwards
Mr. Thomas Kynaston of Ruyton	William Jones of Karakova Esq
MELVERLEY	Mr. Lewis Lloyd
Mr. Edward Kynaston of Melverley	Mr. Andrew Bentley
	PORKINGTON
	² W ^m . Owen Esq

him was descended Sir John Kynaston Powell, Bart., M.P., Steward of Oswestry at the commencement of the present century; and the late Sir John Roger Kynaston of Hardwick and Hordley, on whose death, without issue, in 1866 the estates passed first to his sister, Mrs. Sutton, and on her death to the Rev. W. C. E. Owen, who has assumed the name of Kynaston, and is the present (1880) owner of Hardwick. The Kynastons twice preferred an unsuccessful claim to the dormant Barony of Grey de Powis.

¹ Robert Owen was Sheriff of Shropshire in 1667. He was grandson of Robert Owen who was Sheriff in 1618. (Blakeway's *Sheriffs of Shropshire*.) The Owens of Condover, of whom was Judge Owen, are of the same stock as the Owens of Woodhouse. On the extinction of the male line of the Owens in the 18th century, Woodhouse was devised to the Mostyns of Bryngwyn, co. Montgomery, maternally related to the Owens, whose surname they have assumed. Arthur Mostyn Owen is the present owner of Woodhouse.

² William Owen of Porkington, who married Katherine, only child of Lewis Anwyl of Parke, co. Merioneth, was the son of the famous royalist, Sir John Owen, who was condemned to death by the Parliament, together with the Duke of Hamilton, the Earl of Holland, and Lords Capel and Goring. He was reprieved, but the others were executed, and there is still in the possession of the family a rapier with the following inscription:—"Lord Capel the day before his execution presented this sword to Sir John Owen, by whom he said he was convinced it would be worn with honour." There is a portrait of this Sir John, who was Vice-Admiral of North Wales, at Brogyntyn. Blakeway in his *Sheriffs of Shropshire* says of this family: "The family of Owen, originally of Bodsilin, in Anglesea, came into possession of Porkington, with considerable estates in Carnarvonshire, through the marriage of John Owen of Bodsilin, with the granddaughter of Sir William Morris of Clenenny, in Carnarvonshire, who had married the heiress of the Lacons, for several generations the possessors of Porkington. Robert Godolphin Owen, the last of the name, died in the year 1792, and was succeeded in his possession by

¹ Mr. John Hanmer of Pentrepant
 Mr. Roger Hanmer of Pentre Davidd
 Tho Davies of Vron
 Tho Hughes
 Meredith Lloyd

LLANVORDA

² Edw. Lloyd Esq
 Thomas Benion

LLOYNMAEN

³ Edw Lloyd Esq and his son

ASTON

⁴ Andrew Lloyd Esq
 Mrs. Owen widdow
 Thos Rogers and Phillip his brother
 Andrew Hickson
 Richard Barkley

Mr. Richard Lloyd of Giffoord

MAESBURY

Mr. Nycholas Davies
 Mr. Richard Glover

Margaret his sister and coheir, married in 1777 to Owen Ormsby of Willowbrook, in the co. of Sligo. Their only daughter, Mary Jane, carried the large estates of her family in marriage to William Ormsby Gore, Sheriff of Shropshire, 1817," and for many years Knight of the Shire. The title of Baron Harlech was conferred on his eldest son, Ralph, in 1876, with remainder to his second son, who shortly afterwards succeeded to the peerage. The house, which in the course of centuries has undergone many alterations, has lately been considerably enlarged, and its present name is Brogyntyn.

¹ See notes ante vol. III., pt. i., p. 91, No. XIII., and p. 136, No XXI.

² Son of Edward Lloyd of the same place (see note vol. III., pt. i., p. 102, No. XVII.) He sold Llanvorda to Sir William Williams, Bart., about 1685, and died without legitimate issue. It is stated in the *History of Oswestry*, published by Edwards, p. 53, that "It is recorded that he kept a small light carriage with four wheels, drawn by dogs, and that he frequently used to ride in it to Oswestry, on which account, the public house now called the Coach and Dogs, which was his property, had that sign put up." This public house stands at the corner of Church Street and Upper Brook Street.

³ Edwards' *History of Oswestry* also says that "Richard Lloyd dying in 1508 divided the estate, and left Llanvorda to his eldest son John, and Llwynymaen to his second son Edward." Both these branches are now extinct. In the pavement of Oswestry Church, before their removal at the restoration of the Church in 1874, were slabs with the following inscriptions:—"Here lyeth interred the body of Edward Lloyd of Llwynymaene Esq^r who departed this life the 10th day of Jan'y 1686, aged 64." Also, "Here lyeth the body of Elizabeth Lloyd widow of Edward Lloyd of Llwyny . . . Esq^r interred May . . . An. Dom. 1697,—Meyrick Lloyd died June ye 17th 1735 aged 30." And, "Richard Lloyd of Llwynymaen was interred July 11, 1705. W. G. died March 1st 1771."

⁴ See note ante vol. III., pt. i., p. 142, No. XXV.

Mr. William Kynaston	Thos Vaughan his brother
Nycholas Evance	SALOPP
Moris Jones	Mr. Richard Muchleston Tanner
Tho Ffoottman	MAESBROOKE
John Robert	John Bayley
David . . Thomas	PENTREGAER
CHIRKLAND	Thomas Evance
¹ Sir Tho. Mydleton K ^t . and Bart	ST. MARTINS
² Sir John Trevor K ^t .	Edward Phillips
³ John Edwardes of Chirke Esq	John Evance
. . . . Lloyd gent	LLANARMON DYFFRIN
DUDLESTON	KEYRIOG.
⁴ Morgan Wyne Esq ^r .	David ap Richard
⁵ Mr John Morrall	Hugh Hughes & Tho Hughes
Mr. Roger Jennings	CROGEN ITHON
Mr. John Vaughan	Owen Edwards

¹ Sir Thos. Myddleton was the son of Sir Thomas "a distinguished character in the commonwealth. He was member for the County of Denbigh, took the field on the part of the Parliament when he was near sixty years of age, was a Sergeant Major to the forces in North Wales, and in conjunction with Sir William Brereton in 1643, took the Castle of Holt. In 1644 he relieved Oswestry, and beat the King's forces in a sharp action at Montgomery, for which he had the thanks of the House." (*York's Royal Tribes*, p. 108). He appears in 1648 to have left Cromwell's party, and in 1659, having risen in favour of Charles II., his castle was besieged and taken by General Lambert. He died in 1666 at the age of eighty. His son was created a Baronet, and married a sister of Sir John Trevor of Brynkinallt. The Baronetage expired in 1718, when the estate devolved upon the issue of the second son of the old soldier, Sir Thomas. In 1796 that branch of the Myddletons becoming extinct in the male line, Chirk Castle passed to a sister and coheir of the last owner, who married Robert Biddulph of Ledbury, in whose family it remains. Chirk was once a royal castle, and it is a rare instance of a feudal castle still inhabited. It was purchased in 1595 by Sir Thomas Myddleton, a merchant of London, from Lord St. John of Bletso. (*York's Royal Tribes*, p. 107).

² See note post.

³ The names of John Edwardes of Chirke, Esq, both the elder and the younger, appear in two trust deeds connected with the Yale charity in 1638. (See vol. III., pt. i., p. 136, Nos. XXII—XXIII.)

⁴ The Recorder named in the Charter.

⁵ The Clerk of the Town named in the Charter.

PANT GLAS

Tho Edwards Moris Lewis
Edward ap Thomas
Rich. Edwards & Lewis
Edwards

BERGILL

Gryffyth Williams
James Dwyer (?)

KOEDYRALT

Richard Kyffin

LLANGOLLEN

Evan ap Howell & Edw
Howell

Edward Joⁿ. hy yn y ddoll
Harry ap Richard hy yn y
ddoll

Hugh Price Crogen

HAULTON

John David
Tho. Moris & John Moris

MYDLETON

Thomas Rogers
Edward Badam
Widdow Gryffyths
John Barkley
John Browne

LLOYNITYDMAN

Edward Edwards
Tho Edwards

LLANARMON MYNYDD MAWR

Edward Morris
Richard Morris
David Moris . . . Kyriog

[1673]. } Petition of William Earl of Craven, Lord of the
} Manor and Borough of Oswestry, and of the Bailiffs
and Burgesses of the said Borough, to the King. The Town
has several charters and in the late wars was made a garrison
town for the King's father, when it was taken by storm and
the suburbs all burnt, and the Walls, Castle, and Church
demolished by the late usurping powers. The *quo warranto*
issued out against them has put them to great charges. Pray
for renewal of their charter with additions and alterations.
The Petition is referred to the Attorney General to report
thereon.

[The additions?] 1. That they may be incorporated by
name of the Mayor, Aldermen, Common Council, and Bur-
gesses of Oswestry.

2. The "popularitie" to be excluded from the election of
the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, "for the preven-
tion of bloodshedding [and] other great disorders."

[16]73 } Report by Sir H. Finch, Attorney-General on
13 August. } the foregoing Petition. The liberties may be
granted, reserving to His Majesty the approbation of the
Recorder.

[16]73 } Royal warrant to the Attorney-General to
24 August. } prepare a Bill to pass under the great Seal con-
taining a Charter to the Bailiffs and Burgesses of Oswestry,
incorporating them by the name of the Mayor, Aldermen,

Common Council and Burgesses of Oswestry, and confirming the ancient liberties and privileges granted to them by James I. with alterations and additions, reserving the approbation of the Recorder.

1673(-4). } Letter from Ra. Marshall to Mr. ¹Richard Pope.
3 January. } (The latter did not wish to take upon him the
Mayoralty this year.) It is too late to alter the charter, which
is about to pass under the Great Seal.

1673(-4). } Letter from the same to the same. (The latter
24 January. } is addressed as Mayor of Oswestry. In his
absence, to be opened by Mr. Edward Owen, Coroner). The
Charter passed the Great Seal yesterday. Sends an account
of his disbursements, whereof "his Lordship" [the Earl of
Craven] will pay one moiety. If the new Fair is to be kept
this March, they must get the Charter down with speed.
Would have put it [the Charter ?] into the Gazette ere this,
as Mr. Davenport desired, but there was an intention to enter
a *caveat* to stop it at the Great Seal. It shall be put in the
Gazette next week. News as to negotiations for peace with
the Dutch.

1673(-4). } Letter from the same to the same. Sends the
6 February. } Charter by Johnson in a long black box, with
the key.

1673-4 } Letter from the same to the same, touching his
7 February. } disbursements, and the portion to be paid by his
Lordship [the Earl of Craven]. Mentions Sir John Trevor's
fee, and Serjeant Bramston's. Sends [a paper] to disprove
assertion made by Capt. Jones as to the Charter having cost
too much. The Charter to Gloucester came to a great deal
more.

[1673-4.] } Letter from the same to the same. Is glad the
No. date. } Charter came safe to the Mayor's hands. Has
acquainted "my Lord" [the Earl of Craven] with what the
Mayor writes about the Maces, &c. Peace with Holland pro-
claimed.

¹ At the entrance to the North Chancel Aisle of S^t. Oswald's Church on a flat gravestone, buried at the restoration of the Church by Mr. Street, in 1874, might once have been read the remains of an inscription which began—"Here lyeth the body of Richard Pope, Esq^r. Mayor. Next to this monumental stone was another "Here lieth the body of Richard Pope gent. deceased May 15th, 1719, aged 83; also here lieth the body of Mrs. Mary Pope, daughter of the above." This is all which we have been able to discover concerning the first Mayor of Oswestry.

1674. } Letter from the same to the same. States
 18 April. } Serjeant Bramston's advice as to the election
 of aldermen and common council-men. The places of those
 who refuse to take the oaths, or do not appear, to be declared
 void. The Serjeant dissuades from fine and imprisonment
 "till you be better settled."

1679(-80) } Receipt by Ra. Marshall of Mr. Richard Pope by
 21 February. } the hands of Nathaniel Jones, of £50, which
 the Earl of Craven was content to receive in full satisfaction of
 £93 13s. 8d., which his Lordship (on the representation by Mr.
 Pope and Mr. Ralph Davenport of the low estate of the Borough
 of Oswestry) agreed to accept in lieu of a moiety of the charge
 disbursed by his Lordship in altering and renewing the charter
 lately granted to the said Borough, though their moiety
 amounted to a much greater sum; for which £93 13s. 8d., an
 action was lately brought by his Lordship against Mr. Pope.
 Also of five guineas received by Marshall as a gratuity for his
 pains in passing the Charter, which he "dearly earned."

THE CHARTER.

CAROLUS SECUNDUS DEI GRATIA Anglie Scotie
 Ffrancie et Hibernie Rex fidei Defensor &c OMNIBUS ad
 quos p'sentes litere pervenerint Salutem Cum Villa et Burgus
 de Oswaldestree alias Oswester alias Osestrie alias Oswestrey
 in Comitatu nostro Salop' Antiquus sit Burgus sive Villa et
 valde populosa Necnon Ballivi et Burgenses Ville et Burgi
 predicti ac Inhabitantes ejusdem Burgi Divers' Libertat'
 ffranches' Immunitates et preheminences ex Antiquo habuer'
 vsi et gavisi fuerunt tam per Cartam Carissimi avi nostri Jacobi
 nuper Regis Anglie ——— beate memorie Et per Chartas
 diversorum aliorum progenitorum et predecessorum nostrorum
 nuper Regum et Reginarum Anglie eis Antehac fact' concess'
 sive Confirmat' quam etiam racoe' diversarum prescrip'con
 usum et Consuetudinum in eodem Burgo et Villa a Tempore
 cujus contrarium memoria hominum non existit vsitat' Cumque
 predilectus et perquam fidelis Consanguineus et Con-
 siliarius noster Willielmus Comes de Craven Dominus Domini
 et Burgi sive Ville de Oswestrey Necnon predilecti et fideles
 Subditi nostri presen' Ballivi et Burgenses ejusdem Burgi
 Nobis humilime Supplicaverint quod nos in Considerac'oe pre-
 missorum Ac pro meliori rerum Administrat'oe infra Burgum
 illum ex gracie nostre amplitudine eis et Burgo illi amplioria
 privilegia Concedendo favore dignaremur Nos Burgenses et
 Burgum illum benigno aspectu intuentes ipsos benignitatis
 nostre influxu veterat' non tantum Confirmando sed nova etiam

Conferendo ornare et animare statuimus sperantes quod predicti Ballivi et Burgenses Autoritate nostra vestiti et favore nostre animati Artificia foveri pacem nostram infra eundem Burgum conservari detortas morum pravitates severiori Justitie Bladio corrigi ac premia bene merentibus condigna constitui et tribui facient prout decet *Sciatis* igitur quod Nos de gratia nostra Speciali Ac ex certa Scientia et mero motu nostris VOLUMUS Ordinavimus Constituimus Declaravimus et Concessimus Ac per presentes VOLUMUS Ordinamus Constituimus Declaramus et Concedimus quod predictus Burgus de Oswaldestrey alias Oswester alias Oestrie alias Oswestrey in Dicto Comitatu nostro Salop' de cetero imperpetuum Sic et erit *Liber Burgus* de se, Quodque Ballior' et Burgenses Ac etiam Omnes et Singuli Burgenses et liberi homines ejusdem Burgi per Quodcunque Nomen sive per quecunque Nomina antehac cognit' vocat' vel incorporat' fuer' aut retrum Antehac incorporat' fuer' sive non et Successores Sui decetero imperpetuum Sint et erunt Vigore presentium *unum Corpus incorporatum et politicum* in re facto et Nomine per Nomen *Majoris Aldermannorum Communis Consilii et Burgensium Burgi de Oswestrey in Comitatu Salop'* Et eos per Nomen Majoris Aldermannorum, Communis Consilii et Burgensium Burgi de Oswestrey in Comitatu Salop' Unum Corpus Corporatum et politicum in re facto et Nomine realiter et ad plenum pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris facimus Ordinamus Constituimus Confirmamus et Declaramus et per presentes Quodque per idem Nomen habeant *Successionem perpetuam* Necnon quod ipsi per Nomen Majoris Aldermannorum Communis Consilii et Burgensium Burgi de Oswestrey in Comitatu Salop' sint et erunt perpetuis futur' temporibus *personae habiles et in lege capaces* ad habend' perquirend' percipiend' et *possidend' Terr' Tenemen' Libertat'* privileg' Iurisdicc'on ffranches' et hereditamen' cujuscunque generis vel Specie fuerint sibi et heredibus suis in feodo et perpetuitate Ac etiam bona et Cattalla ac alias res quascunque cujuscunque fuerint generis natur' vel Speciei Necnon ad dand' Concedend' dimittend' et Assignand' Terr' Tenemen' et hereditamen' Bona et Cattalla ac omnia alia facta et res faciend' et exequend' per Nomen predictum ET QUOD per idem Nomen Majoris Aldermannorum Communis Consilii et Burgensium Burgi de Oswestrey in Comitatu Salop' *placitare et implacitari respondere* et responderi defendere et Defendi valeant et possint in quibuscunque Curis ——— placeis et locis Ac coram quibuscunque Judicibus et Justiciariis et al' personis et Officiariis nostris heredum et successorum

nostrorum in omnibus Sectis Querelis placitis Causis rebus materiis et Demandis quibuscunque real' personat' seu mixt' et cujuscunque sint generis natur' vel Speciei eisdem modo et forma prout et ligei n'ri hujus Regni n'ri Anglie persone habiles et in Lege capaces placitare et implacitari respondere et responderi defendere et Defendi Ac habere perquirere recipere possidere dare Concedere et dimittere valeant et possint ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS Ac per presentes pro nobis Heredibus et Successoribus nostris Concedimus prefato Majori Aldermannis Communi Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi predicti quod ipsi et Successores sui habeant imperpetuum *Commune Sigillum* pro Causis et negotiis suis et Successorum Suorum quibuscunque agend' deservitur Quodque bene liceat et licebit eisdem Majori Aldermannis Communi Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi predict' pro tempore existen' et Successoribus suis Sigillum illud ad libitum suum——de tempore in tempus frangere mutare et de novo facere prout eis melius fieri et fore videbitur VOLUMUS etiam ac per presentes pro nobis Heredibus et Successoribus nostris Concedimus —— prefat' Majori Aldermannis Communi Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi predic' et Successoribus suis quod de cetero imperpetuum sit et erit infra Burgum predict' *Vnus* de probior' et discretior' Inhabitantibus Burgi predict' in forma inferius in hiis presentibus menc'onat' eligend' qui erit et nominabitur *Major Burgi* predicti Quodque Similiter Sint et erint infra Burgum predictum *duodecim probi et discreti Inhabitantes* ejusdem Burgi in forma inferius in hiis presentibus menc'onat' Similiter elegend' qui erant et Vocabuntur *Aldermannii Burgi* predicti quodque ulterius sint et erint infra Burgum predictum *Quindecim probi et discreti* Inhabitantes ejusdem Burgi in forma inferius in hiis presentibus menc'onat' eligend' qui erunt et Vocabuntur *Commune Consilium* Burgi predicti VOLUMUS etiam ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris Concedimus prefat' Majori Aldermannis Communi Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et Successoribus Suis quod de cetero imperpetuum Sit et erit infra Burgum predictum *Vnus* probus et discretus Vir in forma inferius in hiis presentibus menc'onat' eligend' qui erit et nominabit' *Seneschallus Burgi* predicti Quodque similiter Sit et erit infra Burgum predictum unus alius probus et Discretus Vir in Legibus Anglicanis peritus qui erit ac nominabitur *Recordator* ejusdem Burgi ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris Concedimus prefatis Majori Aldermannis Communi Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et Successoribus Suis, quod *omnes*

et singuli persone qui nunc sunt liberi homines et Burgenses Burgi predicti atque imposterum in Libertatem predictam admittentur Sint et erint ac nominabuntur Burgenses Burgi predicti VOLUMUS etiam ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris Concedimus prefatis Majori Aldermannis Communi Concilio et Burgensibus Burgi predicti quod ipse et Successores sui de Cetero imperpetuum Habeat et habebunt infra eundem Burgum libertat' vel precinet' ejusdem unum Domum Communis Convent' on Sive Convocac' on que erit et vocabitur *Le Guildhall Ville* et Burgi de Oswestrey Quodque liceat et licebit prefat' Majori Aldermannis Communi Concilio Seneschallo et Recordator et Successoribus Suis de tempore in Tempus toties quoties eis vel majori parti eorundem convenien' vel necessar' videbitur in predicta Domo vocat le Guildhall aut in aliquo alio convenienti loco infra Burgum predictum Libertate et precinet' ejusdem seipso Congregare et Assemblare Quodque iidem Maior Aldermanni Commune Consilium Seneschallus et Recordator vel maior pars eorundem sic *Congregat'* et assemblat' plenam habeant et habebunt potestatem et auctoritatem Condendi Constituendi et Stabiliendi hujusmodi *Leges Statuta* Constitue' oes Decreta Ordinac' oes raconabil quascunque que ipsis et maiori parti eorundem bon' salubr' vtil honest' et necessar' iuxta eorum discrec' on fore videbuntur pro bono regimine et Gubernac' on Burgi predicti libertat' et precinet' ejusdem Ac omnium et Singulorum Officiariorum Ministrorum Artificum Inhabitantium et Residentium infra Villam et Burgum predictum vel precinet' ejusdem Necnon pro Declarac' oe quo modo et Ordine predict' Major Aldermanni Commune Consilium et Burgens' Ac omnes et Officiar' ministri Artifices Inhabitantes et Residentes infra Burgum predictum de Tempore in Tempus in Separalibus et respectivis Officiis ministeriis et negotiis Suis Sese habebunt et gerent Ac aliter pro uberiori bono et publico utilitate et Regimine Burgi illius ac Victulac' oe ejusdem Ac etiam pro meliori preservac' oe Gubernac' oe Disposic' oe locac' oe et Demisione Terrarum Tenementorum possessionum Revencionum et hereditamentorum prefatis Majori Aldermannis Communi Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et Successoribus suis per presentes aut aliter dat' Concess' Assignat' sive Affirmat' aut in posterum dand' Concedend' Assignand' Sive Confirmand' Ac res et Causas alias quascunque Burgum predictum aut Statum Jus aut interesse ejusdem tanger' seu quoquo modo Concernen' Quodque liceat et licebit prefatis Majori Aldermannis Communi Consilio Seneschallo et Recordari Burgi predicti pro tempore existen' vel Majori parti

eorundem quotiescunque ipsi aut Maior pars eorundem hujusmodi Leges Statut' et Ordinac'on Condiderint fecerint Ordinaverint vel Stabiliverint in forma predicta hujusmodi rac'onabil, *penas* penaliter et *punic'oes* per Imprisonamentem *Corporis* vel *per fines* et *amerciamen'* vel eorum utrumque erga et Super omnes Delinquentes contra hujusmodi Leges Statut' et Ordinac'oes Sive eorum aliquod vel aliqua *imponere* et *Assidere* quot et que eisdem Maiori Aldermannis Communi Consilio Seneschallo et Recordatori pro tempore existen' vel maiori parti eorum ut prefertur rac'onabil et requisit' fore Videbunter Quorum quidem ffinium Imposic'on et amerciamen' VOLUMUS quod vna *medietas levabitur et Colligetur ad usum Domini honoris et Domini* de Oswestrey et heredum suorum altera *Vero Medietas adusum* prefatorum Maioris Aldermannorum Communis Consilii et Burgensium Burgi et Successorum suorum imperpetuum absque Impedimento nostri heredum vel successorum nostrorum aut aliquorum Officiarorum seu ministrorum nostrorum hered' vel successorum nostrorum quorumcunque Ac absque Computo proinde nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris Reddend' vel faciend' que omnia et Singula Leges Statut' et Ordinac'oes sic ut prefertur fiend' obsevari' volumus sub penis in eisdem Continend'. Ita quod predict' Leges Statut' Ordinac'oes Imprisonamen' fines et Amerciamen' rac'onabil sint nec repugn' seu' Contrar' Legibus Statutis Consuetudinibus sive Juribus Regni nostri Anglie aut preiudicial' Domino Domini sive manori de Oswestrey vel heredibus Suis aut suo vel eorum Juri hereditario *Et pro meliori* execuc'on Concession' nostrarum predict' in hae parte *Assignavimus* Nominavimus Constituimus et fecimus Ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris ASSIGNAMUS nominamus Constituimus et facimus *Dilectum Nobis Richardum Pope Generosum* fore et esse primum et modernum Maiorem Burgi predicti VOLENTES quod idem Richardus Pope in Officio maioris ejusdem Burgi erit et Continuabit a Confecc'oe presentium usque at diem Veneris prox' sequen' post festum sancti Michaelis Archangeli qui erit Anno Domini millessimo sexcentesimo Septuagesimo Quarto Et ab inde quousque Unus alius de Aldermannis Burgi predicti pro tempore Existen' ad Officium illud prefectus et Juratus fuerit iuxta Ordinac'oes et Constituc'oes in presentibus Express' et declarat' si idem Richardus Pope tamdiu viverit ASSIGNAVIMUS etiam Nominavimus Constituimus et fecimus Ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris ASSIGNAMUS Nominamus Constituimus et facimus dilectos Nobis *Johannem Trevor* Militem *Morgan Wynne*

Armigerum *Edwardum Owen* Generosum *Richard Edwards* Generosum *Richardum Lloyd* de Leffords Generosum prefatum *Richardum Pope* Generosum *Gabrielem Edwards* Lanarium *Hogonem Price Lanar'* *Johannem Jones* Mercer *Richardum Jones* Generosum *Johannem Blodwell* Genesosum et *Johannem Lloyd* Mercer fore et esse primos et modernos Aldermannos Burgi predicti Continuand' in Offic' ill' durant' vitis suis naturalibus nisi interim pro aliqua Causa rac'onabil' per Maiorem et melior' partem Aldermanor' et Communis Consilii predicti Burgi pro tempore existen' quorum Maiorem unum esse Volumus amovebuntur aut eorum aliquis amovebit' ASSIGNAVIMUS etiam Nominavimus Constituimus et fecimus Ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris ASSIGNAMUS Nominamus Constituimus et facimus Dilectos Nobis *Richard^m Price* Brassiatorem *Richardum Jones* Mercer *Johannem Glover* Coriarium *Richardum Jones* Chirothecarium *Edwardum Evans* Pharmacopot' *Johannem Jones* Chirothecarium, *Johannem Muckleston* Crepidarium *Thomam Edwards* Generosum *Thomam Edwards* panificem *Nathanielem Jones* Brasiatorem *Hugonem Edwards* Crepidarium *Timotheum George* mercer *Thomam Vaughan* Lucernatorum *Willielmum Price* Lanior' et *Thomas flettham* Crarium fore et esse primum et Modernum Commune Consilium predicti Burgi continuand' in Offic' illud durant' vitis suis naturalibus nisi interim pro aliqua Causa rac'onabili per Maiorem et maiorem partem Aldermannorum et resid' Communis Consilii predicti Burgi pro tempore existen' quorum Maiorem unum esse Volumus amovebuntur aut eorum aliquis amovebitur ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS Ac per presentes pro Nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris *Concedimus* prefat' Maiori Aldermannis Communi Consil' et Burgensibus Burgi Predict' et Successoribus suis quod Maior Aldermanni et Commune Consilium ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' vel maior pars eorundem quorum Maiorem pro tempore existen' unum esse Volumus de tempore in tempus perpetuis futuris temporibus potestatem et Authoritatem habeant et habebunt annuatim et quolibet Anno in *Die Veneris prox'* post festum Sancti *Michaelis Archangeli* semet vel eorum maiorem partem assembland' in Guibalda Burgi predicti vel in alio loco conveniend' infra eundem Burgum iuxta eorum discrec'on limitand' et Assignand' et ad tunc et ibidem nominandi et elegandi Unum de Aldermannis vel Communi Consilio Burgi predicti pro tempore existen' *qui erit Maior* Burgi predicti pro uno Anno integro extunc prox' sequen' quodque ille postquam sic ut prefertur

Nominamus et Electus fuerit in Maiorem Burgi predicti Antequam ad Officium illud exequend' *Admittatur Sacramentum* Corporale *Super Sacrosanct' Dei Evangeliiis in die Elecc'ois* si presens fuerit et si Absenc' fuerit tunc infra Viginti Dies prox' sequen' post dictum Diem Elecc'ones coram Maiore Burgi predicti pro tempore existente ultimo predecessore suo aut in ejus absenc' coram duobus vel pluribus Aldermannorum Burgi predicti pro tempore existente ad Officium illud recte bene et fidelit' in omnibus Officium illud' tangen' exequend' prestat Et quod post huiusmodi Sacramentum sic prestitit' Offic' Maioris Burgi predicti usque ad diem Elecc'ois tunc prox' sequend' exequi possit et valeat' Et ulterius quousque Un' aut de Aldermannis vel Communi Consilio Burg' predicti debito modo et forma in Maiorem Burgi predicti Electus prefectus et Jurat' fuerit iuxta Ordinac'o'es et Constituc'o'es in hiis presentibus express' et Declarat' ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS Ac per presentes pro Nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris Concedimus p'fat' Maiori Aldermannis Communi Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et Successoribus suis quod si Contigerit Maior Burgi predicti aliquo tempore in posterum infra Unum Annum postquam ad Officium Maioris Burgi predicti ut prefertur prefectus et Jurat' fuerit obire vel ab Officio Suo amoveri vel decedere quem quidem *Maiorem se non bene geren' in Officio* illo aut pro aliqua alia Causa *raconabili amobilem esse Volumus ad bene placitum* Aldermannorum et Communis Consilii Ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existente vel maioris partis eorundem quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit Aldermannis et Communi Consilio Burgi predicti pro tempore existente vel maiori parti eorundem semet vel eorum maiorem partem infra *Quatuordecem dies* prox' sequend' ipsius Maioris mortem Amoc'o'em vel decess' Assemblare in Guihalda Burgi predicti aut aliquo alio loco conveniend' infra Burgum predictum ut prefertur et ibidem Nominare elegere et precipere Unum probum et idoneum Virum de Aldermannis vel Communi Consilio ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existente in Maiorem et pro Maiore Burgi predicti in locum maioris Sic mortui vel ab Officio Suo amot' vel deceden' Et quod ille in officio maioris sic electus et prefectus Sacramento Corporali in forma predicta prius prestito Officium illud habeat et exedeat durante residuo ejusdem Anni et ex inde quousque Unus alius de Aldermannis vel Communi Consilio predicti Burgi ad Officium illud debito modo electus et Juratus fuerit Et sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit Et quandocunque contigerit aliquem vel aliquos de Aldermannis Burgi predicti

mori vel ab Officio Aldermanni vel Aldermannorum ibidem Amoveri vel decedere quos quidem Aldermannos et eorum aliquos vel aliquem pro Causa raconabili ad discreoem et bene placitum maioris ceterorum Aldermannorum Superviven' et remanen' et Communis Consilii Burgi predicti pro tempore existente vel maioris partis eorundem quorum maior unus sic amobilem et amobiles esse VOLUMUS quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit predict' *Majori Aldermannis Superviven' et remanen' et Communi Consilio* vel maiori parti eorum ut preferitur ad hoc in Guihalda predict' vel alio loco convenien' Congregat' et assemblat' de tempore in tempus infra tempus conveniens post hujusmodi Aldermanni vel Aldermannorum mortem Amac'oem vel decessum *unum alium vel plures alios probos et idoneos Viros de Communi Consilio Burgi predicti pro tempore existente in Aldermannum vel Aldermannos ejusdem* Burgi Nominare eligere precipere ad supplend' predictum Numerum *duodecim* Aldermannorum Burgi illius quodque ille sive illi sic in Aldermanum vel Aldermanos Burgi predicti de tempore in tempus nominand' et elegend' Sacramen' Corporat' ad Officium illud bene et fideleter in omnibus et per omnia Officium illud tangen' exequen' coram Maiore vel in ejus absenc' coram duobus Aldermannorum Burgi predicti pro tempore existente Super Sanctum Dei Evangelium prius prestit' Offic' Aldermanni vel Aldermannorum Burgi predicti habeant et exerceant habeat et exerceat durante Vita sua naturali et Vitis suis naturalibus respective nisi interim pro Causa raconabili modo et forma predict' amovebuntur seu amovebitur et sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit Et quandocunque contigerit aliquem vel aliquos de Communi Consilio Burgi predicti mori vel e Communi Consilio Burgi predicti amoveri vel decedere quos quidem de Communi Consilio et eorum aliquos vel aliquem pro Causa raconabili ad discreoem et bene placitum Maioris et Aldermannorum et Ceterorum de Communi Consilio Burgi predicti pro tempore existente Supervivend' et remanen' vel maioris partis eorundem quorum Maior unus sit amobilem et amobiles esse Volumus quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit predict' Maior Aldermannis Ceterisque de Communi Consilio Super Viven' et remanen' vel maiori parti eorum ut preferitur ad hoc in Guihalda predict' vel alia loco convenien' ut preferitur Congregat' et Assemblat' de tempore in tempus infra Tempus conveniens post hujusmodi persone vel personarum de Communi Consilio Morten am'con' vel Decessum Unum alium vel plures alios de magis discreet' et probior Burgens' Burgi predicti in Com'une Consilium ejusdem

Burgi Nominare elegere et preficere ad Supplend' *predictum* Numerum *Quindecim de Com'uni Consilio Burgi* predicti quodque ille sive illi sic in Commune Consilium Burgi predicti de Tempore in tempus nominand' et Elegend' Sacramen' Corporal' ad Officium illud bene et fideliter in omnibus et per omnia idem Offic' tangen' exequend' coram maiore vel in ejus absenc' coram duobus Aldermannorum Burgi predicti pro tempore existente Super Sanctum Dei Evangelium prius prestand' Officium unius de Communi Consilio Burgi predicti habeant et exerceant habeat et exerceat durante Vita sua naturali et Vitis suis naturalibus respective nisi interim pro Causa raconabili modo et forma predict' Amovebuntur seu Amovebitur **VOLUMUS ETIAM** Ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris *Concedimus* prefatis Maioris Aldermannis Communi Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et Successoribus Suis Quod si Contigerit Maiorem Burgi predicti pro tempore existente sic egretudine laborare quod necessar' negotia Burgi predicti intendere non possit aut ex Burgo predicto pro aliqua Causa raconabili per Licentiam Aldermannorum et Communis Consilio ibidem pro tempore existente vel maioris partis eorum Egredi intendet et postea Egredietur quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit Maiori Burgi predicti pro tempore Existente facere et *Constituere Unum discretum Virum de Aldermannis Burgi predicti fore et esse Deputat'* ipsius Maioris pro tempore existente Sic egritudine laborand' aut pro causa raconabili sic ut prefertur allocat' continua' in eodem Offic' in absenc' vel duran' egretudine istius modo Maioris predicti pro tempore existente qui quidem Aldermannus in Offic' Deputat' Maioris Sic deputand' et Constituend' ea omnia et Singula que ad Officium Maioris Burgi predicti infra dictum Burgum pertinent seu pertinere debent faciend' et exequend' et exequi Valeat et possit durante tempore absenc' et Egritudinis Maioris pro tempore existente Vigore harum Literarum Nostrarum patentium adeo plene libere et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout Maior Burgi predicti si presens esse Virtute harum Literarum nostrarum patentium aut aliquo alio modo exequi valeret et posset hujusmodi Deputat' Sacramentum Corporal' ad omnia et Singula que ad Officium Deputat' Maioris Burgi predicti pertinent recte bene et fideliter exequend' coram maiore aut aliquibus duobus vel pluribus Aldermannorum Burgi predicti pro tempore existente prius prestante Et sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit **ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS** Ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris **CONCEDIMUS** prefatis Maiori Aldermannis Com'uni Consilio et

Burgensibus Burgi de Oswestrey predict' et Successoribus Suis quod ipsi de cetero imperpetuum habeant et habebunt infra Burgum predictum unum Virum discretum et in Legibus Anglie erudit' qui erit nominabitur *Seneschallus* Burgi predicti et erit unus duodecim Alderman' ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' VOLUMUS ETIAM Ac per presentes pro Nobis Heredibus et Successoribus nostris Nominamus Constituimus et appunctuamus prefat' *Johannem Trevor* modo Seneschallum predict' Domini de Oswestrie fore et esse *Seneschallum* predict' Burgi de Oswestrie VOLENTES Ac per presentes Ordinantes quod Seneschallus Domini de Oswestrie predict' pro tempore existente sic et erit de tempore in tempus et ad omnia tempora post hec in futuro Seneschallus et unus Aldermannorum Burgi predicti VOLUMUS ETIAM Ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris CONCEDIMUS prefat' Maiori Aldermannis et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et Successoribus suis quod ipsi de cetero imperpetuum habeant et habebunt infra Burgum predict' Unum Virum discretum et in Legibus Anglie erudit' in forma inferius in hiis presentibus menc'onat' eligend' qui erit et nominabitur *Recordator* Burgi predicti et pro meliori Execuc'oe Voluntat' nostre in hac parte ASSIGNAVIMUS Constituimus et fecimus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris ASSIGNAMUS Constituimus et facimus prefatum *Morganum Wynne Armiger'* fore et esse Recordatorem Burgi predicti Continuand' in Offic' ill' durant' Vita sua naturali VOLUMUS etiam ac per presentes pro Nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris CONCEDIMUS predictis Maiori Aldermannis Com'uni Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi de Oswestrey predict' et Successoribus Suis quod post Mortem prefat' Morgan' Wynne ac de tempore in tempus et ad omnia tempora quotiescunque Officium Recordatoris Burgi predicti Vacuum deveniet bene liceat et licebit *Maiori Aldermannis et Communi Consilio predicti* Burgi pro tempore existente vel maiori parti eorum quorum Maiorem Unum esse Volumus infra unum Mensem post quam predict' Offic' Recordatoris Vacuum deveniet' et noticiam superinde habit' seipsos Assemblare in Guihalda Burgi predicti aut aliquo alio loco Convenien' infra Burgum predict' eo libertat' ejusdem ac ad tunc et ibidem *Nominare eligere et Constituire* unum probum et discretum Virum et in Legibus Anglie erudit' fore et esse Recordatorem Burgi predicti VOLUMUS tamen quod tam predictus *Morgan' Wynne* necnon omnes alii in Offic' ill' Successor' antequam in predictum Officium Recordatoris Burgi predicti exequend' Admittantur Sacrament' Corporal'

ad Offic' ill' bene et fideliter in omnibus exequend' coram Maiore vel duobus vel pluribus Aldermanorum Burgi predicti pro tempore existen' prestabunt et eorum quilibet prestabit VOLUMUS ETIAM quod post mortem vel sursum reddicon' prefati Morgan' Wynne nullus Recordator Burgi de Oswestrey predict' de cetero eligend' sive Constituend' in Officio illo ullo modo de cetero intromittat' *antequam ipse approbatus fuerit per nos Heredes vel Successores* nostros aliquo in presentibus content' aut aliqua alia re Causa vel materia quacunque in contrarium inde non obstan' ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nobis Heredibus et Successoribus nostris Concedimus prefatis Maiori Aldermanis Com'uni Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi predict' et Successoribus Suis quod predictus *Richardus Pope* et quilibet Maior Burgi de Oswestrey predict' pro tempore existente durante tempore Maioralitatis sue Ac etiam prefat' *Johannes Trevor* durante toto tempore quo ipse *Seneschallus* erit Burgi predicti et quilibet alius *Seneschallus* ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existente Necnon *prefatus Morgan Wynne* durante toto tempore quo ipse erit Recordator Burgi predicti et quilibet alius Recordator ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' ac etiam predictus *Edwardus Owen* post hac in presentibus nominat' et Constitut' fore Coronator Burgi predicti durante toto tempore quo ipse erit Coronator ejusdem Burgi et quilibet ac Coronator Burgi illius pro tempore existente et quilibet eorum coniunctim et seperatim de cetero imperpetuum Sint et erunt Justiciar' nostri Heredum et Successorum nostrorum ad pacem Nostram Heredum et Successorum nostrorum infra predict' Burgum de Oswestrey et Precint' Liberat' et Limit' ejusdem Conservand' et Custodiend' ac Concervari et Custodiri faciend' absque aliquo Brevi Com'issione sive aliquo alio precepto inde fiend' per nos Heredes vel Successores nostros Ac etiam ad Custodiend' et exequend' ac observari et exequi faciend' Statut' concervend' Artifices et Laboratores pondera et mensuras ac omnes alias Leges et Statuta nostra quecunque quibuscum et per que Justiciar' nostri ad pacem se intromittere valeant et possint aut puniend' et Corrigend' hujusmodi personas qui aqualiter contra eadem aut aliqua alia Leges et Statuta nostra offenderint in talibus modo et forma prout casus requireret ac prout Offic' et debito Justiciar' pacis incidens sit aut aliquis Justiciar' pacis nostre facere possit Ac ad compellend' illos qui aliquam personam sive aliquas personas de vita et membris aut de Incendio Vivorum cominabuntur invenire et dare bonam et Sufficientem securitatem pacis pro se bene gerendo erga nos et cunctum populum

nostrum Et si quis hujusmodi securitatem invenire et dare recusabit hujusmodi recusantes Ad Gaolam nostram committere ibidem remansur' donec bona et Sufficientem Securitatem ut prefertur invenient Et quod ipsi prefat' Richardus Pope ac omnes al' Maiores Burgi predicti pro tempore existente durante tempore Maioralitatis sue Johannes Trevor Seneschallus Burgi predicti durante tempore quo ipse Seneschallus erit ejusdem Burgi et Seneschallus Burgi illius pro tempore existen' Morgan Wynne Recordator Burgi predicti durante tempore quo ipse continuabit Recordator Burgi illius et Recordator ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' Et Edwardus Owen Coronator Burgi predicti durante tempore quo ipse continuabit Coronator Burgi illius et Coronator ejusdem Burgi pro tempore Existen' aut aliqui tres vel duo eorum quorum maiorem pro tempore existente Unum semper esse Volumus sint et erunt Justiciar' nostri et heredum et Successorum nostrorum ad inquirend' per Sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum Burgi predicti per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit de Omnibus et *omniūmod' ffelon' murdris homicid' veneficiis Incantac'on Magijs arte magia Transgression' fforestallar' Regrator' Ingrossator' et Exorconibus quibuscunque* ac de omnibus et singulis aliis malefactis et Offens' quibuscunque de quibus aliqui alij Justiciar' pacis nostre Heredum vel Successorum nostror' inquirere possint vel debent per quoscunque aut qualitercunque antehac in futuro comiss' vel perpetrat' fuerint infra Burgum predictum aut precinct' et Libertat' ejusdem ac etiam de illis qui ad perturbac'on pacis nostr' heredum et Successorum nostrorum riotose ambulabant seu equitabant infra predictum Burgum vel precinct' et Libertat' ejusdem Ac etiam de Omnibus illis qui Antehac vel imposterum insidiat' fuerint ad occidend' vel mutuland' aliquos Ligeos nostros de aut infra predictum Burgum aut precinct' aut Libertat' ejusdem Ac etiam de Omnibus et Singulis aliis personis que antehac vel imposterum infra Burgum predictum vel precinct' et Libertat' ejusdem in abusu ponderum et mensurarum aut in Vendic'one Victual' Offenderint contra formam Ordinac'onum Legum et Statutorum inde pro Com'uni bono hujus Regni nostri Anglie fact' et provis' Ac etiam de omnibus Constabular' Custodibus prisonarum Ac omnibus al' Officiar' quibuscunque qui in execuc'oe Separat' Officiorum Suorum antehac vel imposterum se male gesserint aut negligentes vel remiss' fuerint Necnon de Omnibus et Singulis Articulis punctis Circumstantiis et rebus, quibuscunque per quoscunque et quandocunque comiss' sive fact' infra Burgum predictum aut precinct' et

