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PREFACE

Two hundred years ago Thomas Hearne recommended that Stow's Survey should be reprinted as a venerable original. No words could express better the intention of the present edition. The not infrequent misprints and some obvious errors have been corrected, and it has been necessary at times to vary the punctuation. But otherwise the text now given follows faithfully the edition of 1603, save that the list of Mayors and Sheriffs has been revised, since the original was in its earlier part so tangled with error that more close reproduction could only have been mischievous. The edition of 1603 was printed for the most part in black letter. In the present edition the Roman type represents the black letter of the original; the Italic type is used for those passages or phrases which, in 1603, were printed in Roman type. Occasionally it has been necessary in the interest of uniformity to vary the type. But the only changes of importance are the printing in Roman type on i. 117 of the paragraph beginning: 'Hauing thus in generality'; and the printing in Italic of the quotations on ii. 96 and 105. The pages of the 1603 edition are marked by a | in the text, and by the number of the page (in Italics) in the margin.

The text of 1603 is followed by a collation with the first edition of 1598, showing all the variations between the two versions.

Of the making of Notes to such a book as the Survey there need be no end. Critics may be disposed to ask once more: 'Why have ye not noted this, or that?' But some restriction was necessary.
The chief aims of the Notes in this edition have therefore been: to correct any errors of statement or fact which might be found; to trace as far as possible the sources of Stow's information; to supplement the text with fresh matter from Stow's own collections; to illustrate it, within a reasonable compass, by quotations from contemporary writers. There has been no intention to complete Stow's history. Still less have I endeavoured to carry that history beyond his own time. I have, however, added notes on places and place-names, especially in those cases where Stow had himself given some history, suggested a derivation, or cited obsolete forms.

The preparation of the text and its passage through the press have been supervised by Mr. C. E. Doble. How much care and pains his labour has entailed, only one who has had some share in it can realize. For myself I have further to thank Mr. Doble both for suggesting to me the undertaking of this edition and for his constant advice and assistance in its performance. Mr. Doble has also supplied the Glossary. The map of London circa 1600 has been prepared by Mr. Emery Walker; it is based on a comparison of Stow's text with the maps of Hoefnagel in Braun and Hogenberg's atlas (circa 1560), of Faithorne (1658), and of Morden and Lea (1682). The famous map of Ralph Agas was probably based on Hoefnagel's map.

I have to thank Dr. R. R. Sharpe, the Records Clerk at the Guildhall, Mr. W. H. Stevenson of St. John's College, Oxford, and Mr. J. A. Herbert of the British Museum for their assistance in various points of difficulty.

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INTRODUCTION

§ 1. LIFE OF STOW

John Stow, or Stowe (he spelt his name indifferently in either way), the first painful searcher into the reverend antiquities of London, was himself most fittingly a citizen of long descent. His grandfather, Thomas Stow, citizen and Tallow-Chandler, had died about the end of March, 1527, nearly two years after the birth of his famous grandson, and left his body 'to be buried in the little green churchyard of St. Michael, Cornhill, nigh the wall as may be by my father and mother'. Old Thomas Stow was a man of some substance, and could leave his son and namesake twenty pounds in stuff of household and £6 13s. 4d. in plate. 1 Thomas Stow, the younger, followed his father's trade; he inherited the great melting-pan with all the instruments belonging thereto, and supplied St. Michael's Church with lamp-oil and candles; 2 his widow at her death left money to the company of Tallow-Chandlers to follow her corpse. By his wife, Elizabeth, 3 he had seven children, of whom the eldest was the antiquary; the others were three sons, Thomas, William, and John the younger, and three daughters, Joan, Margaret, and Alice. 4 John the elder was born in the summer of 1525; he was seventy-eight when he made his will, on 30 August, 1603, and is said to have been in his eightieth year at his death. 5

John's godparents were Edmund Trindle, Robert Smith, and Margaret Dickson, who all, as he dutifully records, lay buried at St. Michael, Cornhill. 6 The second Thomas Stow, who died in 1559, 7 dwelt at one time in Throgmorton Street,

1 Strype, Survey, i. p. i, and ii. 146, an accurate copy of the will from Tunstal, ff. 89-90, proved April 4, 1527.
3 Not Margaret, as stated by Strype (Survey, i. 2), who copied the will incorrectly. See p. xlv below.
4 See Notes on Stow family on pp. xlv-xlviii.
5 See p. xxvii.
6 See i. 197, ii. 306.
7 See p. xlvi below.
near the modern Drapers’ Hall, where John remembered how his father’s garden had been encroached on for the making of Thomas Cromwell’s pleasure-grounds, and could recollect to have seen more than two hundred persons served well every day at Lord Cromwell’s gate with bread, meat, and drink.\(^1\)

Of John Stow’s other reminiscences of his youth, the most personal is how he had fetched from the farm in Goodman’s Fields many a halfpennyworth of milk hot from the kine.\(^2\)

Of his education he tells us nothing; it must have been tolerable for his time and station; but his description of how in his youth he had yearly seen on the eve of St. Bartholomew the scholars of divers grammar-schools repair unto the churchyard of St. Bartholomew hardly suggests that he took a part in their exercises.\(^3\)

John Stow left his ancestral calling, and after serving his apprenticeship to one John Bulley, was admitted to the freedom of the Merchant Taylors Company on 25 Nov., 1547. Though he was for nearly thirty years a working tailor, he remained all his time a member of the subordinate Bachelors or Yeoman Company, and was never admitted to the Livery. Consequently he never held any office in the Company, except that he was one of the Whifflers, or escort of Bachelors, at Harper’s and Rowe’s pageants when they served as mayor in 1561 and 1568.\(^4\)

Stow established himself in his business at a house by the well within Aldgate, between Leadenhall and Fenchurch Street, where in 1549, he was witness of an execution ‘upon the pavement of my door’.\(^5\) Not much later he must have married,\(^6\) since some twenty years afterwards he speaks of himself as having three marriageable daughters in service.\(^7\) He began soon to bear his part in civic life, and mentions that in 1552 he served on a jury against a sessions of gaol delivery.\(^8\) In his trade he must have prospered fairly, and

\(^{1}\) i. 89 and 179. Thomas Cromwell’s building in Throgmorton Street was done in 1531–2. John Stow was only six years old. But see i. 292, and ii. 337 for another memory of the same time.

\(^{2}\) i. 126.

\(^{3}\) i. 74.


\(^{5}\) i. 144 below.

\(^{6}\) On Stow’s wife or wives, see p. xlviii.

\(^{7}\) See p. lxii below.

\(^{8}\) i. 350 below.
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took his brother Thomas to be his apprentice. His patrimony
can have been but small, yet he grew rich enough to spend
money freely on the collection of books. Fifteen years would
not have been too many for the self-education of a busy if
observant man, but from about 1560 onwards he found his
chief interest in learning and in the pursuit of our most famous
antiquities. His original interest was, he tells us, for divinity,
sorency (astrology), and poetry, and he never esteemed history,
were it offered never so freely.\(^1\) So his first publication was
an edition in 1561 of The workes of Geoffrey Chaucer, newly
printed, with divers addicions whiche were never in printe
before. Stow never lost his interest in early English poetry,
but his attention was soon diverted to other studies. In the
course of his collecting he became possessed of a manuscript
of a treatise, The Tree of the Commonwealth, written by
Edmund Dudley. Of this he made a copy in his own hand,
and presented it to the author’s grandson Robert, afterwards
Earl of Leicester. Dudley suggested that Stow should under-
take some historical work on his own account.\(^2\) The suggestion
thus given chimed in with advice from other friendly quarters.

In 1563 there appeared Richard Grafton’s Abridgement of
the Chronicles of England, followed next year by another
edition, ‘which being little better was as much or more of all
men disliked.’ ‘On this,’ says Stow, ‘many citizens and
others knowing that I had been a searcher after antiquities
moved me for the commodity of my country somewhat to
travail in setting forth some other abridgement, or summary,
and also to write against and reprove Richard Grafton. To
the first at length I granted, but to the other utterly refused.
About the same time\(^3\) it happened that Thomas Marshe,
printer, required me to correct the old common abridgement,

\(^1\) See p. xlix below. In 1558 he had copied out a collection of Lydgate’s
poems, now Additional MS. 29729 in the British Museum.

\(^2\) Cf. dedication to 1604 edition of Summary. Stow varies in his dates
as to when he began to write on history; in the Summary for 1573 he
says, ‘It is now eight years since, &c.;’ in that for 1587, 23 years; in that
for 1598, 36 years; and in that for 1604, 45 years. See p. lxxxii.

\(^3\) The subsequent reference to William Baldwin shows that Marshe’s
proposal must have been made in the summer of 1563, after the appearance
of the first edition of Grafton’s Abridgement, but before the second edition
of 1564.
which was at the first collected of Languet and Cooper's Epitome, but then much corrupted with oft reprinting, and therefore of Richard Grafton so contemned. To this request I granted, on condition that some one, which were better learned, might be joined with me, for that it was a study wherein I had never travailed.'

The required helper was found in William Baldwyn, parson of St. Michael at Paul's Gate. But Baldwyn died before he had set hand to the work, and Stow at Marshe's request went on alone until a successor could be obtained. "After I had once begun I could not rest till the same was fully ended. Then I, of mine own mind, went to Grafton's house, and shewed him my book, requiring him not to be offended with my doing, for I meant not to give any such occasion." Grafton professed gratitude for a long catalogue of his own errors, and they parted in good friendship. But when Stow's Summarie of Englyshe Chronicles appeared, with the licence of the Stationers and authority of the Archbishop, Grafton began to chafe and think how to put his rival out of credit. Leaving his own Abridgement, he drew out of Stow's Summary a book in sexto decimo, which he entitled, A Manuell of Ye Chronicles

1 A Chronicle of the World, begun by Thomas Languet (d. 1545), was completed by Thomas Cooper, afterwards bishop of Winchester, and published in 1549. It was often, as Stow says, reprinted, e.g. in 1559 by T. Marshe under the editorship of Robert Crowley (see ii. 339 below). Similar was A breviat Cronicle contaynynge all the kinges, &c., first published by John Mitchell or Mychell, of Canterbury, in 1551, of which a later edition, published at London by Tottell in 1561, was long regarded as the first edition of Stow's Summary.

2 In the Preface to his Abridgement Grafton writes: 'Unto which travayle I was the rather provoked for that I saw used and occupied in every common person's hands a certayne booke bearynge lyke title, wherein was lytle truth and lesse good order.'

3 No doubt William Baldwin, the chief contributor to the Mirror for Magistrates, and author of Beware the Cat (see ii. 275 below). His cure and the date of his death were otherwise unrecorded. The identification is helped by a note in Stow's Memoranda (cf. Three Fifteenth Century Chronicles, p. 126), where he relates that when the Romish bishops were taken from the Tower for fear of the plague in Sept. 1563, certain 'prechers prechyd, as it was thought of many wyse men, verie sedyseswysly, as Baldwyn at Powll's Cross, wyshynge a galows set up in Smythefyld, and ye old byshops and other papesstis to be hangyd thereon. Hymselfe dyed of ye plague the next weke after.' William Baldwin's writings show him to have been a violent Protestant. Thomas Marshe was printer of Baldwin's works from 1559 onwards.

4 See pp. li and lxxxii below.
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of England from ye creation of ye World till anno 1565'. In an address to the Stationers Grafton begged that they 'will take such order that there be no briefe abridgementes or chronicles hereafter imprinted'. To his readers he expressed a hope that 'none will show themselves ungentle nor so un-friendly as to abuse me or this my little labour and goodwill, as of late I was abused by one who counterfeited my volume, and hath made my travail to pass under his name'. Stow, nothing daunted, made and dedicated to the Lord Mayor in the beginning of 1566 an abridgement of his Summary. At this his opponent marvellously stormed, and moved the Company of Stationers to threaten Marshe the printer. The Stationers asked Stow to attend at their Hall and meet Grafton. But though he oft came thither, Grafton always made excuses, until finally the Master and Wardens told Stow that they were sorry they had so troubled him at all.

Such is Stow's own account of the inception of his historical work. He and his rival continued to belabour one another merrily. Grafton sneered at the 'memories of superstitious foundations, fables, and lies foolishly stowed together'. Stow was as good in the dedication of his edition of 1567 to the Mayor, 'that through the thundering noise of empty tonnes and unfruitful grafts of Momus' offspring, it be not overthrown'. Grafton tried to evade the assault by producing a larger work in 1568, a Chronicle at large and mere History of the Affayres of Englane. It was but a monstrous compilation, and Stow accused him roundly of using others' work without acknowledgement, and of counterfeiting Stow's own list of authorities without having consulted them. Of his edition of his Summary in 1570 Stow writes thus: 'This my latest Summary was by me begun after Whitsuntide, 1569, and finished in print by Michaelmas next following, but not commonly published till Christmas, and therefore entitled in anno 1570, being first viewed by wise and learned worshipful personages, then dedicate and given to the right honourable my lord of Leicester, so to the whole common weal. I have

1 So he states on p. lii below. But the copy in the British Museum, which appears to be perfect, has no dedication.
2 See pp. xlviii to liii below.
3 See p. lxxvii below.
not heard the same to be disliked of any, but for that I wrote against the printers of Bede's Chronicle at Louvain (whereof I make none account), till now one whole year after by theforesaid Richard Grafton, a man that of all others hither-towards hath deserved least commendation for his travail in many things—as his own conscience (if he had any) can well testify. But to speak of that his Abridgement he hath but picked feathers from other birds next in his reach.' ¹ Editions of Grafton's Abridgement carrying on the warfare had appeared in 1570 and 1572. Stow had the last word in his Summary of 1573, for his opponent was dead, though neither then nor afterwards forgotten.