Libertat' ejusdem vel imposterum ibidem faciend' sive Committend' que premissa predicta vel eorum aliqua quoquo modo concernent Et ad faciend' et Continuand' processum et processum Super Judicia et Inquise'ones sic capt' versus hujusmodi personam vel personas que sic indictat' fuerint donec ipsi capientur aut semet sursumreddent vel ut legabuntur Ac puniend' Offendentes et quemlibet eorum pro seperalibus Offensis Suis per finem Lytrum Imprisonament' forisfactur' aut aliter prout ijdem Offendentes vel eorum aliquis per Leges et Statuta hujus Regni nostri Anglie puniri debent vel debet Ita quod ipsi prefat' Maior Burgi predicti pro tempore existente durante tempore maioralitatis sue et pro uno Anno integro tunc prox sequen' Seneschallus et Recordator ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' et eorum aliquis non procedant vel precedat' ad triac'on prodicon' murdr' ffelonie aut alicuius alius Offensi cujuscunque concernen' amissionem Vite vel membri infra Burgum predictum Libertat' et precinet' ejusdem sine Speciali Warranto aut Licenc' nostr' heredum et Successorum nostrorum ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS quod prefat' Richardus Pope Superius in presentibus menc'onat fore primus et modernus Maior Burgi predicti in execuc'one Officij Justiciar' pacis se nullo modo intromittet Antequam ipse coram Dilectis et fidelibus prefat' *Johanni Trevor Milit'* *Robert Owen de Woodhouse* in dicto Comitatu nostro Salop' et *Edwardo Kinaston de Otley* in eodem Comitatu Armiger' vel uno eorum Sacramentum Corporale Officium predictum bene et fideliter exequend' Necnon Sacramentum per Leges et Statut' hujus Regni nostri Anglie per Justiciar' pacis prestand' appunctuat' prestiterit Quibus quidem *Johanni Trevor Roberto Owen* et *Edwardo Kinaston* et Cuj libet eorum per presentes Damus plenam potestatem et Authoritatem dandi et administrandi Sacramenta predicta prefato Richard Pope absque aliquo alio warrante sive Com'issione a Nobis Heredibus vel Successoribus nostris in ea parte obtinend' ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS quod predictus Johannes Trevor Seneschallus Burgi predicti et quilibet alius qui imposterum fuerit Seneschallus ejusdem Burgi Necnon predict' Morgan' Wynne Recordator Burgi predicti et quilibet alius Recordator ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' Ac etiam prefatus Edwardus Owen Coronator Burgi predicti et quilibet alius Coronator ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' omnesque et Singuli que imposterum fuerint Maiores Burgi illius antequam ipsi vel eorum aliquis ad execuc'oem dicti Offic' Justiciar' pacis nostre aut Heredum vel successorum nostrorum admittantur Sacrament' Corporal' Maiore Burgi illius quo tempore existen' ad Offic'

ill' bene et fideliter exequen' ac etiam Sacramentum per Leges et Statuta hujus Regni nostri Anglie per Justiciar' pacis prestand' appunctuat' prestiterint Qui quidem Maiori pro tempore existen' Damus et Concedimus plenam potestatem et Authoritatem dandi et Administrandi de tempore in tempus Sacramenta predicta Justiciar' pacis nostre Burgi predicti et cuilibet eorum absque aliquo alio Warranto Sive Com'issione a nobis Heredibus vel Successoribus nostris in ea parte procurand' aut obtinend' ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nobis Heredibus et Successoribus nostris Concedimus pefat' Majori Aldermannis Com'uni Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et Successoribus Suis quod predict' Maior Burgi predicti pro tempore existen' durante tempore Maioralitatis Sue et pro uno Anno integro tunc prox sequen' ac Seneschallus et Recordator ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' aut aliqui tres vel duo eorum quorum Majorem pro tempore existen' Unum esse Volumus habebunt et tenebunt ac habere et tenere Valeant et possint General' Sessionem pacis nostre Heredum et Successorum nostrorum infra Guihaldam predictam aut aliquem alium locum convenien' infra predictum Burgum Libertat' et precinct' ejusdem de et pro omnibus rebus materijs vel offens' surgen' acciden' vel Comiss' infra Burgum illum Libertat' et Precinct' ejusdem Quodque faciant et exequantur omnia et Singula in dictis Generalibus Sessionibus in tam amplis modo et forma prout alij Justiciar' pacis nostre dicti Comitatus nostri Salop' Aut Ballivi Ville nostre de Salop' infra eandem Villam facere et exequi possint aut debeant ET VOLUMUS ac per pr'entes pro nobis Heredibus et Successoribus nostris Concedimus pefatis Maiori Aldermannis Com'uni Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et Successoribus Suis quod Maior Burgi illius pro tempore existen' durante tempore Maioralitatis sue Ac Seneschallus Recordator et Coronator ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' Justiciar' pacis nostre ut prefertur et quilibet eorum per eius eorum Warrant' in Scriptis per duos vel un' eorum Subscript' com'ittere Valeant et possint ad Com'unem Gaolam predict' Comitatu' nostri Salop' omnes et quamlibet personam et personas de tempore in tempus capt' sive Capiend' Arrestat' sive Arrestand' Attachiat vel attachiand' infra Burgum predictum Libertat' vel precinct' ejusdem pro Aliquibus prodi-conibus Murdris Homicid' aut aliqua alia feloniam quacunque aut pro Suspicionem alicuius vel aliquorum predictor'um Offens' ibidem remansur ad respondend' pro sepealibus Offensis suis coram Justiciar' nostris Assignat' vel Assignand' pro deliberac'one Gaole nostre infra dictum Comitatum nostrum Salop'

VOLENTES ac per presentes pro nobis Heredibus et Successoribus nostris Mandantes Vicecomiti ejusdem Comitatus pro tempore existen' Neenon Custod' Com'unis Gaole Comitatus illius pro tempore existen' quo ipsi et eorum alter de tempore in tempus recipient et recipiet Corpus et Corpora hujusmodi persone et personarum ipsis vel eorum alteri per Justiciar' pacis predicti Burgi Libertat' et precinct' ejusdem vel eorum aliquem Sic ut prefertur comittend' in eius et eorum Custodiam et Custodias ac personam et personas Sic Comiss' Salvy Custodient ad respondend' pro Seperal' Offensis Suis coram Justiciar' nostris de Oyer et Terminer et Justiciar' nostris ad Gaolam nostrum deliberand' Assign' vel Assignand' Et hæc Litere nostre paten' vel Irrotulament' earundem dictis Vicecomiti Comitatus nostri Salop' et Custodi Com'unis Gaole ejusdem Comitatus pro tempore Existen' et eorum alteri bon' et sufficient' erunt' Warran' in ea parte VOLUMUS ETIAM AC per presentes pro nobis Heredibus et successoribus nostris MANDAMUS quod nullus aut Custos aut Justiciar' pacis aut aliquis al' Officiar' nostr' Heredum vel successor'um nostrorum ut Justiciar' pacis nostre indicto Comitatu nostro Salop' cum aliqua persona vel aliquibus personis pro aliqua materia Causa seu re quacunque infra predict' Burgum de Oswestrey aut Libertat' et precinct' ejusdem acciden' ullo modo se intromittet ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nobis Heredibus et successoribus nostris Concedimus prefatis Maiori Aldermannis Com'uni Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et successoribus Suis Quod Maior ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' et successores sui de tempore in tempus post hac in futuro eligent nominabunt et appunctuabunt et eligere nominare et appunctuare valeant ut possint hujusmodi personam et personas Liberos Burgenses vel Inhabitan' Burgi predicti qual' sibi placuerit fore et esse *Constabular' officiar' et inferior ministros* pro servicio nostro Heredum et successorum nostrorum et servicio ejusdem Burgi ac ipsos sic elect' et appunctuat' vel eorum aliqu' pro causa rac'onabili amovebunt et dimittent ac amovere et dimittere valeant et possint prout visum fuerit Quodque hujusmodi Constabular' Officium et Ministr' et eorum quilibet sic ut prefertur eligend' et appunctuand' Sacramentum Suum Corporal' Super Sanctum Dei Evangelium coram Mai're predicti Burgi pro tempore existente ad officia et Loca sua respectiva iuste integre et obedientur prefato Maiori et aliis Justiciar' pacis predict' infra Burgum predictum pro tempore existente performand' et exequen' duran' continuac'on sua in seperalibus officijs suis prestabunt et quilibet eorum prestabit VOLUMUS ETIAM

ac per presentes pro nobis Heredibus et successoribus nostris *Concedimus* prefatis Maiori Aldermannis Com'uni Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi predicti quod ipsi de cetero imperpetuum habeant et habebunt infra Burgum predictum duos officarios sive Ministros per Maiorem Burgi predicti pro tempore existente ann'atim nominand' qui erunt et vocabuntur *Servien' ad Clavas* Quodque predicti servientes ad Clavas erint et eorum alter erit de tempore in tempus et ad omnia Tempora attendentes in et Super Maiorem Burgi predicti vel eius deputat' pro tempore existen' et per Maiorem ibidem ann'atim et quilibet nominabuntur et appunctuabunter continuand' in offic' ill' pro et durante uno anno integro si ipsi vel eorum alter tam diu vixerit ac se bene gesserint vel gesserit in officio suo predicto quodque iidem servientes ad Clavas sic ut prefertur nominand' Jurati erint et eorum alter iurat' erit coram Maiori predicti pro tempore existente ad officia sua bene et fideliter exequen' **VOLUMUS ETIAM** quod predicti duo servientes ad Clavas Burgi predicti de tempore in tempus et ad omnia tempora ac in omnibus Locis infra Burgum predictum Libertat' et precinct' ejusdem et publice portabunt et eorum alter habebit et publice portabit Clavas Argenteas vel Deorat' *Signo Armorum nostrorum Durante vit' nostr'* ac post decessum nostrum *Signo Armorum Heredum et Successorum nostrorum* ad Superiorem partem inde Ac *Signo Armorum Domini Manerij de Oswestrey* pro tempore Existente ad inferiorem partem inde sculpt' et ornat' quas quidem Clavas predicti Servientes ad Clavas aperte in manibus suis vel super humeros suos in Solemni et decore modo nudo Capite coram Maiore vel eius Deputat' pro tempore existen' toties quoties per predictum Maiorem vel eius Deputat' precept' fuerint portabunt quodque vocabuntur servientes ad Clavam pro Burgo de Oswestrey predict' et erint Ministri Attendentes in et super Maiorem Burgi predicti pro tempore existen' vel eius Deputat' ac in et super Curiam et Curias nostras de Recordo in et pro eodem Burgo imposterum tenend' quodque facient et exequentur et facere et exequi valeant et possint omnia et omniand Brevia process' precept' Warrant' attachment' Mandat' Curie sive Curiarum et Maioris predict' secundum Leges et Statuta hujus Regni nostri Anglie **ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS** ac per presentes pro nobis Heredibus et Successoribus nostris **CONCEDIMUS** prefat' Maior' Aldermannis Com'uni Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi predict' et successoribus suis quod *Maior* Burgi predicti pro tempore existente et *Seneschallus* Domini Manerij de Oswestrey pro tempore existente de cetero imperpetuum sint et erint et

eorum quilibet sic et erit *Clericus et Clerinus* mercati nostri Heredum et Successorum nostrorum per et infra predictum Burgum de Oswestrey quodque facient performabunt et exequentur ac faceri et exequi possint et valeant omnia et singula acco'nes facta et res in et per predictum Burgum Libertat' et precinct' ejusdem in tam amplis modo et forma prout aliquis alius Clerinus aut aliqui alij Clerici mercati in aliquo alio Comitatu Civitate villa et Burgo huius Regni nostri Anglie quocunque facere performare et exequi valeant et possint VOLUMUS insuper ac per presentes mandamus quod *nullus Clericus Mercati Hospitij* nostri aut alius Clerinus Mercati nostri Heredum vel successorum nostrorum aliqu' act' factum sive rem quameunque officium Clerici mercati Burgi predicti aliquid tamen' sive concernend' infra eundem Burgum Libertat' vel precinct' ejusdem *agere* exequi vel performare *presumat* ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nobis Heredibus et successoribus nostris CONCEDIMUS et ordinamus quod de Cetero imperpetuum sit et erit unus Coronator infra dictum Burgum de Oswestrey qui erit et vocabitur *Coronator* Burgi de Oswestrey VOLUMUS ETIAM et per presentes pro nobis Heredibus et successoribus nostris CONCEDIMUS prefatis Maiori Aldermannis Com'uni Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et successoribus suis quod Coronator virtute presentium de tempore in tempus nominat' et appunctuat' nominand' et appunctuand' habebit ac habere valeat et possit plenam potestatem et autoritate faciendi et exequendi omnes et Singulos Actus infra predictum Burgum Libertat' et precinct' ejusdem in tam amplis modo et forma prout aliquo Coronator aut aliqui Coronatores infra aliquam Villam Incorporat' vel aliquem Comitatum infra Regnum nostrum Anglie de iure facere et exequi potest vel possint Et pro meliori exem'oe Concessionis nostre in hac parte ORDINAVIMUS Constituimus et appunctuavimus ac per presentes ORDINAMUS Constituimus et appunctuamus predictum *Edwardum Owen* Generosum fore et esse primum et Modernum Coronatorem Burgi predicti et Continuand' in Offic' ill' usque *ad diem Veneris prox' post festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli* qui erit in Anno Domini Millesimo sexcentesimo Septuagesimo quarto si ipse tamdiu vixerit et abinde donec Novus Maior Secundum formam et Ordinem in ea parte Superius in hijs presentibus express' nominabitur Elegitur et iuratus fuerit si ipse p'fat' Edwardus Owen tamdiu vixerit VOLUMUS TAMEN quod p'fat' Edwardus Owen in Offic' predict' se non intromittet Antequam ipse Sacramentum suum Corporale

coram predicto Richardo Pope ad Officium suum predictum vere iuste et indifferenter exequend' Cuiquidem Richard Pope plenam potestatem et auctoritatem administrandi Sacramentum predictum pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris DAMUS et Concedimus per presentes absque aliquo alio vel ulteriori Warranto vel Comissione a nobis Heredibus et Successoribus nostris in ea parte procurand' aut obtinend' ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris CONCEDIMUS prefatis Maiori Aldermanis Com'uni Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et Successoribus suis quod de tempore in tempus ac ad omnia tempora post hoc in futuro Annuatim *Ultimus Maior* Burgi predicti pro tempore Existente immediate ab et post et quancito Officium Suum Maioris predict' Determinabit erit et vocabitur *Coronator* nostre Heredum et Successorum nostrorum et in per predictum Burgum Libertat' et precinet' ejusdem Quodque ipse ut Coronator plenam habeat potestatem et auctoritatem ad faciend' et exequend' infra Burgum predictum et Libertat' ejusdem Omnia que per Leges et Statuta hujus Regni nostri Anglie ad Officium Coronatoris spectabit vel pertinebit aut spectare vel pertinere possit VOLUMUS TAMEN Ac per presentes MANDAMUS quod predictus Ultimus Maior Burgi predicti pro tempore existente non exercebit vel exequetur Officium Coronatoris Burgi illius antequam ipse Sacramentum Corporale ad Offic' illud vere iuste et indifferenter exequend' Coram Maiore ejusdem Burgi pro tempore existente vel eius Deputat' prestiterit VOLUMUS INSUPER ac per presentes Mandamus quod nullus alius Coronator seu Coronatores nostri heredum vel Successorum nostrorum ad aliquod quod ad Offic' Coronatoris pertinet vel pertinere possit faciend' infra Burgum predictum aut Libertat' vel precinet' ejusdem ullo modo se intromittat vel intromittant ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS ac per presentes CONCEDIMUS quod si Contigerit Coronator Burgi predicti aliquo tempore imposterum infra unum annum postquam ad Offic' Coronatoris Burgi predicti ut prefertur prefectus et iurat' fuerit obire quod tunc bene liceat et licebit Maiori Aldermannis et Com'uni Consilio predicti Burgi pro tempore existente vel Maiori Parti eorum nominare et Eligere Unum alium ex Aldermannis qui fuerit Coronator ejusdem Burgi ad Dictum Officium Supplend' et Exercent' pro et durante tali tempore qual' Coronator sic moriens idem Officium si vixisset tenuisset Quodque ipse sic Nominatus et Electus Sacrament' Corporal' modo et forma predict' prestabit ET ULTERIUS de Uberiori gratia nostra Ac ex certa Scientia

et mero motu nostris VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nobis Heredibus et Successoribus nostris CONCEDIMUS prefatis Maiori Aldermannis Communi Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et Successoribus Suis quod ipsi de cetero imperpetuum habeant et teneant ac habere tenere possint et valeant infra Burgum de Oswestrey predict' in Guihaldia ibidem *unam Curiam de Recordo* quolibet die Veneris in qualibet Septiurana per an'um diebus festis Solu'modo exceptis Coram Maiore Burgi predicti pro tempore existente vel ejus Deputat' tenend' Et quod in Curia illa tenere possint querel' in eadem Curia levand' Omnia et Omnimod' placita Acc'ones sectas et demand' de quibuscunque transgressionibus Vi et Armis seu aliter in contempt' nostri Heredum aut Successorum Nostrorum fact' seu faciend' perpetrat' seu perpetrand' seu Contra formam aliquorum Statutorum ac de quibuscunque alijs transgressionibus Offencis et Malefactis infra Burgum predictum aut Libertat' vel Precinet' ejusdem fact' mot' seu perpetrat' vel imposterum faciend' movend' sive perpetrand' Ac de omnibus et omnimod' placitis et Acc'onibus super Casum decepc'on compot' debit Convenc'on detenc'on Cartarum Scriptorum vel Munimentorum et Catallorum Capc'onibus et Detenc'ombus Averiorum Bonorum et Catallorum ac alijs contractibus quibuscunque ex quibuscunque Causis sive rebus infra Burgum predictum Libertat' vel Precinet' ejusdem emergen' contingen' vel existen' in tam amplis modo et forma ad omnes intenc'oes et proposita prout Ballivi et Burgenses Villo et Burg' de Oswestrey predict' Antehac habuerunt tenuerunt usi vel gavisi fuerint infra eundem Burgum quodque hujusmodi placita querel' sect' et Acc'ones ibidem Audiantur et determinantur coram Maiore Burgi predicti pro tempore existente vel ejus Deputat' in Guihaldia ejusdem Burgi per tal' et consimil pross' et mod' Legibus et Consuetud' huius Regni nostri Anglie concentan' Ac adeo plene libere et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout in Cur' de Recordo Burgi predicti aut in aliqua alia Curia de Recordo in aliqua Civitate Burgo sive Villa Incorporat' infra Regnum nostrum Anglie usitat' et consuet' fuit aut fieri potest aut debet quodque predict' Maior Aldermanni Com'une Consilium et Burgenses Burgi de Oswestrey predict' et successores sui de cetero imperpetuum habeant et habebunt plenam postestatem et Autoritatem ad Attachiand' seu Attachiari Causand' per Corpora sua secundum cursum Legumstrarum Omnes et Omnimod' personam et personas qui erunt vel suspect' fuerint fore insufficiend' vel insolven' in quibuscunque acc'onibus et placitis de debit Compot' Transgression, detenc'on'

ac Omnibus at placitis et ac'conibus personalibus antehac mot' citat sue exhibit vel imposterum movend' sitand' vel exhibend' infra Burgum predict' Libertat' vel precinct' eiusdem coram Maiore eiusdem Burgi pro tempore Existente vel eius Deputat' in Guihalda ibidem ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris CONCEDIMUS prefatis Maiori Aldermannis Com'uni Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et Successoribus suis quod Maior Burgi de Oswestrey predict' et Successores sui imperpetuum habebunt ac habere valeant et possint *unam medietatem* Omnium et Omnimod' ffil' Exit' Redemc'ond' Amerciament' forisfactur Recognic'on et Recognic'onum pro non apparen' pro quacunque Causa vel quibuscunque Causis Comiss' vel comittend' Necnon Omn' perquisicon' quarumcunque infra dictam curiam de Recordo predicti Burgi vel in aliqua alia Curia vel aliquibus alijs Curijs tent' infra eundem Burgum coram aliquo Officiario vel aliquibus Offic' Burgi Illius Surgen' acciden' vel provenien' *alteram vero medietatem* predictorum ffinium exit' Redemc'on amerciament' penalitat' et forisfactur' *pro nobis heredibus* et Successoribus nostris DAMUS et Concedimus *Domino Dominiij* sive manerij de Oswestrey predict' pro tempore existente et heredibus suis Dominus eiusdem manerij VOLUMUS ETIAM ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris CONCEDIMUS Prefatis Maiori Aldermannis Com'uni Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et Successoribus suis quod ipsi de cetero imperpetuum habeant et habebunt infra Burgum predictum unum Virum probum discretum et ideneum qui erit et nominabitur *Com'unis Clericus Burgi* predicti Cui quidem Com'uni Clerico Burgo illius pro tempore existente pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris per presentes DAMUS et CONCEDIMUS plenam potestatem et Authoritatem ad omnia faciend' et Exequend' que tam ad Offic' Com'unis Clerici eiusdem Burgi quam ad Offic' Clerici Curie Burgi illius spectant' vel pertinent' AC pro meliori Execuc'oe Voluntatis nostre in hac parte ASSIGNAVIMUS Constituimus Ordinavimus et fecimus ac per presentes ASSIGNAMUS Constituimus Ordinamus et facimus Dilectum Nobis *Johannem Morrall* Generosum fore et esse Communem Clericum Burgi predict' ad faciend' et Exequend' Omnia et Singula Ad Offic' Com'unis Clerici Burgi predict' et ad Offic' Clerica Curie eiusdem Burgi spectan' vel pertinen' et in dicto Officio' Continuand' durante Vita sua naturali VOLUMUS ETIAM ac per presentes Concedimus quod si Com'unis Clericus Burgi predicti pro tempore existente ad aliquod tempus in futuro

infra Burgum predictum non residet vel negotia Officij Sui in propria persona sua non intendet tunc durante tali sua non residentia vel absentia ipse idem Com'unis Clericus Unum probum discretum et idoneum virum non existen' Attorn' Cur' Burgi predict' ac per Seneschallum Burgi predicti pro tempore existente per Scriptum sub Manu et sigillo suo de tempore in tempus Allocand' fore et esse *deputatum* suum faciet Nominabit et appunctuabit VOLUMUS ETIAM ac per presentes precipimus et Mandamus quod Com'unis Clericus Burgi predicti pro tempore existente vel eius Deputat' de cetero imperpetuum Omn' et Omnimod' ffines et Amerciamenta infra Burgum predictum imposit' vel assessat' imponend' vell assesand' in Curia de Recordio eiusdem Burgi sive dilac'one irrotulabit vel irrotulari causabit VOLUMUS INSUPER ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris CONCEDIMUS quod de cetero imperpetuum Clerico et nominac'o Com'unis Clerici predicti Burgi pro tempore existente erit et facta fuerit *per Dominum manerij sive Domini* de Oswestrey predict' pro tempore existent' quodque tam prefat' Johannes Morrall quam quilibet alius Com'unis Clericus per Dominum Manerij sive Domini de Oswestry predict' pro tempore existente Elect' et Nominat' Antequam ad Offic' ill' exequend' Admittatur Sacrament' Corporal' ad idem Offic' bene et fideliter in Omnibus exequend' coram Maiore Predicti Burgi pro tempore existente prestabit Cui quidem Maiori huiusmodi Sacrament' tam predicto Com'uni Clerico pro tempore existente quam Constabular' Servientibus ad Clavam et Omnibus alijs Officiarijs infra Burgum predictum Libertat et precinet' eiusdem dandi et Administrandi plenam potestatem et Authoritatem Damus et Concedimus per presentes absque aliquo alio Warranto sive Com'issione a nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris procurand' vel obtinend' ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS Ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris CONCEDIMUS et Confirmamus prefatis Maiori Aldermanis Com'uni Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et Successoribus suis quod de cetero imperpetuum sint et erunt infra Burgum predict' *See prohi et discreti Viri* que erunt et vocabuntur *Attornati* predictae Curie de Recordio quorum *quatuor* Volumus eligentur et Nominabuntur per Maiorem Burgi predicti et Successores suos Maiores eiusdem Burgi et *alteri duo* per Seneschallum Burgi illius pro tempore existen' qui quidem *quatuor* Attorn' per Maiorem sic ut prefertur nominat' et nominand' in Officijs Suis respective continuabunt donec per Maiorem Burgi predicti vel Successores Suos amovebuntur alteri vero duo per

Seneschallum sic ut prefertur Nominat' et nominand' in Officijs suis continuabunt donec per Seneschallum Burgi predicti pro tempore existen' amovebuntur CONCESSIMUS INSUPER ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris CONCEDIMUS prefatis Maiori Aldermannis Com'uni Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et Successoribus Suis quod de cetero imperpetuum Sic et erit infra Burgum predictum Unus probus et discretus Vir qui erit et Nominabitur *Marescallus* et proclamator predictae Curie Burgi predicti Quique elegitur et Nominabitur per Maiorem Burgi illius pro tempore existen' et in Offic' ill' Continuabit donec per Majorem eiusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' amovebitur Ac etiam durante Continua'con Sua in Offic' predict' faciet et exequetur ac facere et exequi possit et valeat omnia et Singula que ad Offic' suum in Curia predict' pertinent vel pertinere debeant VOLUMIS ETIAM quo tam predicti' *Sex Attornati* quam *Marischallus* Curie predictae pro tempore existen' Sacramenta sua Corporal' super sanctum Dei Evangel' Coram Maior' Burgi predict' pro tempore existen' vel eius Deputat' ad officia sua respective bene et fideliter Secundum eorum optimam scient' et intellectum Exequend' prestabunt et quilibet eorum prestabit ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris CONCEDIMUS prefat' Maiori Aldermannis Com'uni Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et successoribus suis quod ipsi de cetero imperpetuum habeant et habebunt infra eundem Burgum ac infra Libertat' eiusdem *Unam Gaolam Sive prison'* pro Custod' et Salva detencon' Ominum et Singularum prisonar' Attachiat vel Attachiant' vel qui ad eandem prisonar' per Maiorem Seneschallum et Recordate'r predict' vel eorum aliquem protempore Existen' adjudicat' Miss' sive Commiss' fuerint pro aliqua Causa Sive re que ipsis bon' et convenien' videbitur ibidem remansur' donec ab inde per debitum Legis cursam exonerat' acquietat' vel deliberat' fuerint Quodque prefat' Maior Burgi predict' pro tempore existen' et Successores sui Custodes dicte Gaole sive prisonar' de tempore in tempus durante Maioralitate sua nominabunt facient et Appunctuabunt ac nominare facere et appunctuare possint et valeant Et quod huiusmodi Custos et Custodes Sic appunctuat' et appunctuand' respondebit et respondebunt et indemn' servabit et servabunt predict' Maiorem Sive Corporat'on in et pro Salva Custod' Prisonariorum et delinquesium ad eius vel eorum Custod' Commiss' VOLUMUS insuper ac per presentes Ordinamus quod predict' *Maior Recordator Clericus Mercati Communis Clericus* Burgi

predicti *Attornat' Marischallus Curie Custos Prisone et*
Servientes ad Clavam pro tempore existen' et Successores
 sui de Cetero imperpetuum ac de tempore in tempus habe-
 bunt capient' demandabunt et recipient' ac habere capere
 demandare et possint et valeant omnia et omnimod' tal'
 huiusmodi et consimil' reconabil' feod' et profic' sectarum in
 Curia et Curijs ac extra Curiam et Curias qual' Ballivi
 Recordator Coronatores Clericus Mercati Com'unis Clericus
 Burgi Attornati Marischallus Curie Custos Prison' et servientes
 ad Clavam *Ville Ludlow aut predicti Burgi* vel eorem aliqu'
 habeat Capiunt demandant et recipient habuerunt ceperunt
 demandaverunt vel reciperunt aut habere capere demandare
 et recipere debent vel possint ET ULTERIUS SCIATIS quod
 nos de gratia et favore nostris ac pro incremto profic' et
 Comodi predicti Burgi de Oswestrey CONCESSIMUS et
 Confirmavimus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Succes-
 soribus nostris CONCEDIMUS et Confirmamus prefatis *Maiori*
Aldermanis Com'uni Consilio et Burgensibus eiusdem Burgi
 et Successoribus suis quod de cetero imperpetuum omnes et
 singule persone que fuerunt sunt vel imposterum fuerint
Inhabitantes vel Residentes infra Burgum predictum aut
 Libertat' eiusdem tam *liberi Burgenses Burgi* illius quam non
liberi in omnibus auxilijs *taxacon' contribuconibus Scot' Lott'*
Assessment' et Soluton quibuscunque ad usum nostrum
 heredum vel Successorum nostrorum vel ad usum predicti
 Burgi pro Manutenc'on' boni Status et profic' ejusdem Burgi
 taxabuntur censebuntur et reconabiliter Assessabuntur *unam*
cum alijs Burgensibus Burgi illius quod prefat' Maior
 Burgenses Com'une Consilium et Burgenses Burgi predicti et
 Successores sui *adusum profitium* et in vacamen' eiusdem
 Burgi levabunt et levari possint per Servientes Officiarios vel
 Ministros suos eadem *Auxilia Taxacon' Contribucon' Soluton'*
Scot et Lott' de tempore in tempus per districconem sive
 districcones Bonorum vel Catallorum vel Bonorum et Catallorum
 huiusmodi persone vel personarum sic et prefetur taxat vel
 Assessat' que quidem persone Inhabitantes et Residentes
 cuiuscunque sortis generis vel qualitat' de tempore in tempus
 ac ad omnia tempora posthec in futuro onerat' et onerabit
 fuerint cum eisdem Auxilijs Taxac'on Scot et lott' et alijs
 Contribuc'on' et eorum quibuslibet ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS
 ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris
 CONCEDIMUS et Confirmamus prefatis *Maiori Aldermannis*
Com'unium Consilio et Burgensibus et Successoribus suis quod
 ipsi et maior pars eorum de tempore in tempus ac ad omnia tem-
 pora posthec in futuro plenam habeant et habeant potestatem et

Authoritatem Nominandi Constituendi Eligendi appunctuandi
 et faciendi aliquam personam vel personas quascunque que
 infra Burgum predictum sicut *Apprentitius* vel *Apprentitij*
 Servivit vel servierunt servibit vel servibunt vel infra predictum
 Burgum Libertat' vel precinet' eiusdem Familiam per spacium
 Septem Annorum habuerunt vel habebunt fore et esse liber'
 Burgensem et liberos Burgenses eiusdem Burgi quod que
 Maior Aldermanni et Com'une Consilium Burgi illius pro
 tempore existen' et Seneschallus Domini Manerij de Oswestrey
 predict' pro tempore existen' et maior pars eorundem quorum
 Seneschallum Domini Manerij predicti pro tempore existen'
 unum esse volumus habeant et habebunt plenam potestatem
 et authoritatem Nominandi Elegendi appunctuandi et faciendi
 aliquam personam sive personas quascunque *liberum Bur-*
gensem vel liberos Burgenses Burgi predicti VOLUMUS ETIAM
 quod huiusmodi persona vel persone sic ut prefertur Nominand'
 Eligend' appunctuandi et faciend' erit et vocabitur erunt et
 vocabuntur liber Burgens et liberi Burgenses dicti Burgi de
 Oswestrey Quodque habeat teneat et gaudeat habebit tenebit
 et gaudebit habebunt tenebunt et gaudebunt per presentes
 Omnia privilegia ffranchias et Libertates predicti Burgi pleno
 libere et absolute sibi et heredibus suis imperpetuum *nisi ipsa*
vel ipse pro aliqua justa equa et raconabil' Causa et Considera-
c'on' per predict' Maiorem Aldermannes et Com'une Consilium
 vel maiorem partem eorundem *ex-pellentur* amovebuntur vel
 Disfranchisabuntur quibuscunque Maiori Aldermannis et
 Communi Consilio predict' Burgi et Successoribus Suis
 imperpetuum vel maiori parti eorundem pro Nobis heredibus
 et Successoribus nostris DAMUS et Concedimus per presentes
 plenam potestatem et Authoritatem de tempore in tempus
 super aliquam justam equam raconabilem et legalem Causam
 et Considerac'on' expellendi Amovendi et Disfranchisandi
 aliquem Burgensem sive aliquos Burgenses eiusdem Burgi
 ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nobis
 heredibus et successoribus nostris CONCEDIMUS et Confir-
 mamus pifat' Maiore Aldermannis Communi Consilio et
 Burgensibus predicti Burgi et successoribus suis quod *nullus*
Peregrinus vel extraneus nisi sic liber' Burgen' eiusdem Burgi
 Ac etiam liber de societate in qua comerium facere intendet vel
 uti apprenticius ad ffacultatem illam Anglie Trade infra
 Burgum predicti per Spatium Septem Annorum Servierit ad
 aliquod tempus posthec in futuro nisi in *tempore fferiarum*
 eundem Burgum imposterum tenend' vendet seu vendic'oni
 exponet aliquas Merces Sive Merchandizas infra Burgum illum
 Libertat' et precinet' eiusdem aliter quam in grosse preter

victual pro alimento relevio et sive Sustentac'one eiusdem Burgi et Inhabitant' eiusdem nec aliquam Shopam tenebit aut' aliquo Ministerio occupac'on' vel Arte Manual' utetur infra Burgum illum aut Libertat' eiusdem sine speciali Licent' et Eleccon Maioris Aldermanorum et Com'unis Consilij eiusdem Burgi pro tempore existen' vel maioris partis eorundem quorum maiorem pro tempore Existen' unum esse Volumus in Scriptis Sub Com'uni Sigillo Burgi predicti prius inde habit' et obtent' Sub pena displicente nostre ac tal' penalitat' et florisfactur' qual' per Leges et Statuta huius Regni nostri Anglie super personam vel personas sic offenden' pro eius et eorum Contempt' et in obediencia infligi vel imponi possint DAMUS etiam ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris CONCEDIMUS prefatis Maiori Aldermannis et Com'uni Consilio et Successoribus suis plenam postestatem et Authoritatem de tempore in tempus regulandi et puniendi huius modi peregrinos et Extraneos qui libertatem predicti Burgi vel alicuius inde partis intrare vel infringere presumunt per imposc'on' raconabilis finis Offensarum Suarum qualitati equivalenceat' vel per Seisuram bonorum Suorum si Leges nostre sic permittent quos quidem finem et fines et Seizuras VOLUMUS quod Maior Aldermanni et Com'une Consilium predicti Burgi pro tempore existen' per *Viam Districconis* super bon' et Catall' huiusmodi Delinquencium levabant et habebunt tenebunt et gaudebunt Un' *medietatem inde* ad usum et beneficium eiusdem Burgi alteram vero medietatem ad usum Domini Dominij de Oswestrey pro tempore existen' ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris Concedimus et Confirmamus predict' Maiori Aldermannis Com'uni Consilio et Burgensibus et Successoribus suis quod nec ipsi nec eorum aliquis aliquo modo Compellentur sive Compelletur ad Comparend' coram nobis heredibus vel Successoribus nostris aut Coram aliquo Iudice vel Justiciar aut al' Officiari' sive Officiarijs nostris heredum vel successorum nostrorum in vel super aliquibus Jurat' assisi Recognic'on' vel inquisic'on' quibuscunque Extra Burgum predictum vel Libertat' ejusdem VOLENTES ac per presentes Mandantes quod nullus Vicecomes Coronator antehac Officiarius vel Officiarij Comitatus nostri Salop' post hec in futuro aliquos Burgenses predicti Burgi de Oswestrey in vel Super aliquas Juras Assizas Recognic'ones sive inquisicones quascunque extra eundem Burgum aut Libertat' eiusdem contra voluntatem eorundem Burgensium retornare vel impannellare presumunt sub pena displicencie nostre CONCESSIMUS etiam ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus

et Successoribus nostris **CONCEDIMUS** et Confirmamus predictis Maiori Aldermannis Com'uni Consilio et Burgensibus et Successoribus suis quod ipsi et Successores sui de cetero imperpetuum habeant et habebunt *Retorn'* omn' et omnimod' Brevium precept Billarum et warrant' nostrorum heredum et Successorum nostrorum Ac etiam Sum'onicon' Extractorum et precept' Scaccarij nostri et Scaccarij heredum et Successorum nostrorum Ac etiam precept' Omn' et Singulorum Justiciar et Judicium nostrorum quorumcunque Nec non Omnium Attachiamen't tam placitorum Corone quam aliorum placitorum quorumcunque Surgen' vel crescen' aut que imposterum Surgent' vel crescent' *infra Burgum* de Oswestrey predict' et Libertat' vel precinct' eiusdem omnia que quidem Retorn' **VOLUMUS** quod per Maiorem Burgi predicti pro tempore Existen' facientur *Ita quod nullus Vicecomes* Ballivus aut alius Officiar' vel Minister' nostr' heredum vel Successorum nostrorum in eundem Burgum vel Libertat' eiusdem de cetero *intrare presmat'* ad aliquod Officium suum Sive Officia sua cencernen' faciend' nisi in defectu Maioris Burgi de Oswestrey predict' pro tempore existen' officiarior' suorum **ET ULTERIUS** **VOLUMUS** ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris **CONCEDIMUS** et Confirmamus predict' Maiori Aldermannis Com'uni Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi de Oswestrey predict' et Successoribus Suis quod ipsi et Successores sui de cetero imperpetuum habeant et habebunt *Recognic'on'* Omn' et Omnimod' placitorum et Acc'on' debit' Compot' transgression' Convenc'on' Decepc'on' Detenc'on' Catalogorum Cartarum ac omn' aliarum Acc'on' et querel' personat' quarumcunque que Antehac surrexerunt' Acciderunt vel creverunt aut imposterum Surgent' accident' vel crescent' *infra* predictum Burgum vel Libertat' et precinct' eiusdem in tali modo ut prefertur unacum Omnibus preficuis et Emolument' quibuscunque exinde prevenç'on' **CONCESSIMUS** etiam et Confirmavimus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris **CONCEDIMUS** et Confirmamus predictis Maiore Aldermannis Com'uni Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi de Oswestrey predict' et Successoribus suis quod Maior Burgi predicti pro tempore Existen' Unacum Clerico per nos heredes et Successores nostros ad Recipiend' *Recognic'on'* debitorum secundum formam Statuti Mercator et Statut' de Acton Burn'll Deputat' vel Deputand' de Cetero imperpetuum plenam habeat et habebit potestatem et Authoritatem recipiend' aliquam *Recognic'on'* vel aliquas *Recognic'ones* inter mercatorem et mercatorem Ac Super inde Execuc'onem secundum formam *Statuti Mercator et Statuti de Acton*