Some of Stow's criticisms of Grafton appear trifling enough. We should find no great cause for censure in the omission of all mention of Kings Didantius, Detonus, and Gurguinus,² nor I suppose would Stow himself have done thirty years later, when study had ripened his knowledge and judgement. On one point, moreover, he did Grafton positive injustice, when he cast doubts on his rival's account of the Chronicle of John Hardyng.³ Grafton had exposed himself to criticism by printing in 1543 two editions of Hardyng's Chronicle, which differed considerably the one from the other. Stow had seen another version which, as he said, 'doth almost altogether differ from that which under his name was imprinted by Grafton': thus hinting pretty plainly that Grafton had been guilty of deliberate falsification. The truth was that Hardyng himself had repeatedly rewritten his work to please the taste of different patrons.⁴ Still the honours of the quarrel rest with Stow, whose merits as a chronicler were superior to those of Grafton. At the same time his own account reveals him as a self-taught man, who was perhaps too jealous of a reputation that wanted to be established. The persistence of his grievance may perhaps be explained by the fact that the

¹ Harley MS. 367, f. 1. See p. xlviii below.
² See p. 1 below.
³ Epistle to the Reader in Summary for 1573.
⁴ Hearne relates that a fine copy, which had belonged to Stow, had passed through Sir Simonds D'Ewes to the Harleian Library (Collections, iii. 1). This, which is now Harley MS. 661, is one of the most valuable of Hardyng's later versions.
controversy had helped to aggravate other troubles, which during this time embittered Stow's life.

Stow's literary pursuits may have put him out of sympathy with his commercial kinsfolk. Whatever the reason, his associations with his family had been long unhappy. It is possible that there may have been some religious difference, for John was inclined to favour old beliefs, whilst his mother appears to have been Protestant. Strype says that John Stow in 1544 was in great danger by reason of a false accusation brought against him by a priest; the nature of the charge is not known, but it was possibly on a matter of religion. At all events there was an old family discord, for Thomas Stow must have had some sort of excuse for alleging that during twenty years John had never asked his mother's blessing.

Whatever the reason, old Mistress Stow, soon after her husband's death in 1559, went to live with her son Thomas, who had quarrelled with John over money matters and by an unwise marriage further strained their relations. Elizabeth Stow was a timid and anxious peacemaker between her children, fearful of giving offence, and governed by whoever was at hand. One day in the summer of 1568 she came on a visit to John, with whom over 'the best ale and bread and a cold leg of mutton', she talked too freely on family matters. When the poor soul got home, Thomas and his wife would never let her rest till she had told them all. When it came out that John lamented that Thomas was matched with an harlot, they forced her to change her will and leave her eldest son out of it altogether. Friends of the family intervened, and Thomas, pretending to yield, put John back, but only for five pounds, where all the other children got ten.

'Thus,' says John with a quaint humour, 'was I condemned and paid five pounds for naming Thomas his wife an harlot,

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1 As seems to be shown by the drift of his comments, cautious enough, in his Memoranda, cf. p. x above. He had many friends of Catholic inclinations. But he also seems to have been on good terms with Foxe the Martyrologist.

2 Survey, i. p. iii.

3 Perhaps the same as the man referred to by Wriothesly, Chronicle, ii. 153.

4 See p. iv below.
privily only to one body, who knew the same as well as I; but if he could so punish all men that will more openly say so much he would soon be richer than any lord Mayor of London.' ¹ Thomas himself had often said the like and worse in public, and not long after turned his wife out of doors. Not all the neighbours could get him to relent, and when in the evening the poor woman at last stole in, at ten of the clock at night, Thomas, 'being bare-legged, searched and found her, and fell again a beating of her, so that my mother, being sick on a pallet, was fain to creep up, and felt all about the chamber for Thomas his hosen and shoes, and crept down the stairs with them as well as she could, and prayed him to put them on lest he should catch cold. And so my mother stood in her smock more than an hour, entreatling him for the Lord's sake to be more quiet.' The poor mother fared like most interveners in matrimonial broils; for after a while Thomas and his wife went off comfortably to bed, but the old woman caught such a cold that she never rose again. When the parson ² was called in he, 'though but a stranger new come from the country,' exhorted Mistress Stow to change her unjust will, but was put off by Thomas. Next Master Rolfe, a priest and son-in-law, persuaded with her oftentimes, but was told to hold his peace, 'for her son's wife was always in one corner or another listening, and she would have a life ten times worse than death if Thomas or his wife should know.' Then John in despair sent his own wife with a pot of cream and strawberries as a peace offering, but only got abuse in return. At last, however, with some trouble, the affair was patched up over a pint of ale. The will remained unaltered, so when John got his chance he urged his mother to restore him to his share. To have five pounds

¹ However, in October, 1570, the Master and Wardens of the Merchant Taylors Company intervened to pacify a controversy between Thomas Stow and Thomas Holmes, 'both brethren of this mystery, as well for and concerning undesent and unseemly words spoken uttered and reported by the wife of the said Holmes against the wyfe of the said Stowe.' Holmes's wife had to apologize, and he to pay 20s. to Thomas Stow 'in satisfaction of all lawe and other charges incurred by him.' Clode, Memorials of the Merchant Taylors Company, 183-4, Early History, i. 210.

² Richard Mathew, presented 4 July, 1567 (Newcourt, Repertorium, i. 483).
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put out of the will was, he said, but a small matter as compared with other things. 'Consider, it must needs offend me much to pay five pounds for one word.' If she would not consent for love of her husband or of himself, John bade her remember: 'I wax old and decay in my occupation and have a great charge of children, and a wife that can neither get nor save.' The poor old woman, who had but late been rejoicing that her children which were dead were alive, pleaded feebly, that if the Lord would suffer her to go abroad again she would undo all: 'so that Thomas and his wife shall not know. That wicked woman, woe worth her, will be my death.' Other relatives and friends tried their influence in vain. The dread of Thomas prevailed. Elizabeth Stow died at Michaelmas, leaving her will unaltered, most of her property to Thomas, only five pounds to her eldest son, and larger legacies to the other children. The day after the funeral the two brothers and Master Rolfe went to the Maiden’s Head in Leadenhall,1 where they had a pint of wine with Henry Johnson,2 an old friend of the family, who prayed Thomas to be good to his brother John.

At this point John Stow’s tale breaks off abruptly.3 Apart from its extraordinary interest as an unstudied, if somewhat sordid, record of middle-class life in the reign of Elizabeth, it is of the greatest value, for the light which it throws on other incidents in Stow’s career, and for its explanation of some allusions in his writings.