Burnell nuper Antehac fact' et provis' faciend' Necnon Vigore et Virtute predictorum Statutorum vel eorum alicuius faciendi et Exequendi omnia et Singula que ad aliquem Maiorem alicuius Civitatis facere vel exequi spectant' Vigore et Virtute predictorum Statutorum vel eorum alicuius VOLUMUS in super ac per presentes Ordinamus quod *Com'unis Clericus* predicti Burgi pro tempore existen' de cetero imperpetuum erit *Clericus pro recep'on Recognic'on'* Debitorum secundum formam Statut'om predictorum vel eorum Alterius Quodque *Com'unis Clericus* predict' imperpetuum plenam habeat et habebit potestatem et Authoritat' faciendi et exequendi Omnia et Singula que ad Officium Clerici ad recipiend' *Recognic'on'* pro Debitis Secundum formam Statutorum predictorum vel eorum alterius Vigore et Virtute eorundem Statutorum faciend' et exequend' aliquo modo spectant' Ac etiam per presentes Ordinamus Nominamus Constituimus et appunctuamus *Com'unem Clericum* Burgi de Oswestrey predict' pro tempore existen' de cetero imperpetuum fore et esse *Clericum Recognic'on'* predict' infra Burgum de Oswestrey predict' Libertat' et Precinct' eiusdem Secundum formam Statutorum predict' fact' ad Acton *Burnell* quodque ipsi de cetero imperpetuum habeant et habebunt *unum Sigillum pro Sigillac'on Recognic'on'* predictorum Secundum formam Statutorum predict' ET ULTERIUS pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris CONCEDIMUS et Confirmamus predictis Maiori Aldermannis Communi Consilio et Burgensibus et Successoribus Suis liberam licitamque Libertatem et Licentiam habendi tenendi perquirendi possidendi et recipiendi sibi et Successoribus Suis imperpetuum Maneria Messuag' Terras Tenementa prata pasc' pastur' Boscus Rectorias Decimas Redditus Revenc'on' et al' hereditamenta quecunque tam de Nobis quam de quacunque alia persona et quibuscunque alijs personis non imediate tent' de nobis heredibus vel Successoribus nostris in Capite vel per servicium Militare seu de aliquibus alijs personis per servitia Militar' Ita quod eadam Maneria Messuag' Terras Tenementa et al' hereditamenta in toto et insimul Clarum annual' Valorem *Quinquagint Librarum* per Annum ultra et Supra Omnibus Oneribus et Repris' non excedant Statuto de Mortman aut aliquo alio Statuto Actu Ordinac'one sive provisione antehac fact' sive Ordinat' in Contrarium in aliquo non obstan' ET ULTERIUS CONCEDIMUS Omnibus et Omnimodis personis et heredibus Suis quibuscunque *consimilem liberam* licenciam et libertatem *Dandi Concedendi Vendendi* Legandi et alienandi aliqua Maneria Messuag' Terras Tenementa et here-

ditamenta quecumque predictis Maiori Aldermannis Com'uni Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi de Oswestrey predict' et Successoribus suis Ita quod eadem immediate de nobis heredibus vel Successoribus nostris in Capite nec per Servic' Militare nec de aliqua alia persona vel aliquibus alijs personis per Servicium Militare non tenentur Ac Ita quod eadem Maneria Messuagia Terras Tenementa et hereditamenta Sic Dand' et Concedend' Legand' Vendend' vel alienand' Clarum Ann' Valorem *Quinquaginta librarum* ultra superque Omnibus Oneribus et Reprisio in toto non excedant Statuto de Mortman aut aliquo alio Statuto Actu Ordinac'one Sive provisione in contrarium inde aliquo non obstan' CUMQUE NOS *Credibiliter* informamur quod Ballivi et Burgenses Burgi de Oswestrey predict' de tempore cuius contrarij memoria hominum non existit duo *mercati in qualibet* Septimana per ann' viz unum mercatum super quemlibet *Diem Lune* et unum aliud mercatum Super quemlibet *Diem Veneris* et tres *fferia* annuatim viz^t primam *fferiam* super primum et Secundum diem *Maij* Secundam *fferiam* super *quartum et quintum* diem *Augusti* et terciam *fferiam* Super *Vicesimum nonum et tricesimum diem Novembris* tenuerunt SCIATIS ULTERIUS quod nos de uberiori gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa Sciencia et mero motu nostris Concessimus et Confirmavimus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris CONCEDIMUS et Confirmamus predictis Maiori Aldermannis Com'uni Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi de Oswestrey predict' et Successoribus suis quod ipsi et Successores sui de cetero habeant teneant et gaudeant ac habere tenere et gaudere Valeant et possint infra Burgum predictum Libertat' et precinet' eiusdem *duo Mercata* in qualibet Septimana per Ann' imperpetuum Viz^t unum Mercatum Super quemlibet diem *Mercurij* in qualibet Septimana per Ann' et unum alterum Mercatum Super quemlibet *diem Veneris* in qualibet Septimana per Ann' Quodque habeant teneant et gaudeant ac habere tenere et gaudere valeant et possint infra eundem Burgum *quatuor fferias* Annuatim Viz^t primam *fferiam* super *Secundum tertium et quartum dies Martij* Secundam *fferiam* super *primum et Secundum dies Maij* terciam *fferiam* super *quartum et quintum dies Augusti et quartam fferiam* super *Vicesimum nonum et tricesimum* dies Novembris in quolibet Anno imperpetuum Et si aliquis vel aliqui predictorum dierum in quo vel in quibus aliqua vel alique predictarum *fferiarum* Sic ut prefertur teneri debent acciderit vel acciderint esse dies Dominicus vel dies Dominici tunc et in tali casu VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nobis

heredibus et Successoribus nostris CONCEDIMUS mandamus et precipimus quod huiusmodi fferia vel fferie in et super Diem Dominicum sic ut prefertur accidens vel accidentes in et super diem Lune tunc proxim' sequen' incipiet et tenebitur incipient et tenebuntur ac per duos dies integros continuabit et durabit continuabunt et durabunt CONCESSIMUS etiam et Confirmavimus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris CONCEDIMUS et Confirmamus predictis Maiori Aldermannis Com'uni Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi de Oswestrey predict' et Successoribus Suis quod ipsi et Successores sui de cetero imperpetuum habeant teneant et gaudeant ac habere tenere et gaudere valeant et possint tempore respectivarum fferiarum predictarum infra Burgum predict' Libertat' et precinet' *eiusdem Curiam pedis pulverizat'* ac omnes alias privilegias infra eundem Burgum Libertat' et precinet' ejusdem per Ballivos et Burgenses Burgi illius temporibus fferiarum Antehac habit' Capt' et usitat' Unacum Omnibus *Theolon' Tolnet' et proficis huiusmodi mercatis et fferijs et cuiuslibet* eorum Spectan' vel pertinen' Omnibus iuribus Libertatibus preheminentijs Curijs priviledgijs profit' et soluc'on ad aliquod tempus Antehac vel imposterum Domino vel Dominis Dominij de Oswestrey predict' pro tempore existen' debit vel debend' omnino semper' *Except' et fforisprizat'* ET ULTERIUS VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris CONCEDIMUS et Confirmamus predictis Maiori Aldermannis Communi Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi de Oswestrey predict' et Successoribus Suis imperpetuum Omnia et Omnimod' Libertat' ffrachesias Immunitat' Exempc'on' privileg' Jurisdicc'on Vias Vasta Com'unia ac Omnia alia hereditamenta quecunque Ballivi et Burgenses Burgi predicti aut que Burgenses ejusdem Burgi vel eorum aliquis modo habent tenent utuntur et gaudent aut habere tenere uti vel gaudere valeant et possint aut que ipsi vel predecessores Sui per quodecunque Nomen sive per quecunque Nomina aut per quemcunque Incorporac'on vel per quemcunque Pretextum' Incorporac'onis Antehac habuerunt tenuerunt usi vel gavis fuerunt aut habere tenere uti vel gaudere debuissent vel potuissent Necnon Omn' Statut' hereditat' et Successiones per aliquas Chartas Sive Literas patentes vel rac'one aliquarum Cartarum Sive Literarum patencium per aliquos progenitores vel predecessores nostros Reges et *Reginas Anglie aut per aliquem principem Wallie vel per aliquem Dominum Dominij* de Oswestrey ante hec fact' Concess' Sive Confirmat' aut rac'one alicuius Legalis usus Consuetudinis Sive prescripton' ibidem Antehac habit' vel Usitat' licet ipsa vel eorum aliqua vel

aliquod ad aliquod tempus Antehæc non usa abusa discontinuata vel forisfacta non usum abusum discontinuatum vel forisfactum fuerint vel fuerit Ita quod ipsa vel eorum aliqua vel aliquod Legibus et Statutis huius Regni nostri Angliæ contraria vel Contrarium non sint vel fuerint sit vel fuerit Omnibus et Singulis Juribus privilegijs et proficijs Domino Dominij de Oswestrey predict' pro tempore existen' debit quoquomodo Semper Except' et forisprizat' QUARE VOLUMUS ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris firmiter Iniungend' precipimus et Mandamus quod predict' Maior Aldermani' Commune Consilium et Burgenses Burgi de Oswestrey predict' et Successores sui habeant teneant Utantur et gaudeant Ac plene libere et integre habere tenere uti et gaudere Valeant et possint imperpetuum Omnes Libertates liberas Consuetudines privilegia Authoritat' Jurisdicion' et quietant' predict' secundum tenorem et effectum harum Literarum nostrarum patencium sine Occasione impetitione vel impedimento nostri heredum vel Successorum nostrorum aut aliquorum Officiariorum et Ministrorum nostrorum heredum et Successorum nostrorum quorumcunque NOLENTES quod iidem Aldermanni Commune Consilium et Burgenses Burgi predicti aut Successores sui vel eorum aliquis vel aliqui ratione premissorum vel eorum alicuius per nos heredes vel Successores nostros Judiciar' Vicecomites Escaetor' Ballivos aut al' Officiar' vel Ministros nostros heredum vel Successorum nostrorum quoscunque Occasionentur Molestentur importantur vexentur graventur seu in aliquo perturbentur VOLENTES etiam ac per presentes Mandantes precipientes tam Thesaurar' Cancellar' et Baron' Scaccarij nostris Westmonasterij quam Attornat' nostro general' pro tempore existen' ac al' Justiciar' et Officiar' nostris heredum et Successorum nostrorum et eorum cuilibet quod nec ipsi nec eorum aliquis vel aliqui aliquod Breve sive Sumonic' oem *De quo Warranto* sive aliquod al' Breve sive process' nostr' quecunque versus prefatos Maiorem Aldermannos Commune Consilium et Burgenses et eorum aliquem vel aliquos pro aliqua Causa re Materia Offensa Clameo vel usurpacione seu eorum aliquo pro ipsorum aut eorum aliquorum debite et iuste Clamat' visitat' Attempt' habit sive usurpat' *ante Diem* Confeccon' harum Literarum nostrarum patencium prosequantur aut Continuent' aut prosequi vel continuari facient seu causabant vel eorum aliquis faciet seu Causabit VOLENTES ULTERIUS quod Maior Aldermani Commune Consilium et Burgenses Burgi de Oswestrey predict' vel eorum aliqui per aliquem vel aliquos Justiciar' Officiar' vel Ministr' predict' aut pro debito usu Clameo vel abusu aliquarum aliarum Libertatum franchess'

aut Jurisdicc'on infra Burgum predict' Libertat' vel precint' eiusdem *Ante Diem* Confecc'onis harum Literarum nostrarum patencium minime molestantur aut impetantur aut ad ea vel eorum aliqua vel aliquod Respondere compellantur **VOLUMUS** deinceps ac per presentes **CONCEDIMUS** prefatis Maiori Aldermannis Com'uni Consilio et Burgensibus Burgi de Oswestrey predict' et Successoribus suis *Quod he Litere* nostre patentes vel Irrotulament' eorundem ac omnes et singula Clausula et Concession' in eisdem content' sint et erint bone firme valide et effectuat' in omnibus et per omnia secundum veram intenc'onem nostrum ac accipientur Construentur reputabuntur et adiudicabuntur in omnibus Curijs nostris et Coram quibuscunque Iudicibus Justiciar' Officiar' vel Ministris nostris heredum vel Successorum nostrorum Maxime et benign-issime in favorem predictorum Maioris Aldermannorum Communis Consilij et Burgensium et Successorum suorum ergo et Contra Nos heredes et Successores nostros **NON OBSTANTE** non Nominand' aut non recte vere seu particulariter nominand' vel men'tionand' aliqua Manoria Messuagia Terras Tenementa prat' pasc' Bosc' Rector' decimas Redditus Revercen' hereditament' Authoritat' Libertat' Consuetud' immunitat' privileg' franchess' aut exemp'con' per Burgenses et Inhabitantes Burgi de Oswestrey predict' per quodcunque Nomen sive Incorporacon' antehac habit' visitat' seu gavis' **ET NON OBSTANTE** non Capiendo aut non inveniend' aliquam Inquisic'onem Virtute alicuius Brevis nostri de ad quod damnum Vicecom't Comit' Nostri Salop' diligend' ad inquirend' de damno preiudicio vel nocumento premissorum Aut eorum alicuius **ET NON OBSTANTE** aliqua alia incertitudine vel imperfec'one in hijs presentibus aut in aliqua Clausula sive Concessione in eisdem Content' **ET QUOD EXPRESSAMENTE** de vero Valore Annuo aut de aliquo alio valore seu certitudine premissorum vel al' eorum alicuius aut de aliquibus Donis Cartis vel Concessionibus per nos seu per aliquem vel aliquos progenitorum seu predecessorum nostrorum Regum vel Reginarum Anglie aut per aliquem principem Wallie vel Dominium Domini de Oswestrey Ballivis et Burgensibus liberis hominibus seu Inhabitantibus Burgi de Oswestrey predict' vel eorum aliquibus per quodcunque Nomen vel per quocunque Nomina dict' vocat' sive Nuncupat' fact' seu Concess' in presentibus minime fact' existit' aut Aliqu' Lege Statuto Actu Ordinac'one provisione proclamac'one sive Restrict'one Ante hac tempora fact' edit' promulgat' Ordinat' seu provis aut aliqua alia re Causa vel materia quacunque in Contrarium inde in aliquo non obstante **IN CUIUS** rei Testimon'um has

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ABSTRACT OF THE CHARTER.

13 Jan. 25th Charles II. 1674.

Whereas the Vill and Borough of Oswestry is an ancient Burgh very populous and the Bailiffs and Burgesses and inhabitants thereof certain liberties etc have enjoyed under a charter of our most beloved grandfather James etc.

And whereas our beloved and very faithful cousin and councillor William Earl of Craven Lord of the Lordship and Borough of Oswestry, and moreover our beloved and faithful subjects the present Bailiffs and Burgesses have petitioned etc.

- 1 To be a free Borough.
- 2 To be a Body Incorporate and Politic by the name of Mayor Aldermen Common Council and Burgesses of the Borough of Oswestry.
- 3 Perpetual succession.
- 4 Power to hold lands and chattels.
- 5 Power to sell land.
- 6 Power to sue and be sued in all actions real personal and mixed.
- 7 To have a common seal.
- 8 To have a Mayor, 12 Aldermen, 15 Common Council-men.
- 9 A Steward.
- 10 A Recorder.
- 11 Burgesses to consist of all freemen at present Burgesses and those who shall hereafter be nominated.
- 12 To have one house of Common Assembly to be called "The Guildhall."
- 13 To meet at the Guildhall for the administration of the Borough and Borough property.
- 14 Power to imprison and fine.
- 15 Half the fine to go to the Lord half to the Corporation.
- 16 Roger Pope gentleman to be the first or modern mayor.

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| 17 | John Trevor Kt | } | To be modern
Aldermen |
| | Morgan Wynne Esq | | |
| | Edw. Owen gentleman | | |
| | Richard Edwards gentleman | | |
| | Richard Lloyd of Giffords gentleman | | |
| | The above named Richard Pope gentleman | | |
| | Gabriel Edwards linen-draper | | |
| 1 * | Hugh Price linen draper | | |
| * | John Jones mercer | | |
| | Richard Jones gentleman | | |
| | John Blodwell gentleman | } | To be modern
Common Council-
men. |
| | John Lloyd mercer | | |
| 18 | Richard Price brewer | | |
| * | Richard Jones mercer | | |
| | John Glover tanner | | |
| | Richard Jones glover | | |
| * | Edward Evans apothecary | | |
| * | John Jones glover | | |
| | John Muckleston shoemaker | | |
| * | Thomas Edwards gentleman | | |
| * | Thomas Edwards baker | | |
| | Nathaniel Jones brewer | | |
| | Hugh Edwards shoemaker | | |
| * | Timothy George mercer | | |
| * | Thomas Vaughan chandler | | |
| | William Price tanner | | |
| * | Thomas Ffeltham brazier | | |
- 19 Mayor to be elected on the Friday next after Michaelmas Day.
- 20 If the Mayor be removed for death or misconduct another to be elected.
- 21 The Aldermen to hold office during life unless they be removed for misconduct, and they are to be elected from the Common Council-men by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council.
- 22 The Common Council-men to hold office during life unless removed for misconduct and to be elected by the Mayor Aldermen and Common Council-men.

¹ Those marked with an asterisk appear to have been defaulters, and in their place on the 5th May, 1674, the following persons were elected. Richard Price and John Glover were elected Aldermen—and Peter Griffiths, Richard Williams, Humphrey Ffoulkes, Thomas Edwards, William Pierce, Thomas Richard, Thomas Tomkies, William Skye, Hugh Jones, and Joshua Roberts common councilmen. (From an old manuscript book in the possession of Mr. Askew Roberts.)

- 23 Power for Mayor to appoint a Deputy.
- 24 Steward to be one of the twelve Aldermen.
- 25 John Trevor Kt to be the Steward.
- 26 Morgan Wynne Esq to be the Recorder.
- 27 Approval of the Crown necessary for the election of future Recorders.
- 28 Richard Pope Mayor, John Trevor Steward, Morgan Wynne Recorder, Edward Owen Coroner, to be Justices of the Peace of Oswestry.
- 29 Richard Pope to be sworn Mayor before John Trevor Kt Robert Owen of Woodhouse, and Edward Kynaston of Ottley, Esq.
- 30 The Steward, Recorder, and Coroner to take the oath of office before the Mayor.
- 31 The Mayor to hold general sessions of the Peace.
- 32 Power to commit to the common goal of the county prisoners to be tried by the Judges of goal delivery.
- 33 The Crown not to interfere with the Borough jurisdiction.
- 34 Corporation to appoint constable and other inferior officers.
- 35 There are to be two "Sergeants at mace."
- 36 The maces to be of silver or silver gilt and to have the Kings Arms at one end, and at the other the arms of the Lord of Oswestry. The sergeants at mace to be the servers of warrants precepts etc.
- 37 The Mayor and Steward to be the Clerks of the market, and to be free from interference of any Crown officer.
- 38 Edward Owen of Woodhouse to be Coroner.
- 39 Every Mayor in future to be Coroner the year after his mayoralty.
- 40 If Coroner die in office another to be appointed by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council.
- 41 Court of Record.
- 42 Half the fines to go to the Lord and half to the Corporation.
- 43 John Morrall gentleman to be the first Town Clerk.
- 44 Power of Town Clerk to appoint a Deputy approved by the Steward.
- 45 Town Clerk to keep the Borough accounts.
- 46 Appointment of Town Clerk to be in the Lord of the Borough.
- 47 Six attorneys to be appointed for the Court, four by the Mayor and two by the Steward, and to continue until removed by the Mayor or the Steward.
- 48 The Crier of the Court to be appointed by the Mayor.
- 49 Both the Attorneys and the Crier to take the oath of office.
- 50 The Mayor and his successors to have the custody of the common goal.

- 51 The same fees to be demandable as are used to be demanded at Ludlow.
- 52 Corporation to levy rates.
- 53 Apprentices who have served their time, to be free Burgesses, and Corporation to have power to elect free Burgesses.
- 54 Power to disfranchise a free Burgess for reasonable cause.
- 55 Foreigners not to trade or keep a shop in Oswestry except at fair times, and then only to sell wholesale.
- 56 Penalty on Foreigners by fine or distress, the one half to go the Lord the other to the Corporation.
- 57 Exemption of Burgesses from serving on juries at county assizes.
- 58 Corporation to have return of all precepts of the Crown within the Borough.
- 59 No Sheriff to interfere within the Borough except in default of Mayor and his officers.
- 60 The Mayor to take cognizance of all actions.
- 61 The Mayor to receive recognizances under the statute Merchant of Acton Burnell.
- 62 The Common Clerk to be the Clerk for taking recognizances and to have a seal for sealing them.
- 63 Licence to Corporation to hold land up to 50£ a year and to sell land.
- 64 Two markets every week on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- 65 Four Fairs a year—first on the 2^d 3^d & 4th March; second on the 1st & 2^d May; third on the 4th & 5th August; fourth on the 29th & 30th November.
- 66 A Court of "Pie-powder" at the time of the Fairs.
- 67 The tolls due to the Lord to be reserved to him.
- 68 Corporation to enjoy all their old privileges and statutes inherited or granted by letters patent or charters etc by any Kings or Queens of England or Prince of Wales or Lord of the Lordship of Oswestry or enjoyed by reason of legal custom.
- 69 No "Quo warranto" to be issued for the use of privileges before the present Charter is granted.

No. XXXII.

Two letters from ¹ Sir John Trevor, K^t.

1674. } Letter from Sir John Trevor to Richard
22 Sept., } Pope, Esquire, of Oswestry. Sends half a
Emrall. } buck. Desires to be excused from being

¹ Sir John Trevor was the son of John Trevor, of Brynkynalt, and

Pope's successor in the Mayoralty. By the charter the Mayor on his retirement must be coroner, and as such cannot make a deputy. The Recorder could not satisfy the writer on this point at Captain Barton's on Sunday last. If such a deputy can be made, he is ready to serve the Corporation.

[1674.] } Letter from the same to the same, touch-
 . . . October, } ing the election of a Mayor on Pope's
 Emrall. } retirement. Mr. Edward Owen is too much
 impaired in health. The place wants a diligent and stirring
 man.

Mary, daughter of John Jeffreys, of Helon co. Denbigh. He was first cousin to Judge Jeffreys. The Trevors had lived at Brynkynalt from about the year 1500.

He was entered at the Inner temple in 1654. Roger North says of him "that he was bred a sort of clerk in the chambers of old Arthur Trevor, an eminent and worthy Professor of the law in the Inner Temple," and further on "that he was indebted to his cousin (Judge Jeffreys) with whom he contracted an early friendship (repaying it according to common report by intriguing with his wife) for some of his future preferments." The dates of his public appointments are the following:—

1671 Knighthood.

1674 Treasurer of Inner Temple.

1675 Autumn Reader Inner Temple.

1675 Mayor of Oswestry.

1679 M.P. for Beeralston.

1681 M.P. Denbighshire and afterwards for Denbigh Boroughs.

1681 Speaker of House of Commons.

1685 Master of the Rolls.

1690 Again Speaker and M.P. for Yarmouth.

1695 Expelled from the Speakership for receiving bribes, when the wits commenting upon his natural obliquity of sight, remarked "Justice, was blind, but bribery only squinted."

He continued Master of the Rolls for 22 years after his expulsion from the House of Commons.

He was at one time one of the Commissioners of the Great Seal.

1705 Constable of Flint Castle.

1717 Died at his house in Clement's Lane, and buried in the Rolls Chapel.

He married Jane, d. of Sir Roger Mostyn, and widow of Roger Puleston, of Emral. Anne, daughter and eventual heir of Sir John Trevor, married Michael Hill, of Hillsborough, co. Down, and had two sons. From the younger Arthur was descended the late Arthur Hill Trevor, 8rd Viscount Dungannon, who died without issue at Bryn-

No. XXXIII.

A.D. 1674.

Names of Burgesses.

Auncient burgesses that make their claimes of
burgeship in the time of S^r John Trevor, mayor.

	£	s.	d.
Ree'd of John Tomley, of Crickheath, hee heretofore payinge to Mr. John Glover 2s.	00	4	08
Rec'd of Mr. Roger Tweyford, of Haughton, beinge an auncient burgesse, the sume of	00	10	00
Rec'd November 27, 1674, of Hugh Price, of Croyen- roladis, in County Denbigh, six shillings eight pence	0	6	8
Rece'd more of Hugh Price... ..	0	3	4
Att an Assembly held the 19th day of December anno d'ni 1674, Hugh Hughes, Thomas Morris, David ap Richard, 'being all of Llanarmon Dofryn Kyrodd, in the County of Denbigh, came this day to claime their right of burgesships and haveinge not any Testimoniall to p'duce Edward Griffiths of this Towne being a toll gatherer for seu'all yeares in this Towne did make oath that he beleeve that they are auncient burgesses and that hee did p'mitt them to passe tole free and that they have now contrybuted six & eight pence, and have taken their oaths as bur- gesses	1	00	00
Att an Assembly, the 19th day of December, 1674 David ap Hugh, butcher of Oswestrey is admitted and sworne burgesse of the Towne of Oswestrey and hath paid for the same two pounds	2	0	0

kynalt in 1862. From the elder son is descended the present Marquess of Downshire, whose uncle Lord E. A. Hill Trevor inherited the Bryn-kynalt estates on the death of his kinsman, and was created Lord Trevor in 1880. (*Foss's Judges of England*, *Burke's Peerage*, *Williams's Dictionary of Eminent Welshmen*). It is worthy of notice that the daughter of the first Viscount Dungannon, and the great grand-daughter of this Sir John Trevor, was the mother of the first Duke of Wellington.

No. XXXIV.

1677. Bye-Laws.

Oswestry Towne
 &
 Borough
 In coun. Salop. } At an assembly held there for the saide
 Towne and Borough the fourteenth day of
 January anno Dom. 1677 By the Mayor
 and the King's Majesty's Letters patents then read which
 empower the Mayor Aldermen and Common Council thereof
 to make byelaws within themselves for the better government of this
 Towne and Borough and the due attendance upon the Mayor
 for the time being, doe hereby order constitute and make these
 Byelaws followinge (Viz.)

That the mayor for the time being shall have the casting
 vote in all assemblies.

That any person inhabiting within the said towne, or any
 fforeigner coming to vend any merchandize (except at a ffaire)
 being not a Burgess shall be assessed and pay such sums of
 money as accustomed and usually payd called "Tensery" as
 shall by the Mayor Aldermen and Common Council be im-
 posed not exceeding Twenty Shillings p. annum for his or
 their contempt.

That an assessment be imposed upon the Inhabitants to-
 wards the charge of renewinge the charter being one hundred
 pounds and upwards and that all Burgesses inhabiting within
 the Towne or Borough be assessed according to their special
 and respective advantages and abilities and that all fforeign
 Townshipp claiming to be freed by ancient custom from Toll
 (paying a penny for every faire) be assessed towards the afore-
 said charge according to their advantages enjoyed by the saide
 custom as the Mayor Aldermen and Common Council think
 fitt.

That Summons be given to all Burgesses inhabiting within
 the Towne (not before sworne as Burgesses) to be sworne be-
 fore the mayor within the space of one yeare or loose their
 right of Burgesshipp and be disfranchised, and that if any
 shall refuse to serve Alderman or Common Councilmen (being
 duely elected) to forfeite tenne poundes, and if any shall
 (being duely chosen) refuse to serve mayor shall forfeit thirty
 poundes.

That the Mayor for the time being shall dispose of to his
 own use all small tolls to bee collected by whom hee shall
 think fitt, as the Bailiffs heretofore had, and alsoe the benefit
 of weighing wool and yarne, and the standings in the streets
 and hall, the wool and yarne markett to be all in the Towne hall

in Bayly Streete head. And alsoe the Mayor to have the stallage and pitchinge penny as the presedent Bailiffs had. And also the profitts and disposition of the office of sealinge leather as the Bailiffs formerly had. And that no attorney be continued or admitted into the Court (except a sworn Burgess.)

That every Inhabitant within the walls shall pave to the ridge or crest stone before his house or grounds att his own charge and an assessment on all lands without the walls for and towards the paving the suburds and Libertyes as far as the Libertyes reach.

That all and every sum or sums of money imposed as aforesaid according to the true meaninge of the aforesaid ordinances shall be leavied by the Mayor Aldermen and Common Council by distress or otherwise without favour or pardon.

Examinat & aprobat 2do. die Augusta Ann. 1678,

W. MOUNTAGU,	} Justic'
R. ATKYNS,	
	} Assisar'

No. XXXV.

1681.

Memorandum of Election of ¹Sir George Jeffreys
K^t. a Burgess.

¹ He was a younger son of John Jeffreys, of Acton, near Wrexham, a gentleman of ancient stock but slender means, and Margaret, daughter of Sir Thos. Ireland, of Bensey, co. Lancaster. He was born in 1648, educated at Shrewsbury School, where there is a portrait of him, afterwards at St. Paul's and Westminster. His grandfather had been one of the Judges of North Wales. In 1671 he was elected Common Sergeant of the city of London, and was appointed Recorder in 1678. His promotion now became rapid. He was Chief Justice of Chester in 1680; in 1681 he was created Baronet of Bulstrode, co. Buckingham, where he built a mansion; in 1683 he was made Chief Justice of England. Bishop Burnet says of him—"All people were apprehensive of very black designs when they saw Jeffreys made Lord Chief Justice, who was scandalously vicious and was drunk every day." "He, however, justified the King's approbation of him by his zeal and active aid to the Court in obtaining the surrender of the Charters of Corporate Boroughs." In 1685, after the trial of Titus Oates, he was created Baron Jeffreys of Wem, co. Salop, and was made Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire; and, on his return from the "bloody assize" consequent on Monmouth's defeat at Sedgemoor, during which he condemned 330 persons to be executed, he was made Lord Chancellor of England. On the fall of James II.

No. XXXVI.

Memorandum of Election of ¹Sir Roger Puleston
K^t. a Burgess.

No. XXXVII.

1689.

Agreement amongst the Members of the Tanners' Company against infringement of their rights by a foreigner.

1689. } Paper signed by 19 members of the Com-
1 Wm. & Mary } pany of Tanners of Oswestry, whereby they
29 August. } agree to bring an action at law against William
Rogers, a foreigner to the said Company, who buys hides and
skins within the said borough, infringing the Company's rights,
contrary to the letters patent of Charles II., and to defend all
suits brought against them by Rogers.

No. XXXVIII.

1699.

Letter of Muckle Muckleston.

1699 } Letter from "Muckle Muckleston" to —
13 June. } touching some arrears due from the writer
and his mother to the Mayor Vicar Churchwardens and
Overseers [of Oswestry]. Proposes to make payment at Llon-
idlas fair, on 8th July. (This letter is written on the dorse of
a leaf of a document in draft, relative to lands in Cardiganshire,
granted by Stephen Jenkins to ——— Muckleston and others.)

he was captured while endeavouring to escape from London, and having narrowly escaped summary justice from the mob, was lodged in the Tower, where he died on the 18th of April, 1689. He was twice married, first to Sarah, daughter of the Revd. Thos. Neesham, and secondly, to Mary, daughter of Sir Thos. Bludworth, Lord Mayor of London and M.P. for the city, and widow of Mr. Jones, a gentleman from Montgomeryshire. The Barony expired on the death of his son John in 1702. (*Foss's Judges of England*, Garbet's *History of Wem.*)

¹ The families of Trevor, Jeffreys, and Puleston were intimate at this time, and it was probably through this intimacy that Sir George Jeffreys and Sir Roger Puleston were made Burgesses of Oswestry. Jeffreys and Trevor were cousins, and some of the letters of Sir John Trevor, which have appeared before, were written from Emrall, Sir Roger Puleston's house. Sir John Trevor married the widow of Sir Roger Puleston, who was the daughter of Sir Roger Mostyn.

MORETON CORBET.

By the kind permission of the Rev. Robert F. Wood, the Rector of this little parish, containing only about 200 inhabitants, we are enabled to print the earliest Register, beginning 1580, verbatim down to 1660, and afterwards the principal entries. To these a few illustrative notes have been added, and a full Pedigree of the Corbets of Moreton Corbet, the principal family in the parish.

W. A. L.

A Register of all weddings chrystenings and burials w^{thin} the Parishe of Mourton Corbett.

Will'm Axton pastor

An'o D'ni 1580.

Robarte the sonne of George Badley baptized Julie the 10th.

Andrew¹ the sonne of Vincent² Corbet Esquier baptized August 28.

Daniell the sonne of Roger Bolas baptized Auguste 28.

An'e the daughter of Mr. Adam Mainwaringe baptized Octobr 20.

Martha the daughter of Robarte Pitchforde³ baptized Novembr 30.

Jhon Pitchforde buried Feb^r 28.

Brian Hole and Jane Genions were married together Feb. 6.

An'o D'ni 1581.

Andrew^e the sonne of Will'm Adeney baptized April 16.

Robarte the sonne of Robarte Dichar baptized April 16.

Robarte the sonne of Robarte Whore baptized April 16.

Jane the wife of Brian Hole was buried Maye 20.

Nathaniell the sonne of Will'm Whorde baptized June 2.

Michaell Puller and Joan Ellis were married together June 26.

¹ Afterwards Sir Andrew Corbet, Knight, of Moreton Corbet, married Elizabeth, daughter of Wm. Boothby, of co. Stafford, Esq., and had six sons and nine daughters.

² Afterwards Sir Vincent Corbet, Knight, third son of Sir Andrew Corbet, of Moreton Corbet, who died 1578, by Jane, daughter of Sir Robert Nedham, of Sheinton, co. Salop, Knight. He married Francis, daughter of Wm. Humfreston, of Humfreston, co. Salop, Esq., and had two sons and two daughters.

³ This family was at Shawbury Park.

An'o D'ni 1582.

Richard Woode and Marie Sotherne were married together Novemb^r 4.
An'e the daught^r of George Badley baptized Feb^y 25.
An'e Fisher was buried Marche 15.

Lewys Taylour pastor An'o D'ni 1583.

Thom's the sonne of Will'm Adeney baptized July 26.
Robarte Corbett esquire¹ was buried Julie 28.
Thom's the sonne of Will'm Adeney was buried Octob^r 28.
Margaret the daughter of Thom's Downes was buried Novemb^r 7.
Will'm the sonne of Thom's Crosse was baptized Janu^{'ry} 29.
Margeret the daughter of Hugh Itheriche baptized March 15.

An'o D'ni 1584,

Richard Frances and Katerine Haule married together June 14.
Jane the daughter of George Woode baptized July 19.
Ellen Whorde was buried July 22.
Margerett the daught^r of Will'm Adeney baptized Septemb^r 6.
Margery Hatton was buried Septemb^r 28.
Jhon Warre was buried Feb^y 21.

An'o D'ni 1585.

Jane the daughter of Rycharde Frances baptized Maye 19.
Rycharde Tither and Margerett Eyre were married together Julie 12.
Will'm the sonne of Jhon Husbande baptized August 14.
Robart Badley was buried Feb^y 4.

An'o D'ni 1586.

Will'm Henbury and Joan Preston were married together May 8.
Will'm Houle and Ales Simcocke were married together May 14.
Lewys Taylour and Margerie Downes were married together May 31.
Ellen the wife of Thom's Downes was buried June 20.
George the sonne of Will'm Adeney was baptized June 25.
Marie the daught^r of Roger Hatton baptized Novemb^r 20.
Isabell the daught^r of George Badley was baptized December 4.
Ales the daught^r of George Wood baptized Decemb^r 13.
Fraunces the sonne of Thom's Massy baptized January 1.
Robarte the sonne of Thom's Crosse baptized January 1.
Marie the daught^r of Robarte Pitchforde baptized Marche 3.

An'o D'ni 1587.

An'e the daught^r of George Badley buried April 13.
Andrewe the sonne of Lewys Taylour baptized April 13.
George the sonne of Will'm Adeney was buried Aprill 27.
Margerett the daught^r of Will'm Adeney was buried Aprill 28.
Elizabeth the daught^r of Thom's Peate baptized August 27.

¹ Son and heir of Sir Andrew Corbet and Jane Nedham, his wife, married Ann, daughter of Oliver, Lord St. John, of Bletso, and had two daughters. See also "Early Chronicles of Shrewsbury," sub anno.

Jhon Hall was buried Septemb^r 15.
 Anne Halle buried Septemb^r 21.
 Sara the daught^r of George Bostock baptized Novemb^r 6.
 Humfrey Weston was buried Feb^r 26 beinge of the age of 115 years.
 David Beddowe was buried March 5.
 Elen the wife of Robart Pitchforde buried March 7.

An'o D'ni 1588.

Valery the daught^r of Will'm Adeney baptized Aprill 5.
 Jane the daught^r of Thom's Massy baptized May 19.
 Rycharde Fraunces was buried Aprill 28.
 Edmonde the sonne of Lewis Taylour baptized Decemb^r 22.

An'o D'ni 1589.

Thom's the sonne to Arthur Downes baptized Novemb^r 23.
 Mary the daughter of Thom's Crosse baptized March 22.

An'o D'ni 1590.

Margeret the daughter of Thom's Dunne was baptized Aprill 21.
 George the son of George Badley baptized May 31.
 Anne the daught^r of Thom's Massie baptized July 5.
 Jane the wife of Humfrey Weston was buried August 11.
 Jhon the sonne of Will'm Adeney baptized August 23.
 Philip Sockett and Marie Eyre were maried together Janurii 17.
 Rycharde the sonne of Lewis Taylour baptized January 24.
 Vincent the sonne of Will'm Downes baptized Feb^r 14.

An'o D'ni 1591.

Rycharde the sonne of Jhon Dawson baptized March 25.
 Rycharde the sonne of Arthur Downes baptized Aprill 4.
 Sara the daught^r of Jhon Taylor baptized Aprill 17.
 Jane the wife of George Badley was buried Septemb^r 2.
 Mary the daught^r of Jhon Husband baptized Novemb^r 1.
 Jhon the sonne of Robarte Pitcford baptized Marche 13.

A'no D'ni 1592.

M^r Fraunces Corbett was buried March 23.
 Rycharde Baily was buried Maye 20.
 Rycharde the sonne of Thom's Massie baptized Novemb^r 10.
 Jane the daught^r of Jhon Taylor baptized Novemb^r 12.
 Vincent the sonne of Jhon Drakford baptized Decemb^r 25.
 Ales the daughter of Jhon Drakeforde buried January 13.
 Thom's Downes buried March 24.

An'o D'ni 1593.

Rycharde the sonne of Will'm Adeney baptized June 4.
 Jane the daught^r of Arthur Downes baptized June 10.
 Fraunces Coule buried June 21.
 Mary the daught^r of Lewis Taylour baptized August 26.
 Mary the daught^r of Clement Culcope baptized Septemb^r 2.

Will'm the sonne of Robart Pitchforde baptized Octob^r 14.
Mary the daughter of Jhon Drakeforde baptized Janu^ry 27.

An'o D'ni 1594.

Samuell the sonne of Ch'rles Bedowe baptized June 15.
Corbett the sonne of Jhon Taylor baptized Decemb^r 22.
Elizabeth the daught^r of Jhon Hopkine baptized Janu^ry 5.
Corbett the sonne of Cleme't Culcope baptized Janu^ry 13.

An'o D'ni 1595.

Andrewe the sonne of Lewis Taylour buried May 26.
Andrewe the sonne of Arthur Downes baptized August 3.
George the sonne of Will'm Adeney baptized July 25.
Sara the daught^r of Lewis Taylour baptized Janu^ry 6.
Margeret the daught^r of Thom's Crosse baptized Feb^ry 1.

An'o D'ni 1596.

Samuell the sonne of Clement Culcop baptized Aprill 25.
Jhon Genions and Isabell Garmson married together June 21.
Mary Coule was buried June 23.
David Meyricke buried Augst 11.
Fraunces the daughter of George Kilvarte baptized August 29.

An'o D'ni 1597.

Robarte the sonne of Jhon Genions baptized Aprill 10.
Rycharde Croxon and Jane Garmson were married together July 11.
Edwarde Reynes was buried Septe^br 11.
Elinor the daughter of Will'm Socket was buried Octob^r 20.
George the sonne of Arthur Downes baptized Janu^ry 15.
Anne the daught^r of George Kylvart baptized Janu^ry 22.
Reginalde the sonne of Will'm Whorde was buried Janu^ry 23.
Anne the wife of Will'm Whorde buried Janu^ry 29.
Jane the daught^r of Lewis Taylour baptized March 19.

An'o D'ni 1598.

Hierom Corbett esquier¹ was buryed July 30.
Griffit Morice & Anne Peake were married togeth^r Septemb^r 4.
Joan the wife of Humfrey Genions buried Septemb^r 12.
Robart the sonne of Will'm Adeney baptized Decemb^r 10.
M^{rs} Anne Corbett the daughter of Vincent Corbett esquier buryed
March 18.

An'o D'ni 1599.

Rycharde the sonne of George Kilvart and of Margerett his wife
was baptized Aprill 20.
Margerett the daught^r of Robert Pitchforde and of Anne his wife
was baptized Aprill 22.

¹ Of Beslow, one of the Council of the Marches, fourth son of Roger Corbet, of Moreton Corbet, who died 1533, by Ann, daughter of Andrew, Lord Windsor. He married Dorothy, daughter and heiress of Thomas Poyner, of Beslow, co. Salop, by whom he had two sons and one daughter.

Joan the daught^r of Jhon Lowe and of Elenor his wife was baptized
May the 20.

Katherine the wife of Edwarde Peter was buried June 13.

Patie'ce the daughter of Jhon Genions & of Isabell his wife was
baptized June the 20.

Will'm Weston was buried June the 26.

Jhon Coule was buried July 3.

Elizabeth the daught^r of Jhon Drakeforde and of Jane his wife was
baptized Auguste 24 day.

Anno 1600.

Vrian Hole buried May xiiijth day.

Isaac the sonne of Francis Loton was baptized Julie the xth day.

Robarte the sonne of George Kilvart and of Margeret his wife was
baptized Novemb^r 2 day.

Rycharde Haselwoode was buried Novemb^r 25 day.

Jhon the sonne of Jhon Lowe and of Elinor his wife was baptized
Feb^r 22.

Mary the daught^r of Jhon Drakforde was buried May 31 A. D. 1601.

A°. D. 1601.

Mary the daughter of Jhon Genions and of Isabell his wife was
baptiz^d Septemb^r the 6.

Reginalde Garmson was buried Jan^{'ry} the 4.

Katherine the daughter of Jhon Drakeforde and of Jane his wife was
baptized March 7 day.

Anno D'ni 1602.

William the sonne of Lewys Taylor and of Margery his wife was
baptized June 27 day.

Anno D'ni 1603.

William Bennet was buried Aprill 28.

Willia['] the sonne of Jhon Lowe and Elinor his wife was baptized the
ixth day of Octob^r.

Samuell the sonne of Jhon Genins and of Isabell his wife was baptized
Novemb^r the 6.

George the sonne of George Kilvart and of Margerett his wife was
baptized Decemb^r 9 day and was buried the 16.

Margery Smithe was buried the 12 of March.

Margaret the daughter of Vincent Genins and of Elizab. his wife was
baptized the 18 of March.

A. D. 1604.

Margery the wife of Lewys Taylor was buried Maie the 16 day.

Joan the wife of Will'm Weston was buried Maye the 18 day.

Margerett the daught^r of George Kilvart and of Margeret his wife
was baptized Novemb^r 30 day.

Marie the daught^r of Rychard Sockett & Ales his wife was baptiz^d
March 17 day.

A. D. 1605.

Jane the daught^r of Lewys Taylor was buried June 27.

Marie the daught^r of Lewys Taylor was buried June 28.

Anne the wife of Jhon Coule was buried August the 21.

Thom's Corbett of Stanerdine esquier¹ and Margerett Corbett the daughter of Vincent Corbett esquier² were married together the 13 day of Septe^b.

Ales the daughter of Jhon Lowe and Elinor his wife was baptized the 13 day of Octob^r.

George the sonne of George Kilvart & of Margerett his wyfe was baptized the 10 day of November.

Jane the daughter of Vincent Genins and of Elizab. his wife was baptized December the xvth day.

Andrewe Neunes & Frances Payne were married together Jan'y the 7 day.

Thom's Dunne was buried Marche the 6.

Anno D'ni 1606.

Will'm the sonne of Jhon Genins and of Isabel his wife was baptized the 13 day of July.

S^r Rychard Corbett knight³ of the honorable ord^r of the Bathe was buried the 29 day of Septemb^r.

Margeret the daught^r of Vincent Genins was buried the xix day of Decemb^r.

Susana the daught^r of George Kilvart and of Margeret his wife was baptized February the 1 day.

Prissilla the daught^r of Samuell Brooke & of Elizabeth his wife was baptized February 22 day.

A. D. 1607.

Robart the sonne of Roger Hall and of Margeret his wife was baptized Maye the 2 day.

Walter Dun'e and Magerett Collett were married together Auguste the 9 day.

Margerett the daughter of Rycharde Corbett⁴ & of Ales his wife was baptized Septemb^r the 26 day.

Jane the daughter of John Drakford and of Jane his wife was baptized Septemb^r 27 day.

Houmfrey Genions was buried the 28 day of Febr^y.

Anno D'ni 1608.

Richarde Collett and Katherine Heynes were married together Aprill the 27.

¹ Son of Robert Corbett, of Stanwardine, by Jane, daughter and co-heiress of Thomas Kynaston, of Walford, co. Salop. By his wife he had one son and one daughter. His widow married Thos. Scriven, of Frodesley, Esq.

² By Francisca Humfreston, his wife.

³ Second son of Sir Andrew Corbet and Jane Nedham, married twice, but died s. p.

⁴ Second son of Sir Andrew Corbet and Elizabeth Boothby.

Ales the daughter of Vincent Genions & of Elizab. his wife was
baptized April 24.
Margerett the wife of Walter Dunne was buried May the 27.
Rycharde Cureton and Margerett Taylor were married together the
16 of January.
Isabell Garmson was buried Febr 24.
Thomas the sonne of Jhon Lowe & of Elinor his wife was baptized
Feb. 5.

Anno D'ni 1609.

Margerett the daughter of Roger Hall & of Margerett his wife was
baptized March 26.
Jane the daught^r of Robert Badley & Judith his wife bap. 26 June.
Edmonde Sockett was buried the 10 of December.
Elenor the daughter of Rychard Sockett and of Ales his wife was
baptized March the 18.

Anno D'ni 1610.

Jane the daught^r of Thom's Bostock and of Joan his wyfe was
baptized Maye 27.
Bettriche¹ the daughter of Andrewe Corbett esquier and of Elizabeth
his wife was baptized Novemb^r the 25 day.
Elizabeth the daughter of Jhon Genins and Isabell his wife was
baptized Decemb^r the 28 day.
Jhon Lowe was buried February the xvith day.

Anno D'ni 1611.

Margeret the daughter of Vincent Genins and of Elizab. his wife was
baptized March 26 day.
Margeret the wife of George Kilvart was buried Aprill the 3 day.
Elizabeth the daughter of Robert Badley & of Judithe his wife was
baptized Aprill the 6 day.
Thom's Payne was buried Aprill the xxvjth day.
Nathaniel Whorde was buried June 23 day.
Elizabeth the daught^r of Roger Haul & of Margerett his wyfe
baptized July 7 day.
Mary the daught^r of John Lowe & of Elinor his wife was baptized
August the 23 day.
Raphe Egerto¹ was buried August 27 day.
Hughe Johnes and Margret Griffiths were married together February
the 23 day.
Will'm Whord was buried March 22 day.

Anno D'ni 1612.

Edward Staney was buried Maye 24 day.
Jhon the sonne of Will'm Haselwood and of Elizabeth his wife was
baptized May the 17 day.

¹ Married Francis Thornes, of Shelvock.

Thomas the sonne of Walter Dun'e & of Isabell his wife was baptized
June the 14 day.
Jhon the sonne of Thomas Bostocke and of Joan his wife was baptized
June 21 day.
Elizabeth the daughter of Richard Sockett and of Ales his wife was
baptized Julie 25 day.
S^r Rycharde Hussey Knight and M^{rs} Marie Corbett the daughter of
S^r Vincent Corbett Knight¹ were married together August 27 day.
Jhon Genions was buried January 29 day.
Will'm Adeney was buried February 7 day.
Thomas the sonne of Walter Payne and of Katherine his wyfe was
baptized Feb^r 14 day.

A.D. 1613.

Sara the daughter of Vincent Genins and of Elizabeth his wife was
baptized the 13 day of January.
Heugh Powell and Jane Whord were married together July the 4 day.
An'e the wife of Thom's Dun'e was buried the xiiijth day of July.
Samuell the sonne of Andrew Adeney and of Dorethe his wife was
baptized the xviiijth day of July.
Frances² the daughter of Andrwe Corbett esquier and of Elizabeth his
wife baptized Augst the 1 day.
Rycharde the sonne of Will'm Haseldine³ and of Mary his wife was
baptized Octob^r the 10 day.
George Badley was buried Dece^rber vth day.
Marie the daught^r of Robart Badley and of Judith his wife was
baptized the vth day of December.
Robart Genins was buried Feb^r 9 day.
Elizabeth the daughter of Rychard Sockett was buried Marche the
xjth day.

A.D. 1614.

Jhon the sonne of Jhon Hinkes was buried Marche 28.
Jhon Pitchford was buried July the xjth day.
Thom's Geers and Joan Nocke were married together Augst the xjth
day.
Marie the daughter of Robart Pitchforde & Margerett his wife was
baptized August xiiijth day.
Jayer the sonne of Elen Lowe baptized Septemb^r 10 day.
Walter the sonne of Water Dun'e & of Isabell his wife baptized the
v day and buried the ix of Decemb^r.
Anne Taylor of Longe⁴ was buried the xxv day of Feby.
Elizabeth the daughter of Thomas Bostocke and of Joan his wife was
baptized February the 26 day.

¹ and Francisca Humfreton his wife.

² Married Captain Edmund Taylor, of Wigmore.

³ Ancestors of Wm. Hazledine, the celebrated iron-founder of Shrewsbury.
His own baptism is in Shawbury Register.

⁴ Longden-on-Tern, co. Salop.

A.D. 1615.

Andrewe the sonne of Rycharde Sockett and of Ales his wife was baptized Maye the vjth day.
 Vincent the sonne of Robart Corbett esquier¹ and of Bridgott his wife was baptized June the iiijth day.
 Rychard Nun'iley and Mary Du'ne were maried together August the third day.
 Fra'ces the daughter of Walter Payne and of Katherine his wife was baptized August the 18 day.
 Sara Egerton was buried Septemb^r the 8 day.
 M^{rs} Margerett Corbett² the daughter of Andrewe Corbet esquier and of Elizabeth his wife was baptized December the 3 day.
 Frances the daughter of William Haseldine & of Mary his wife baptized Decemb^r 10.
 George Hodges and Sara Taylor were maried together February the vjth day.
 Lady Frances Corbett³ was buryed the 13 day of February.

A.D. 1616.

Joan the daughter of Robert Badiley and of Judeth his wife was baptized y^e 28 of March.
 Rycharde the sonne of Will'm Newans and of Jane his wife was baptized Aprill 28 day.
 Thomas Hopton and Lucy Mancell were maried together Maye the 1 day.

A.D. 1617.

William the sonne of Walter Dune and of Isabell his wiffe was baptized the 30 day of Marche.
 Joane the daughter of Tomas Palmer and Constans his wiffe was baptized Aprill the vj day.
 Margeret the daughte^r of George Boutler and of Isabell his wife was baptized June the 7 day and was buried June 8.
 William Taylor was buried June 15.
 Vincent the sonne of Andrew Corbet Esqui^r and of Elizabeth his wiefe⁴ was borne the 13th day of June and was baptized the 18th day of July.
 Elizabeth the daughter of Robert Pitchford and of Margaret his wiefe was baptized the 18th day of July.
 Patience Genions was buried Aug. 6 day.

¹ Of Humfreston, second son of Sir Vincent Corbet, by Francisca Humfreston, his wife, married Bridget, daughter and heiress of Sir James Price of Ynysymaengwyn, county Merioneth, and had five sons and five daughters, of whom Vincent was the eldest.

² Married Thomas Barkley.

³ Francisca Humfreston.

⁴ Son of Sir Vincent Corbett by Francisca Humfreston.

Sara the daughter of Robert Badley and of Judith his wife was baptized the xxvijth day of January and was buried the seconde day of February.

Anne the daughter of Robert Badley and of Judith his wife was baptized the 2 day of February and was buried the 9th of February.

Elizabeth the daughter of Robart Corbett esquire¹ and of Brigett his wife was baptized March the sixth day.

Andrewe the sonne of Andrewe Farmer & of Fraunces his wief was baptized March the xvth day.

Rychard the sonne of Richarde Sla'ter and of Isabell his wief was baptized Marche the xvth day.

A.D. 1618.

Robarte Dichar of Edgboulton² was buried January the 7th day.

Andrew the sonne of Robert Badley and Judith his wief was baptized February the eight and twentieth day.

Alice the daughter of Thomas Bostocke and of Joan his wief was baptized the first day of March and was buried y^e third day of March.

Richarde the sonne of Robert Crosse and of Alice his wief was baptized March the one and twentyth day.

A.D. 1619.

Andrew the sonne of Walter Payne and of Katherine his wife was baptized the third day of October.

John Trigge and Ales Downes were married togeather January the tenth day.

Sara the daughter of Will'm Somerfeylde of Stanton³ and of Elizabeth his wife was baptized February the twenty seventh day.

Richard Armysher was buried March 5th day.

A.D. 1620.

Isabell the daughter of Walter Dun'e and of Isabell his wife was baptized Aprill the thirtieth day.

Reginald Dicher was buried the xijth day of Maye of Edgboulton.

Mary the daughter of Richard Downes and Mary his wife was baptized the 28 May 1620.

Elizabeth Hussey the daughter of St Richard Hussey Knight and of La. Mary his wief was baptized the 28 of July.

Richard Benbow the sonne of Marke Benbow and of Elizabeth his wife was baptized the 8^d of December.

Jane the wife of Arthur Downes was buried January the 19.

Margaret the daughter of Robert Crosse and of Alice his wife was baptized the fift of February.

Thomas Crossewas buried the sixteenth day of February.

¹ Of Humfreston, by Bridget Price.

² In the adjoining parish of Shawbury.

³ Stanton-on-Hine Heath, co. Salop.

1621.

Richard Badley the sonne of Robert Badley & Judith his wife was baptized the 27th of March.

Mary the daughter of John Adney and of Sara his wife was baptized the 8th of April.

Thomas Hayward and Mary Crosse were married together the tenth day of July.

Thomas Felton & Mary Duffin were married together the 29 of July 1621.

Anne Twisse was buried Agust 30.

Richard the son of Marke Benbow was baptized the 20 of November, 1620.

Ales Egerton was buried September 7.

Martha the daughter of Richard Downes was baptized the 26 of February 1621.

Richard Grinsell of Draytonn in Halles and Elizabeth Benbow of Stoke were married together the eight and twentieth day of January. [Ambrice] the sonne of Robarte Pitchford & of Margrete his wife was baptized March the 23rd.

A'no Dni 1622.

Thomas the sonne of Thomas Haiward and Marie his wife was baptized Sept^r. 8.

Beatrice Sockett the daughter of Richard Sockett & Alice his wief was baptized the 12th of January.

Margrett the wife of Lewis Taylor was buried the sixte day of February.

William the sonne of Thomas Witcherley & Margrett his wife was baptized the 9th day of February.

S^r Vincent Corbett knight was buried the nineth day of March.

William the sonne of Thomas Witcherley was buried March the eighteenth.

Anno D'ni 1623.

Lewis Taylor Rector of Morton Corbett was buried May 12th

Arthur the sonne of Richard Downes & Marie his wife was baptized the two and twentieth day of June.

Thomas the sonne of John Adney & Sara his wife was baptized the twentieth day of July.

Katherine the daughter of Marke Benbow & Elizabeth his wife was baptized the twentieth day of July.

Pelham Corbett esq¹ & M^{rs} Anne Corbett daughter of S^r Andrew Corbett knight were married the eight day of January 1623.

1624.

Richard the² sonne of S^r Andrew Corbett knight & of Lady Elizabeth his wife was baptized September 26.

¹ Of Leigh, co. Salop, son of Wm. Corbett, of Leigh, by Ann, daughter of Sir Wm. Pelham, Knight,

² Second son,

1625.

Robert y^e son of Ro. Pitchford & Margret his wife was baptized April 28.

Thomas the sonne of Richard Downes and of Mary his wife was baptized Octob. 23.

Francis Thornes of Shelvocke¹ Esq. was married to Beatrice Corbett y^e eldest daughter of S^r Andrew Corbett and Elizabeth wife the twelfth day of December.

Arthur the² sonne of S^r Andrew Corbett knight & of Lady Elizabeth his wife was baptized Jan. 22.

1626.

Robert Pitchford buried Aprill 7th.

Pelham the sonne of Robert Badley and of Judith his wife was baptized May the 29.

Samuell the sonne of Richard Taylor [Blocke] and of Margrett his wife was baptized August the 27.

Richard the sonne of Thomas Heyward and of Mary his wife was baptized November the 12.

Nicholas Crane alias Glover was buried March 11.

1627.

Walter the sonne of Andrew Corbett knight & of Elizabeth his wife was baptized the 14 day of May.

Martha the daughter of John Adney and Sara his wife was baptized the 3 day of June.

Walter the sonne of Andrew Corbett knight & of Elizabeth his wife was buried August the 15 day.

Mary the daughter of Richard Taylor & of Margrett his wife was baptized the 18 day of November borne the 10th

Andrew the sonne of Francis Thornes Esq. and of Beatrice his wife was baptized the 13 day of January.

1628.

Andrew the sonne of Pelham Corbett Esq. and of M^{rs} Anne his wife was baptized March 30.

Vincent the sonne of Vincent Downes & Elinor his wife was baptized May 25.

Margret Armishere buried Aprill 27.

Hanna the daughter of Robert Pitchford & of Margerett his wife was baptiz. July 18.

Andrew the sonne of Pelham Corbett Esq. & of M^{rs} Anne his wife was buried July 28.

John Morrice of the parish of Wem & Jane Braine of this parish were married the 29th day of September.

Margrett Paine buried October the 30th.

¹ In the parish of Ruyton-of-11-Towns, co. Salop.

² Fifth son.

S^r Richard Hussey knight was buried the 10th day of January.
 Katherine the daughter of Thomas Yate & of Moadé his wife was
 baptiz: Febr: 15.
 John the sonne of Francis Thornes Esq. & of Beatrice his wife was
 baptized the 10th day of March.

1629.

Timothy the sonne of Richard Taylor and Margrett his wife was
 baptized the 3 day of May borne the 25 of Aprill.
 Mary Adney widdow buried Septemb.
 Robert the sonne of Pelham Corbett Esq. and Anne his wife baptized
 the 25 day of October.
 Richard Downes the sonne of Richard Downes and of Mary his wife
 was baptized the 26 of February.
 Alice the daughter of S^r Andrew Corbett and of Elizabeth his wife
 was baptized July the 4.

1630.

William Taylor was buried May 9.
 Timothy the sonne of John Adney and of Sarah his wife was baptized
 May 23.
 William the sonne of Andrew Corbett Knight and of Elizabeth his
 wife was baptized August 31.
 Thomas the sonne of Francis Thornes and of Beatrice his wife was
 baptiz. Sept^r 26.
 Joane the wife of William Downes was buried Novemb. the 7th
 Elizabeth the daughter of Pelham Corbett esq. and of Elizabeth his
 wife bapt. Jan, 5.
 Sarah the daughter of Richard Taylor and of Margrett his wife was
 baptized January 16 and borne the 12 day.
 Matthias the sonne of Thomas Evans and of Mary his wife bapt.
 March 6.

Anno Dⁿⁱ 1631.

Margret Crosse widdow was buried Sept. 5.
 Henry the sonne of Andrew Corbett Knight and of Elizabeth his wife
 was baptized Jan. 22.
 Isabell the wife of Walter Dunne was buried Febr. 12.
 Rebecca the daughter of Robert Pitchford and of Margrett his wife
 was baptized Febr. 12.
 Elizabeth the wife of William Haselwood was buried Febr: 17.

1632.

Anne the daughter of Pelham Corbett Esq. and Anne his wife was
 bapt. Aprill 21.
 Richard the sonne of Richard Dunne & of Mary his wife was baptized
 Septemb^r 2^d.
 Andrew the sonne of Richard Taylor & of Margrett his wife was
 baptized November the 18 borne 13 at 8 of clocke at night,

Edward Baylie of Lacon in the p'ish of Wem and Jane Gennins of Preston¹ in this p'ish were married the Feb. 11.

1683.

William the sonne of S^r Andrew Corbett Knight and of Lady Elizabeth his wife was buried Aprill the 21.

Richard the sonne of John Adney and of Sara his wife was baptized Aprill.

Samuell the sonne of Robert Crosse and of Alice his wife was baptized May.

Jane the daughter of S^r And. Corbett Knight & of Lady Elizabeth his wife was bapt. May 26.

Mary the daughter of Pelham Corbett Esq. and of M^{rs} Anne Corbett his wife was baptized June the 19.

William Haselwood was buried 13 of 10b^r.

1684.

Margret the daughter of Robert Sockett and of Dorothy his wife was baptized June 15.

Abigail the daughter of Richard Taylor Minister of Moreton Corbett & of Margret his wife was baptized June 29.

Thomas the sonne of Edward Baylie & of Jane his wife was baptized June 29.

Judith the daughter of S^r And: Corbet Knight & Lady Elizabeth his wife was baptized the 24 day of August.

Samuel Gennins was buried the 16 day of November.

George y^o sonne of Ric: Downes and of Mary his wife was baptized Jan: 4.

1685.

Captaine Edmund Taylor of Wigmore² and M^{rs} Frances Corbet daughter of S^r And. Corbet and of Lady Eliz. his wife were married the 14 day of May.

Thomas the sonne of Robert Higginson and of Anne his wife was baptized June 7.

Katherine the daughter of Robert Pitchford & of Margret his wife was baptized the 12 day of July.

Katherine the daughter of Robert Pitchford & of Margrett his wife was buried.

William Downes was buried Jan. 25 aged about 8.

John Adney the sonne of John Adney & of Sara his wife was baptized Feb. 28.

1686.

John Cartwright of y^o parish of Ercall magna and Margret Hall of this parish were married at Sutton Chappell with license from the ordinary (as they say) May 21.

¹ Preston Brockhurst.

² In the parish of Westbury, co, Salop.

M^r John Pearce and M^{rs} Mary Corbett daughter to S^r Andrew Corbett Knight were married the one & twentieth day of July.
 Priscilla the daughter of Richard Taylor Rector of Morton Corbett & of Margrett his wife was baptized July 31.
 Vincent Gennins of Preston was buried the 26 day of September.
 Thomas the sonne of Thomas Dunne and of Dorothy his wife was baptized Febr: 12.
 Thomas the sonne of John Cartwright and of Margret his wife was baptized February 26.

1637.

S^r Andrew Corbett Knight was buried the seventh day of May 1637.
 Dorothy Jones servant to the Lady Corbett was buried August 17.
 Robert Weston was buried August 29.

1638.

Robert the son of John Adney & of Sara his wife was baptized Aprill the 8th
 Beatrice the daughter of Captaine Edmund Taylor & of M^{rs} Frances his wife was baptized Aprill the 22.
 Joane the daughter of Robert Higginson and of Anne his wife was baptized Aprill 24.
 William Barkley the sonne of Thomas Barkley Esq & of M^{rs} Margrett his wife was baptized May the first day.
 John the sonne of Richard Downes and of Mary his wife was baptized at Lee Brockhurst the 20 day of May.
 Joane Bostocke the wife of Thomas Bostocke was buried the 24 day December.
 Rachell the daughter of Richard Taylor Rector of y^e parish of Morton Corbett and of Margrett his wife was baptized Jan. 15 borne the 9th day at one of y^e clock in the night.

1639.

Elizabeth the daughter of Thomas Barkley Esq. and of M^{rs} Margret his wife was baptized the 4th of June.
 Margrett Powell servant to the Lady Corbet was buried the 30 day of June.
 Jane Dunne alias Griffiths was buried July 3^a.
 Joane the daughter of Robert Downes and of Jane his wife was baptized the fift day of January.
 Walter Dunne was buried January y^e tenth.

1640.

Walter the sonne of William Dunne & of Mary his wife was baptized March 29.
 M^r Thomas Richardson was buried June 27.
 Martha the daughter of Thomas Barkley Esq & M^{rs} Margrett his wife was baptized August the 20 day.
 Richard the sonne of Robert Higginson & of Anne his wife was baptized the day of

Thomas Morrice alias Griffiths & Elizabeth Bostocke were married
October 20.

Arthur Downes was buried Novemb^r 11.

William Felton of the Lowe¹ and Joane Daoax of Withington² were
married November 11 day.

Margrett Griffiths (servant to John Adney) was buried January 9,
1641.

Roger Hall was buried the 14 day.

. the mother of Roger Hall was buried
June the 16 day.

John Shepheard was buried June the 25 day.

Richard Plimley & Sarah Hill were married June the seventeenth
day.

Richard the sonne of Andrew Sockett & of Mary his wife was baptized.
John servant to S^r Vincent Corbett was buried the
28 day of January.

Dorothy the daughter of John Cartwright & of Margaret his wife was
baptized Febr. 23.

Elizabeth Higginson the daughter of Robert Higginson and of Anne
his wife was buried March.

. the wife of Tobi

1642.

Dorothy the daughter of John Cartwright & of Margaret his wife was
buried May 8.

Anne Brough-ha was buried the 2^d day of July.

M^{rs} Margret Barkley wife of M^r Thom: Barkley Esq. was buried the
eight and twentyth day of July 1642.

Richard Taylour rector of this church was buried the 21 day of
September 1642.

1643.

Andrew the sonne of Andrew Socket and of Mary his wife was baptized
July 30.

1644.

Willyam the sonne of Richard Newell and of Anne his wife was
baptized Aprill 7.

Walter Payne of Moorton Corbett was buried May 17 1644.

1646.

Mary the daughter of Andrew Socket & of Mary his wife was baptized
December the 30th.

Pelham the sonne of Robert Baddeley and Judith his wife was buried
the day of August 1646.

Margaret the daughter of William Crofts and Joane his wife was
borne the 22th of January and baptized the last of January 1646.

Richard Sockett was buried the of March 1646.

¹ In the parish of Wem, co. Salop.

² Near Upton Magna, co. Salop.

1647.

Elizabeth Haselwood daughter of John Haselwood & Jane his wife was baptized the 31th of October 1647.

1648.

Mary Cartwright daughter of John Cartwright and Margret his wife buried Aprill the 25th 1648.

William Dunn the sonne of William Dun and Marry his wife was baptized the 17th of August 1648.

Thomas Dickin the sunn of Thomas Dickin and Elizabeth his wife baptized the 8 of October 1648.

Robert the sonn of Richard Newale was baptized the 4 February 1648.

1649.

Thomas the sonne of Andrew Sockett and Mary his wife was baptized the xvjth day of September 1649.

Robert the sonne of W^m Phillips and of Jane his wife was baptized the 24th day of March 1649.

Thomas Dunn the sonne of W^m Dunne of Preston Brookhurst was borne the 21th day of Novemb^r in the year of our Lord God 1650.

Richard y^e sonne of Robert Crosse and Mary his wife was baptized the 15th day of Septemb. 1650.

Dinah the daughter of Robert Crosse junior was baptized in Morton Church thursday January 22, 1651.

Robert Newan the sonne of Thomas Newan of Morton Castell was baptized Monday the 9th of December 1650.

1656.

Mary Dunne the daughter of W^m Dunne & Mary his wife of Preston Brookhurst was baptized April 27th one thousand six hundred fiftie six.

Abraham Crosse the sonne of Robert Crosse junior of Preston Brookhurst was baptized April 26th 1656.

S^r Vincent Corbett K^t and Barn^{tt} sonne and heire to S^r Andrew Corbett and the Lady Elizabeth his wife died in Exeter house in London Decemb^r 28th An'o 1656 was interred att Mooreton upon the 21 day of January next following.

Sara Socket daughter to Andrew Socket of Preston was baptized the 24th of July 1656.

Robert Baddeley senior was buried at Morton Corbett March 7th 1656.

Andrew Marsh y^e sonne of Willi['] Marsh of Carradine¹ & Joane his wife was baptized y^e 14th day of October Anno Domini 1660.

Lady Elizabeth Corbett died the 19th of March late wife to S^r Andrew Corbett & was interred at Moreton Corbett y^e 21th of y^e s^d moneth An'o 1657.

¹ In Shawbury parish.
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Arthur Corbett Esq.¹ & Mrs. Sara Littelton were married August 25, 1659.

Robert Corbett y^e sonne of Arthur Corbett Esq. & Sara his wife was baptized 21th of June 1660.

Mary Downes y^e daughter of Vincent Downes & Frances his wife was baptized y^e 14th of Septemb^r Anno 1657.

Vincent Downes y^e sonne of Vincent Downes & Frances his wife was baptized y^e 30th of May Anno 1659.

Elizabeth y^e daughter of Richard Taylor & Elizabeth his wife was baptized y^e 29th of Septemb^r Anno 1660.

Isabell Schator y^e wife of Richard y^e elder was buried y^e 6th of June 1658.

Catherine y^e daughter of Richard Taylor & Elizabeth his wife was baptized y^e 19th of Novemb^r 1657.

Robert Jeffreys the sonne of Edward Jeffreys & Mary his wife was baptized Decemb^r 4th 1658.

And his sister Jane Jeffreys was buried the first of Julie 1657.

Mary y^e daughter of William Key & Mary his wife was baptized y^e 10th of Novemb^r 1656.

Elizabeth y^e daughter of William Key & Mary his wife was baptized in the yere 1660.

William Walter of Welington and Margery Downes of Preston Brockhurst were married together neare Michelmas 1660.

Peeter Gibbons, pastor of Morton Corbett 1660.

Most p^{te} of y^e war time before theyr was an *Vr'ery*² in y^e place one Jhon Gower put in by Trayto^{rs} & Rebbells & in Gowers time few were registred but John Maurice being Clarke to Mr. Gibbons y^e booke of Comon Pray^r being brought in y^e Churche agayne then he 1660 registred y^e fores^d P^{rs}ons as you be here written.

Mary d. of Francis Adney & Mary his wife bap. Jan. 12 & the said Francis buried the same day.

Michael s. of Richard Browne of Beshford & Elizth his wife bap. Feb. 26.

Michael s. of Willi['] Iveson & Elizth his wife buried June 17, 1661.

1661.

Mrs. Alice Onslowe wife to Mr. William Onslowe & daughter to S^r Andrew Corbett was interred in Morton June 27, 1661.

Catherine d. of Arthur Corbett Esq. & Sara his wife bap. August 1.

Jane d. of John Sneape & Joane his wife bap. Aug. 16.

Tho: Baylie of Preston married to Sarah Baker of Charlton July 15.

Ric. Newale Clarke of this p^{ish} bur^d Oct, 12.

¹ One of the younger sons of Sir Andrew and Lady Elizabeth.

² This word, which is abbreviated, cannot be made out satisfactorily. Mr. James Bowen, an expert in old writings, who transcribed the extracts from Parish Registers in Mr. Wm. Mytton's *Shropshire Collections*, experienced the same inability.

Thomas Howle bur. Dec. 2.
Edward Baylie bur^d Dec^r 5.

1662.

Anna, d. of Ric. Corbett Esq.^r & Mrs. Grace his wife bur^d January 5th.
Benjamin s. of Andrew Sockett & Mary his wife bap. Sept^r 9.
Elizabeth d. of Peeter Gibbons pastor of Morton & Lucina his wife
bap. Sep^t 14.
Andrew s. of William Iveson & Elizth his wife bap. Oct. 26.

1663.

Elizabeth d. of Peter Gibbons pastor and Lucina his wife bur^d 25
March.
William s. of William Key & Mary his wife borne March 24 & bap.
Aprill 19.
Thomas Taylor s. of Richard & Alec bap. August 20.
M^{rs} Margret Southall wyddow bur^d 14 Sept^r.
Beatrice d. of Peeter Gibbons Rector & Lucina his wife bap.
20 October.
Thomas s. of George Reeyfes & Mary his wife crystened 6th Nov^r.
Vincente Downes bur^d. 24 Nov^r pater famyllias.
Martha Southall d. unto M^r John Southall Rector bur^d 8 Dec^r.

1664.

Catherin d. of Richard & Alce Taylor bur^d 12 Aprill.
Phyllipp Walker of the parish of Shawbury married unto Elizabeth
Goyltyer 17 May.
Jane d. of Thomas & Sara Bayly bap. 28 May.
Mary & Martha twins daughters unto Henry & Lydia Poole bap.
10 June.
Jane d. of Thomas & Sara Bayley bur^d 12 June.
Francis Spenlove & Jane Spenser mar^d 1 June.
Richard Sclator senior bur^d 11 Oct^r.
John son of John Snape and Joane his wife chrystened 19 Nov^r.
Robert s. of John & Sara Adney bur^d 11 Dec^r.

1665.

Richard s. of Richard & Alice Taylor bap. 13 Aprill.
Ann d. of Francis Crosse & Ann his wife bap. 24 June.
Joseph s. of Thomas Jackson & Ellynor his wife bap. 29 June.
Mary d. of William Jenks & Elizabeth his wife bap. 13 August.
Vincent s. of Peeter Gibbons pastor & Lucina his wife borne
Aug. 8 & bap. 12 Sept^r.
Joseph s. of Thomas Jackson & Ellinor his wife bur^d 4 February.
George s. of George & Mary Reefes bap. 16 March.

1666.

Ann d. of Roberte Crosse & Marie his wife bap. 5 June.
Ann d. of Arthur Corbitt Esquier & Mrs. Sarah his wife bap. 12 June.
Sampson Ford a stranger & forge man bur^d 19 June.

Elizabeth d. of Thomas & Sara Bayley crystened 29 June.
 Elizabeth d. of Thomas and Sara Bayly bur^d 2nd July,
 Richard Gardener of the parish of Ponsberry joyned in mariedge unto
 Frances Kitans livinge in the parishe of Morton Corbett 2nd July.
 Mr. Andrew Corbitt sonne of the Right Worth S^r Andrew Corbitt
 buried 26th Sep^t.
 Elizabeth Dunn bur^r 10th November.
 Richard Taylor s. of Richard & Alce Taylor bur^d 19th December.
 Marie d. of William Iveson & Elizth his wife bur^d 20 December.
 Catherin d. of Richard Taylor & Elizabeth his wife bur^d 23 Dec^r.
 Robert Lewis bur^d 24 Dec^r.

1667.

Lucy d. of Peter Gibbons pastor & Lucy his wife borne Friday Sept.
 20 bap. Oct. 22.
 Andrew s. of William Watkis & Jane his wife bap. 15 November.
 Richard s. of Francis Crosse & Anne his wife bap. 2 January.
 George Beacoll of this parish joyned in the holy estate of Matrymony
 unto Jane Dickine of the parish of Hodnytt the 30th day of
 January 1667.
 Ellynor d. of Thomas Jackson bur^d 10 Feb^r.
 Robert Sockett bur^d 9 May.
 Edward Ducker of this parish & Joane Gryffis of the parish of
 Gynsill married 3 February.
 Mary d. of John Snape & Anne his wife bap. 10 March.

1668.

John s. of George Reefes & Marie his wife bap. 5th July.
 George Cadman of the parish of Preece and Ann Stannley of this
 parish married 23 August.
 Samuel Maddox s. of Rogger Maddox & Mary his wife bap. 11 January.
 Edward Ducker s. of Edward Ducker and Joane his wife bap.
 26 January.
 William Pytchford of Preston buryed 22 Feby.
 William s. of Humphrey Morris & Ann his wife bur^d 23 February.
 Beatrice d. of S^r Vincent Corbett & Lady Elizabeth his wife was
 borne Decemb^r y^e 4th

1669.

Jane d. of Robert & Mary Crosse bap. 23 Aprill.
 Henry Brown of this parish married Elizabeth Beukley of Shawburie
 parish 15 May.
 Cattwalliter Heughes bur^d 14 Aug^t.
 Joseph s. of Thomas Jackson & Susan his wife bap. 1 Feb^r.

1670.

Robert Crosse sen^r bur^d 19 June.
 Peter Gibbons Rector & Lucy his wife was borne
 July 19 bap. Aug. 16,

Vincent s. of S^r Vincent Corbett & Lady Elizabeth his wife was borne May 22.

Mary d. of Francis Crosse & Ann his wife bap. Friday 21 Oct^r.

Mary d. of George Reeves & Mary his wife bap. December 2.

Elizabeth d. of M^r Arthur Corbet & M^{rs} Sarah his wife bap. 13 Dec^r.

Jane d. of Edward Duckar & Jone his wife bap. 28 Jan^r.

1671.

Jone d. of John Sneap & Jone his wife bap. 5 May.

Thomas s. of Thomas Bayly & Sarah his wife bap. 18 Aug^t.

Thomas s. of William Watkis & Jane his wife bap. Nov^r 15.

Mary d. of Vincent Downes bur^d Nov^r 20.

Isaack s. of Robert Crosse & Mary his wife bap. Dec^r 28.

Andrew s. of S^r Vincent Corbet Knight & Barronit & Lady Elizabeth his wife buried Feb. 6.

1672.

Mary d. of Thomas Jackson & Susan his wife bap. 25 June.

Robert Crosse junior bur^d 7 Oct^r.

Lucy d. of Peter Gibbons Rector & Lucy his wife was borne Nov^r 6 & bap. Dec^r 3.

Francis s. of S^r Vincent Corbet K^t & Bar^t & the Lady Elizabeth his wife was borne December 1 baptized Dec. 27.

1673.

Joseph s. of George Reeves & Mary his wife bap. 9 May.

Jane the wife of Richard Selatour bur^d 28 May.

Francis s. of S^r Vincent Corbett & Lady Elizabeth his wife bur^d 10 August.

Robert Davies bur^d Dec^r 2.

Katharine d. of Francis Crosse & Ann his wife bap. 8 Feby.

1674.

Elizabeth Longner of Beshford bur^d April 10.

John s. of William Newell & Sarah his wife bap. 29 Sept^r.

Sarah d. of Mr. Arthur Corbett and Sarah his wife bap. 29 Sept^r.

1675.

Margaret d. of Walter Nicholas & Lydia his wife bap. April 9.

Thomas Hasledine bur^d April 12.

William s. of George Reeves & Mary his wife bur^d Aug 9.

Elizabeth d. of George Reeves & Mary his wife bap. Jan. 6.

Mary Baddeley an Innocent of the age of three score & two years buried Feb. 27.

Will'm Watkis bur^d March 3.

1676.

John Bostock one of the poor of this parish bur^d April 3.

George s. of Peter Gibbons & Lucy his wife borne May 15 & bap. June 12,

Will'm s. of Will'm Key & Mary his wife bur^d July 15.
 Sarah d. of Will'm Newell & Sarah his wife bap. July 23.
 Mr. Robert Baddeley bur^d Nov^r 4.
 Sarah wife of Richard Sclator bur^d Feby. 13.
 Robert s. of Elizabeth Clay a bastard child bap. Feby. 16.

1677,

Sarah Adney bur^d April 8.
 Dinah Crosse of this parish married to Richard Newnes of the Clive.
 Mary Donne of Preston married Samuell Kente of Yokleton.
 Thomas Socket of Preston married to Dorothy Puller of Edgbolton.
 Robert s. of Will'm Newell & Eliz. his wife bap. March 1.
 Will'm Thomas & Ann Newell were married together.

1678.

Richard Slater & Mrs. Dorothy Jordan married 25 Sept^r.
 Edward Sockett buried.
 Robert Corbett Esq^r sonne of S^r Vincent Corbett Bar^t a barrester at
 law & Student of Lincolns Inn died in London May y^e 24 and
 was interd at Moreton June 7th.
 Arthur Downes bur^d July 10.
 Thomas Roberts a sojourner with the widdow Hasledine was bur^d
 Oct. 20.
 Thomas Dunne bur^d March 11.
 Elinor Yates of Beshford bur^d Dec^r 30 1679.
 Beatrice d. of Richard Sclator & Dorothy his wife bap. Dec^r 16 1679.
 John Sneap of Preston interred Feby 26 1679.
 Thomas Bayly of Preston Brockhurst bur^d Jan. 8 1680.
 Andrew s. of Thomas Socket & Dorothy his wife bap. April 9 &
 bur^d April 27—81.
 S^r Vincent Corbet Bar^t (who died at Londⁿ) was interred here the
 24 Feby 1680.
 Samuel Pitchford bur^d Sunday Nov. 21—80.
 Thomas s. of Richard Wycherley & Jane his wife bap. Tuesday
 Nov^r 30—80.
 Henry s. of Peter Gibbons & Lucy his wife was born April 24 bap.
 May 23 1681.
 M^{rs} Frances Holbrook of Bangor bur^d April 12—81.
 Will'm s. of Walter Nicholas & Lydia his wife bur^d Aug. 13—81.
 Abraham s. of Thomas Socket & Dorothy his wife bap. May 28
 & bur^d May 30 1682.
 Jane d. of Richard Wycherley & Jane his wife bap. June 10—82.
 Mary Downes of Bradeley Yate bur^d Oct. 6—82.
 Katarine Gotier one of the poor of this par'sh bur^d Jan. 9—82.
 Richard s. of Richard Sclatour & Dorothy his wife bap. April 11—83.
 Mr. Robert s. of Mr. Richard Corbett & Mrs. Grace his wife bur^d in
 this parish July 30, 1685.
 Darnygold Ducker was born 21 Sept. 1685.
 Mr. Henry Corbett s. of Mr. Richard Corbett & Mrs. Grace his wife
 bur^d Oct. 10, 1685.

1686,

Ann d. of Mr. Arthur Corbett of Moreton & wife of Mr. Thomas
Heath bur^d 8 June 1686 dying in childbed.
The same day Thomas s. of Mr. Thomas Heath & the aforesaid Mrs.
Ann his wife was bap.
Mary Downes of Bradeley Gat wid. bur^d March 30, 1686.
Richard a bastard child bur^d Dec^r the last.

1687.

William Key of Preston Sen^r bur^d 2 July being Saturday.
Mrs. Grace Corbett wife of Mr. Richard Corbett of Shawbury Parke
was bur^d Oct. 10—87.
Edward s. of Edward Duckar bur 2 July 1688.
Vincent s. of Richard Corbett Esq. & Mrs. Grace his wife bur^d March
2—87.
William s. of Hugh Holmes & Elizabeth his wife bap. Sept. 22—88.
Elizabeth d. of John Jones & Eliz. his wife bap. Dec^r 7 born Nov.
14—89.
Jan. 5 1690 Theodore s. of William Wood Gentⁿ & Mary his wife
born bap. 26 of same month.
Robert s. of Thomas Williams of Bog Mills bap. Friday June 27 1690.
Saturday Sep. 17 William s. of Benjamin Sockett & Mary his wife
bur^d 90.
Richard Sockett Dyer bur^d Saturd. Sept. 20—90.

1688.

John s. of Peter Gibbons & Lucy his wife was born June 24.
Katharine Hasledine wid. bur^d 4 March 89.
Mary d. of Edward Duckar and Elizabeth his wife bap. May 9.
Mr. Arthur Corbett s. of S^r Andrew Corbett Knt bur^d April 5 1690.
Richard Corbett Esq. bur^d Feb. 25 1691.
Richard s. of John and Mary Snape bap. Saturday, Jan. 9—92.
Vincent s. of Vincent Downes & Margaret his wife bap. May 10.
Mary & Martha twin daughters of John Snape & Mary his wife bap.
Feb. 13—93.