It was probably in the following year that Stow had occasion to address a petition to the alderman of his ward by reason of the annoyance done to him by one William Ditcher and his wife.4 It appears that Ditcher, believing that Stow had reported him to the Wardmote for setting his frames in the street, came railing at Stow’s door with the most slanderous speech that man or devil could devise. Incited by Thomas Stow, Ditcher soon went to worse conduct, throwing stones

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1 Elizabeth Stow’s will provided ten shillings for her children and friends to drink withal after her funeral. See p. xiv below.
2 He was conductor of the choir at St. Michael’s at a stipend of 3/.
   (Churchwardens' Accounts, p. 235).
3 See the full narrative on pp. lxxii to lx below.
4 See pp. lx to lxxii below.
at John’s apprentice, abusing his wife, calling him in derision of his trade a prick-louse knave, and to crown his offence ‘adding moreover that the said John hath made a cronicle of lyes’. Finally, he had told the parson and the deputy of the ward that, ‘there cometh none but rogues and rascalls, the vilest in the land, to the house of the said John, which rogues have him from alehouse to alehouse, every day and night till two of the clock in the morning.’

Whether Stow got any remedy against the scurrilous Ditcher does not appear, for the matter is known only by his draft of the petition. But he had soon to meet a more dangerous accusation. Early in January, 1569, great offence was given to the English Government by the circulation in the City of a manifesto published by the Spanish ambassador on behalf of the Duke of Alva. In this matter Stow was implicated, and on 17 February he was called before the Lord Mayor. In the record of his examination, where he is described as ‘John Stowe, merchaunt, a collector of cronycles’, he admitted that he had been lent two copies of the bill in English, whereof he made a copy for himself, and had read it to some neighbours, but never gave copy out of it. The charge was also investigated before the Master and Wardens of Stow’s own company, though without attaching any further blame to him.¹

It was no doubt in connexion with this business of Alva’s proclamation that Stow was reported to the Queen’s Council for having many dangerous books of superstition in his possession. In consequence direction was given to Bishop Grindal of London to have Stow’s house searched. On 24 February Grindal wrote to Cecil enclosing ‘a catalogue of Stowe the Taylour his unlawfule bookes’, together with a report from his chaplains, dated 21 February, on which day the search was made. The chief part of this report was as follows: ‘He hath a great store of folishe fabulous bokes of olde prynte as of Sir Degory Tryamore, &c. He hath also a great sorte of

¹ See the depositions at both examinations given in full in Clode’s Early History of the Merchant Taylors Company, ii. 299–302. It is remarkable that Stow never refers to this business of Alva’s proclamation in any of his printed works.
old written English Chronicles both in parchment and in paper, som long, som shorte. He hath besides, as it were, miscellanea of diverse sortes both touching phisicke, surgerye, and herbes, with medicines of experience, and also touching old phantastical popishe bokes prynted in the olde tyme, with many such also written in olde English in parchment. All which we have pretermytted to take any inventarye of. We have only taken a note of such bokes as have been lately putt forth in the realme or beyonde the Seas for defence of papistrye: with a note of som of his owne devises and writings touching such matter as he hath gathered for Chronicles, whereaboute he seemeth to have bestowed much travaile. His bokes declare him to be a great favourer of papistrye.'

The list of objectionable books contains thirty-eight items, and, besides religious works, includes Thomas Stapleton's translation of Bede; a manuscript of the Flores Historiarum;¹ 'much rude matter gathered for a summary of a chronicle'; and 'A brief collection of matters of Cronicles sins Anno Domini 1563, entered in an old wrytten boke of Cronicles bound in borde, wryten as it seemeth with his owne hand². An entry of Fundationes Ecclesiarum, Monasteriorum, &c., has been erased. The popish books include Thomas Hesekyn's Parliament of Christ, Richard Shacklock's Hatchet of Heresy,³ Five Homilies made by Leonard Pollard,⁴ The manere of the List of Saints, together with other works of such writers as Roger Edgeworth, Richard Smith, Miles Haggerd, and John Rastell. Although these last discoveries of Grindall's chaplains must have lent some colour to the charge of popish inclinations, it does not appear that Cecil or the Council thought the business serious enough to require any further notice.⁵

¹ Probably Cotton M.S. Nero D. v. See p. xcii below.
² These are Stow's Memoranda, which are contained in Lambeth M.S. 306, and have been printed by Dr. Gairdner in Three Fifteenth Century Chronicles, pp. 115-47. See further p. xxxvi below.
³ I suppose the translation of Hosius, De Heresibus, printed at Antwerp in 1565, as A most excellent treatise of the begynnynge of heresyes in our tyme.
⁴ Dedicated to Bonner and printed at London, 1556.
⁵ Grindall’s letter to Cecil and his chaplains’ report, with the list of suspected books, are printed from Lansdowne M.S. 11 in Arber’s Trans-
It is likely enough that Thomas Stow was the informant against his brother in this matter of Alva's manifesto. From the story of their quarrel it is clear that Thomas was an ignorant man, believing that John practised magic, but sharp enough to see what handle he might find in his brother's strange tastes. At all events it was Thomas Stow who set in motion another affair next year. In 1570 John Stow was brought before the Ecclesiastical Commissioners on a charge in seventeen articles made by one that had been his servant after he had defrauded him of his goods, and supported by witnesses of sullied reputation. Stow successfully confounded his accusers before the Archbishop; but when he would have prosecuted them he was answered that there was no remedy against them.

It is plainly with reference to this incident that Stow in his Annales under 1556, when describing the punishment of a false witness, writes as follows: 'The like Justice I once wished to the like accuser of his master and elder brother, but it was answered that in such case could be no remedy, though the accuser himself were in the same fact found the principal offender. Where through it followeth the accuser never shewed sign of shame, but terribly curseth, and blasphemously sweareth he never committed any such act, though the same be registered before the honourable the Queen's Majesty's High Commissioners. And what horrible slanders, by libelling and otherwise with threats of murther, he dayly bruiteth against me, the knower of all secrets, God I mean, knoweth.'

After the lapse of more than twenty years Stow could not forget or forgive the prime authors of his troubles. He never lost the chance of exposing a fable of Grafton's or of pointing the moral of his brother's iniquity. Against the account of William FitzOsbert he set a note in the first

*script of the Stationers' Registers, i. 181. See also Strype, Survey, i, pp. iv and xxi, and Life of Grindal, pp. 184, 516. The Register of the Privy Council for this year has unfortunately perished.*

1 See p. lvi below.

2 Strype, Survey, i, p. iv.

3 See also a similar entry under this year in the 1587 edition of the Summary Abridged. It was not contained in the 1573 edition, and is omitted in that for 1604.

4 See vol. i. 118, 349.
edition of the *Survey*: 'A false accuser of his elder brother, in the end was hanged. God amend or shortly send such an end to such false brethren.'¹ In the original manuscript there appears the significant addition: 'Such a brother have I, God make him penitent.' How late and long the quarrel continued is shown also by a characteristic note preserved amongst some private memoranda in Stow's collections.² '1599. The last of July, at the qwenes armes taverne by leden hall, in conteempte of me the auctor of this boke called the Survey of London, one Smithe, dwellinge at Sopars lane ende, in the company of T. Stowe and othar suche lyke, sayde he marvayled that mention was not made in the saide Survay of qwike sylvar roninge out of the grownde at the buildinge of his howse. More that the auctor set not downe that the parson of Christes Churche lyeth every night with the lord maiors wyfe; and suche lyke Knavish talke he had to pleasure my bad brother, for he is one of his minstrells.'

Stow's bitterness may seem excessive. But his obvious anxiety when Thomas, triumphing and swearing, got possession of his book of alchemy,³ shows how real was the danger that Stow incurred through the suspicion of popish inclinations, and occult practices. His experiences no doubt taught him that the study of history was likely to prove both safer and more profitable than divinity, poetry, or astrology. Apart from this the chief result of his troubles had been to establish his literary reputation and personal worth. It is probable that he owed his triumph over his enemies in some degree to the favour of Archbishop Parker, whose notice he had attracted some years earlier. Under Parker's direction he assisted in the publication of the *Flores Historiarum* in 1567, of the Chronicles of Matthew Paris in 1571, and of Walsingham in 1574; 'all of which,' writes Stow in his

¹ See vol. i. 254, and ii. 249 below. In the second edition the last half of this note was omitted. The omission may perhaps be explained by the recent death of Thomas Stow in October, 1602. On the other hand, the reference on ii. 76 is an insertion.
³ See p. Ivi below.
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Annales, 'the archbishop received of my hands.' His labours soon brought him the acquaintance and friendship of all the leading antiquaries of the day. Such were William Lambarde, 'his loving friend,' whose Perambulation of Kent was the model for the Survey; Henry Savile, who, even in 1575, addressed him as 'good old friend'; Camden, at this time usher of Westminster School; John Dee, the celebrated astrologer; Robert Glover, the Somerset herald; William Fleetwood the Recorder, who was, like Stow, a Merchant Taylor; together with men of scholarly tastes and good position, like William Claxton of Wynyard in Durham, his familiar correspondent during nearly twenty years. It is noteworthy that Stow's friends included several writers of Roman Catholic inclinations as Thomas Martyn, and Henry Ferrers. From these and others Stow received counsel in his literary labours and rendered help in return. To Hakluyt he supplied notes on Cabot's voyages from his manuscript (now lost) of Fabyan's Chronicle. To David Powel he furnished material for The Historie of Cambria. Thomas Speght, the editor of Chaucer, he assisted with notes from his own rich collections of ancient poesy.

When the old Society of Antiquaries was formed, about 1572, under Parker's patronage, it was natural that Stow should become a member. He certainly belonged to it before February, 1590, and contributed to its discussions a note on the origin of sterling money. Amongst his colleagues were Walter Cope, Joseph Holland, William Patten, Francis Tate, and Francis Thynne, all of whom he counted amongst

1 p. 1150, ed. 1605. 3 See Letters to Stow on pp. lxxi, lxxii.
5 Powel's Preface. See p. lxxxvi below.
6 Speght in his Preface acknowledges his debt to Stow, 'whose library hath helped many writers.'
7 Hearne, Curious Discourses, ii. 318; see ii. 278 below. In Ashmole MS. 763 f. 195 in the Bodleian Library there is a summons to Stow to attend a meeting of the Society at Garter House on 2 Nov. 1599. On the back of the summons Stow has written some notes on the subject for discussion, 'of the antiquities, etymology and privileges of Parishes in England.'
8 Curious Discourses. For the history of the Society see Archaeologia, vol. i, and for a list of the members in 1590, Stow MS. 1045 in the British Museum. See also i. 22, 83, 114, ii. 23, and pp. xxiii, xxxiii below.
his friends, and Lord William Howard of Naworth, with whom he had at least some acquaintance.\textsuperscript{1}

Stow’s editorial work for Parker brought him into association with Reyne Wolfe, the printer, and when Wolfe died in 1573, Stow purchased many of his collections. At the time of his death Wolfe had been preparing a Universal History. His design was carried out on a less ambitious scale under the direction of Raphael Holinshed, to whom Stow lent ‘divers rare monuments, ancient writers, and necessary register-books’. To the second edition of Holinshed’s \textit{Chronicles}, which appeared in 1587, Stow made other contributions, though at a later time he complained that its printing and reprinting without warrant or well-liking had prevented his own intended work. On such a larger history he had long been busy.\textsuperscript{2} In 1580 he had produced \textit{The Chronicles of England from Brute unto the present year of Christ}. This work was written in civic form, the names of the Mayor and Sheriffs being placed at the head of each year. The \textit{Chronicles} were thus only an expansion of the \textit{Summary}; but this form was abandoned, when the work appeared twelve years later in a more extensive shape as the \textit{Annales of England}. The \textit{Annales} were but a part of what Stow intended, for his laborious collection had by then grown into a large volume, which he would have published as ‘The History of this Island’, had he not been compelled to condescend to the wishes of his printer, who preferred a less ambitious undertaking.\textsuperscript{3} When the \textit{Annales} appeared for the last time in 1605 just before the author’s death, the ‘farre larger volume’, though ready for the press, still awaited a printer; it appears to have perished, though some part of it may have been embodied in the \textit{Successions of the History of England} published under Stow’s name in 1638.\textsuperscript{4}

‘The History of this Island’ was not the only larger work on which Stow laboured in vain. Grindal’s chaplains found in Stow’s study a collection of \textit{Fundationes Ecclesiarum},\textsuperscript{5} to which, during many years, he appears to have made great additions. Camden wrote to him for the loan of his \textit{Fundationes

\textsuperscript{1} See p. lxx below.
\textsuperscript{2} \textit{Annales}, ed. 1605, p. 1438, and \textit{Summarie} for 1604, p. 458.
\textsuperscript{3} See p. lxxix below.
\textsuperscript{4} See p. lxxxvi below.
\textsuperscript{5} See p. xvii above.
for four counties, and William Claxton in his latest letter to Stow begged that he might have a copy with the newest augmentations, that so he might preserve it to the collector’s never-dying fame. Claxton’s fears for the fate of his friend’s labours were in part realized. Whether Stow sent him the desired copy or not, the whole original seems now to have perished. Yet part of one or the other passed into the hands of Ralph Starkey, the archivist, who, according to Hearne, possessed some of Stow’s manuscripts ‘amongst which his Monasticon, out of which Mr. Dodsworth collected several things’. Roger Dodsworth’s voluminous collections were, after his death in 1654, entrusted to Dugdale, whose celebrated Monasticon Anglicanum was thus in part the outcome of Stow’s industry.

In the midst of such labours Stow nevertheless found time to produce repeated editions of his Summary and its Abridgment, and towards the end of a long and busy life set himself to compile his Survey of London, which first appeared in 1598, to be followed after five years by a second, much increased, edition. But of this, his most valuable work, more hereafter.