Jane Davies bur^d April.
Andrew s. of Andrew Downes & Hannah his wife bap. March 3—93
born Feb. 13 about 11 of Clock at night.
Edward s. of Edward Duckar & Eliz. his wife bap. May 12. 93.
Mrs Sarah Corbett bur^d August 19.
Mary d. of William Wood Gent. & Mary his wife bap. May 21. 1693.

1694.

Thomas Nicholas bur^d April 15.
Benjaⁿ s. of Benjamine Sockett & Mary his wife bap. Thursday
Feb. 7, —95.

1695,

Beatrice d. of Peter Gibbons Pastor & Lucina his wife bur^d Jan. 26.
William Phillippis sen^r bur^d Feb. 22. 95.

- Andrew s. of Andrew Downes & Hanah his wife bur^d June 17 —95.
 Sarah wife of Will'm Newell bur^d July 31, 95.
 John s. of Edward Ducker & Eliz. his wife bap. Aug. 25 bur^d Sept. 4.
 Walter Nicholas bur^d Dec. 12, 95.
 Peter s. of Tho. Gittins & Hannah his wife bap. June 24, 96.
 Elizabeth d. of Joseph Reeves and . . . his wife bap. April 3.
 Anna wife of Andrew Downes bur^d May 3.
 Edw. s. of Andrew Downes bur^d June 23.
 Richard Sclater sen^r bur^d May 1.
 Thomas s. of Thomas Jackson & Mary his wife bap. Oct. 29.
 Ann d. of John Snape & Mary his wife bap. Oct. 30, 1696.
 Sarah d. of Benjamⁿ Sockett & Mary his wife bap. Jan. 22—96.
 Mary d. of Will'm Phillips & Mary his wife bap. Jan. 26—96.
 Ann an infant d. of Hugh Holmes & Elizabeth his wife bur^d Feb. 2.
 Edward Downes of Bradeley Gate & Elizabeth Manley of Roodwood
 mar^d on Shrove Tuesday.
 Ann d. of Hugh Holmes & Eliz. his wife bap. Sat. March 13 bur^d 16.
 Margaret d. of Tho. Reeves & Margaret his wife bap. April 26—98.
 Richard s. of Tho. Reeves & Margaret his wife bur^d June 4—98.
 Thomas s. of Hugh Holmes & Eliz. his wife bap. Oct. 16—98.
 Will'm Dunne bur^d March 7—98.
 Mr. Henry Corbett bur^d Dec^r 27—98.
 Walter s. of Walter Donne & Eliz. his wife bap. April 20 1699.
 Alice d. of Thos. Gittins & Hanah his wife bap. May 8—99.
 Thomas s. of Thomas Reeves & Margaret his wife bap. May 28—99.
 William s. of Nathaniell Oldes & Sarah his wife bap. July 21—99.
 John s. of Peter Gibbons Rector & Lucy his wife bur^d Sep. 27 1699.
 Benjamin Socket bur^d Oct. 24.
 Margaret Holding one of the poor of this parish bur^d Dec. 28—99.
 Madam Judith Corbett the wife of Richard Corbett Esq^r was interred
 the 19th of Jan. 1700.
 Milbraham d. of Thomas Kingbet & Ann his wife bap. May 2, 1700.
 George s. of Hugh Holmes & Eliz. his wife a new born infant bap.
 Oct. 15 bur^d 17.
 Sarah d. of Thomas Bayly & Ann his wife bap. Feb. 27 1700.
 Samuel s. of William Phillips & Mary his wife bap. April 24, 1701,
 Buried May 24 following.
 Elizabeth d. of Mr. Andrew Downes & Elizabeth his wife bap. March
 12.
 Mr. Ralph Wilson & Beatrice Sclator married May 26, 1702.
 Hugh Holmes bur^d June 6.
 Lady Elizabeth Corbett bur^d Nov. 16, 1702.
 William s. of Tho : Reeves & Margaret his wife bap. August 2, 1702.
 Samuel s. of William Phillips & Mary his wife bap. Sept. 4, 1702.
 Mary Phillips Sen^r wid. bur^d Feb. 2.
 Thomas s. of Thomas Bayley & Ann his wife bap. Nov. 24, 1703.
 Mad^m Beatrice Kynaston buried Dec. 7, 1703.
 Mary Socket wid^w bur^d Dec. 12 1703.

William Bayley of Beshford in the Parish of Shawbury & Susan
Groom mar^d 18 April.
John Barnes & Beatrice Bickley both of Parish of Chetwind mar^d
August 31 1704.
Mary Gough of Preston bur^d March 17 1704.
Ann d. of Mr. Thomas Bayly & Ann his wife bap. April 12.
Will'm Newell bur^d April 26.
 d. of Thomas Reeves & Margaret his wife bap. June 27.
Richard s. of Thomas Knight & Ann his wife bap. Oct. 22.
 d. of Thomas Socket & Mary his wife bap. Jan. 2.
Elizabeth d. of John Snape & Margaret his wife bap. Jan. 4.
Elizabeth Iveson one of the poor of this parish bur^d Jan. 8.
John Gough & Catherine Key both of this parish married Jan. 5th.
1706 William Vaughan & Elizabeth Downes married March 26.
 Laiward & Mary Smith mar^d July 14.
Madam Beatrice Thornes bur^d Oct. 2. 1706.
Madam Beatrice d. of John Kynaston Esq & Beatrice his wife bur^d
1711.
Mrs Sarah Bayley wid^e bur^d March 11. 1711—12.
Madam Frances Ironsides d. of Francis Thornes Esq. bur^d November
19. 1712.
Peter Gibbons. M.A. & Rector of this parish for y^e space of 53 years
& aged 72 years was bur^d y^e 24 August 1713.
Richard Corbett Esq. bur^d April 21. 1718.
Grace w. of Andrew Taylor of Nantwich bur^d Nov^r 1. 1720.
Frances d. of Andrew Corbett Esq. of Shawbury Park & Frances his
w. bur^d Oct. 2. 1722.
Ann d. of Thomas Bayley & Ann his w. bur^d Jan. 20 1724-5.
Sarah d. of Thomas Taylor of Carradine & Sarah his w. bap. March
14 1724-5.
Mary d. of Edward Ducker & Margrett his w. bap. Jan. 12 1717.
Sarah d. of Edward Ducker & Margrett his w. bap. April 9 1720.
Sarah Taylor widow bur^d July 15 1720.
Ann d. of Edward Ducker & Margerat his w. bap. Sept. 9 1722.
Edward Ducker senior bur^d Sep. 17 1726.
Frances d. of Andrew Corbett Esq. of Shawbury Park bur^d December
17 1726.
Mrs. Gibbons y^e wife of Peter Gibbons Rector of Moreton Corbett
bur^d Jan^y 4 1726.
William s. of Thomas Taylor of Carradine & Sarah his w. bap.
Feb^y 25 1727-8.
Mary Jennings nurse at Sq^r Winfeilds of Preston Brockhurst bur^d
Feb. 28 1727-8.
Mary d. of Tho^s Taylor & Sarah his w. bap. April 18 1731.
Samuel s. of Samuel Betton & Jane his w. bap. Aug. 9 1731.
Elizabeth Duokar bur^d June 26 1732.
Jane d. of Samuel Betton & Jane his w. bap. June 18 1735.
Anne d. of Tho^s Taylor & Sarah his w. bap. May 12 1734.
Elizabeth d. of Sam^l & Jane Betton bap. 13 July 1735.

- Joseph s. of Sam^l & Jane Betton bap. Nov. 4 1737.
 Tho^s s. of Tho^s Taylor of Carradine bap. Nov. 20 1737.
 Tho^s Davies & Mary Bayley marr^d 12 Jan. 1739-40.
 Robert s. of Samuel Betton & Jane his w. bap. 19 May 1740.
 Sarah d. of Edward Duckar & Margaret his w. bur^d June 14 1740.
 Corbet Kynaston Esq. bur^d 21 June 1740.
 Mr. John Gregroy of the Parish of Loppington bur^d Oct. 1 1741.
 Tho^s s. of Mr. Tho^s & Ann Bayley of Preston Brookhurst bap. March
 24 1742-3.
 Mrs Ann Bayley of Preston widow bur^d April 6 1743.
 William s. of Mr. Tho^s Bayley Gent. & Anne his w. bap. Sep. 6 1744.
 Edw^d s. of Mr. Tho^s Bayley of Preston Brockhurst Gent. & Ann his
 wife bap. Feb. 6 1746-7.
 Samuel Betton bur^d 24 January 1748.
 Mrs. Frances Broadfield bur^d 27 Sept. 1749 daughter of Peter Gibbons
 late Rector.
 Thomas Kilvart of Preston Brockhurst bur^d Oct. 10 1749.
 Thomas Vickers & Ann Duckar both of this parish marr^d Dec. 26
 1743.
 Anne d. of Mr. Tho^s Bayley & Anne his w. bap. 8 June 1750.
 Mary d. of Mr. Daniel Prescot merchant at Petersburg & ———
 his w. bap. 27 May 1751.
 Sarah d. of Mr. & Mrs. Bayley bap. 16 December 1751 buried June 1
 1752.
 Mr Richard Slater Jun^r bur. 5 Nov. 1753.
 Margaret Kilvart widow of late Thomas Kilvart died Jan. 30 bur^d
 1 Feb. 1754.
 Mr Slater of Moreton Corbett bur^d 4 Oct. 1754.
 Charles & Benjamin twins s. of Mr. Charles Prescot and Frances his
 w. bap. 29 Sept. 1755 & bur. 9 Oct. 1755.
 Rowland son of Mr. & Mrs. Bayley bap. 21 April. 1756.
 Mr Charles Prescot bur. Oct. 27. 1756.
 Andrew Corbet Esq. of Shawbury Park bur^d Feb. 25, 1757.
 Vincent Corbet Rector of Moreton Corbet bur. 9 Nov^r 1759.
 Mrs. Sarah Humstone widow bur. May 9. 1760.
 Mrs. Lucy Gibbons bur^d June 20, 1760.
 John Fieldhouse Rector signs.
 Ann d. of Mr. Charles Prescot & Frances his wife bap. 20 Jan. 1757.
 Judith d. of Richard Corbet of Hardwick Esq. & Mary his w. bur^d
 Jan. 3. 1762.
 Mrs. Mary Slater, widow of the late Mr. Rich^d Slator of Moreton
 Corbet bur^d June 10. 1762.
 Major Richard Corbet bur^d with military honours July 23. 1763.
 George Corbet of Great Wytheford Esq barrister at law. bur^d Aug. 10.
 1763.
 Margaret w. of Edw^d Duckar of Moreton Corbet bur. Sept. 19. 1763.
 Richard s. of Rich^d & Mary Prince bap. Aug. 18 1764.
 William s. of Rich^d & Mary Prince of the One-house bap. Jan. 1 1766.
 Mary d. of Rich^d & Mary Prince of the One-house bap. Jan. 10 1768.

- Rich^d s. of Rich^d Corbet Esq. of Heigh-Acton bur^d Aug. 19.
 Thomas Lloyd Bayley s. of Tho^s & Sarah Bayley bap. Nov^r 17 1768.
 Edward Ducker of Moreton Corbet bur^d July 2 1771.
 Edward & Rowland twin sons of Thomas Bayley & Sarah his w. bap.
 Sept. 18 1771.
 Rowland s. of Tho^s Bayley Jun^r & Sarah his w. bur^d Feb. 22 1772.
 Edward s. of Tho^s Bayley Jun^r & Sarah his wife bur^d March 4 1772.
 The Bishop visited Aug. 19 1772 The Register exhibited Sep. 8 1772.
 Francis Lloyd s. of Tho^s & Sarah Bayley bap. Jan. 1 1773.
 Mary d. of Tho^s & Sarah Taylor bap. April 18 1773.
 Miss Charlotte Corbet bur^d June 15 1774.
 John Lloyd s. of Tho^s & Sarah Bayley bap. Nov^r 30 1774 bur^d
 March 22 1775.
 Mr. Bayley of Preston bur^d Oct. 12 1775.
 Sarah Taylor bur^d Nov. 7. 1775.
 William s. of Tho^s & Sarah Taylor bap. Jan. 2. 1776.
 Margaret d. of Tho^s & Sarah Bayley bap. May 9. 1776.
 Mrs. Judeth Corbet of Grinshill bur^d Dec. 11 1776 aged 88.
 William s. of W^m & Anne Bayley of Bessford bap. Dec. 9. 1777.
 Hannah d. of Tho^s & Ann Taylor bap. Oct. 11. 1778.
 Thomas s. of W^m & Mary Bayley of Bessford bap. Nov. 2. 1778.
 Berkeley s. of Tho^s & Sarah Bayley born April 8. 1778 & bap.
 Feb. 16. 1779.
 John s. of W^m & Mary Bayley of Bessford bap. Sep. 22. 1780.
 Ann d. of Tho^s & Sarah Bayley of Preston Hall bap. April 27. 1781.
 Mary d. of W^m & Mary Bayley of Bessford bap. Oct. 19. 1781.
 John s. of Tho^s & Sarah Taylor of Moreton Corbet bap. 31 Dec. 1781.
 Ann d. of W^m & Elizth Oswell of Old Carradine bap. May 5. 1782.
 Mary d. of William & Elizabeth Oswell of Old Carradine bap. Sept.
 19 1784.
 Elizabeth d. of Tho^s & Sarah Taylor of Moreton bap. Jan. 3 1785.
 Ann d. of William & Mary Bayley of Bessford born May 19 1783. bap.
 Feb. 24 1785.
 Martha d. of William & Mary Bayley of Bessford born June 30 1784
 bap. Feb. 24 1785.
 Sarah d. of Thomas & Sarah Bayley of Preston bap. Sept. 14 1785.
 John s. of John & Abigail Harris of Moreton bap. June 5 1786.
 Susanna d. of William & Mary Bayley of Bessford bap. July 28 1786.
 Sarah d. of Tho^s & Sarah Taylor bap. May 11 1788.
 Thomas s. of William & Mary Bayley of Bessford born Sep. 20 1786
 bap. Dec. 16 1788.
 Elizabeth d. of W^m & Mary Bayley of Bessford born May 23 1788
 bap. Dec. 16 1788.
 Henry s. of John & Abigail Harris of Moreton bap. Jan. 4 1788.
 Ann d. of John & Abigail Harris of Moreton bap. May 31 1789.
 William s. of William & Elizabeth Oswell of Carwardine bap. Oct 5
 1791.
 Ann d. of Tho^s & Sarah Taylor of Moreton bap. Oct. 9 1791.
 Elizabeth d. of W^m & Ann Taylor of Preston bap. Oct. 18 1795.

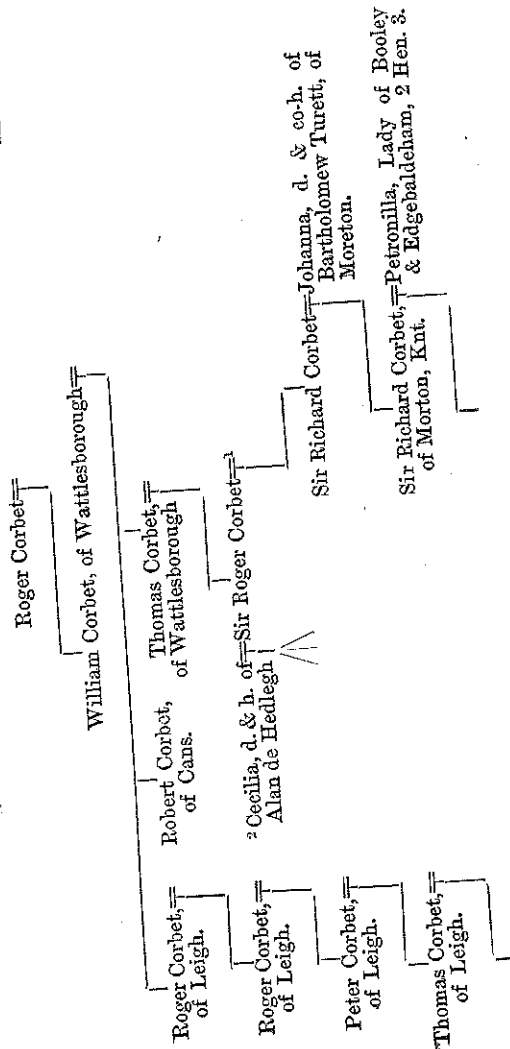
- Thomas s. of John & Abigail Harris bap. June 8 1791.
 W^m s. of D^e bap. Aug. 16 1792
 Joseph s. of do. bap. Mar. 23 1794
 James s. of do. bap. June 5 1795
 all christened at Shawbury but not registered there.
 Mary d. of John & Abigail Harris of Moreton bap. Sept. 24 1726.
 Thomas s. of W^m & Ann Taylor of Birch Coppice bap. Sep. 12 1798.
 Andrew Vincent s. of Andrew Corbet Esq. and Mary his wife bap. at
 Shawbury Park 16 June 1800.
 Judeth d. of Andrew Corbet Esq. and Mary his wife bap. at Acton
 Reynold 4 Feb. 1802.
 William s. of W^m & Ann Taylor of Preston bap. March 20 1803.
 Richard s. of Andrew Corbet Esq. and Mary his wife bap. at Acton
 Reynold May 29 1804.
 Robert s. of Andrew Corbet Esq & Mary his wife bap. at Acton
 Reynold 19 Dec. 1805.
 Vincent Roger s. of Sir Andrew Corbet Bart. & Dame Mary his wife
 bap. at Acton Reynold 17 Dec^r 1808.
 Jane d. of Francis & Mary Bayley of Preston Hall bap. Nov. 6 1810.
 Richard Prynce Corbet Esq. of High Hatton bur^d Feb. 8. 1779.
 Mrs. Bayley of Preston bur. Sep. 27. 1780.
 Mrs. Sarah Kempster of Preston bur^d Sep. 22. 1781.
 Mrs. Sarah Wood from Wem bur. Dec. 3. 1785.
 Thomas Harris of Wem bur. Jan. 11. 1786.
 Rev. W^m Clarke Rector of this parish bur^d April 13. 1786.
 Mrs. Judeth Corbet bur^d July 7. 1786.
 Thomas Taylor bur^d Oct. 25. 1788 aged 99.
 Richard son of W^m & Ann Bayley of Marton bur^d Oct. 1. 1789.
 W^m s. of do. bur. Oct. 19, 1789.
 Mrs. Cotes of Shawbury bur. June 21. 1790.
 Mr. Richard Beacall of Preston bur^d Feb. 14. 1791.
 Mr. William Bayley of Loppington bur. March 24. 1794.
 James s. of John & Abigail Harris of Moreton bur. Sep. 2, 1795.
 Mr. Bayley of Preston bur^d Feb. 29. 1796 aged 53.
 Andrew Corbet Esq. of Shawbury Park bur^d April 30. 1796 aged 76.
 Andrew Corbet Kilvert s. of John & Katherine Kilvert of Grinshill
 bur^d Oct. 10. 1798 aged 3 y'rs & 5 months.
 Mrs. Clarke of Grinshill bur. Feb. 8 1800 aged 66.
 Mrs. Bayley of Wem widow bur. Feb. 12 1801 aged 51.
 Mrs. Bayley of Wytheford bur. May 14 1802 aged 59.
 John Harris Jun^r of Moreton Corbet bur. March 24 1804.
 John Harris of Moreton Corbet bur. March 2 1805 aged 91 years &
 8 months.
 Ann Harris of Moreton Corbet bur^d Jan. 23 1806 aged 86 years.
 William s. of Francis & Mary Bayley of Preston Hall bur. June 1 1808.
 Ann Bayley of Preston bur. Sep. 14 1809 aged 28.
 John s. of W^m & Katharine Humpherson of Preston bap. Dec. 5 1790,
 Katharine Humpherson of Preston bur^d June 3 1795.

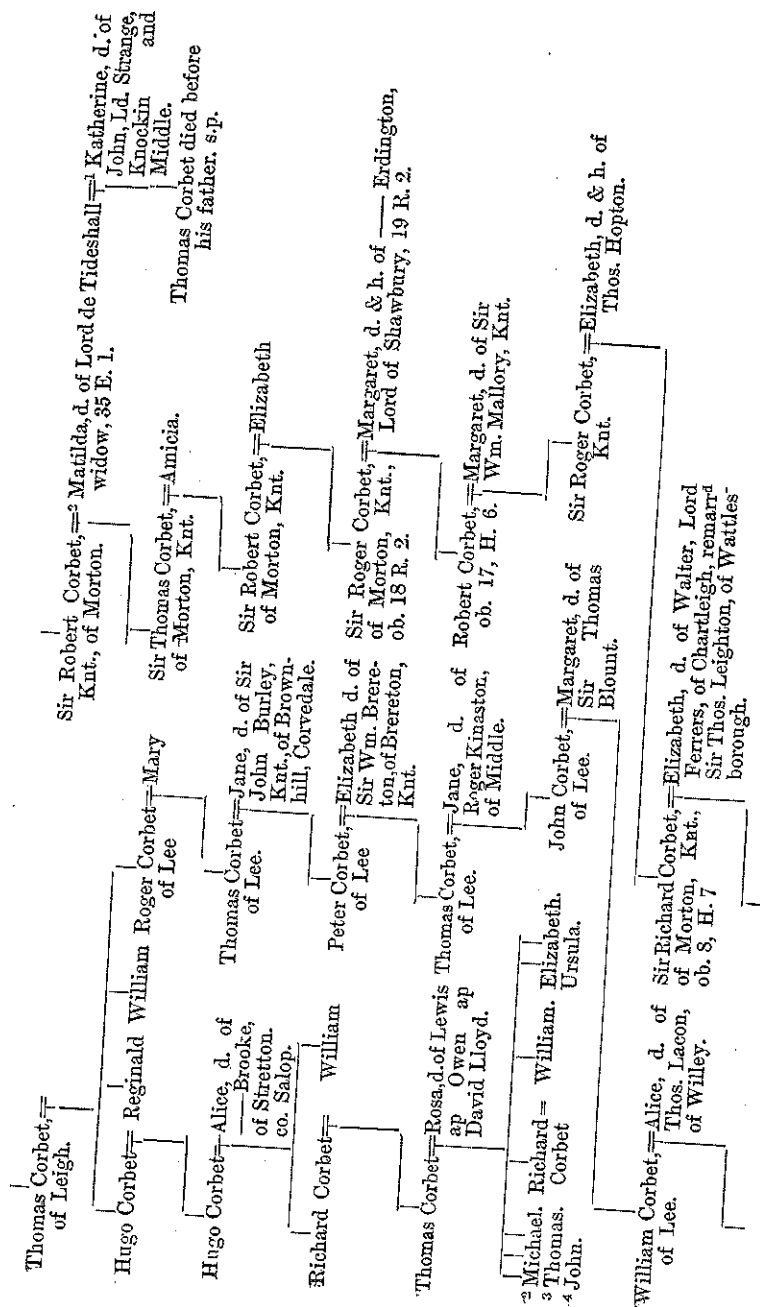
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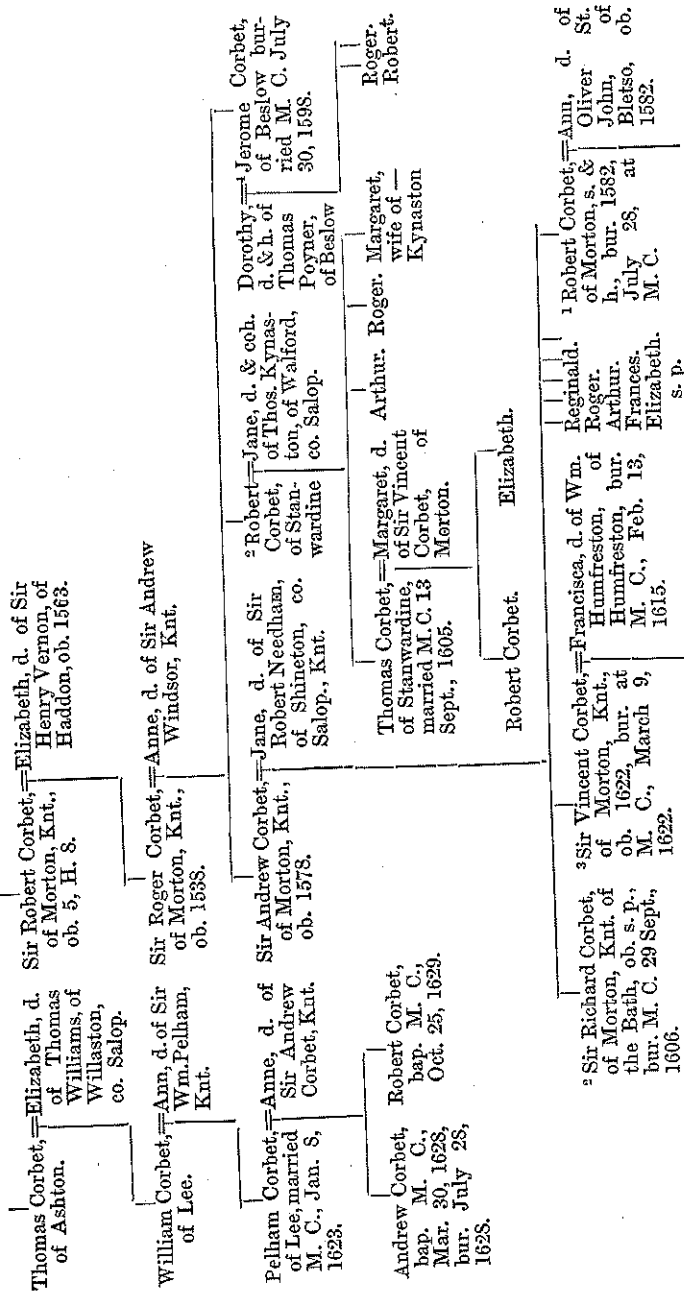
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MORETON CORBET.

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<p>Sir Andrew Corbet, = Elizabeth, d. of Wm. Boothby, of co. Stafford, bur. M.C., March 21, 1657.</p>	<p>Robert Corbet, = Bridget, d. & h. of Sir James Price, of Ynysy-maengwyn.</p>	<p>Mary, wife of Sir Richd. Hussey, marr. M.C., Aug. 27, 1612. Margaret, wife of Thos. Corbet, of Stanwardine, marr. M.C., Sept. 13, 1605.</p>	<p>2 daughters.</p>
<p>Beatrice, bap. M.C., Nov. 23, 1610, wife of Francis Thomes, mar. M.C., Dec. 12, 1625.</p>	<p>Anna, wife of Pelham Corbet, of Lee. Frances, bap. M.C., Aug. 1, 1613, wife of Capt. Edmund Taylor, mar. M.C., May 14, 1635.</p>	<p>Margaret, bap. M.C., Dec. 3, 1615, bur. M.C., July 13, 1642, wife of Thos. Bankley.</p>	<p>Vincent Corbet, = Jane, d. of Francis, bur. M.C., June 4, 1615. John Acton, Thos. James, & 3 dau'rs.</p>
<p>Andrew, bur. M.C., Sept. 26, 1666. Henry, bap. M.C., Jan'y. 22, 1631, bur. M.C., Dec. 27, 1698.</p>	<p>Arthur Corbet, bap. M.C., June 22, 1625, bur. M.C., April 5, 1690.</p>	<p>Sarah Littleton, mar. M.C., Aug. 25, 1659, bur. M.C., Aug. 19, 1693.</p>	<p>Sir Vincent Corbet, of Morton Corbet, created Baronet 1642, bap. M.C., July 13, 1617, bur. M.C., Jan. 21, 1656.</p>
<p>Waiter, bap. M.C., May 14, & bur. M.C., Aug. 15, 1627. William, bap. M.C., Aug. 31, 1630, bur. M.C., April 21, 1633.</p>	<p>Alice, bap. M.C., July 4, 1629, mar. Wm. Onslowe, bur. M.C., June 27, 1661. Jane, bap. M.C., May 26, 1633, Judith, bap. M.C., Aug. 24, 1634, Elizabeth.</p>	<p>Sarah, d. of Sir Robt. Mouson, of Carlton, co. Lincoln, created for life Viscountess of Corbet, of Linchdale, co. Bucks, Oct. 23, 1679.</p>	<p>Richard Corbet, = Grace, d. of Sir of Shawbury Sir Wm. Noel, of Kirkby Mallory, co. Leicester, bur. M.C., Oct. 10, 1657.</p>

Robert, bap. Elizabeth, Sarah, bap. Ann, marr. M. C., June Dec. 13, M. C., Sep. bur. June 8, 21, 1660. 1670. 1674. 1686.	Sir Vincent Corbet, Elizabeth, Robert, bur. Richard Corbet, Judith, d. of 2nd Bart., bur. M. C., 30, 1685. bet. bur. M. C., Sir John M. C., Feb. 24, 1702. M. C., Oct. Henry, bur. April 21, 1718. Bridgeman, 1680. M. C., Oct. 10, 1685. Vincent, bur. M. C., Jan. Bart., of Robert, Francis, bap. Robert, M. C., March Castile Brom- Barrister, bur. M. C., June 7, 2, 1687. wich, bur. Aug. 10, 1673. 1677. of Wm. Prynce, Esq., of Shaw- Andrew Corbet, Frances, only d. & h. bet, bur. M. C., bury. Feb. 25, 1757.
Beatrice, born M. C., Sir Vincent Corbet, Andrew, Elizabeth. Dec. 14, 1668, mar. 3rd Bart., born bur. M. C., Catharine. John Kynaston, M. C., May 22, 1670, Feb. 6, Charlesine. Esq., bur. M. C., ob. 1688, Baronet- M. C., Aug. 10, 1673. Judith, bur. M. C., July 7, 1786. Dec. 7, 1703. cy extinct. 1671. Wem. Frances, bur. M. C., Oct. 2, 1722. Frances, bap. Francis, bap. Mary, d. of Thos. Taylor, M. C., Ap. 30, 1796. Richard Prynce Corbet, Mary, d. of Lymne Hall, born 1720, ob. Esq., of Lymne Hall, cal. 1796, bur. of High Hatton, born Esq., ob. 1852, ret. M. C., Ap. 30, 1796. 1785, ob. 1779, bur. co. Cesh., ob. 1852, ret. M. C., Feb. 8, 1779. 83, mar. at S. Oswald's, Chester, 1790.	
Richard, bur. Judith, bur. Sir Andrew Corbet, Mary, d. of Thos. Taylor, M. C., Aug. M. C., Jan. of Moreton Corbet, Esq., of Lymne Hall, 19, 1768. 3, 1762. born 1766, created Baronet 1808, ob. 1835.	

Vincent	Roger,	Robert,	hap.	Judith,	hap.	Sir Andrew Vincent Corbet,	=	Rachel Stephens,	Richard	Corbet,	=	Eleanor,
hap. M. C.,	Dec.	M. C.,	19	M. C.,	Feb.	Bart., s. & h.,	born 1800,	d. of Col. John	of	Adderley,	of Rev.	
17, 1808.		Dec.,	1805.	4,	1802.	ob. 1855,	hap. M. C.,	Hill, of Hard-	born 1804,	hap.	Croxon	
						June, 1800.	16	wick.	M. C.,	May 29,	Johnson,	
									1804.			

Sir Vincent Rowland Corbet, Bart.

EXTRACTS RELATING TO SHROPSHIRE FROM THE DIARY OF SIR WM. DUGDALE.

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"A^o. 1649 January 11. This night Sr. Nich. Byron, Sr. Ric. Willis, and about 200 horse, were surprized at Ellesmere, com['] Salop, by y^e Rebells y^t issued out of Wem, and caryed prisoners to Wem." (Sir W^m. Dugdale's Diary by Hamper 1827, p. 58.)

"Feb. 22. A party of Horse of y^e Rebells from Wemm com. Salop past Bildwas bridge (under pretence of being y^e King's forces,) surprized Sr. Tho. Eyton at his own house, and in their returne tooke away y^e guard at y^e same bridge." (Ib. p. 61.)

"Aprill 25. Prince Rupert came (from Shrewsbury) to Oxford, wth a small p[']tye of Horse for his guard." (p. 65.)

"May 5. Prince Rupert sett forth from Oxforde towards Shrewsbury." (p. 66.)

"June 22, Oswestre in com. Salop. taken, by y^e Rebells of Wemm, com[']anded by Mitton, governour of Wemm." (p. 70.)

"1651. October 15. The Earle of Derby beheaded at Bolton, in Lancash. and Capt. Benbow shott at Shrewsbury." (p. 98.)

"1653 Shakespeares and John Combes Monum^{ts}, at Stratford sup['] Avon made by one Gerard Johnson." (p. 99.)

(St. Thomas Apostell's.) Garratt Johnson, and Mary his wyffe howsholders; a Hollander, borne at Amsterdam; a Tombe maker; 5 sonnes, aged 22, 11, 10, 6, 4 & 1 daughter aged 14, all borne in England; 26 years resident; a denizen; Englishe Church; 4 Jurnimen; 2 Prentizes, & 1 Englishman work; no servant. (p. 512.)

1663.

VISITATION OF SHROPSHIRE.

- Aug. 11. At the three Tunns in Wellington; *Bradford, south,*
part thereof, Salopsh.
 „ 12. At the Crown in Bridge North; *Stotesden* Hundred.
 „ 13. At the same place; Wenlock Liberty.
 „ 14. At the same place; Brymstry Hundred.
 „ 17. At Ludlow, the Crowne; Mounslow Hundred.
 „ 18. At the same place; Overs hundred.
 „ 19. Bishop's Castle, Mr. Say's house; Chirbury hundred,
Clun hundred.
 „ 20. At the same place; Purslow hundred.
 „ 21 & 22. At Shrewsbury, the sign of the Raven; The
Liberties of Shrewsbury.
 „ 24. At the same place; Bradford, south, part thereof.
 „ 25. At the same place; Condover hundred.
 „ 26. At the same place; Forde Hundred.
 „ 27. Oswestre, at the signe of the three Tunns; Oswestre
Hundred.
 „ 28. We'me at the White Horse; Bradford, north.
 „ 29. At the same place; Pymhill Hundred. (p: 113.)

1664.

[VISITATION OF SHROPSHIRE.]

- Sept. 2. I went to Bridgnorth—3. The assizes at Bridgnorth,
for Shropsh:
 „ 7. Bridgnorth to Oare—(p 117.)

1670.

- Aug. 22. Rode that night to Ellesmere.
 „ 23. To Sandford; and so to Newport. (p. 133.)

1676.

- June 8. Payd for the Antiquities of Warwicksh: w^{ch} I bought
for Mr. Keene [of Newport co. Salop] l. 15. 0 and
for the 2^d Vol. of y^e Baronage 15/- (p. 138.)

In a letter to sir W. Dugdale, dated 22 Mar: 1652-3, Sir Simon Archer says "There is one Mr. Fisher p'sented to the benefice at Lillenshull by Coll. Mackworth, who hath p'mised to further me wth the sight of any writings at Shrewsbury, w^{ch} I desire to see. I pray you writ me word of whom he shall procure the sight of the writings consarning Culpeppr or any other." (p. 269.)

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THE ROSSALLS OF ROSSALL,
 IN THE
 PARISH OF ST. CHAD, SHREWSBURY,
 WITH A SHORT ACCOUNT OF ROSSALL CHAPEL.

BY THE REV. GEO. SANDFORD, M.A., VICAR OF ECCLESALL,
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THE knightly family of the Rossalls of Rossall has long since ceased to be represented by male issue in the County of Salop, but it is entitled to the notice of an Archæological Society for the public spirit and enterprise of its members, and for the distinctions they once acquired in peace and war.

The Rossalls were conspicuous for their valour and skill in negotiation through the border wars with Wales, during which they were frequently entrusted with the care of Oswestry Castle. They also participated in the great conflict in Scotland in the reign of Edward the First, and were prominent for their services at the local Assizes, and one of them had acquired so much renown and popularity, that he was returned to Parliament at the same time for three county constituencies. The traces of the moat around their former stronghold at the Isle still remain, and the site of the adjoining Chapel is still pointed out, where one of the last of their race ministered in holy things; but their valour in arms, and their piety in peace have faded from

observation, like the fortress in which they lived, or the sanctuary wherein they worshipped. The ripple of the Severn, in its meandering course round the Isle of Rossall, and the plaintive note of the wood-pigeon are only heard, where their followers were assembled to stem the torrent of Welsh aggression, or for the weekly offering of prayer and praise. In the unbroken silence, however, that lingers in that historic spot, imagination may picture the clash of arms and the "mounting in hot haste" of the warlike retainers of Rossall, when Llewelyn ap Iorwerth, Prince of North Wales, "the Torch of Pengwern," occupied Shrewsbury in the reign of John, or his grandson, Llewelyn ap Griffith, ravaged the Vale of Shropshire, and levelled with the ground the Castles of Whittington and Kinardsley in 1223.

At the time of the incursions of Owen Glendower, the Wolf of Plinlimmon, there survived no male representative of the Rossalls to join the ranks of the Lord Marchers, and to sustain the honour of their country.

Albert, ancestor of the knightly family of Rossall, held in Baschurch Hundred under Rainald, the Sheriff of Shropshire, three manors, inclusive of Rossall and Eytton, at Domesday, where the entry is—

Isdem Rainaldus tenet Rosela, et Albertus de eo. Hunni tenuit. T. R. E. Ibi. 1 hida. In domino est i carruca, et iiii servi, et ii villani, et iiii Bordarii cum i carruca, et adhuc alia (carruca) possit esse. Valuit xii solidos, modo xii solidos.

We get a glimpse of Hugh Fitz Albert, probably grandson or great grandson of the Domesday Albert, between 1155 and 1160, attesting a charter of the first William Fitz Alan, and afterwards of a Warin Fitz Hugh, subsequently known as Vivian de Rossall, having livery of the inheritance. He procured, in 1215, the liberation of his brother Ralph, who had rebelled against King John, and had been taken prisoner at the siege of Carrickfergus, by a fine of forty marks, after an im-

prisonment of five years. At the Assizes of 1221 Sir Vivian appears as one of the knightly jurors, who tried causes of importance—

Bound by his vow to labour for redress
Of all, who suffer wrong, and to enact
By sword and lance the law of gentleness.

Wordsworth.

He appears to have attained to the age of eighty years.

His son, Sir Thomas de Rossall, was employed on a commission to re-arrange a truce between Henry III. and the enterprising Prince of North Wales, Llewelyn ap Griffith, who was ever ready to rush to arms at a favourable juncture, and to solicit a truce, when his strength was exhausted. Sir Thomas hastened with his colleagues, Adam de Brington (Brimton) and Hoel ap Madoc, to the Ford of Montgomery, celebrated alike in the annals of war and negotiation, and arranged that the adverse parties were to retain their possessions, but not to enter those of the other without permission. The Sheriff of Shropshire paid the three Commissioners, in 1261, £7 10s. for their expenses. About the same time Sir Thomas de Rossall appears to have attested a deed, as Seneschal of Oswestry, which town had been provided with walls by his patrons, the Fitz Alans, Earls of Arundel.

Sir Vivian de Rossall succeeded to the inheritance in 1262, to whom with John Fitz Alan and John de Chetwynd a patent of April 29, 1263, extended the usual protection, while

They did so often lodge in open field
In winter's cold, and summer's parching heat,

in hostile parts of Wales with Prince Edward.

At the Assizes of October, 1272, Sir Vivian de Rossall was a juror in some principal causes. By a fine levied at Westminster, Feb. 16, 1278, Vivian de Rossall settled his manor of Rossall on Thomas de Rossall, Isolda his wife, and the heirs of Thomas to hold of the lords of the fees.

Sir Thomas de Rossall II. appears in the Pimhill Tenure Roll of 1279 as holding Rossall of the fees of John Fitz Alan, Earl of Arundel, by service of one knight at Oswestry Castle in war time. He married Nesta, widow of Robert Corbett, of Chetton. In 1297 he was returned as holding £20 of lands at rents, and as summoned to attend muster at London on July 7th prepared with horses and arms for foreign service. In the same year writs were addressed to him as a Commissioner of Levies in South Wales and Shropshire, and on March 6, 1300 he attended in London as a Knight of the Shire. In the May following he was appointed one of the Justices of Oyer and Terminer of Shropshire, and in the following June he officiated as a Juror on the great perambulation of Shropshire Forest. In Jan., 1301, he attended a Parliament at Lincoln as a Knight of the Shire, and in the June following he had a military summons service against the Scotch. In Oct., 1392, he once more sat in Parliament as a Knight of the Shire.

Sir Thomas de Rossall III. succeeded his father in 1310, and is enrolled as a Knight May, 1314. In the *nomina villarum* of 1316, he is entered as Lord of Preston Gobalds, and Rossall. As a Knight of the Shire he was returned to the several Parliaments of 1316, 1319, 1322. As a Commissioner of Writs and Array, he is addressed in Writs of 1316 and 1322, one while acting in Shropshire, and another time in Northamptonshire against the remains of the Lancastrian faction. In May, 1324 he was returned to Parliament by three constituencies—Salop, North Hants, and Bedfordshire, and was summoned to attend a great council convened at Westminster.