For the troubles of his middle life Stow may have found some compensation in a peaceful and honoured end. His character had mellowed with age, and he was, perhaps, a little more chary of expressing himself too freely. But for that matter, the order which Elizabeth and her ministers had established in Church and State suited his convictions, and his open dislike for sectarians could do him no harm. His sentiments are shown in his description of Whitgift as a man born for the benefit of his country and the good of his Church. Literary work had, moreover, brought him at the last, not only the friendship of learned men, but a well-deserved reputation with his fellow citizens.

Though still proud to call himself ‘Merchant-Taylor’, he had left his trade, and probably at the same time changed his

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1 See p. lxxii below.
3 The only reference to his trade which I have found in Stow’s books is his note on the prices of cloth in the margin of i. 86 below.
residence to a house in St. Andrew's parish in Lime Street Ward, near the Leadenhall. 1 This must have been not long after 1570, since some years previously to 1579 he had been instrumental at a Wardmote inquest in proving the title of his new ward to certain tenements afterwards in that year wrongfully withdrawn. 2 In 1584–5 John Stow appears to have been employed as a surveyor of alehouses, 3 and in the latter year was one of the collectors in Lime Street Ward of the charges for a muster of four thousand men by the City for the Queen's service. These are two of the few occasions on which he took any active part in civic affairs. He had, as we have seen, never taken up his livery, and, as he tells us, was never a feast-follower. 4 But his peculiar knowledge was made use of in the service of his Company, who from at least the beginning of 1579 paid 'John Stowe, a loving brother of this mistery for divers good considerations them specially moving' a yearly pension or fee of four pounds. 5 This pension was no doubt a practical recognition of his literary merit; but once, in 1603, he appears as in receipt of a fee of ten shillings for 'great pains by him taken in searching for such as have been mayors, sheriffs, and aldermen of the said company.' 6 During a controversy between the Lieutenant of the Tower and the City in 1595, Stow is referred to as the 'Fee'd Chronicler' of the Corporation, and is stated to have lately set out the boundaries of the Liberty of Cree Church. 7 On 24 Feb., 1601, Stow was one of the persons appointed by the Court of Aldermen to treat with Mr. Tate of the Temple touching the procuring of Liber Custumarum and Liber Antiquorum Regum. 8

Stow's labours may perhaps have thus earned him something more than a barren reputation; but, as in the case of many others before and since, his zeal for learning was at the expense of his own advantage. After Stow's death one, who

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1 For letters addressed to him there see pp. lxviii to lxxii below.
2 See i. 161–2. He had moved at least as early as 1575; perhaps to one of Woodroffe's houses to which he refers on i. 151.
3 See p. lxxiii.
4 See vol. ii. 191.
5 Clode, Memorials, 535; Early History, ii. 302.
6 id. i. 264.
7 Strype, Survey, i. 67 b. Some memoranda, apparently prepared for the use of the corporation, concerning these claims at the Tower and at St. Martins are given in Harley MS. 540, f. 122.
8 Monimenta Gildhallae, II, p. xviii. See further p. xxxii below.
had known him, refused to take up his work, and 'thanked God that he was not yet mad to waste his time, spend 200/. a year, trouble himself and all his friends only to gain assurance of endless reproach.'

It is too much to assume from this, as some have done, that Stow had spent such an amount yearly on the purchase of books, or even on the pursuit of his studies. Nevertheless it is certain that his substance was consumed to the neglect of his ordinary means of maintenance. Of his *Summary* in 1598 he writes: "It hath cost me many a weary mile's travel, many a hard earned penny and pound, and many a cold winter night's study." So also in two petitions, which he made, apparently to the City, about 1590, he relates how 'for thirty years past he hath set forth divers somaries and set a good example to posterity. And forsmoche as the travayle to many places for serchynge of sondry records, whereby the varietie of things may come to lyght, cannot but be chargeable to the sayde John more than his habilitie can afforde, &c.'

Edmund Howes, in his edition of the *Annales*, says that Stow 'could never ride, but travelled on foot unto divers chief places of the land to search records'. These and other like references show that Stow in his latter days was in straitened circumstances. But his merits were not, as tradition dating from his own time has alleged, disregarded. Robert Dowe, a former master of the Merchant Taylors Company, established in 1592 pensions for some of his poor brethren, and provided specially that one of four pounds should be paid to Stow. In 1600 on Dowe's motion the Company increased their own pension to six pounds 'soe as with the iiiij/. he receaveth out of this howse (as one of the almesmen of the said Mr. Robert Dowe) he is on the whole to receave yerely durance his life a pencion out of and from this companye amounting to the sum of tenn pounds per annum.' When in 1602 Dowe revised his charities he provided specially that one pension should still be paid to Stow, who was not then a working tailor, yet 'notwithstanding in his begynnyng was of the handy craft and now for many yeres

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1 Howes, *Epistle Dedicatiorie to Abridgment* (1607), reprinted at end of *Annales* in 1631.
2 p. 460 in the margin.
3 For these petitions see p. lxvi below.
hath spent great labour and study in writing of Chronicles and other memorable matters for the good of all posterity.’

In addition to the pension from his Company, Stow is said to have had an annuity of 8l. from Camden in return for his transcripts of Leland. Ralph Brooke, the herald, who is our authority for this, alleges that Camden had plagiarized Leland in his Britannia, and that Stow lamented the wrong done to Leland both by Camden and Harrison. It is probable that Brooke had no better justification than Stow’s published censure of Harrison in the Survey. Camden no doubt had free access to any collections of Stow’s. But the transcripts from Leland were in Stow’s possession as late as 1598. It may be that Camden’s annuity was paid in anticipation of a promised bequest.

However, there can be no doubt that, in spite of all help from friends, Stow in his old age found his diminished means too small. He was compelled to seek openly for charity, and James I granted him Letters Patent, first on 8 May, 1603, and again in February and October, 1604, giving him licence to ask and take benevolence. It is in reference to this that William Warner in lines prefixed to his Albion’s England in 1606 wrote:

Add Stow’s late antiquarian pen,
That annal’d for ungrateful men.
Next chronicler omit it not,
His licenc’t basons little got;
Lived poorly where he trophies gave,
Lies poorly there in noteless grave.

Ben Jonson has left a note: ‘John Stow had monstrous observations in his Chronicle, and was of his craft a tailor. He and I walking alone, he asked two cripples what they would

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1 Clode, Early History, ii. 303-4.
3 See vol. i. 348, and ii. 353-4.
4 This is shown by the fact that a part of the original MS. of the Survey is bound up with the transcripts of Leland. See p. xcii below.
5 Cal. State Papers, 1603-10, p. 84. See also p. lxvii below; and Strype, Survey, i, pp. xii, xiii.
have to take him to their order'. Thus could Stow turn a merry jest at his poverty; and yet, as he told Manningham the Diarist, on 17 Dec., 1602, he 'made no gains by his travail'. Certainly he had not the means to meet his great charges, and spent for the benefit of posterity what he might have kept for his own need. Yet the tradition of his poverty has been a little exaggerated, and those of his own time were not, according to their customs, negligent of his merits. Warner, in his haste to point a moral, was premature; for Stow's widow was rich enough to provide a handsome monument, where her husband lay in no noteless grave. Stow himself was not ungrateful for the help given to him, and in 1592 presented his Annales to the Merchant Taylors 'as a small monument given to this corporation by him in token of his thankfulness to this company'.

Stow continued working to the end. The Annales, 'encreased and continued until this present yeare 1605,' were reissued within a few days of his death. Two years previously he wrote in the Survey: 'I have been divers times minded to add certain chapters to this book, but being, by the good pleasure of God, visited with sickness, such as my feet (which have borne me many a mile) have of late refused, once in four or five months to convey me from my bed to my study, and therefore could not do as I would.'

Howes, in his edition of Stow's Annales, writes of him thus: 'He was tall of stature, lean of body and face, his eyes small and chryсталine, of a pleasant and cheerful countenance; his sight and memory very good; very sober, mild, and courteous to any that required his instructions; and retained the true use of all his senses unto the day of his death, being of an excellent memory. He always protested never to have written anything either for malice, fear, or favour, nor to seek his own particular gain or vainglory; and that his only pains and care was to write truth. . . . He was very careless of scoffers, backbiters, and detractors. He lived peacefully, and died of the stone collicke, being four score years of age, and was buried the 8th of April, 1605, in his parish church of St. Andrew's,

1 Conversations with Drummond, p. 36; Shakespeare Society.  
2 Diary, p. 103; Camden Society.  
Undershaft; whose mural monument near unto his grave was there set up at the charges of his wife Elizabeth.'

The monument, of Derbyshire marble and alabaster, was piously restored by the Merchant Taylors Company in 1905, the three hundredth anniversary of Stow's death. It represents him sitting in his study writing in a book upon his desk, with other books about him. Above it is the motto 'Aut scribenda agere, aut legenda scribere'. The inscription is as follows:

Memoriae Sacrum.

Resurrectionem in Christo pie expectat Joannes Stowe, cuius Londiniensis. Qui in antiquis monumentis eruendis, accuratissima diligentia usus Angliae Annales, & ciuitatis Londini Synopsin bene de sua, bene de postera actate meritus, luctulenter scrisit: Vitaque stadio pie decurso, obiit Aetatis anno 80, die 5 Aprilis 1605.

Elizabethe coniux, ut perpetuum sui amoris testimonium dolens.

It is pathetic that Stow, after complaining so bitterly of the defacers of tombs who thrust out the ancient dead to make room for others, should in his turn have suffered the like desecration. Maitland relates that Stow's grave was 'spoiled of his injured remains by certain men in the year 1732, who removed his corpse to make way for another'.

Besides the effigy on Stow's tomb there is an engraved portrait, which is found in some copies of the 1603 edition of the Survey. Manningham writes that in Dec., 1602 Stow told him 'that a modell of his picture was found in the Recorder Fleetwood's study, with this inscription, or circumstance, JOHANNES STOWE, ANTIQUARIUS ANGLIAE, which now is cutt in brasse, and prefixed in print to his Survay of London'. He sayth of it as Pilat sayd: 'What I have written, I have written'; and thinkes himself worthie of that title for

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1 By a stonemason's error 'STVT' appears instead of AVT. Mr. Philip Norman informs me that previous to the last restoration the word 'avt' could be read either 'avt' or 'stvt', the original and correct lettering not having been obliterated. The iron railing now in front of the monument was copied from one which appears in prints of the eighteenth century.

2 History of London, ii. 1062.

3 Diary, p. 103.
his paynes, for he hath no gaines by his travaile’. The engraved copies are dated ‘Actatis suae 77, 1603’.

Of Stow’s three daughters two survived him and are mentioned in his will. Julyan, apparently the elder, had married a well-to-do neighbour, Mr. Peter Towers, by whom she had a large family; three of them died during the great sickness of 1603, when their grandfather made his will; one alone seems to have lived beyond early manhood. The second was Joan Foster, whose husband lived at Warwick, whence she wrote to ask her father’s antiquarian help for her very friend and neighbour Oliver Brooke. Of his widow Elizabeth I have found no later mention; but she lived long enough to set up his tomb after 1606. The care with which Stow begged the overseer of his will to take so much pains that his poor wife be not overpressed to take any wrong, suggests that she was one and the same with the wife who forty years before could neither get nor save.

§ 2. THE SURVEY OF LONDON

The Survey of London is the book of a life. On it the author’s peculiar title to fame now rests. Yet probably he himself had regarded it as somewhat of a relaxation from his more serious labours on general English history. The range of his research puts Stow outside the class of ‘lay chronographers that write of nothing but of Mayors and Sherriffs, and the dere yere, and the great frost’. He has an indisputable right to our regard for the amount of information, which he collected and preserved. Yet when this is admitted, the Annales entitle him to little other distinction than that which belongs to a painstaking seeker after truth, who brought the results of his toil into a chronologically exact narrative, without the power to impress them with any greater vitality.

1 This portrait, given as a frontispiece to this volume, was first reproduced in the Gentleman’s Magazine for 1837.
2 See pp. lxx, lxxi below.
3 See pp. xlv and lviii.
4 Nash, in Pierce Penilesse, ap. Works, ii. 62. This was written in 1592, when Stow had published only his Summarie and Chronicles of England, to which it applies well enough. Next year, in Strange Newses, &c. (Works, ii. 265), Nash wrote: ‘Chroniclers heare my prayers; good Maister Stowe be not unmindfull of him.’
5 Camden, when sending to Abraham Ortelius, in 1580, a copy of Stow’s
Had he done no more, he would be no more remembered than are others, who did good work enough in and for their own generation. The *Survey* stands upon quite other ground. In it Stow built himself a monument for all time, and has left a record instinct with life. It is at once the summary of sixty observant years, and a vivid picture of London as he saw it.