The last of his race was Sir John de Rossall, who responded to the trumpet call of honour and danger, and enjoyed the confidence of his neighbours by his valour in war, and devotedness to local interests in peace. He shared the spirit of his ancestors in regarding humanity, as no less an ornament of knighthood

than courage, and esteemed courtesy, as the most amiable of knightly virtues. He divided his estate of Rossall between his two sisters, in the hope that their descendants might emulate their ancestors in remembering the obligations, as well as the privileges of property, and in devotedness to the public weal. Eyton speaks of the principal features of the estate being a capital messuage, a small wood, a water mill worth one mark, and a windmill worth half a mark yearly.

Alice Rossall, heiress of the Isle of Rossall; married Philip de Englefield, descended from a family said to be seated at Englefield, in Berkshire, before the Conquest, and represented in 1820 by the eminent antiquary, Sir Henry Englefield, Bart. Her son Robert was Sheriff of Shropshire in 1436, and was represented in a painted window at Battlefield, kneeling at a desk, with a surcoat of the arms of Rossall; *sc.* a fesse between six martlets, and a label, "Sancte Georgi, ora pro anima Roberti Englefield." Blakeway, in his *Sheriffs of Shropshire*, remarks that the site of the original mansion of the Rossalls may yet be descried, surrounded by a square moat, commanding a fine view of the Severn, and well placed to resist the attacks of hostile aggression in days of insecurity. It continued in the family till forfeited, by Sir Francis Englefield, Privy Counsellor, and Master of the Wards to Queen Mary, who, being warmly attached to the religion of his mistress, retired to the Continent on the accession of her sister, and was deprived of his estates by the rigid Statute of Fugitives.

Eleanor, the younger sister of Sir John de Rossall married Mr. Sturry, of Shrewsbury, to whom she conveyed, as her portion, the part of the estate, called to this day Down Rossall. Her descendant, John Sturry, by Anne Corbet, his wife, was father of Elizabeth Sturry, the wife of Humphrey Plowden, Esq., of Plowden, near Bishop's Castle, and mother of the great lawyer, Edmund Plowden, and Margaret Plowden, the wife of Richard Sandford, Esq., whose son Humphrey pur-

chased the Isle of Rossall from the vendee of Queen Elizabeth, after it had been forfeited to the Crown by the voluntary exile of Sir Francis Englefield, and was the ancestor of the present proprietor, Humphrey Sandford, Esq., J.P.

ROSSALL CHAPEL.

At the top of the bank of the Severn, outside the rampart and moat, attached to the family mansion, stood Rossall Chapel in a quiet nook, apparently designed by the hand of nature for meditation and devotion. It was situated in the Shrewsbury Parish of St. Chad, but, being founded by the Lords of the Manor, it seems to have attained an early independence.

The taxation of 1291 calls it the Church of Rossall, and values it at £1 13s. 4d. per annum.

One of the prebends of St. Chad's was called the prebend of Rossall. At the dissolution of the College, in 1547, Little Rossall furnished £1 11s. 4d. of the income of its prebends, viz., 4s. 8d. from lands, and £1 6s. 8d. from tithes, both farmed by Thomas Styrr.

The names of the early incumbents for more than two centuries are still extant to testify of a chapel, which has succumbed to the destroying touch of time, and of a religious ordinance, which has been discontinued for many ages.

Thomas, Chaplain of Rossall, occurs as a witness about 1240-50.

Sir Matthew, Rector of the Chapel, occurs before 1317, and died Feb. 3, 1326.

William de Rossall, clerk, son of the third Sir Thomas de Rossall, was admitted March 4, 1326, at the presentation of his father, as fitted for a more peaceful calling than his own. He died Dec. 14, 1333, when William de Appleby, Acolyte, was admitted by the same patron. He is supposed to have died about Michaelmas, 1349, probably of the pestilence.

William de Albrighton, Chaplain, was admitted Jan. 5, 1350, at the presentation of Richard, Earl of Arundel, Patron *hac vice*.

Sir Philip Lee, styled Custos, or Rector of Rossall Chapel, died 1398 or 1399.

On Jan. 27, 1399, Master William Newhawe was admitted chaplain. On Feb. 9, 1399, he exchanged preferments with Master William Newport, late Canon of St. John's, Chester. The latter speedily resigned, and on Feb. 19, 1399, Sir William Walford was admitted. He resigned in 1418, when, in the month of November, Sir Felton was admitted. Patron, Philip de Englefield, Lord of Rossall.

Adam, Incumbent of Rossall, having died, on Aug. 23, 1442, William Marshall was presented by Robert Englefield, Esq. He died in 1444, when on the 24th of October John Smith was instituted, and this is the last institution recorded in the Diocesan Register.

ACCOUNT OF THE CIVIL WARS IN NORTH WALES,

FROM THE MS. NOTE BOOK OF WILLIAM MAURICE ESQ. IN
THE WYNNSTAY LIBRARY.

[So far as relates to Shropshire.]

1642. The King came to Salop the 20th day of September, from thence he went to Chester and in his return he came to Wrexham and vywed the trayn-bands of Bromffild & Chirke.

27. 7^{bris}.

The King came again from Salop to Wrexham y^e 3^d of October and vywed the traine bands of the hole County which weare to march the morrowe after to Shrewsbury for a gard to the Prince.

About Easter the same year Lord Capell came to bee general over Wostershire, Shropshire, Cheshire, and the six northern shires of Wales.

Whitchurch taken by the parl^t the 30th of May.

1643. 3 Aug: Wem fortified by the Parl^t.

In October againe the Lord Capell gathered all his forces and made great preparation for the taking of Wem, and as they assaulted the towne Colonell Wynn was slaine upon their workes 18^o Octobris.

1643. Upon the death of Col. Wynno the whole business was overthrowne and as the Lord Capell retreated towards Shrewsbury S^r Will. Brereton and his forces overtook them at Lee Bridge where was fought a hott skirmish on both sides until the night parted them.

A^o Domini 1644.

Elsmer's Royallists surprised by Col. Mitton.

12^o Januarii. S^r Rich. Wyllus and S^r Nic. Biron to the number of 200 were taken at Elsmeare at night in their Quarters as they marched from Welshpoole to Nantwyeh,

15^o Februarii. About the same time Col. Mitton plundered and took prisoners in the Hundred of Oswestry even to the walles of the towne and brought great provisions [booties] to Wem from all parts aboute.

18^o Februarii. Prince Robart came to Shrewsbury.

20^o Martis. Prince Ro came to Chirk Castle and so went to Chester and returned to Salop 13^o Martii.

March 24. Coll. Ellis tooke Appley house and therein 20 Commanders 73 prisoners 25 horses with much amunition. Into this Apley house (the prince being at Newarke) the parl. hastily thrust in a garrison of both horse and foote from Wemm intending to enlarge it as soone as they were able to send in more men.

Hopton Castle is taken.

Sr William Vaughan and Coll. Ellis gave a greate overthrowe to the parl. of Wemm at Longford nere Newport 25 March. Vide Mercur. Aulienⁿ in 20^o Martii.

5^o Aprilis. Prince Rupert retourns to Salop from Newark.

Toungue Castle taken.

May 3. 100 new pressed soldiers from Denbighshire weare taken neare Mountford brige as they were going to Shrewsbury.

Maii 8. Prince Rupert returned to Shrewsbury from Oxford.

Maii 16. Prince Rupert advanced out of Shrewsbury towards the North, with all the forces that lay in those partes.

The whole army mett at Whitechurch and marched towards Lancashire being (14000) strong.

The Parl. takinge the advantage of the Prince his absence made with all speede preparations to invade the Marches of N. Wales and for which designe the Earle of Denbigh and S^r Tho: Middleton brought greate forces from London to Shropshire and joyned themselves with Coll. Mitton.

22^d of June. The Earle of Denbigh and Coll. Mitton wonne first the Church, then the Towne of Oswestry and those that fled to the Castle yealded it up the next day after.

1644. 2^o Octobris. Sir Tho. Middleton wonne Read Castle in Montgomeryshire and tooke therein L. Powys and carried him away prisoner to Oswestry.

1645. 5th of february. Prince Maurice came to Shrewsbury and having stayed there 9 dayes in ordering his forces advanced towards Chester; as soon as they had cleared Denbighshire and relieved Chester Coll. Mitton fell upon Shrewsbury and surprized the towne 22^o Febr, about 4 a clock in the morning.

After the taking of Shrewsbury the Prince with all his forces lay for three weeks between Chester and Maylor plundering and impoverishing the country extremely. All which time the Parl. forces kept themselves in readiness in Cheshire and other side of river Dee expecting the Prince's advance. And then Prince Rupert came as far as Elsmere in Shropshire where joining both their forces they went and relieved Byston Castle and then (having wonne the command of Holtbridge) they returned towards Oxford.

As soon as the Prince departed out of Wales the Parl^t layed a strong seige against Hiercole howse in Shropshire and there continued a fortnight at the end of which time (conceaving the Resolution of the Defendants to be invincible) they departed with great losse of men.

23^o Junii. Cawes Castle was yealded up to the Parl. upon composition the defendants should depart with bagge and baggage.

29^o Junii. Sharaden Castle was surrendered upon the like composition.

These 2 Castles were taken in a fortnights space.

After this the Shrewsbury forces sate before Hiercol and the nexte morning after their cominge thither they were routed by Coll. Vaughan. And in their retreat the Parl^t forces burnt Routon and Shraden Castles.

1645. 29^o 7^{bris}. The King advanced from Chirk Castle with his army through Llansilin and quartered that night in Halchdyn [Haughton] and so passed through Montgomeryshire towards Ludlow &c.

After this overthrow Sir W^m Vachan with an army of 2 or 3000 out of Ludlow and other garrisons in the marches of Wales marched through Montgomeryshire towards Denbigh intending with the addition of the forces of North Wales to releave Chester again.

1646. About 16 March the stronge garrison of Arcol (which ever since the surprizing of Shrewsbury held out and much damnnified the Parl^t in those partes) was surrendered upon composition to the state's use.

23^d Maii. Ludlow was yealded to the Parl^t.

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THE SHREWSBURY OF PAST AGES.

BY THE REV. W. A. LEIGHTON, B.A., (CAMP.), F.L.S., &c.

SIR Thomas Browne quaintly remarks, " 'Tis opportune to look back upon old times and contemplate our forefathers "; an observation which every Archæologist will gladly re-echo. In fact Archæology is the science which carries our thoughts and researches into former times, and by bringing us acquainted with the arts and habits of past generations, enables us to compare and contrast them with those of our own day or period. Every age is to that which succeeds it an archæological era. I, myself, have lived through three-fourths of the present century, and when I look back upon the Shrewsbury of my boyhood, I find it totally different from the Shrewsbury of to-day, topically, socially, politically, and religiously. But it is with its topical aspect alone we have here to do.

Let us begin from the Railway Station, and enumerate some of the features which have passed away. Close to the Station on the east side of the Castle Gates were many old timber houses of low elevation, and on the site of the Independent Chapel stood one of the round towers of the outer North Gate of the town, the only remnant of which preserved is the sculpture of an angel standing under an elegant canopied niche and holding a shield charged with the arms of France and England, quarterly, now inserted in the south end of the Market Hall. Of the appearance of Castle Gates at that time, a good idea may be formed from an admirable etching in Owen and

Blakeway's *History of Shrewsbury*, vol. I., p. 39. School Lane was then a public thoroughfare and communicated with Castle Gates by a round arch now built up. School Lane was separated from the school playground by iron palisading, which also surrounded the side next the street, having large iron gates opposite the principal entrance to the School. The ground of Castle Gates was then much higher than at present, the Free School playground and the land in front of "Castle House" being on a level, but was lowered as at present in consequence of an accident.

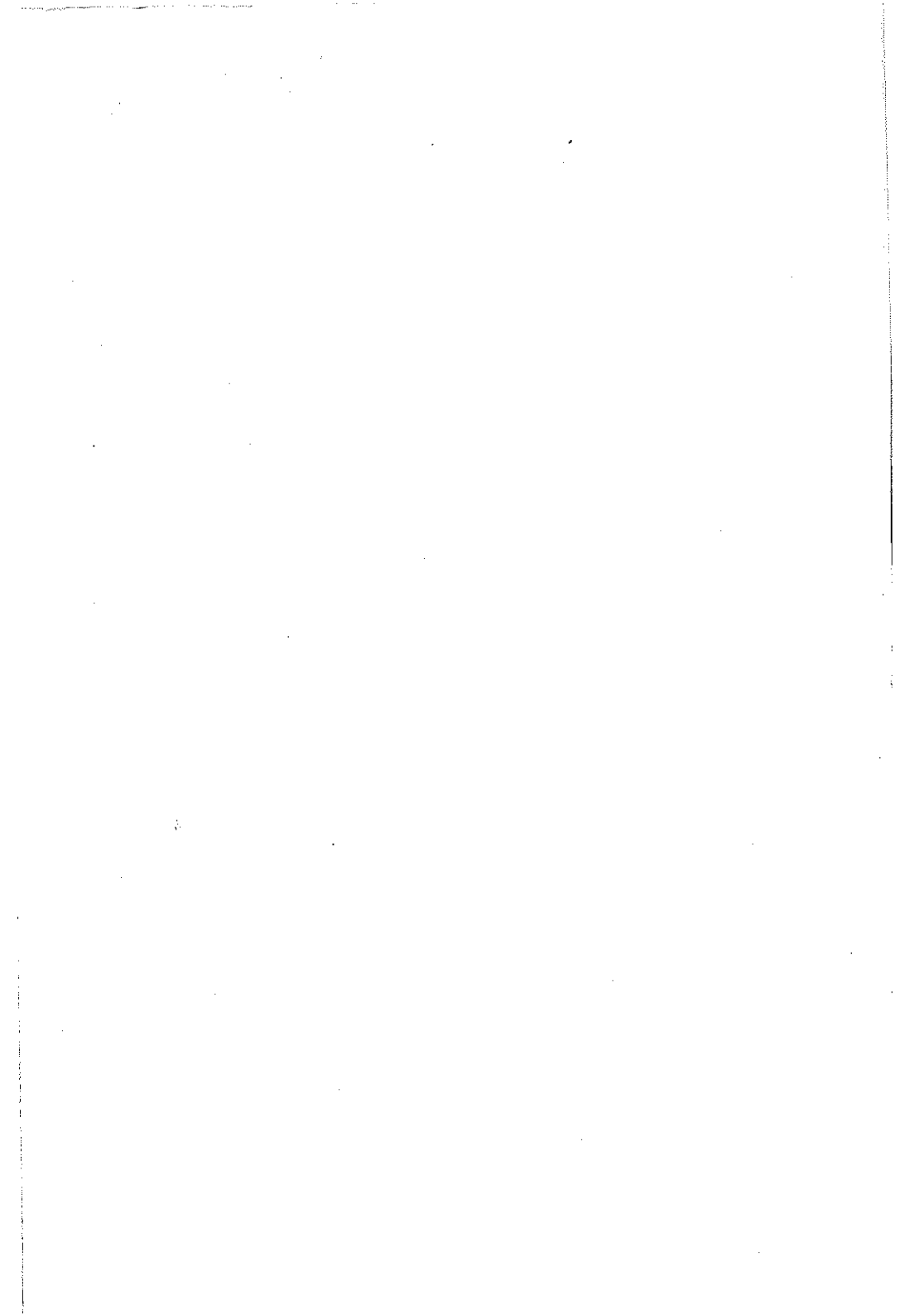
The little Chapel of St. Nicholas in the outer bailey of the Castle is also gone—a small cruciform structure of Norman character with an apsidal east end, and herring-bone work in the north wall.

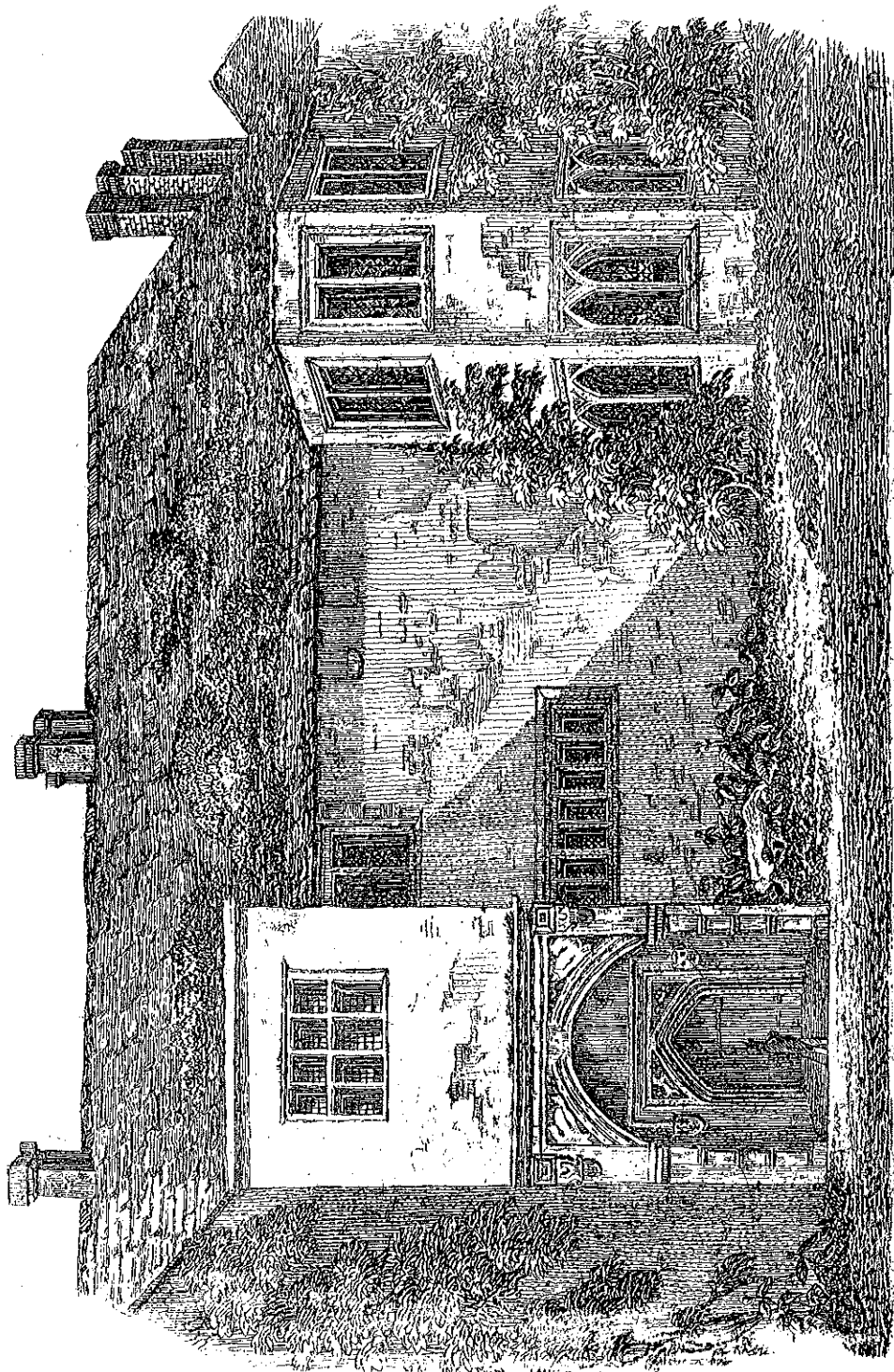
Several old black and white timber houses have been removed from Castle Street and Pride Hill. Opposite the Post Office in the centre of the street stood an unsightly brick-building, (on the site of the ancient High Cross,) used as a Butter Market. The south side of Pride Hill, the Double Butcher Row, and Fish Street, down to High Street, near St. Julian's Church, formed one of the finest butcher's markets in the kingdom. At the corner, at the bottom of Pride Hill, turning into High Street, was a rounded timber house with projecting oriel. See O. & B., I., p. 298.

At the opposite corner of High Street was one of the terminal gable ends of Ireland's Mansion, and on the site of Rocke and Co.'s Bank was a similar one.

At Mardol Head was a fine and picturesque groupe of houses (see O. & B., I., p. 557), and a large timber house in Doglane—the King's Head Inn—all removed for the New Market.

At the back of the present Post Office was a large old black and white timber house, conjectured to have been the Deanery of St. Mary's, with a large yard in which was a wooden barn, now occupied by the Drapers' New Almshouses.





ENTRANCE TO COUNCIL HOUSE, SHREWSBURY.

Engraved by J. Parker.

The original Drapers' Almshouses were on the west side of St. Mary's Churchyard, projecting far into the street, a low range of miserable cottages, with a taller Hall House near the centre, and a larger House at the south, with a square perforation with low wooden gates entering into St. Mary's Close termed the Turn-stile. This latter was probably the house wherein the Priest of the Drapers' Co. resided, to whom the Company paid an annual stipend of £8 to say mass in the Trinity Chapel (south of St. Mary's Chancel), which was erected by the Company, daily, before the drapers travelled to the Woollen Market at Oswestry or Welshpool. Southward of St. Mary's Turnstile, as far nearly as Newport House, was a large garden surrounding an old timber house. The triangular Courtyard in front of Jones's Mansion was then open, as represented in O. & B., I., p. 420.

The top of the Wyle Cop was then six feet higher than now, and was lowered to fill up a hollow at the bottom, close to the English Bridge, where was a fine old timber mansion, called Jones's Mansion, of which there is a view in *Gent. Mag.*, 1829, p. 489.

Let us now endeavour to trace Shrewsbury from its earliest origin, which is doubtless Welsh or ancient British.

On the lofty mound on which Laura's Tower now stands, which is partly natural and partly artificial, was the ancient British keep or fortress, and a most commanding position it was, both as regards watching and defence. From this keep the fortifications would follow the brow of the hill under the Council House, St. Mary's Church, the top of the Wyle, the ridge of Belmont, to the river. These would no doubt consist of a lofty agger of earth, surmounted by wooden palisades projecting outwards, just as in the Pahs of New Zealand. It must be borne in mind also that the ground at the top of the Wyle was much loftier than at present, most probably on a level with St. Julian's Churchyard and old St. Chad's Churchyard. At the latter place was

the palace of the Princes of Powys, so that the town was well defended both on the north and south. The entrance to the town would be up the steep declivity of the rugged Wyle, then covered with scrubby brushwood, and the road turning up Dogpole would pass down Castle Street, and so outward along the isthmus. On the west there was no need of fortifications, as friends and allies were in that quarter. On the accompanying diagrammatic map the British defences are coloured *yellow*.

On the Saxons' taking possession of the place, they would probably preserve the old fortifications, strengthening them as required. On the site of the Palace they founded old St. Chad's Church, and also built immediately within the town walls the Churches of St. Julian, St. Alkmond, and St. Mary, all of which are original Saxon foundations (coloured *blue* on the map). The population must have been small, since in Domesday only 252 houses are mentioned as existing in the time of Edward the Confessor.

Of these houses Roger de Montgomery, the Norman Earl, demolished fifty to procure a site on the northern isthmus whereon to erect his castle, of which the only existing remnant is the fine Norman gateway leading into the inner court, an engraving of which may be seen in Leighton's *Guide through Shrewsbury*. His successor, Earl Robert de Belesme, only extended the ramparts on either side from the Castle to the river. The Norman buildings are coloured *indian red* on the map.

Things continued in this state until the time of Henry III., who directed the inhabitants to fortify the place with stone walls. Accordingly, a wall was extended from the Norman Gerewald's Tower, half-way along the present Smithfield, to another Tower called Gilbert's Tower. An inner wall was built on the ridge of the Free Schools, Castle Street, and Pride Hill, which at the bottom of the latter street turned at right angles down Roushill to a tower or gate called

Bulgalode. The rest of the town was completely surrounded with lofty embattled walls, with many towers at intervals, with gates and two bridges bearing towers. All these are coloured *light-brown* on the map.

The only subsequent addition made to the Walls was Roushill Walls, which extended from Gilbert's Tower to the Welsh Bridge, in the time of the Civil Wars, and said to have been erected with stone obtained from Shrawardine Castle. These walls are coloured *dirty-brown* on the map.

The latest change in the walls on the south side was the removal of the battlements and substitution of coping, as intimated in the following inscription incised on a panel in the wall:—

This part of y^e Wall
was Repaired
A.D. 1740 Edward
Twiss Esq^r Mayor
Mr Samuel Elisha
Mr Andrew Downs
Coroners

The arrangement of the streets has been nearly the same in all periods.

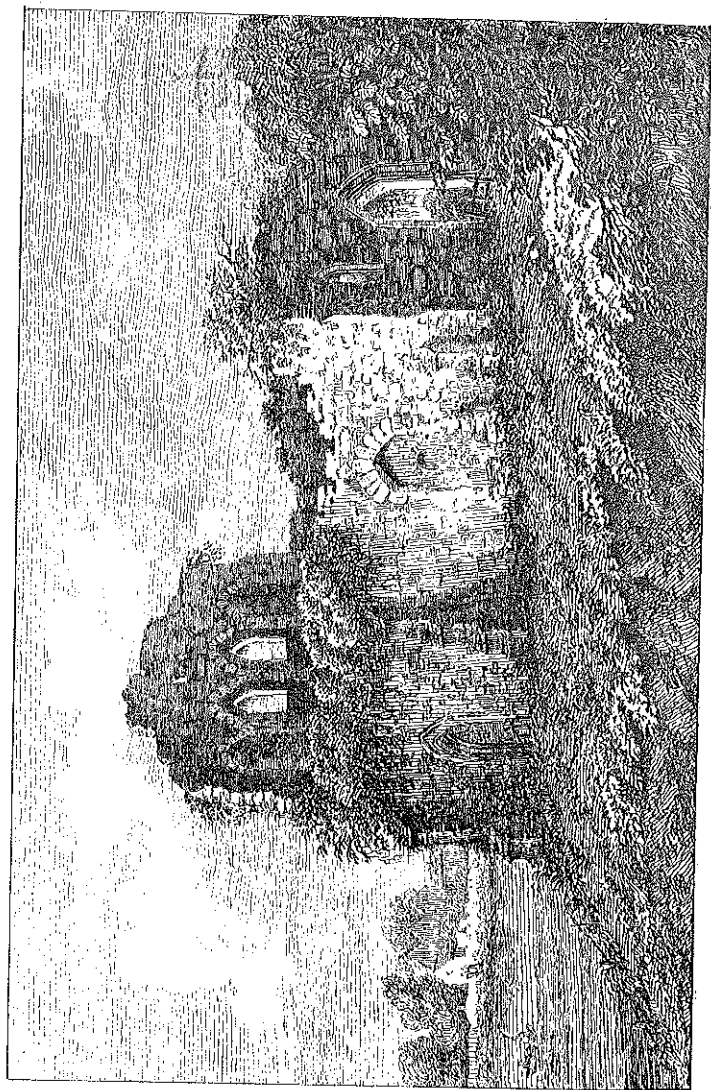
The ancient mansions and old timber houses are indicated by a *pink* colour on the map.

Such being the aspect of the town, the continual successive changes can be fairly traced by reference to plans and views published at various times.

"*Shrewsbury in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, executed for Lord Burleigh*," size 18 in. by 13 inches.

The Welsh Bridge is represented as of four arches with two towers and intervening flank pierced with a broad and lofty round arch, with portcullis over the last arch on the Frankwell side. At the end next the town are two round towers with intervening flank pierced with lofty broad round portcullised arch with chambers over. From this southwards is an embattled

wall with four square doorways, then three embattled towers close to each other, with intervening connecting embattled wall, the southernmost tower with a gateway. Thence the wall curves to a tower opposite the end of Claremont Buildings. Opposite the end of Claremont Hill is a square portal in the wall. Then midway between Claremont Hill and St. John's Hill another tower with round portal. Nearly at the top of St. John's Hill is another tower, and at the bottom of Belmont another tower. The wall then proceeds to an angle beyond the Grey Friars opposite to which is a broad square portal in the wall. From the angle the wall pierced with a larger and smaller opening curves to a gabled building with a round archway on the town side of the stone or English Bridge, which here crosses the river, and has, midway, two large towers with a central portcullised round lofty gateway. From the bridge it goes at a sharp angle pierced with a round portal to the top of the Dogpole ridge, whence it proceeds along the ridge, pierced with two round portals, to the upper tower or gateway at the top of St. Mary's Waterlane. This lane, flanked on each side by embattled walls, goes to the lower Gateway, from whence the wall is continued straight to the river. Here the wall is continued southwards on the very brink of the stream to a small gabled building. The bank of the river northwards has strong palisading. From the upper gateway of the Waterlane the wall makes an angle, and then curves as a foundation to the Council House to the Castle at Laura's Tower. From this tower the wall curves round St. Nicholas's Chapel to a lofty round outer gate, thence along the present Dana to one of the towers, and from that in a curve to the Castle Gate, represented as a gabled building across the street with a large portcullised archway. Beyond this is represented another embattled barrier with portcullised round gateway. From the Castle Gates the inner embattled wall proceeds along the ridge of the Free Schools, Castle Street, and Pride Hill, at



Engraved by J. Parker.

REMAINS OF ST. AUSTIN'S PRIORY, SHREWSBURY.

the bottom of which it turns at right angles down Rous Hill to a small square tower at the bottom. The outer wall proceeds from the Castle Gate to a tower a short distance, and thence in a long stretch to another tower which stood midway between Castle Gates and Mardol. At the top of Mardol is a small object, probably a conduit, and on Wyle Cop a similar one. On the north space of the Market Square is a pillory—and the Old Town Hall blocks up this side towards High Street. Old St. Chad's Church is separated from Kiln Lane by a wall which terminates at the Almshouses on Belmont. The whole of the south portion of the town between Barker Street and Wyle Cop to English Bridge behind the houses is laid out entirely in gardens. The College of St. Chad is represented as two large gabled portions adjoining each other lying east and west, and on either side at right angles a similar but lower gabled part.

At the top of Pride Hill is a large and lofty pyramidal Market Cross. The Almshouses are shown on the west side of St. Mary's Churchyard, and there is a dial or cross on the south side of the Church in the Churchyard. The Free School is represented as a small single gabled building or house. The Grey Friars has a gabled building parallel with the river, and two ruined gabled portions at right angles at either end. The Dominican Friars are in ruins—a gabled portion facing south, with two gables eastward—and two other gabled portions ruined near. The Austin Friars are confused with the Town Walls. A large cross, on three steps, stands on the spot where Castle Foregate and Chester Street diverge. The Quarry is divided into seven fields. A brook flows from the river under Merivale Bridge, and joins the Severn again under Coleham Bridge. On the river are barges, rafts, and swans.

“Shropshyre described, the sittuation of Shrowesbury shewed, with the Armes of thos Earles, and other Memorable things observed.” Above the title are the Royal Arms, and below it those of “Roger Montgomery” and “John Talbot,” “Performed by John

Speed and are to be sould by Henry Overton at the White Horse without Newgate London." Size, 20 inches by 15 inches, the Boundaries of the Hundreds coloured pink. Date of Map, 1610. In the upper portion of the sinister side is a plan of "Shrowesbury," with the Town Arms. Tracing the Town Walls from the Welsh to the English Bridge, we first see a short portion, connecting with a gateway on the town side of the Bridge, called "Cripples Lode," with two low towers and a loftier one adjoining; then opposite the present Claremont Buildings a lofty tower. Opposite the top of Claremont Hill the wall has a marked semi-circular curve inwards to the street, and a lofty tower midway between Claremont Hill and St. John's Hill; opposite St. John's Hill are two towers, one higher than its neighbour, but both with a portal or gate. At the bottom of Swan Hill is a tower pierced with a portal; midway between Swan Hill and Belmont is a tower with three windows, indicating three storeys; and at the bottom of Belmont a low squat tower with a portal. The wall now curves to the bottom of Beeches Lane, opposite which is a tower with portal; the wall again curves round the Austin Friars towards the river, with a tower about midway, and then proceeds at a right angle to another tower connecting it with the English Bridge, whilst a lower wall goes from the angle straight to the Severn.

Proceeding from the Castle eastwards, we first see a massive tower or wall barricading the street, with two windows in the upper story, a portal, and what appears like an iron portcullis on the top. An embattled wall flanks the street on either side to the "North Gate" (Castle Gates proper), consisting of two round towers, with a portal in the portion connecting them across the street, and this gate is shown in continuation of and connection with the outer embattled wall of the Castle. Proceeding from the lower barrier, the wall with a slight curve comes to a tower a little way down the present Meadow-place, to near the river, and then

turns at a right angle and proceeds nearly parallel with the stream to two lofty square towers of two storeys a little distance from each other, and connected by an intervening wall. These last towers were, I believe (but I have seen no documentary proof) termed Gilbert's Tower, and served as a defence to the Welsh Bridge. Beyond these Towers the wall is not continued. Close to the Bridge, on the Frankwell side, on the right side of the street immediately before we reach the present White Horse Passage, stood "Almes house S. Georges." From the Castle Foregate towards Benbow Place ran, into the river, a small brook called "Pintle Broke." Proceeding from Castle Gates into the town, we first come to "The Lord's Place," now the Council House, then to "St. Marye's Water lod," with its two gateways, a lower one near the river as at present, and another near the top of the lane, from which proceeds an embattled wall (which has an outward curved semi-circular bit immediately under St. Mary's Church) which crowns the bank where now stands the Infirmary, above the Dominican Friars to near the bottom of the Wyle Cop, then called "Under the Wyle," where at an obtuse angle it connects with the English or "Stone Bridge." An embattled wall also connects the Castle with St. Mary's Water-lane Gate. From the Castle Gates "the towne wall, built upon with houses," is shown crowning the steep under the Free School and along Castle Street and Pride Hill down to Roushill Lane. Castle Street, opposite St Mary's Church, is called "High Pavment." The Double Butcher Row with "Fishe Strete," down to St Julian's Church, is termed "The Shambles," and the lower part of Pride Hill "The Stales." The street opposite the Theatre is called "Hound Stret." Charlton Mansion is indicated by buildings flanking St John's Hill, Cross Hill and Swan Hill, and Lee Stalls, enclosing a large inner court. Vaughan's Mansion, between College Hill and the Market Square, is similarly indicated. Old St Chad's Churchyard is enclosed by a wall which sepa-

rates it also from the "Colledge" precincts, which apparently extend between Belmont, Swan Hill, and College Hill. The wall next Belmont has a row of large trees on the interior, and the enclosed land is there termed "Stery Close Lane." The Market Square is shut out from High Street by the old Town Hall which stood at right angles to the present Hall across the Square. The street from St Julian's Church to the Unicorn is named "Wyle Copp," and thence to the Bridge, "Under the Wyle." The present High Street, from the bottom of Pride Hill to as far as Grope Lane, is called "Shomaker's Row," and thence to the Wyle Cop "Hey Strete." Merivale Bridge, of five arches, extends from the Abbey to the English Bridge across the Meole Brook, which is represented as flowing from the Severn along the Gay Meadow, under the street and Merivale Bridge, and joining the river again under Coleham Bridge. The Abbey Mill is represented, and the wall (now removed) which once surrounded the present Cemetery, and a Cross stood opposite Mr. Burton's house in the street. Longden Coleham appears of considerable extent, with densely packed houses, but Meole Coleham, only half its length, with scattered or detached houses.

In the lower sinister corner are represented two squares of military with spears and standards charging each other, in front of which are cavalry also charging each other, and infantry firing guns. Below is this inscription: "At Shrowesbury in the place then called Olfeilde a great and bloody battaill was fought by the percies Henry surnamed Hotspure, and Thomas Earle of Worcester, against King Henry the 4 Wherein the sayd Lord Henry was slayne and L. Thomas taken and beheaded with y^e losse of 6600 Souldiers on both parts. Anno 1403."

"A Prospect of y^e Ancient & Beautifull Town of Shrewsbury Taken from Higgins Barn near Coleham."
Size 3. 8½ length 17½ inches width.

In the left hand upper corner are the Town Arms

and an inscription within an ornamental scroll work, "To the Right Worshipⁿ The Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Burgesses of Shrewsbury This Prospect is humbly Dedicated & Presented by Benjamin Cole."

In the right hand upper corner are the Arms of the Newports, Earls of Bradford, with this inscription beneath, "To the Right Honourable Rich^d Earl of Bradford Baron Newport of high Ercall &c. This Prospect is humbly Dedicated and presented by Ben. Cole."

On the left hand upper margin are the arms of the Mercers, Grocers, Drapers, Goldsmiths, Ironmongers, Barber-Surgeons, Apothecaries, Upholsters, Masons, Dyers, and Chandlers.

On the right hand upper margin are the arms of the Clothworkers, Shooemakers, Glovers, Weavers, Taylors, Bakers, Butchers, Smiths, Sadlers, Bricklayers, and Hatters; and this inscription:—"Note These 11 Companies are placed in such order as they go to Kingsland and because it was impossible in so small a space to express all the Arms of the united companies, I have Engraven only the Arms of the first Companie of those united. The other 11 Companies are such as do not go to Kingsland which I have placed in order as they weare incorporated."

"Sold by Philip Overton against St. Dunstons Church London. By Thomas Gittins Bookseller in Salop, and by Benj. Cole in Oxford." Thomas Gittins was admitted to his freedom as a Bookseller June 12, 1696.

Along the bottom are the names of the principal buildings, with numbers corresponding to similar ones in the print placed over or near those buildings.

The view extends from Old St. Chad's Church on the left hand to the Tower of the Abbey and the Monks' Infirmary on the right.

Judging from the relative position of the various buildings represented, "Higgins' Barn near Coleham" must have stood on the land near the river now occupied by Carline's Field.

The large and lofty east window of Old St. Chad's Church (numbered 1) is prominently seen, and appears to have been of seven lights, separated by upright mullions of perpendicular period extending throughout.

On the west of the Church are two large gables of a timber house; the College, and its gardens and the Churchyard are enclosed on the south or south-east side by a low stone wall with broad embattlements. The houses are massed together in a "bird's-eye" way, so that it is impossible to distinguish streets or particular houses. Next in order comes the tower of St. Julian's Church (numbered 2). Next is the tower and spire of St. Alkmund's Church (numbered 3), and immediately below it on the south side a large timber mansion of two gables connected by an intervening space and a garden with trees. This is probably the Hall of the Drapers' Company. At right angles to this is a large house with three gables on its two visible sides, which is possibly the "Stone-House." Then comes "Lord Newport's House" (numbered 4) at the top of Dogpole, represented much as it now appears, with its garden of trees enclosed by a low wall. Next in order is the tower and spire of St. Mary's Church (numbered 6), and the clerestory of the south side of the Church, and a part of the "Trinity Chapel." Then "Mr. Kynaston's House" (numbered 5, the Old Infirmary), with its low walled garden and square summer house at the end. Below this is a large open slope extending to the river, once the vineyard of the Abbot of Shrewsbury. At right angles to Mr. Kynaston's house is a long walled garden belonging to the Council House (numbered 9), with its broad sloping garden on the south-east. Above are seen "7 The New Gaol" in the School Lane, and "8 The tower of the Schools." Then "10 The Castle," represented with a square embattled tower with long keep and an embattled wall extending westward. The lofty mound, the old British keep, has two round towers and walls on

its summit, and a stepped wall extending from Laura's Tower under the Council House Garden to a square tower on the palisaded verge of the river, probably intended for St. Mary's Waterlane Gate. Between the Castle and the Council House is a large garden "11 The Bowling Green," now termed Castle House. Next appears the Abbey Tower 12, with the gables and embattled connecting wall of the west side of the Monks' Infirmary. Below this is "13 Coleham Bridge" of three arches and angular embrasures on the intervening piers, and a low stepped wall towards Coleham Head, up which is a view to "14 The Stone Bridge," there seen only as a low wall, to the left of which is a large mass of houses, and then appears a railed wooden part of the Bridge between, and the large square embattled tower, then four arches with angular embrasures on the piers between. Under the third arch from the town is a large water wheel, and above a mass of houses on the Bridge. Close on the north end of the Bridge is a large timbered mansion, Jones's Mansion, at the bottom of the Wyle Cop, now taken down. On the opposite side of the river is "15 Stone Bridge Key," now occupied by Marine Terrace, and close adjoining is a large square brick summer house with stone coyns, numbered "16 Mr. Jones's Summer House," which still exists. Then comes a meadow in which are the remains of "18 The Grey Friars," converted into houses as now, and a "Bowling Green" with a square summer house at the end, immediately outside a portion of the Town Wall. The view is bounded southwards by the river, on which are coracles, fishing and pleasure boats, and the old "Swan's Nest" in the river between the bridges.

With respect to the summer houses at the end of the gardens, the following passage from Pennant's *Tours in Wales*, edit. 1810, vol. I., p. 20, will afford an illustration:—"I will now descend to Tre-Bychton where stands my paternal house (Downing) attended with (what was very frequent in our Principality) a

summer house, at a very small distance, and a cellar beneath, used as a retreat for the jolly owners and their friends, to enjoy, remote from the fair, their toasts and noisy merriment."

The following Order of Procession of the Trading Companies is from an old paper in my possession, of the date 1742, taken out of Corporation Records:—

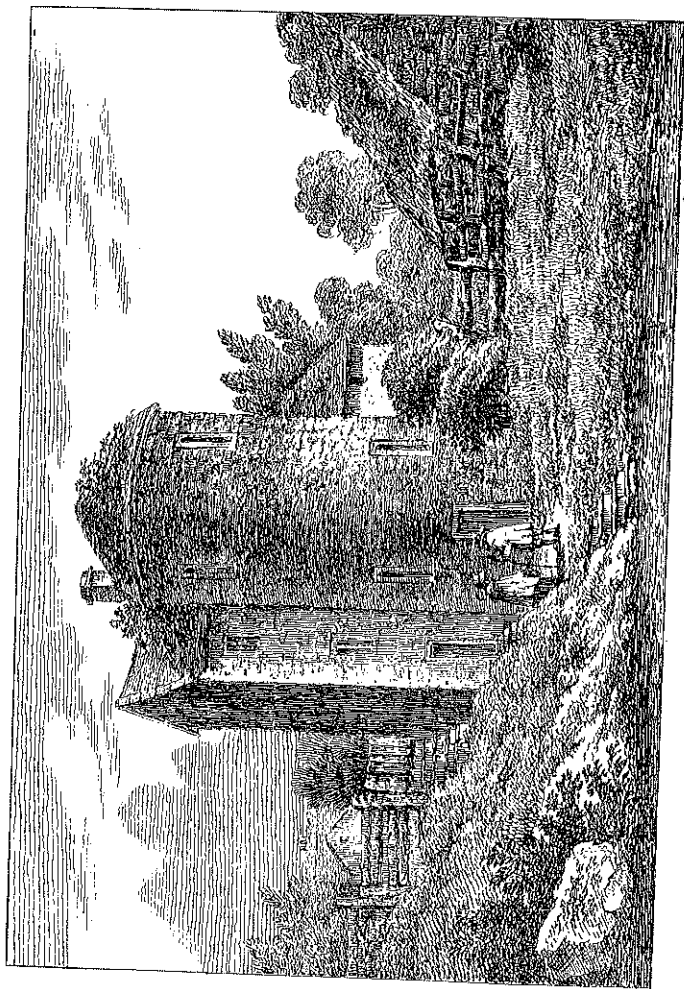
Ordinatio Processionis Artificu' Villæ Salopiæ in Festo Corporis Christi.

Molendinarii Millers
 Pistores Bakers
 Piscatores Fishermen
 Coci Cooks
 Carnifices Butchers
 Barcarii Tanners
 Cordewenarii Shoemakers
 Fabri Smiths
 Cellarii Sadlers
 Carpentarii Carpenters
 Flechers, Cowp's & Bowers
 Textores Weavers
 Tonsarii cu' Barbitonsoribz Barbers
 Cerotecarii Glovers
 Sissores Taylors.

There is no date to the view, so that we can only approximate to the time of its publication by circumstances. Thomas Gittins, the publisher, was admitted to his freedom as a Bookseller, June 12, 1696; and Richard, Earl of Bradford, died 1764. Between those dates must have been the time of publication.

"*A Prospect of the Town of Shrewsbury Taken as it Appear'd in the Great Frost 1739. Stanhope delin. Iⁿ Geraldino sculp^t. Printed for R^d Lathrop Bookseller in Salop Published according to Act of Parliament.*"
 Size, 3 feet 4 inches by 2 feet 4 inches.

The Welsh Bridge has six arches with embrasures, a square embattled Tower of two storeys over the last arch on the Frankwell side, and an embattled wall pierced with a round arch beyond. Houses are built on the bridge as far as the centre of the third arch



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ROUND TOWER NEAR THE WELSH BRIDGE, SHREWSBURY.

from the Frankwell side. Two embattled towers with machicollations are over the last arch on the town side. At a short distance beyond the Austin Friars the bridge is protected by a round tower with a conical roof, attached to which is a gabled building to the east. The Town Wall is here hidden by the buildings of the Austin Friars, but appears again at the bottom of Claremont Bank, rising by steps to a straight portion supported by two shelving buttresses, opposite where are now the Claremont Buildings. Opposite Claremont Hill the wall is broken through and lowered by steps or shelves on either side to an opening with a stile, which gives access to the middle avenue of the Quarry. Eastwards of this, but close adjoining, is a broad and lofty square tower of two storeys, without battlements, opposite New St. Chad's Church. Thence the embattled wall, supported here and there by shelving buttresses, proceeds to an embattled square tower, which must have stood a little eastwards of St. John's Hill. The west corner of this tower has a round turret extending up its whole height, with a conical domed roof. From this tower the embattled and buttressed wall is continued to the existing tower near the bottom of Belmont, and here the view ends. The outer embattled wall, with a raised internal walk, proceeds from the Castle Gates, represented as a broad square embattled tower, without interruption to the river, where it proceeds at a lower level without embattlements at right angles, parallel with the river to the Welsh Bridge. These walls, now termed "Rowsell Walls," were repaired and built out of the ruins of Shrawardine Castle at the time of the Civil Wars. Gilbert's Tower is removed. The inner wall is visible under the Free Schools and along the bank of Castle Street until it disappears at the large gables of the houses called the High Pavement in Castle Street, opposite St. Mary's Church. This wall nowhere appears down Pride Hill.

The Castle, Tower of Free Schools, St. Mary's, St.

Alkmond's Spires, and St. Julian's Tower are much as at present, but in addition we have the grand Cathedral-like structure of old St. Chad's. Trees also appear in the garden of the College adjoining Belmont. The present Smithfield, which was raised to a level with Rowsell Walls, was then a large deep meadow, and the sloping bank under Castle Street was then in gardens or orchards. Rev. J. Yardley's house is very conspicuous, and the house now incorporated in Mrs. Shuker's residence, then called "Pig Hall." Opposite, on the other side of Quarry Place, was a large square "Bowling Green," walled, with a summer house at each angle next the Quarry. From Quarry Place an avenue of trees goes to the river, and is continued along the curve of the river to opposite the "Boat House." The central avenue proceeds from Claremont Hill, and at the bottom next the river is a large square open "Summer House." Just outside of, and parallel with the Town Wall, is an avenue of trees extending from Claremont Buildings to St. John's Hill. An avenue of trees goes from just opposite the Boat House diagonally to a little eastward of Mr. Yardley's house. A row of posts and rails proceeds from opposite the Boat House diagonally across the meadows to the lower corner of the "Bowling Green," with a turnstile midway down the centre avenue. The Dingle is represented as scattered trees. The river is frozen over and crowded with visitors variously occupied, and printing and copperplate presses are at work. The Town Arms are in the upper dexter corner.

A plan of Shrewsbury, on a scale of " $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch to 100 feet, or 5 inches to $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile, published by I. Rocque according to an Act of Parliament, 1746. R. Parr sculp." Size, 2ft. 1in. by 17in. Dedicated "To the Right Honourable William Baron of Hedon, Viscount Pulteney of Wrington and Earl of Bath." On a space on the right hand side are views of the west side of "the Market House" (with a glimpse of the old tower of the Exchequer and a projecting sign bearing Cross

Keys), "the Free School," and "the Castle," from the bank of the Severn opposite Dorset's Barn Fields.

Only two Towers on the Walls (which are shown as entire on south side) existed then, one near top of Claremont Hill and the other near the bottom of Belmont, then termed "Milk Street." The Quarry avenues were as now, with the addition of an avenue at the top immediately outside the Town Wall. The House now occupied by Mrs. Shuker in Quarry Place is named "Bowling Green." The streets and shuts are all accurately laid down, and are the same as at present, but there is some variation in the names. The street leading from Shoplatch past the Talbot Chambers to the Market Square was also called Shoplatch; Princess Street was then "Kilm Lane;" Swan Hill was "Muryvance;" the street from top of Mardol to the bottom of Pride Hill was "the Stalls;" "Rousehill Lane" extended from Pride Hill to the cross street from Mardol, the other portion to Rousehill Walls being "Rouse Hill;" Pride Hill was "Shoemakers Row;" "Ox Lane" extended from "the Cross" to the entrance to St. Mary's Court, and "Dogpole" from thence to Wyle Cop; the Double Butcher Row was then "Butcher Row," the part from thence on the north side of St. Alkmund's Church to St. Julian's Church was "Old Fish Street," and the part from thence on the west sides of St. Alkmund's and St. Julian's to the High Street was "New Fish Street." "Wyle Cop" extended from St. Julian's Church to the corner of "Beech's Lane," and the street thence to the "Stone Bridge" was called "Under the Wyle;" "Back Lane" is as now, and St. Julian's Friars is termed "Friars Lane." The old Town Hall is represented as standing across the north side of the Square, with a narrow passage on the west side leading into a space between the Town Hall and the High Street named "Green Market." The present Chester Street was then "Back Street;" the site of the County Gaol was "Castle Hill;" Castle House was then

"Bowling Green;" and the White Horse Passage in Frankwell was "Nettles Lane."

There are many places, which, with difficulty, can now be ascertained, but of which we have documentary evidence still existing. It may be well to note them here :—

3rd April 20 Elizabeth 1577-8 Thomas Owen of Lincolns Inn gentⁿ conveys to his brother Richard Owen junior of Shrewsbury draper & Sarah his wife, Houses &c in Frankwell between a certain lane called *Norton's Lane* on the east side & Adam Downes' corviser's house on the west side. Witnessed by William Jenks, John Reynold, Edward Owen, Richard Phillips & Edward Price.

Peter son of John Chocte sells & quits claim to Alan son of Gamel de Romaldesham for his service and for 20% of silver, an annual rent of 2s/- received from said Alan yearly from a certain messuage on Cleremont which is called *Strenchhus* rendering yearly to the Provosts of Salop at Hokeday 4^a for all services. Witness Reynold Porchet, Hugh le Vileyn then (1216—1272) Provosts of Salop. John Borvey cap'l's, W^m Gangelard, Adam Ketel, Laur. son of Hunegyth, Adam Pangy, Alan son of John Corde, Peter Pangy.

According to the law and usage of early times, when few laymen could write their names, every freeholder was obliged to have a seal peculiar to himself to affix to documents. The seal of this deed bears an open cruciform flower, from the axils of which proceed slender stems bearing fleur de lis at top and the inscription in Longobardic characters was **S' . . ETR . . Johis . .**
MOETE.

Strenchhus probably occupied the site of the present Turf Tavern on Claremont Hill, and may have been the mansion of the family of Gamel de Romaldesham, and the Chapel of St. Romald in Barker Street may have been the domestic chapel.

John son of Thomas Gamel of Salop grants to John son of Roger Pride of Salop clerk one plot of land in the town of Salop on Cleremond lying in length from the house of the said John Pride to the house of me the said John Gamel which Henry de Schalener holds of me & extending in width from the royal way to the garden of *Blake halle*. Witness John

Stury & John Schetton then Bailiffs of Salop, Hugh de Wythiford, Robert de Lye, Thomas de Prees, John Rondulf, John Blake, William Haberleye. Dated at Salop Tuesday after Easter 44 Edward 3. (1370).

Blake Halle must have stood on the site of the house now occupied by the Rev. John Yardley, vicar of St. Chad's, Salop.

In the Books of the Mercers' Company mention is made in 1811 of *Crochet's Corner* in the High Street.

John Peerle of Salop & Margaret his wife & Agnes their daughter, William Ellesmere chaplain & William Child chaplain quit claim to John Scryveyn & Johanna his wife, W^m Lopynton vicar of the church of Shawebury, Rich^d Pastour rector of the church of Hanewode & Roger Skyllie chaplain all their right in two crofts in Colneham a suburb of Salop one of which lies between the highway leading towards *Spellecrosse* on the one side & another highway leading towards Newbald on the other side & also in another croft situate in Monks' Foriet in Salop between the way called *Sporw lane* on the one side & land of the Monastery of Salop on the other side & extends from the water called *Osdaye* to the land of said John Scryveyn. Dated at Salop 3 Henry 5. (1415-6).

Spellcross must have been near the Hermitage at Belle Vue.

Thomas son of Adam Forestar grants to Thomas Glupsy in fee two acres of land in the field of Cothes lying between land of Alan Wyldegos & *le Rhoumor'* & extending from land of John son of Ivan to *Pundacre*. Witness Peter son of Martin & Hugh le Vileyn then Provosts of Salop [1246-1261]

In a deed dated 1216-1272 mention is made of places in Frankwell, viz., *le Pull* and *Rongeland*.

Richard le Vileyn (Provost circa 1277) son of John le Vileyn (Provost early Henry 3) de la *Hulle* Salop quits claim to Thomas Colle son of Hugh Colle of Salop of all his title to land in the fields of Frankeville near *Slahstrete* between land of John Gamel of Salop on one side & the way of Slahstrete on the other side. Witness John de Pola & Henry Wildegos then Bailiffs of Salop.

John Gamel (Provost 1275) son of Alan Gamel (Provost early Henry 3) grants to Thomas Colle son of Hugh Colle 5 acres of land in the fields of Frankeville between the way called *Croswey* & the way which leads towards Montgomery.

in exchange for 5 acres of land in Frankeville in *Walle Wortesdale*.

Grant dated 1458-9 from William Boerley of Salop & Isabella his wife to Radulf Barbor of Salop & Agnes his wife of a tenement in the *Bakerrewe* near Kyllenlane & a garden in *St Chaddistane* leading towards Severn with free ingress p' intro'it'u voc' le Shutte.

Grant from Richard Goodberd (son & heir of Roger Goodberd) & Johanna his wife to Thomas Boerley of Salop of two Gardens in *Prist's Lane* near the Collegiate Church of St Chad between land of the said Church & land of the Company of Tailors. Dated 13 Edward 4 (1473).

Priest's Lane was the narrow lane to Mr. Sprott's house, which was joined by another lane at right angles from Swan Hill Court, and which, from the junction, proceeded diagonally to the bottom of Belmont.

Grant dated 21 Edward 4 from John Hoord of Salop Esq to Ludovic Lye of Salop Weaver & Johanna his wife of a garden in the street of *Muryvance* extending in length 19 woollen yards from the Cemetery of the old *Chapel of St Blase* to the royal way & in width 13 yards from John Gamel's tenement to land belonging to the Confraternity of Weavers of Salop.

Murivance being at that period a comprehensive name for Swan Hill and Belmont, renders this locality uncertain. The Chapel of St. Blase has always been considered as the domestic Chapel of Vaughan's Mansion, and probably occupied the Court on College Hill, which is set back from the street. The Cemetery may have extended to Belmont, for Mr. Folliot Sandford, in sinking the foundation of his Offices, came upon several skeletons.

Letters on suppression of Monasteries, Camd. Soc., 1843, p. 203. Richard, Bishop of Dover, to Cromwell (MS. Cott. Cleop., E. IV., fol. 248.)

My singular good lord, in my humble maner plesythe yt yower lordschype to understande, that sythe I wroght to yow from Glosetur I have taken into the kynges handdes ij conventes in Worsetur, on in Brygenorthe &c of the whyche I wroght to yower lordeschype by yower servant Holt from Lechefylde. Sythe I have taken into the kynges handdes ij in Shrewysbery, and ther on standeythe styll: the occasyon of it standeynge is because that I alwaye have declaryd that

I had no comyssyon to suppress no howse, nor non I dede suppress, but such as was not abull to lyve. Yet they gave ther howseys into the kynges handdes for poverte, I receyveyd them, and elles non. Now for that howse in Shrewysbery that standeyth, yt ys of the blacke fryeres, and I wode fynde no gret cause in them to cause them to gyve up.

. . . . In Shrewysbery be iij howsys. The Blacke Fryeres stande, as before I have wryttyn. The graye fryeres had conveyd all, and made a grett rumor in the towne, for the whyche they war glade to gyve up all into the kynges handdes; that ys a proper howse, small implementes, no jewelles but a plate crosse sylver, and a lytyll chales of lytyll valew; no renttes but ther howse and abowte iij & iiij acres of eryabille londe lyeinge to yt. The Austen Fryeres, a howse all in ruine, and the more parte falleinge downe; no thyng in that howse, not in all to the valor of iij nobylles, in vestementes copys, brasse, pewter, and all other stuffe; no chales to say masse, nor non wolde trust the prior to lende hym any; no fryeres ther but the prior, a man leke to be in a fransey, and ij Erysche men. I have dyschargeyd the prior of heys offiys, and sent the ij Erysche men into their owyn contre, and so take the howse into the Kynges landdes. The rentes be iiij marks by yere. Thys xiiijth day of August. From Shrewysbery. By yower bideman and Servantt.

1538.

RICHARD DOVERENE.

P. 210. Richard, Bishop of Dover, to Cromwell (MS. Cott. Cleop. E. IV. f. 263.)

I wrote to yower lordchype for ij howseys in Schrewysbery. The Blacke Fryeres yet standeythe, and for the contynewans of that shall be made moche labour to you. I praye yow grauntt nott but as I shall order that accordeinge to my comyssyon, for the standeinge of that makeythe me to have more bisynes in dyverse placeys than I schilde have. Also ther ys a howse of Austen fryers, that I dyschargeyd the prior, and sent the ij Yeryschemen into ther owyn contreys; ther war no more at hom ther, and all was gone, and all the more parte of the howseys in falleinge downe, and non chales to say masse, nor no man wolde trust them to lende them any. By their inventory ye shall see ther substans. I here that the prior ys cum to London, to sew for hys howse agayne; yt were pety that he shulde spede. Theys ij sutes I wolde gladly have recysteyd. 27 Aug. 1538.

P. 281. Robert Burgoyne to John Scudamore. (MS. Add. 11,041, fol. 31. 1538.)

Right worshippingfull sir, after most hartie recommendations, with lyke thankes for your gentell letters, and ffor your sedulious paynes and labours taken aboute the survey off Cayneham, and certen ffyre houses, off the whiche I have receyved parte off the surveys, and wher you entend to surveye the ffire houses in Herefford, and ferther that you will send Mr. William Scudamore, your sone, and my clarke, to surveye the ffyers at Wodhouse and Bridgenorth, I thynk my selff muche bounde unto you that yt will please you off your goodnesse so to fferder me in my greate and intollerable busynesse.

This paper is illustrated with a view of the Council House Hall, and Entrance; with a view of the Round Tower near St. Austin's Friars, and a view of St. Austin's Friars.

THE MANOR, &c., OF CONDOVER.

BY THE LATE MR. JOSEPH MORRIS.

FROM an Inquisition, taken in the second year of the Reign of King Edward the First, 1274, it appears that King Henry the Third himself held the Manor of Condover until he gave it to his sister Joan in marriage with Llewelyn, Prince of Wales. After her death he resumed the possession of the Manor of Condover, and gave the same to Henry de Hastings in exchange for certain estates acquired by him in marriage with Ada, fourth daughter of David Earl of Huntingdon and of Maud his wife, sister and co-heir of Ranulph Earl of Chester.

Henry de Hastings, son of the said Henry and Ada, was in ward to King Henry the Third, and the Manor of Condover was again resumed by the Crown, from whom it passed to the family of Burnell.

Among the evidences relating to the Condover Estates, in the possession of E. W. Smythe Owen, Esq., is a charter (in French) granted by Edward Burnell, Baron Burnell, to his tenants in the Manor of Condover, dated on the Friday after the close of Easter. 6 E. II., 1313.

This Edward Lord Burnell died without issue in 1315, and his sister Maud married, for her first husband, John Lovel, Baron Lovel, of Tichmersh, whose son John is stated, in the various accounts published of the Baronage, to have been deprived of his inheritance by fine. The deprivation, however, certainly did not extend to the Manor of Condover, which continued in the Lovel family until it passed to the Crown, on the accession of King Henry the Seventh, by the attainder of Sir Francis Lovel, the ninth Baron.

On the 9th of July, in the 36th year of his reign, King Henry the Eighth granted the reversion and fee simple of the Manor, &c., of Condovery, late belonging to Francis Lovel Viscount Lovel, to Henry, afterwards Sir Henry Knyett, Knight, who shortly after sold the same to Robert Longe, of London, mercer.

The will of Robert Longe is dated 7th December, 1551. An Inquisition was taken in Shrewsbury, after his death, before Thomas Ludlow, Esq., Escheator, on the 16th November, 1552.

On a division made of the estates of the said Robert Longe, by deed dated 1st February, 3rd Elizabeth, 1561, the Manor, &c., of Condovery became the property of Henry Viner, of London, mercer, and Mary his wife, one of the daughters and co-heirs of the said Robert Longe.

A confirmation to the said Robert Longe, by Queen Elizabeth, of the Manor of Condovery, Dorrington, and Riton, with all the messuages, lands, appurtenances- &c., thereto belonging, in Condovery, Dorrington, Riton Magna, Riton Parva, Wethall, Alvelde, Chatforde, and Norton, bears date at Westminster 29th May, 1565.

The will of Henry Viner is dated 14th August, 1583. An Inquisition was taken in Shrewsbury, after his death, on the 9th of August, 1585.

Henry Vyner, son and heir of Henry Vyner, deceased, and Richard Vyner, his brother, with Mary the wife of the said Henry Vyner, the younger, joined in the various deeds requisite to sell and convey the Manor, &c., of Condovery to Thomas Owen, of Lincoln's Inn, Esq., in the 28th year of Queen Elizabeth's reign.

Bullridges and Shawmere.

On the 2nd July, 1584, Henry Viner sold The Bullridges and Shawmere, in Condovery, to Reginald Scriven, of London, gent., who, on the 4th July, 1586, sold them to John Jackman, of Hornechurch, co. Essex, gent., and John Jackman, of London, grocer, the parties named in other deeds, through whom also other parts of the estates of the Viner family in Condovery passed to Thomas Owen, Esq., before-named.

Condover and Burton: Estates there of the Abbey of Shrewsbury.

On the 4th July, 3rd and 4th Philip and Mary, 1557, that King and Queen granted to Gregory Isham and John Isham, of London, mercers, the Manor of Condover and Burton, with certain tenements and lands there, late part of the possessions of the dissolved Abbey of Shrewsbury, who, on the 12th of July in the same year, sold the same estates to Henry Vyner, aforesaid, from whose family they passed to Thomas Owen, Esq., before named. This Manor of Burton belonged to the Abbey of Shrewsbury at the period of its Saxon foundation, prior to its enlargement by the Norman Earl Roger of Shrewsbury, before which it was merely the Church of St. Peter.

Hoghton Fields in Byriwode.

Edward Burnell, son and heir of Lord Philip Burnell, granted to Richard, son of Master Ralph de Hoghton, clerk, all the lands in his waste of "Byriwode," in his manor of Condover, from the ditch on the south side of the ville of Condover near Hynefordbruge, and so extending towards Sharpelinge Wall under cover of the wood of Byriwood towards the east as far as the said ditch leadeth to the field of Whethale called Codlycrofte, and so to the termination of the said ditch towards the east in breadth against the field of Whethale as far as Byriwodegate, and so from Byriwodegate descending towards the field of Rutune and the field of Condover which is called Taddenhurst unto the lower end of Hopinghalsmore, then along the whole of the said more and so from Hopinghalsmore on the further side crossing towards the land which is called The Personesley until it reaches the place where the ditch first begins near Hinefordesbrugge.

This grant was further confirmed by a release from the same Edward Burnell to the said Richard de Hoghten, clerk, of the same lands. The Grant of Conveyance and the Release are without date, but are witnessed by Fulk Strange, John Strange, of Ercal, John de Beriton, and others, and were probably executed

towards the close of the reign of Edward the First, as the Lord Philip Burnell, father of the grantor, died in the 23rd year of that monarch's reign, 1295.

Margaret, widow of Thomas Howell, of Condover, and daughter of Thomas Houghton, granted to her son, John Howell, all her lands, tenements, &c., by deeds dated at Condover, on the Thursday in the Feast of St. Alban the Martyr, 8 H. VI., 1430. This deed is witnessed by Robert Lee, of Langley, Thomas Botte, of Aldefelde, Richard Gosenhull, and others.

In the 8th of Ed. IV., 1468, John Howell, by deed, enfeoffed Richard Walker, chaplain, of his lands in Condover and Drayton, co. Salop.

Joan, daughter and heir of Hugh Walker, and widow, first of Thomas Ottley, and secondly of Thomas Berington, by her will dated 20th June, 1560, left her estate in Condover to Thomas Owen, her grandson, with divers remainders.

Norton.

William le Fouler, of Westley, by deed dated on the Thursday before the Feast of St. George, 41 E. III., 1367, enfeoffed William Mascott, of Longden, of a messuage and half a yard land in Norton, in the parish of Condover. This deed is witnessed by William de Polyley, the younger, Thomas de Hoghton, &c.

Sir John Lovell, Knight, Lord Lovell, Burnell, and Holland, by deed dated 24th November, 2nd E. IV., 1462, enfeoffed Thomas Stone, of Shrewsbury, merchant, of the Manor of Norton-juxta-Condover, and of 30 shillings rent out of the Manor of Houghton-juxta-Condover.

Alice, late the wife of William Mascott, by deed dated on the Thursday after the Feast of St. Ambrose, 15 E. IV., 1475, enfeoffed William Bent, of Shrewsbury, and Alice, his wife, her daughter, of all her lands and tenements in Norton.

William Bent, of Shrewsbury, and Alice, his wife, by deed dated 20th April, 15 E. IV., enfeoffed Thomas Acton, senior, of the estate in Norton last-mentioned (1475).

Thomas Acton, of Longnor, by his will, dated 24th June, 6 H. VIII., 1514, left his estate at Norton in

trust, charged with the expense of providing a priest to pray for his soul, &c., and consequently this estate, in so far as the said charge extended, became subsequently forfeited to the Crown under the Statute against superstitious uses; and the estate itself was sold by William Acton to Robert Longe beforementioned, by deed dated 1st February, 37 H. VIII., 1546.

In Michaelmas Term, 5 E. VI., 1551, an order was made in the Court of Augmentations, for delivering the estate granted for superstitious uses at Norton to Hugh Edwardes, of London, mercer, who had obtained a grant of it on the 6th of January preceding. An order, however, was made in the same Court on the 12th February, 11 Elizabeth, 1569, confirming the estate at Norton to Cecilia Long, widow, thereby annulling the claim of Hugh Edwardes, as against her right in the same estate, who, as would appear by the deed next mentioned, had never obtained possession of his grant above recited.

For, on the 18th of September, 1564, Queen Elizabeth granted the estate at Norton left for superstitious uses by Thomas Acton, to William Grice, Esq., and Anthony Foster, of Cumnor, co. Berks, Esq., who, on the 26th of November, 1564, sold the same to Thomas Wattwood, of Stafford, clothier, and Matthew Bismore, of London, silk worker, who, on the 10th of August, 1566, sold the same to Ralph Higgins, of Stafford, mercer, which Ralph Higgins, on the 5th of February, 1567, sold the same to Henry Vyner aforesaid.

On the 15th May, 1578, Henry Vyner granted a lease of the farm at Norton to Richard Owen, of Shrewsbury, draper, Sarah his wife, and Richard their son, who, on the 20th February, 1587, passed their estate therein to Thomas Owen, Esq.

Rectory and Vicarage of Condover.

We find from a charter quoted in the Monasticon, that Roger, the first Norman Earl, granted the Church of Condover to the Abbey which he founded in Shrewsbury.

King Edward the Second, on the 20th of September, in the sixth year of his reign, 1312, at the request of his beloved and faithful John de Cherleton, granted a license to the Abbot and Convent of Shrewsbury, to appropriate the Rectory of Condover.

The appropriation of the Rectory to the Abbot and Convent of Shrewsbury was accordingly made by Walter, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, by deed dated 6th July, 1315.

A confirmation of this appropriation was made on the same day, viz., on the 6th of July, 1315, by Brother Henry, then Prior, and the Convent of Coventry.

A composition for the endowment of the Vicarage of Condover was made by Roger, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, bearing date the 14th of August, 1324.

An exemplification of the appropriation of the Rectory of Condover and other matters touching the same, under the seal of Roger, then Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, is dated 6th July, 1346.

Queen Elizabeth, on the 10th of July, in the 5th year of her reign, 1563, granted the Rectory of Condover, part of the possessions of the dissolved Abbey of Shrewsbury, to Robert Hichcock, of Canfield, co. Bucks, and John Gifford, of Northall, co. Middlesex, gents., who on the following day sold the same to Henry Viner.

On the 11th of December, 15 Elizabeth, 1572, Henry Vyner sold the tithes of Great Lyth, Little Lyth, Chatford and Westley, to John Hudson, of London, grocer. On the 1st of May, 20 Elizabeth, 1578, Joan, wife of Thomas Cogger, of Horsemunden, co. Kent, yeoman, and the said Thomas Cogger levied a fine of the said tithes to Roger Warefield and William Brockebank, executors of the said John Hudson, who, on the 25th June, 28 Elizabeth, 1566, sold the same tithes to Thomas Owen, of Lincoln's Inn, Esquire.

King Philip and Queen Mary, on 3rd September, 1557, granted the Vicarage of Condover to William Rigge, of Stragelthorpe, co. Lincoln, Esq., and Peter Geeringe, of Winterton, co. Lincoln, Esq.

THE "ITINERARY" OF JOHN LELAND,

SO FAR AS IT RELATES TO SHROPSHIRE.

THE *Itinerary* of John Leland the Antiquary has long been regarded as a work of much value and interest. Being Library keeper to King Henry VIII., in the twenty-fifth year of that monarch's reign Leland received a commission under the Broad Seal, by virtue of which he had "free liberty and power to enter and search the Libraries of all Cathedrals, Abbies, Pories, Colleges, &c., as likewise all other places wherein Records, Writings, and whatsoever else was lodged that related to Antiquity."

Leland entered on his journey, 1538, with great willingness, and travelled without intermission over most parts of England and Wales for several years; and not being content with the libraries only, he noticed buildings, churches, castles, windows, and everything he happened to light on. On his return to London he spent several years arranging and compiling his writings, until he was laid aside by illness; the date of his death being April 18th, 1552.

The numerous collections of Leland passed into various hands, but many were at last brought together by Sir Robert Cotton and William Burton, Esq., the Leicestershire Antiquary (1612), who also procured the *Itinerary*. Mr. Burton, after much consideration, decided to give the volume to the Bodleian Library, part in 1632, and the remainder some time before his death.

The following account, by Hearne, from the Preface to the *Itinerary*, will be of interest :—

But to return to the Originals under Mr. Leland's own Hand, by that variety of Accidents, to which they had been subject

before they came to the Library, they receiv'd so much Damage, especially the Volumes of the *Itinerary*, that several Leaves were quite out, others strangely mangl'd, and the rest in such a shatter'd Condition as that Mr. Burton was afraid they would irrecoverably perish; which was the chief Motive that induc'd him to get some Parts transcrib'd. After they were lodg'd in the Library they were kept dry; but the wet they had contracted before was so considerable, and the Damages so many, as 'twas impossible to hinder them from a continual, visible Decay; so that the Leaves of the *Itinerary* fall to pieces every day. This has been much lamented by learned Men, particularly by that Excellent Antiquary of Whaddon-Hall in Buckingham-shire, Brown Willis Esq; who coming to the Bodlejan Library in the Year MDCCIII. (he being then a Gentleman-Commoner of Christ Church) and having occasion to consult Mr. Leland's *Itinerary*, he was pleas'd to enter into Discourse about the Fate of his MSS. and to express an hearty Concern for their Preservation. He was very urgent to have them transcrib'd with the utmost Exactness, and his Arguments had such an effect with me, that I undertook to transcribe the *Itinerary*, notwithstanding I was then and have been since involv'd in Business of another nature. What time I could spare from my other Affairs I spent, with no small delight, in this Undertaking, which no one that either has lookt or shall look upon the Originals will (I presume) deny to be a difficult Task. But notwithstanding these Difficulties in some time I had overcome them all, and I finish'd my Transcript with my own Hand, and without so much as ever consulting the Transcript of Mr. Burton all the time I was engag'd in it. I was so nice in this Affair, that I observ'd Mr. Leland's way of spelling, and omitted nothing, not so much as the Asterisks and other Notes of that nature that had been inserted by him; nor did I leave out even those Words that are plainly redundant, nor pretend to alter or correct those that are manifestly wrong and occasion'd by the hast the Author was in, or else by the Defect of his Memory.—Preface, Vol. I., p. 14, 15.

The *Itinerary*, as narrated above, was published by Mr. Thomas Hearne, 1710, a second Edition in 1745, and a third (the most complete Edition), in 1770. Only a very limited number were printed of each Edition, and, in consequence, the work is rarely met with, and is of considerable value.

The part relating to Shropshire, which is now printed in the *Transactions* of the Society, is an exact reprint from the Edition of 1770.

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Oute of a Rolle of the olde Erles of Shrobbesbyri.

Rogerus de Belesmo, Erle of Shrobbesbyri and Founder of the Abbay of Shrobbesbyri, was buried in our Lady Chapelle of Shrobbesbyri Abbay.

There were 3. sonnes of this Rogerus de Belesmo buried yn the Chapitre House of the Abbay of Shrobbesbyri: whereof one was caullid Hughe de Belesme.—Vol. IV., p. 23.

The Erle of Shrobbesbyri, of whom Æneas Sylvius Bishop of Rome doth make right famose mention, was slayn in Fraunce, and his Eldest Sunne, by his second Wife, that was Lord Lisle, with him.

Then was the Eldest" Sunne of the Erle Elder" Brother to the Lord Lisle made Erle, and after was slayne or beheddid at Northampton-Feelde.

This Erle had diverse Sunnes and Doughters.

Among whom John was the eldest, and was Erle, beyng a good simple Manne, and died at Coventre non sine suspitione veneni.

This John had among his Brethern one caullid Gilbert Talbot, after a Knight of Fame, the which buried the Erle his Grandfathers Bones brought out of Fraunce at Whitechirche in a fair Chapelle, wher he is also buried hymself.

The Erle John lefte George his Heir and Erle after Hym. George left Fraunces now Erle.

Owte of the Petygre of the Talebotes Barons.—Vol. IV., p. 24.

Ponsbyri is but an uplandisch Tounlet, and is 4. Miles toward the South West from Shrewsbyri. There risith a Brooke out of an Hille therby caullid Ponslithe a litle above the Towne, and thens renning goith into Severn aboute half a Mile above Shrewsbyri Toun.

Ponsbyri is ultra Sabrinam as Shrewsbyri is: but it of of Severne Ripe a 3. Miles by

In the Chirch of Ponsbyri is a Deane and 3. Prebendaries. Cole, Subdene of the Kinges Chapel, late Dene of Ponsbyri, did much Coste ther of the Mansion House. There be 2. other fair Houses of the Prebendaries.

The Lorde Powys is Patrone ther.

On the South side of the Chirche Yarde appeare greate Tokens and Stones faullen downe of a great Manor Place or

Castelle: and therby yet remaynith the Name of the Castelle Paviment.

A Quarter of a Mile or more of from Ponsbyri Chirch is a Wood caullid Hokstow-Forest longging to the Lordship of Caourse.

In the middle way betwixt the Chirch of Ponsbyri and this Wood appere certen Ruines of a Castel or Pile apou longging also to the Lord Powys. From this Hille a Man may see to Shrousbry and other Partes there aboute.

The Wood and Foreste of Hokstow hath Dere and his large, and one way cummith almost to Caourse Castelle longging now to Lorde Stafford.—Vol. IV., p. 27, 28.

Bromefeild, where sometimes was a litle Colledge, since impropriate to the Abbey of Gloucester, a 2. Miles from Ludlowe.—Vol. IV., p. 81.

Hampton. From Dinemore Hill passinge a Mile further I saw Hampton-Court a goodly Mannour Place on the left Ripe of Lugge, and there is a Stone Bridge over Lug.

This Place was sumptuously erected by one Sr. Lenthall, Kt. that thus rose by Service. He was Yeoman of the Robes to K. Hen. 4. and being a gallant Fellowe, either a Daug. or very neere Kinswomon of the Kinges fell in love with him, and in continuance was wedded unto him. Whereupon after he fell into Estimation. and had given to him 1000. l. Landes by the Yeare for Maintenance of him and his Wife, and their Heires, among which Landes he had Ludlowe for one Part.—Vol. IV., p. 91.

Richardes Castle standeth on the Toppe of a very rocky Hill, well woodid, and at the West End of the Paroch Church there the Keepe, the Walles, and the Towres of it stand but goinge to ruine. There is a poore House of Tymbre in the Castle Garth for a Farmer. It longeth now to the Kinge. It longid of late to the Lord Vaulx, then to Pope. There is a Parke impaled and well wooded, but noe Deere in it. From Richards Castle to Ludlow 2. Miles.

The Bridge of Teme at Ludlowe divideth with the Streame downe alonge Herefordshire from Shropshire.

The Towne of Ludlow being in Shropshire on the left Ripe of Teme River is sett upon an Hill; soe that a Man coming to it any way conscend. It is well walled, and by Estimation it is a Myle in Compasse.

There be in the Wall 5. Gates. Broad-Gate, and that leadeth to Broad-Street, the fayrest Part of the Towne. Old-Gate is alsoe towards Teme, as Broad-Gate is, but not soe neere. Galford-Gate, Corne-Gate, towards the left Ripe of Corne River,

Mille-Gate. The Castle hemmeth in a Part of the Towne and standeth on a stronge Rocke well ditched betwixt Corne-Gate and Mille-Gate.

There is but one Paroch Church in the Towne, but that is very fayre, and large, and richly adorned, and taken for the fayrest in all those Quarters. It standeth even in the Middest of the Towne, and is in the highest Ground of it. This Church hath beene much advanced by a Brother-Hood therein founded in the Name of St. John the Evangelist. The Originall thereof was (as the people say there) in the tyme of K. Edw. the Confessor; and it is constantly affirmed there that the Pilgrims, that brought the Ringe from beyond the Sea as a Token from St. John the Evangelist to K. Edward, were the Inhabitants of Ludlowe.

This Fraternity hath a Guardian chosen yearly amonge the Burgesses, and to this Colledge belonge nowe a tenne Preists, partly found by Endowment of Landes, partly by Gatheringe the Devotion of People thereabout. And these Preists have a fayre House at the West End of the Paroch Church Yard; and by it is an Hospitall or Almeshouse of a 30. poore Folkes for the most part, and sometimes more, maintained partly by the Fraternity, and partly by Mony given for Obits of Men buried there in the Church.

There was a very rich Merchant in Ludlowe not longe since called Hosier, buried in the Paroch Church, whoe founded a Cantuarie in a part of the aforesayd Colledge, endowinge it with 10. or 12. l. Land by the Yeare. This Stipende is now given to a Schoole-Maister.

The Towne-Wall encloseth the North Syde of the Cemitory of the Parish Church.

I noted these Graves of Men of Fame in the Church of Ludlowe.

Beaugie, sometimes Coferer to K. E. 4. He giveth a Legg in his Armes.

Cokkis, a Gent. Servitour to Prince Arthur.

Doctor Denton, Maister of St. John's in Ludlowe.

. Suliard, Justice in the Marches of Wales.

. Hosier, a Merchant.

There be 2. Castles for Conduit Water in the Towne, served both from one Springe or Head.

There were 2. fayre Colledges of Friers in Ludlowe.

The White Grey-Fryers was a fayre and costly thinge, and stood without Corne-Gate by North, almost at the Ende of that Suburbe. One Ludlowe a Kt. Lord of Stoke-Castle or Pyle towards Bishop's-Castle, was originall Founder of it,

Vernon by an Heire Generall is nowe Owner of Stoke, and of late was taken as Founder of this House.

The Augustine Fryers stood without Galford-Gate.

I sawe Suburbes without all the Gates of Ludlowe, saving that I was not at Mille-Gate.

The Suburbe over Teme Bridge by South is called Ludford, and it is a litle Paroch Church.

There is on the North Syde of the Bridge in *ripa sinistra* Teme, a Church of St. John standinge without Broad-Gate, sometime a Colledge with a Deane and Fellowes of one Jordan's Foundation. There be 3. fayre Arches in this Bridge over Teme, and a praty Chappell upon it of St. Catherine. It is about 100. Yeares since this Stone Bridge was erected. Men passed afore by a Ford a litle beneath the Bridge.

There is a fayre Stone-Bridge over Temde at Lantwardine a Village about 5. Miles above Ludlowe. Brompton Pyle or Castle a 2. Miles from Lantwarden, and 5. Miles above Lantwarden is Knighton, a pretty Towne on Temde.

There is a Stone Bridge of 2. Arches on Temde at Tembury a Markett Towne in Hereford-shire. Tho. Evan tould mee since that Tembury for a surety is in Worcester-shire, even in the uttermost part of it. It is a 4. Miles lower than Ludlowe *ripa dextra*.

The Baron of Burforde's cheife House is a litle above Tembury *ripa sinistra* in Shrop-shire. Lidwik Brooke cometh into Teme about Tembury *ripa sinistra*.

The River of Oney riseth towardes the Quarters of Bishop's-Castle at Shelley a 15. Miles from the place where it goeth into Temde a litle beneath Bromfeild.

There was a Priory or Cell of Monkes at Bromfeild longing to Gloucester Abbey. There were sometimes Prebendaries. Giffard gave it to Gloucester-Abbey.

This House stood betwixt Oney and Teme. Temde runneth nearest to the House it selfe. It standeth on the left Ripe of it. Oney runneth by the Banke Syde of the Orchard by the House, touchinge it with his right Ripe, and a litle beneath the House is the Confluence of Oney and Temde.

There is a praty Stone-Bridge over Oney a litle above Bromfeild. There is alsoe a Bridge of Stone over Oney at Whister 2. Miles above Bromfeild; and above this Mr. Vernon hath a Place not farre from Oney.

There is a likely House that the Castle of Bromfeild sometimes belonging to Giffard, and by force raised, stood where now is a Farne House motted at Bromfeild belonging to the Earle of Oxford.

Cainham Castle, of some called Caiholme, now downe, stood
 . . . Miles from Ludlowe.

Clee Hilles stand 3. Miles East North East from Ludlowe.

From Ludlowe to	{	Worcester 20.	}	Miles.
		Bridgenorth 15.		
		Presteine 5.		
		Knighton 10.		
		Bishop's-Castle 20		
		Shrewsbury 20.		
		Gloucester 30.		

Passinge out of Ludlowe by Corne-Gate I came straight to Corne-Bridge of 5. fayre Arches of Stone. This Corne River goeth from this Bridge straight downe by the Castle of Ludlowe, and a litle beneath it goeth into Temde by the left Ripe. Here I marked that Temd cometh by West North West out of Walles; and Corne cometh through Cornedale in Shropshire by East North East.

From Corne-Bridge at Ludlowe I rode 6. Miles partly by meetly good Ground for Corne, partly by Ground mixt with Wood untill I came to a poore Village called Streford, where was a litle Brooke that about halfe a Mile lower runneth into Oney River ripa sinistra.

I left the Egge and the Long Forrest 2. great Woodes havinge Rodes on the right Hand coming to Great-Stretton. Thus I rode a 43. Miles by well wooded Ground to Stretton, a pretty uplandish Townelett, where by the Church one Brooke a Lawyer hath a pretty House, and here runneth a Brooke, the same (as one tould me) that goeth by Stretford.

This Townelett is the cheifest Building that is in Stretton Dale, which is enclosed with great Hilles, well wooded in some Places. It is in length but a 3. Miles, and in it be 3. Strettons,

Little	{	Stretton.	This Stretton Dale longeth to th Earle of Arundell.
Great			
Ould			

From Stretton to Libot Wood a through Fare 3. Miles, by Hilly and Woody Ground.

Thence a Mile or more I left a Parke of Mr. Corbett's hard on the left Hand, and after I passed a 4. Mile by playne Grounde, bearinge some Corne, and then a 2. Miles by better Soyle or Corne to Shrobbesbury. About halfe a Mile ere I came to Schrobbesbury I passed by a Ford over Meele River, and there was a longe narrowe Bridge of Tymbre over Mele, bearinge the Name of the Brooke; And a Myle above

Mele Bridge there is another Tymbre Bridge over Mele called Dagge-Bridge. There is a Stone Bridge of 3. Arches over Mele as I entred into Shrosbery hard by the Abbey, and hard beneath the Bridge is the Confluence of Mele and Severne.

And here by this Bridge breaketh out an Arme of the Severne, that at dead lowe Waters in Sommer scant fleeteth over the Strand. There is a Bridge of 8. Arches over this Arme, and after thot it passeth through this Bridge it straight meeteth againe with the great Streame.

There be 2. great maine Bridges of Stone on the wholl River of Severne at Shrewesbury. The greatest, fayrest and highest upon the Streame is the Welsh Bridge having 6. great Arches of Stone, soe called because it is the Way out of the Towne into Walles. This Bridge standeth on the West Syde of the Towne, and hath at the one End of it a great Gate to enter by into the Towne, and at the other End towardes Wales a mighty stronge Towre to prohibit Enimies to enter into the Bridge.

The second Bridge is lower on Severne at the Part of the Towne, and this hath 4. great Arches besides the Drawe-Bridge.

The Towne of Shrewesbury standeth on a Rocky Hill of stone of a sad redde Earth, and Severne soe girdeth in all the Towne that savinge a litle Peice by it were an Isle. It is commonly called now in Welsh Moythike. Writers in Welsh called Penguerne, id est, caput Alneti.

Schrobbsbury is the very English Word truly written, not much dissonant from Penguerne, and Salopia in Latin goeth farre from the Welsh Name.

The Towne is strongly walled and defended with Water, the which is to be counted in a manner for the Towne Ditch.

There be in the Towne . . . Gates.

The Castle hath beene a stronge thinge. It is nowe much in ruine. It standeth in the . . . Part of the Towne. The Towne is more than a Mile within the Wall in Compasse.

There be 4. Parish Churches within the Towne. The Principall is St. Chadde. There is a Deane and 10. Prebendaries in a Collegiate Church of the Patronage of the B. of Lichfeild.

There is an Hospitall of St. Chadde. The Society of the Mercers of Shrewesbury maintaine the Hospitall.

The second is St. Marie's, a Collegiate Church with a Deane and 9. poore Prebendes. The Kinge is Patron. One Degory Walter a Merchant of Shrewesbury in hominum memoria made an Hospitall at the West End of St. Marye's Church,

The Parish Church of St. Alkemun^d was improp^riate to Lilleshull Priory.

The Parish Church of St. Julian hard by St. Alkemun^d improp^riate to Battlefeild Chappell . . . Miles out of Shrewsbury North.

The Grey Fryers of Shrowesbury of the Charleton's Foundation, and there laye the Lady Charleton, whome they tooke as their Foundresse. And this House stoo^de upon Severne Banke a litle above the Bridge of 5. Arches.

One D. Francis a Frere of late Dayes reedified almost a great Part of this Fryers House. The House of the Blacke Fryers was of the Lady Geneviles Foundation, and this stood a litle without the Wall upon Severne Syde, at the End of Marwell Street.

The Augustine Fryers were of the Foundation of the Staf^rfordes. It stood a litle beneath Welsh Bridge. Many Gentlemen killed at Battlefeild were buried here, and at the Blacke Fryers.

Owen Glendour promised Hen. Percy to have joyned with him at that Battaile.

Battlefeild Chappell is a Mile out of Shrewsbury by North. K. H. 4. founded this litle Colledge, and endowed it. A Gentleman called . . . who was Owner of the Ground whereon it was builded, hat the Patronage thereof geven to him and his Heires.

There is a fayre Stone Bridge on Severne 4 Miles above Shrewesbury called Monford Bridge, of late renewed. Shrawarden Castle is in ripa laeva of Severne 2. Miles above Mountford Bridge, and a Mile above this Castle is Buttington Bridge over Severne. There is alsoe a Bridge over Severne at Welsh-Poole.

There is a fayre Stone longe Bridge on Severne to passe over toward Roxcester at Acham Village.

The Destruction of Roxcester by all likelyhood was the Cause of the Erection of Shreusbury. For Roxcester was a goodly walled Towne until it was destroyed by the Danes.

The River of Terne cometh into Severne, almost in the Middle waye betwixt Acham and Roxcester.

There is of late a new Bridge made on Terne by a Merchant of London called Rowland Hill, a litle above the Confluence of Terne and Severne.

Crullington Bridge of Stone and Tymbre 5. Miles above Terne.

Stoke Bridge of Tymbre 3. Miles higher, and Stoke a pretty Townelett ripa sinistra, and Hodnet a Townelett . . . Stoke about a Mile dextra ripa Terni.

The Wreken Hill, of some called Mount Gilbert. The Rootes of this Hill standing by the last Ripe of Severne be not past a Mile from Worcester. The Wrekin is the highest Ground of all the Country thereabout, and standeth as a Pharos, barren of Wood. There is on the Toppe of this Hill a delicate plaine Ground bearing fine good Grasse, and in this plaine is a fayre Fountaine.

At Drayton a Market Towne a 2 Miles is a small Bridge.

From Schrewsbury to	{	Chester 30.	} Miles.
		Oswestre 12.	
		Wroxcester 4.	
		Wenlok 8	
		Whitchurch ---	
		Mountgomery ---	
		Bridgenorth 16.	

There is a Stone Bridge over Severne at Buldwas, where the Abbey of White Monkes was ripa dextra. Els there was none betwixt Acham and Bridgenorth.

Tho. Cleobury, sometimes Abbot of Doure, tould mee that there was one of the antient B. of Lichfeild, that was in Offa K. of Merches tyme, that lived an Hermite Life at Buldewas, after such tyme as the Pall of the Archb. of Lichfeild was taken from Lichfeild and restored againe to Canterbury.

From Shrewsbury to Counde a poore Village a 14. Miles by meetly good Corne Ground and Grasse, but noe great Wood in sight. There runneth downe a pretty Brooke from South called Rhe, passinge through the small Village, and a litle lower goeth into Severne. There is a narrowe Wood Bridge over Rhe at Cound, to Harley Village a 2. Miles.

Thence to Wenlok a Markett Towne, where was an Abbey, a 2. Miles by rough Ground, passing over an high Rocky Hill called Wenlok Edge. Wenlok Towne is invironed with Hilles.

There runneth by West from the Hilles of Wenlock a litle Broket, and passeth through the Midle of the Towne.

I have heard this Water called Rhe. It goeth into Severne, that is about 2. Miles ripa dextra from Severne. From Wenlok to Morfeild Village a 6. Miles by some Corne, Pasture and Wood Ground. I sawe a litle Priory or Cell called Morfeilde on the right Hand as I entred into this Village.

From Morfeild to Bridgenorth two Miles. The Towne of Bridgenorth standeth upon an eminent Ground on the right Ripe of Severne, ut aqua defluit. It hath been strongly walled, but the Walles of it be all in ruine. There be Gates in the Walles.

There is a Dike for the Walles, savinge where Severne runneth Nature hath made a terrible Dike, Severne running in a deepe Valley betwixt 2. steepe Hilles.

The Name of Bridgenorth is but of late tymes usurped. It is called in all ancient Recordes Bridge. Some thinke that this Terme should come of a Forrest called Morfe, thereby right against the Towne trans Sabrinam. The Towne is scant a Mile in Compasse.

The Castle standeth on the South Part of the Towne, and is fortified by East with the profound Valley instead of a Ditch. The Walles of it be of a great Height. There were 2. or 3. stronge Wardes in the Castle, that nowe goe totally to ruine. I count the Castle to be more in Compasse then the third part of the Towne.

There is one mighty Gate by North in it, now stopped up and a litle Posterne made of Force therby through the Wall to enter into the Castle. The Castle Ground, and especially the Base Court, hath now many dwellinge Houses of Tymbre in it newly erected.

There is but one Paroch Church in the Towne, a very fayre one and dedicated to St. Leonard.

There is one very fayre Street going from North to South, and on each syde this Street the Houses be gallered; soe that Men may passe drye by them if it raine, according to some Streets in Chester Cittye.

The Towne stood by Cloathing, and that now decayed the Towne sorely decayeth therewith.

There is a Colledge Church of St. Mary Magdalene of a Deane and 6. Prebendaries within the Castle. The Church it selfe is nowe a rude thinge. It was first made by Robert de Belesmo for a Chappell onely for the Castle, and endowed it with Landes; and afore that this Chappell was established in the Castle there was a like Foundation made at Quateford of a Chappell of St. Mary Magdalene by Robert de Belesmo E. of Schrobbsbury at the Desyre of his wife, that made a Vow thereof in a Tempest of the Sea.

This Quatford is by North East from Bridgenorth on Severne, whereas yett appeare great Tokens of a Pyle or Manour Place longing that tyme to Robert de Belesmo.

There be in the Bridge of Bridgenorth standing East in respect of the Towne 8. great Arches, and a Chappell of St Sythe upon it.

There is a pretty Street of meane Buildinge trans pontem, and this is called the Lowe Towne. In it is a Chappell of St. John.

Straight upon this Lowe Towne, and East upon Bridgenorth, is a Ground Hilly and well wooded, called Morfe. It was a Forrest or Chace havinge Deere; but now it hath none.

In this Forrest or Wood (as some constantly affirme) King Athelston's Brother lead in a Rocke for a tyme an Heremite's Life. The Place is yet seene and called the Heremitage.

The Glory of the Walls of Bridgenorth and the Strength of the castle there have decayed since such tyme as one of the Mortimers in a Rebellion kept it by force.

From Bridgenorth to Kidderminster most by enclosed Ground, somewhat hilly and daly, leavinge Severne on the right hand, I rode a 12. miles. Some wild Ground by the Waye, and in some Places good Corne and Grasse, and towardes each Ripe of Severne, after I passed the midle Way, great Plenty of Wood, whereof much cometh downe to Severne to serve the Partes about Gloucester. Entringe into the Towne of Kidderminster, a Markett Towne in Worcestershire, I passed over by a Fanburge, and soe over a Bridge of 2. or 3. Arches upon Stower River. The Head of this River is about the Pooles of the late Priory of Hales Owen a 6. Miles of.—Vol. IV., p. 104.

I entred into Beaudley, in Schropshire, as some saye, by a goodly fayre Bridge over Severne of . . . great Arches of Stone, being even then in new Reparation.

This Bridge is onely on Sevene betwixt Beaudley and Worcester Bridge. To this Bridge resort many flatt long Vessels to carry up and downe all manner of Merchandize to Beaudley and above Beaudley. The East Part of the Bridge at Beaudley and the left Ripe of Severne be in Worcestershire; but many saye and hould, that the West End of the Bridge and the right Ripe of Severne within the Town of Beaudly be in Schropshire, and Wyre Forrest in Schropshire goinge to the Parke of Tetenhall. The Towne selfe of Beaudley is sett on the Syde of an Hill, soe comely, a Man cannot wish to see a Towne better. It riseth from Severne Banke by East upon the Hill by West; soe that a Man standing on the Hill trans pontem by East may discerne almost every House in the Towne, and at the Rising of the Sunne from East the wholl Towne glittereth (being all of newe Building) as it were of Gould.—Vol. IV., p. 105.

A ii. Myles a this side Montgomeri in the Way thens to Bisshoppes Castel is a River cumming owt of the vicine Hilles, and is caullid Taidbrooke. It risit owt of an Hille Side within a Mile of Bisshops Toune, and goith into Kemlet in the Vale by Montgomery.

Martine Poole, meately large and plentiful of Fische, is in ^{Mardine.} a faire Valle, and is iii. Miles from Montgomery, and ii. Myles from Chirberi Priori lately suppressid.

In the midde way betwixt Bishops Town and Montgomery is a prety Rille ther devidinge Cau[rs]land, a notable Part of Shropshire from Chirbirhe Hunderithe. This Causland, sumtyme longinge to the Duke of Buckyngham, crokeeth marvelously about the uppar Parts of Shrope-shire.]

Offa's Dike apperith manifestly by the space of a ii. Miles almost in the midde way betwixt Bishops Castelle and Montgomery, and ther it is in one not very far from the Mote on a Hille Toppe as a limes betwixt Causeland Lordship, or Montgomery, and Herfordshire, and again not far touchith a litle in Shirbyri Hunderith, and againe passith a litle by Causeland.

I hard also at Montgomery that Offa's Dike apperith somewhat about Radenor, and againe within a iii. Myles of Oswestre.

Cumming from Bishops Castelle to Clunne Lordshippe cum-
meth doune a greate Woode grouing on a Hille, and under
the Hille within a Mile and a half of Bishoppes Towne is a
Riveret caullid Onke, and rennith by this Wooddy Hille, and a
Quarter of a Mile a this side from Clunne Castelle Clunne
risith and at Lenterdine
cummith into Teme.

The faire
Forest of
Clun.

Bytwixt Clunne and Knighton is a river caulid Cluideford, that after a smaulle Course of running cummeth into Teme.

Teme River at Knighton devideth there Melennith from Clunne Lordshippe.

Knighton, as I remembre, standith betwixt ii. Rivers.

Teme cumming down from Knighton.

Teme risith in Melennith Hilles a v. or vi. Miles from Knighton, half a Mile above a Chapel caullid, as I remembre, Bostel.—Vol. V., p. 2, 3.

The Ryveret that cummeth by New Radenor is cawled

^{Somergille}

Oney. One told me That Oney cam somewhat toward Ludloward, but I dowte of that.—Syns I lernid that Oney cam into Teme about Bromfeld a Celle by Ludlo.—The Dwellers of the Towne say constantly That Oney cummeth not by Radenor.

Of surety ii. Brokes cum by Ludlo yn Shrewisbiri-shire, ^{alias Tem-} that is to say Temde, and Corne. Temde cummeth ynto Severn ^{mys.} betwyt Powik and Wykeestre.

The Town of Ludlo is very propre, welle walled and gated, and standeth every way eminent from a Botom. In the Side of the Town as a Peace of the Enclosing of the Walle is a fair Castel. Withyn the Town even yn the mydle is one Paroch

Chyrch. Withowt the Waulles be aliquot Sacella. and ii. Howses of Freres Augustines and Carmelites. Among other Gates of the Town ther is Corne-Gate and Galford-Gate.

The Bishop of Hereforde hath a Castel of good strenketh yn the Marches toward Shreuisbyri-shire cawlded Bishops Castel, and ther to lieth a Town cawlded Bishopes Town, wher is Wekely a very good Market.—Vol. V., p. 12, 13.

Syr John Talbot that married Troutbeks Heire dwellith in a goodly Logge on the hy Toppe of Albrighton Parke. It is in the very Egge of Shropshire 3. Miles from Tunge.

Corbet of Moreton Corbet viii. c. Marke Lande. It liith round about the Shire. He hath a Manor by Layton Bussard in Buckinghamshir.

Corbet of Lee. 2. Miles from Caurse Castel of a yonger Brother of Morton. It cam yn partely by Mariage. c. Mark Lande.

Sum say That of late dayis Corbettes were Owners of Caurse Castel.

Corbet of Langmer. 4. Miles from Shrobsbyri toward Ludlo. Ther is a Park xl. li. Lande.

Syr Richarde Mainewering of Hightfeld. 2. Miles from Whitechirch.

John Dodde of Clorely. a Mile from Hightfeld. a c. Marke.

Syr Robert Nedam of Sheinton. 4. c. Marke Lande.

Grosevenour of Beleporte. 3. Miles owt of Draiton Market. This man and Grosevenour of Eiton Bote in Cheshire cam of 2 Yonger Brethern of Grosevenour of Houme. whos v. Doughtters and Heires were married.

Shakerley of Lancastre married the [Eldest Daughter, and had] the Manor of Houme.

Newport of Archhaul a Lordship of a c. li. with Park, and hath a c. li. Lande by. This Man, and Mitton of Cotton by Shrobsbyri had Syr John Baroues Landes yn Shropshir and Warwik. Mitton had his best House More Haul in Warwicshire.

Leighton of Leighton.

Leighton of Watelesborow.

Leighton of Plasch a Mile or 2. from Aston Burnel.

Leighton of Rodimer 2. Miles from Chorleton Castel, and is on Roden Ryver.

Mitton cauldid Lorde of Mouthey, but I trow he be but Steward to the King there. His House is at Cotton a Quarter of a Mile owt of Shreusbyri. 2. c. Mark Lande.

Trentam of Shropshire dwellid in the Toune self, wher his best House was. a Man of l. li. Lande. Now he hath sold his Lande in Shropshir, and hath boue Rocestre Priory in Staford-shir on Dove.

Thornes of Shreusbyri. l. li. Land.

Onesloo of Oneslo xl. li. Land. 2. Miles from Shreusbyri.

Oteley of Pichefert. 4. Miles from Shrousbryri and a Mile from Acton Burnel. a c. li. Lande.

Skriven of Fordisley a Mile from Acton Burnel. c. Mark Land.

Le of Longmer a fair Manor and Park. c. li. Land. a Mile from Acton Burnel. He is Elder Brother to Le that married Leighton's Wif of Watelborow.

Laken of Wyley, wher is a Park. 3. Miles from Bridgnorth. 3. c. Markes.

Gateacre of Gataker. a. c. Mark Lande. 3. Mile from Bridgenorth.

Wolrige of Dudmistre of Severne Bank. c. Mark Lande.

Haughton of Becbyri. 4. Miles from Brigenorth. xl. li. Land.

Yong of Caineton. c. Mark.

Vernoun of Hodenet Syr Henry Vernoun Sun. 2. c. Markes by one of the Heire of Ludlo.

Cotton of Cotton. a l. li. Lande.

Chorleton of Apeley hard by Welington.

Chorleton of Wombidge Uncle to

—Vol. V., p. 29, 30, 31.

Hammere Paroche lyith South Est on Oureton, Bangor, and Worthembre; but so that these 3. ly bitwixt it and Dee Ryver.

And sum Parte of this yoinith upon Whit-Chirche Paroche in Shropshire, but in the Egge of Chestershire, and apon Malpasse. This Hammere is a very large Paroche, and hath a greate deale more riches than al the Residew of Englisch Maylor.—Vol. V., p. 32.

Hope, alias Quene Hope, Lordship, longging chefely to the King. It conteynith but one Paroche. The Ground ys Hilly. In the Valleys is meately good Corne. Alen Ryver cummithe thorough it. In it be also other obscure Rylles. The Tounne of Hope now decayid was sumtime burgesid and privilegid, and is caullid yn Walsch Cairgorles. Ther stonde yet greate Walles of a Castel set on Hylle, wher be diggid good Mille Stonis of a blew Girthe.

Oswestre xii. Miles North West from Shrobbesbyri.

It is from Traffon, alias the Walche Pole, xii. Miles.

From Wrexesham x. Miles.

From White-Chirch in Shrobbesshire xii. Miles.

From Oswestre to Wrexham x. Miles, and thens the Hy-Way to Chester viii. Miles.

From Ruthine xv. Mile, and so to Denbigh v. Mile,

From Flynt Castelle xx. Miles.

From Ellesmere, wher was a Castelle, and very faire Polis yet be. Ellesmere hath a 4. Streates of meately good Building, privilegid with ii. Faieres, but no cummun Market now.

The Site of Croixoswalde is on a Plain in a Valley xii. long Miles by Champain having almost no Wood North-Weste from Shreusbyri.

The Cumpace of the Towne withyn the Walle is aboute a Mile.

By South.

By South Est toward to Shrobsbyri.

North Est toward Chester.

North West toward the Montaine of Penllin in Merionneth.

There be 4. Gates the New Gate ^{Portenewith} The Blake Gate, alias Portdee.

The 3. Beteriche Gate, unde & vici nomen q^a ducit in urbem.

The 4. Wylliho Gate, alias Mountain Gate, quia per eam ad vicinos montes itur quarta miliarii parte distantes.

There be no Towers in the Waulles beside the Gates.

The Tounne is dikid about and Brokettes ren ynto it.

The Chirch of S. Oswalde is a very faire leddid Chirch with a great tourrid Steple, but it standith without the New Gate; so that no Chirch is there withyn the Towne. This Chirche was sumtime a Monasterie caullid the White Minster. After turnid to a Paroche Chirch, and the Personage inappropriate to the Abbey of Shreusbyri. The Cloister stode in hominum memoria ubi monumenta monachorum. The Place and Strete wer the Chirch standithe is caullid Stretllan.

There be Chapelles clene without the Suburbes. One betwixt Stratllan and Porth de. The se-

Sacellum S. Joannis Bapt. S. Osuadi Sacellum ubi & Fons Osualdi. The 3. of S. Editha.

cund without the same Suburbe within a Bow Shot of S. Oswalde. The 3. North Est toward Chester. Ther be withyn the Towne a x. notable Streates.

The 3. moste notable Streates be: The Crosse Strete, ubi Crux lapidea. The Bayly Strete, ubi forum maximum & mercatores The 3. the New-Gate Strete.

^{Domus Civica.} The Bouth Hauille of Tymber, a fair House, standith by the Castel.

The Houses withyn the Towne of Oswestre be of Tymbre and Slatid.

Ther is a Bayly and Sergiantes.

Madocus, filius Meredoci, Princeps Poisia, castrum, ut aiunt, posuit. Extat turrin Castro nomine Madoci. Et ibidem camera Richardi 2. regis, constructa post cœdem Arundovali i. l. f. a. m. a. j. e. s. t. a. t. i. s. c. o. n. d. e. m. n. a. t. i.

Ther is a Castelle sette on a Mont be likelihod made by hand and dichid by South West betwixt Beterice Gate and Williho Gate, to the wich the Town Waul cummith.

The Towne standith most by Sale of Cloth made in Wales.

There is a Fre Schole on the South West Side of the Chirch made by one Davy Holbeche a Lawier, Steward of the Town and Lorde-ship, and gave x. li. Land to it. Sum say that this David made David Yn yn London.

There be 4. Suburbes. The greatest wherein be iii. Streates, thus caullid, Stratellan; the secunde Suburbe Strete Wulliho; the 3. Beteriche, wher be many Barnes for Corne and Hay to the Number of a vii. Score several Barnes. The

4. Blake Gate Streate, and ther be a xxx. Barnes for Corne longging to the Tounes men. There goith thorowg the Town by the Crosse a Broke cum-^{with other Howses}ming from a Place caullid Simons Welle, a Bow Shott without the Waulle by North-West. This Broke cummith in thorough the Waulle betwixt Wulliho Gate and New-Gate, and so renning thorough the Towne, and goith oute under the Blak-Gate. Cambr.

Avon Crois. Cros Brook. Fair Walkes aboute St. Oswaldes Welle.

S. Oswaldes Wel is a Bow Shot from S. Oswaldes Chirch in the Feldes South West. Fabulantur aquilam brachium Oswaldi à stipite pr æripuisse, sed excidis- ei quo loco nunc fons est superstitione nuper celebris. Ther is a Chapel over it of tymber and the Fountein environid with a Stone Wall.

Ther is a Brook caullid Betterich, because it rennith thorough a Bridglet of Tymber at Beterich-Gate.

The 3. goyth under the Stone Bridges of Wulli-Gate, New-Gate and Blake Gate. Then go they all 3. with Crosse Broke a Mile lower by South West to Morda Ryver.

Morda risith in a Hille caullid LLanvarda wher was a Chirch now decaid. Sum say this was the Paroch Chirch of Oswestre.

The Soile about Oswestre is playn, except toward the North West into Merionithshire fruteful of Corne and Grasse.

There be Wooddes toward Whitigton as in the Lordshipe of LLouen-^{LLowen a Busch.}hene Dinas in Wittington Parke and yn a Mile out of Oswestre Wittington More. North-West.

The Toune or Castelle of Hene Dinas standith apone a rounde Hillet aboute half a Mile in Cumpace. Ther be iii. greate Diches in the Botom of the Hillet cumpasing it, and in the Toppe of the Hille now grow great Treas of Oke. The cummunne People say that ther was a Cite withyn those Diches. I think rather a Campe of Men of War, wheras paventure was the Campe when Penda and Oswaldes did fight. There is a nother Hillet of caste Yerth bytwixt it and Oswester not far from Dinas self. ^{Hene Dinas, i. e. vetus civitas.}

The Town of Whittington is a gret Mile North Est from Hene Dinas. It is a Village in a Valley containing a hunderith Houses, and hath a dichid round Castelle not very large in the midle of the Village.—Vol. V., p. 38—41.

And yn like forme the [vi. Myles
Bytwixt Newton and to Montogmmrye.]
Montgomery I saw on the
lift Hond apou a Woodd
Hille Topp the Waulles now
ruinus of Taluarran Castel.

Going from Montgomerik to the
Walsche Poole a v. Myles of I passid
over a Forde of Severn. The Soile be-
twixt thes to Tounnes lakkith nother
Corne nor Woode, but the Grounde

about the Bankes and Valley of Severn there is most pleasaunt.

The Tounne it self of the Walsch Pole is of one Parochet
wel buildid after the Walsch Fascion. Gledding a Riveret
cummith almost by the Chirch, and so to Severn that is a
of.

By the Castel is a faire
palid Park.

Bituixt the Tounne and
Castel Gough is a preati
LLin or Poole wherof the
Toun takith Name.

Castel Cough, in Englisch Redde
Castel, standith on a Rokke of darke,
redde colorid Stone. It hath ii. seperatid
Wardes, wherof the one was the Lord
Duddeleys. Now both long to the Lord
Powys.

From the Walsche Poole to Albertbyri a vii. Miles, Hilly.
The Soile is Wooddy, the Valley Corneful. By the Hillis I
passid over iii. or ii. preaty Brookis, whos Names I know not.

And wille I passid this way within a iii. Miles of Walsch
Pole I saw a veri notable Hille beyound the Valley on the lift
hond having iii. Toppes as iii. Heddes rising owt of one Body.
Thes Toppes I first espied à fronte about Neuton a xiiii. Miles
of, and after Shreusbiry and White Chirch passid, a xvi. Miles
of I saw them againe à tergo.

By this Hille I roode by the lenght of a iii. Miles, one of
Toppes wherof being hyest is caullid Molegolua, the wich
is countid a limes of the farthest Part
of Powisland that way. The secunde is

Not for from thes Hillis
enterith Shropshir. So ther
be limites of Pois,
Caurslan, and Shropshire.

caullid Brithin, being in Caurseland.
The Name of the third I know not,

but communely thei be caullid Brethin Hillis.

By Alberbyri Chirch in Shropshir appere the Ruines of
Fulke Guarine, the Noble Warriars Castel, and lesse then a
Mile of was album Monasterium, where is buried
suppressid for Chicheles College in Oxforde.

Bytuixt Albertbiri and Shreusbiri a vi. Miles of Ground
plentiful of Corne, Wood and Pasture.

From Shreusbiri to Haghmon Abbay of Blak Chanons ii Miles. Within iii. Quarters of a Mile leving Severn on the right hond I enterid into a Woodde, and sone after over a Broke that issueth thoroug Penlesmere, and sone after goith into Severn.

Thens ridyng partely thorough Morisch Grounde and Pasture I cam to Moreton Corbet Village, wher I saw a fair Castel of Mr. Corbettes, and a ii. Miles beyond that I passid over Roden Riveret, rising not far above Went Village, a Mile from that Place.

And so a v. Miles to Price a litle Mr. Sanford hath a Thoroug-fare a vii. Miles of, the Way Place and a fair Poole by being sumwhat plaine, hethy, and parte- yt in a Wood side, a Mile ly fruteful of Corne. So to Whitechirch and a half from Pryce. by meately fruteful, sandy Ground a iii. Mylis. At the hi-ther Ende of Whitechirch is a veri faire poole, having Bremes, Pikes, Tenches, Perches and Daces, the wich except Bremes be the commune Fisches of al the Pooles of Shropshire, Chester, and Lancastreshire; in sum be also Trouttes.

The Tounne of Whitechirch in Shropshire hath a veri good Market. And there in the Paroche Chirch is buried Syr Gilbert Talbot.

From Whitechirch a Mile and a half of I cam by the Pale of the large Parke of Blakmer longging to the Erle of Shreusbiri, wherin is a very fair Place or Loge. The Park hath both redde Dere and falow. In the Park (as I hard say) be iii. faire Poles, of the wich I saw by the Pale the largest caullid Blakein, wherof the Parke is namid.

It is to be supposid that thes Pooles for the most part in Morisch Groundes, and lying sumwhat in low Groundes dreane the moist Places about them, and so having no Place to issue owt stagne there.

Sum be likelyhod have begon of Marle Pittes. For the Sandy Grounde of sum Partes of Shropshire, and especially of Chestreshire and Lancastreshire, wille not bere Corne plentifully but it be [merlyd].

Sum Pooles peraventure hath g[atheryd] and Water, wher greate plenty [of Turves] and Petes hath bene diggid.—Vol. V., p. 88.—90.

My Lorde Powis sayith that Hawise, Wife to Chorleton Lorde of Powys, was the Causer that the Gray Freres College in Shrobbesbyri, wher she lyith buried under a slate Marble by Chorlestons Tumbe, was buildid. And that she causid Chorleton to be buildid.

My Lorde of Powis told me also that one of the Chorletons was a man of a very great Possessions, and that the Landes of hym cam not to one, but were dispartelid by Heyres Generales, and that he descending of the Grays of the North had but a part of Chorletons Landes of Powis: and that a Peace by his saying cam to Tipetote and Dudeley.

Tipetote
Dudeley.

The Lorde Powis Grauntfather that is now being in a Contraversy for asawte made apon hym goyng to London by the Lorde Dudeley and by Dudeley Castelle condescendid by Entreaty that his Sun and Heire should mary the olde Lorde of Dudeleis Doughter, [Mother to the Lord] Powis that is now.—Vol. VI., p. 16.

Wylliam of Careswelle buildid also a fair Place at Archaul, alias Arecalu, in Shropshire, and this Lordship cam syns be bying onto the Newportes of Shropshire.

There was one of the Giffardes of Shropshire Companion to Syr Robert Knolles in the Batelles of Fraunce that was a Waster of his Lande.

Billeswik alias les Gauntes in Bristow —Vol. VI., p. 71.

Areley (Staffss.)

Is a good uplandische Toune in læva ripa Sabrinae aboute a v. Miles above Bewdeley.

Alveley.

There was a faire Place of the Mortimers aboute Teme Ryver Side. Mr. Cometon now hath it.—Vol. VI., p. 76.

Robertus filius Haymonis ducit in uxorem Sibillam sororem Roberti Belesmi comitis Salapiæ.

Genuit ex ea filias Mabiliam, Hawisiam, Ceciliam, Amiciam.

Anº. D. 1102. Robertus filius Haymonis, exhortatione Sibillæ uxoris suæ & Giraldi Abbatis de Corneburne, ecclesiam de Theokesbyri ex novo fecit, & novis possessionibus ditavit.

Robertus filius Haymonis, relictis tantum Priore & 2. fratribus in Corneburne, ceteros cum Giraldo Abbate transtulit una cum prædiis Theokesbiriæ, quam ex Prioratu in Abbatiam magnifice extulit.

Robertus filius Haymonis obiit Id. Mart. aº. Dⁱ. 1107. & aº. 7. Henrici primi. Sepultus fuit Theokesbiriæ in domo capitulari. Postea per Robertum 3. Abbatem in ecclesiam translatus est, & in dextera parte cœmeterii inter 2. columnas honorifice collocatus aº. D. 1241.

Isabella uxor Roberti obiit 17. Cal. Januar. aº. Dⁱ.

Anº. D. 1397. Thomas Pakare abbas 18. capellam mirifici operis erigi fecit circa novum Roberti filii Haymonis tumulum. —Vol. VI., p. 78, 79.

The Castle of Shrobbesbyry is set so that it is in the very Place where the Towne is not defendid with Severne, els the Towne were totally environyd with Watar.

Talbot Erle of Shrobbesbyri and his Sonne Lord Lisle slayne in Fraunce. This Erles Bones were brought out of Normandy to Whitchurche in Shrobbeshire.

Talbot next Erle to hym slayne at Northampton Fild takyng Kyng Henry the 6. parte.

This Erle had 5. Sonnes, John (that had to Wyfe the Dowghtar of the Duke of Bukyngham, slayn at Northampton) dyed Erle of Shrobbesbery passynge in Jorney at Coventrie. James that dyed of Strips taken at Northampton Feelde; but he cam first to Shiffenol in Shrobbshire a 2. Miles from Tonge, where the Erles of Shrobbesbyre had a Manar Place of Tymbar and a Parke.

George Erle of Shrobbesbyri was borne at Chifenolle.

Gilbert the 3. Sonn Knyght of the Gartar and Depute of Calays in Henry the 7. Dayes, and lyeth buried at Whitechurche, and there is a Chauntery made by hym. He was Embassador to Rome with Abbat Bere of Glesteynbyri for Kyng Henry the 7. This Gilbert was sore woundyd at Bosworthe, takyng Kyng Henry the 7. Parte.

Syr Christopher Persone of Whitechurche was the 4.

Syr Humfrey Talbote Knyght was the 5. He usyd Calays.

Anne Sistar to the aforesayde 5. Britherne by the Erle was married to Ser Henry Verney of Thonge, where she is buried in the Coledge with hir Husbond.

Margaret Dowghtar to the Erle, and Sistar to the aforesayde 5. Brithern was Wyfe to Chawort a Gentleman of Darbyshire.

John Erle of Shrobbesbyry had 2. Sonnes, George and Thomas.

Thomas dyed without Ysswe.

George Erle had to Wyfe the Dowghtar of the Lorde Hastings that was behedid in the Towre, and had dyvers Men and Wymen Children.

The late Erle of Comberland married Margaret Georgys Dowghtar.

And an othar was married to the last Erle of Northumbarland. The Lord Dacres married an othar.

Fraunces now Erle of Shrobbesbyri.

The old Lorde Hastings that was behedyd in the Towre had a Sonne Lorde Hastings that had to Wife the Dowghtar and Heire of the Lorde Hungreforde.

The old Lord Hastings had also a Sunne caulyd Richard a Knight that married the Lady Savelle.

William also was Sonn to the olde Lorde Hastyns.

The olde Lorde Hastings had also a Dowghtar that was Wyfe to George Erle of Shrobbesbyri.

Hastings Lorde Hastings the old Lord Hastings Sonne and Heire had by hir Lord Hastings now Erle of Huntyngdon.

He had also a Dowghtar Wyfe to the Erle of Darby Mothar to the Erle of Darby now lyvyng.

Hastyns Erle of Huntendune had to Wife Anne Dowghtar to the Duke of Buckyngham, behedyd at Saresbyri. The othar Dowghtar of this Duke of Buckyngham was the first Wyfe to the Lord Fitzwalter.—Vol. VII., p. 8, 9, 10.

Rivers in Wicestershire.

Severne risithe in a Hill cawlyd Plimlimmon. So to Cair Clews, famous in Name, but in dede a pore thwrghe faire. From Mahenclift to LLanidlas a good Village, to Newton, and so rinnith within a Mile of Montgomeryke to the Walche Pole, and thens passithe within halfe a Mile of Ponsbyri Colledge to Shrobbesbyri, to Wrekeester alias Rokecestar, to Bridgnorthe, to Wicester, to Twekesbyry, to Glocester, &c.

Avon.

Arow.

Dowlesse Riveret risith, as I lernyd, in Cle Hill in Shropshire, and cummithe by Clebiry a poore Village, and cummithe not far above Bewdele into Severne.

Forests and Chases in Wecestershire.

Wire Forest, where of summe Part is sett in Wicestershire, but the moste Parte in Shropshire, and stretchithe up Frontholt apon Severne onto Bruge Northe. Bewdley is set in the Marchis of this Forest, and stretchithe a 2. Miles beyond to a Watar cawlyd Wire is more then xx. Mills Compas.—Vol. VII., p. 12, 13.

Castles in Montgomerikeshire.

Montgomerik.

Walschpole had 2. Lorde Marchers Castles within one Waulle, the Lorde Powis namid Greye, and the Lord Dudley caullyd Sutton; but now the Lord Powys hathe bothe in his Hond. The Walche Pole is in compas almoste as muche as litle Towne. The Lord Duddelas Parte is almoste fallen downe. The Lord Powys Parte is meatly good.

Clunne Castle.

Clunne Castell longynge to the Erle of Arundal, sumewhat ruinus. It hath bene bothe stronge and well builded. vii. Miles from Mountgomerik, and iii. from Bishops Towne, and x. from Ludlo.

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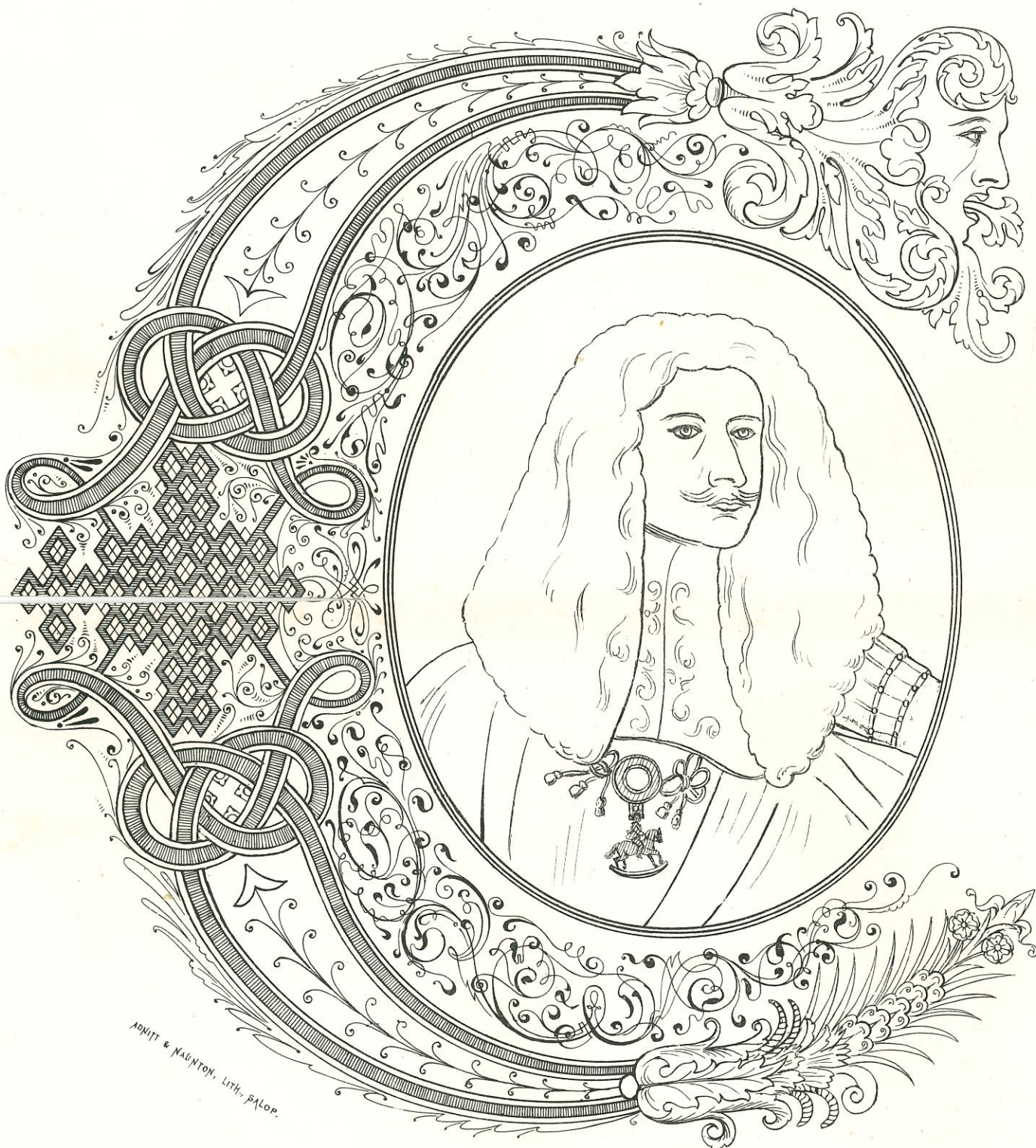
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