Stow possessed in a peculiar degree the qualities necessary for such a work, and the time at which he wrote was exceptionally favourable. In his day he witnessed the passing of mediaevalism and the birth of the modern capital. His youth was spent in that declining time of charity and other good old customs, when he might behold with his own eyes the lordly munificence and pomp of prelates and nobles. He had seen the Prior of Trinity ride in civic procession amongst the aldermen. He could dimly recollect how the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul’s in their copes and vestments, with garlands of roses on their heads, received a buck at the high altar on the feast of the commemoration of their patron saint. In his middle age he lamented the greed and violence of professed reformers, and in his last years saw the growth of a new order. He had served his apprenticeship whilst the ancient guild-life still retained its power, but lived to see its bonds broken and a fresh dispensation come into being. He remembered pleasant walks and green fields where in his late days there were only streets and houses. He had seen the City spread on every side, till the approaches were blocked by unseemly enclosures, and even within its ancient bounds remarked how open spaces had come to be pestered with small tenements. His own sympathies were with the old ways. He recalled with regret ancient buildings that had perished in the wreck of change or through greed of gain. He had loved them for their beauty, and, as we may suppose, cherished their memory for the sake of what they symbolized. He had grown to manhood before the Reformation, and all that it entailed, was accomplished,


1 i. 89.
2 i. 141.
3 i. 334.
and his studies must have strengthened the associations of his youth. Yet he lived to feel in his own old age the warmth of the nation’s new life. He was proud of the increased prosperity of his native city, and of the new state with which the wealth of her citizens adorned her. Whatever lurking sympathy he might have felt for the old faith was lost in the deep loyalty of a true Elizabethan, who feared lest seditious religion might be a betraying unto Spanish invasion and tyranny. If thus he wrote down his Survey oftimes in the spirit of the past, he closed it in confident hope for the long enjoyment of the good estate of this city.¹

If Stow was fortunate in the time of his writing he was fortunate also in his own qualities. A long life, a retentive memory, a zeal for accumulating material, and the painstaking capacity for giving it shape, enabled him to turn his opportunity to the best advantage. He disclaims any early interest in history, but his passion for antiquity dated from his youth. Towards the end of his life he told George Buck of how he had talked with old men who remembered Richard III as a comely prince,² and his own history of that time is based admittedly on what he had heard as well as on what he had read. He had a curious faculty for minute observation and for graphic description of small detail. This power he practised most in his autobiographical fragments, whether those which he left in manuscript, or those which are embedded as the most charming passages in the Survey. But indeed the whole book is full with the fruits of the writer’s observation.

The main framework of the Survey was based on a perambulation of the several wards of the City, which Stow accomplished with scrupulous care and verified from his ample collections. The compass of Elizabethan London was small, not extending very far beyond the walls or bars, and with the whole of that small compass a single man could easily be familiar. So there is scarcely a ward to the history of which Stow could not contribute something from his own knowledge or memory. Now it is the recollection of

¹ ii. 196.
² Buck, Hist. of Richard III, ap. Kennet, Complete History, i. 548.
some old custom of his youth. Here he calls to mind the beauty of the perished bell-tower at Clerkenwell,\(^1\) or describes, perhaps not too accurately, the decoration of the old Blackwell Hall.\(^2\) Here he tells of an inscription which owed its preservation to his care,\(^3\) and elsewhere of antiquities and remains discovered in the course of excavations, which he had witnessed.\(^4\) But his chance memories, though frequent and interesting, are of less value than his deliberate record of what he sought for. Every church was visited, and all noteworthy monuments carefully described; though, as he told Manningham,\(^5\) he omitted many new monuments, 'because those men have been the defacers of the monuments of others, and so worthy to be deprived of that memory whereof they have injuriously robbed others.' Often in the Survey he laments such irreverent defacement, or the greedy spoliation of ancient tombs; and sometimes he had to supply gaps from written records, where such were available. He did not scorn to question the oldest inhabitant on the history of a forgotten or nameless grave, or to cross-examine the host and his ostler for the story of Gerard the giant.\(^6\)

In the same spirit of eager inquiry he had thought to obtain from the chief City Companies what might sound to their worship and commendation, that so he might write of them more at large. But when he met with a rather surly rebuff from the Vintners, he was somewhat discouraged any further to travail.\(^7\) Perhaps also he began to find his material outgrow his space, and felt the less inclined to pursue such a wide inquiry. To the records of his own Company he no doubt had access, and of its early history he gives some account, though with less detail than might have been expected.\(^8\)

Of the City Records Stow made far more abundant use, and the score of occasions on which he cites them specifically do not at all represent the extent of his indebtedness. Some

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\(^1\) ii. 84.
\(^2\) i. 287; ii. 337.
\(^3\) i. 40.
\(^4\) i. 38, 138, 168–70; ii. 43.
\(^5\) Diary, p. 103. Stow's lists confirm the story.
\(^6\) i. 348; ii. 353.
\(^7\) ii. 247.
\(^8\) i, pp. 181–2.
of these Records, to wit the Liber Custumarum, and possibly others also, were at this time in private hands, and readily accessible to Stow. But Stow as the 'fee'd Chronicler' of the Corporation was no doubt given free permission to consult the records which were still at the Guildhall. He had made some use of the Liber Horne, and still more of the Liber Dunthorne, and he refers occasionally by name, and very often in fact, to the Letter-books. Once, at all events, he refers to the City Journals. Probably also he owed his extensive knowledge of wills in part to the Hustings Rolls, though copies of important wills were often preserved elsewhere, as in the muniments of interested parishes.

Stow is said to have received assistance from Robert Bowyer, the Keeper of the Records; but Bowyer did not become keeper till 1604, though he was apparently in official service at an earlier date. It is clear from his frequent and accurate citations, especially from the Patent Rolls and Inquisitions post mortem, that Stow obtained abundant extracts from the records in the Tower. This he might have done through Bowyer, or through Michael Heneage, who was keeper from 1578 to 1600, or Thomas Talbot, who was Heneage's clerk; Heneage and

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1 The Liber Custumarum and Liber Antiquorum Regum, with some others, had been lent to Fleetwood the Recorder about 1576, for the preparation of the volume which now bears his name. At Fleetwood's death, in 1594, they passed by some means into the hands of Stow's friend Francis Tate, and ultimately into those of Sir Robert Cotton. In 1601 Stow was helping the Corporation in a second attempt to recover their property (see p. xxiii above). Through Tate's agency the Liber Antiquorum Regum part of the Liber Custumarum were restored in 1608. Cotton gave up the Liber Fleetwood in 1610; but even then retained a part of the Liber Custumarum, now Cotton MS. Claudius D. ii. The Liber Custumarum and Liber Horne were probably compiled by Andrew Horne (d. 1328) the City Chamberlain. The Liber Albus was prepared about 1419 by John Carpenter. The Liber Dunthorne was compiled from Letter-books and other sources (as the Trinity Cartulary) by William Dunthorne, the Town Clerk, between 1461 and 1490. The Liber Constitutionis which Stow quotes in three places (i. 83, ii. 8, 124) I have not been able to identify. For the Liber Albus and Liber Custumarum see Riley's Monumenta Gildhallae in the Rolls Series.

2 See i. 157, 308, and Notes passim.

3 ii. 294.

4 Hearne, Curious Discourses, ii. 442–3; see also Cal. State Papers, 1595–7, pp. 10, 509, and 1603–10, pp. 178, 568. Bowyer was a member of the Society of Antiquaries in November, 1599; see Ashmole MS. 763, f. 196.

5 See Notes and Supplement passim.
Talbot were both members of the Society of Antiquaries. However, the letter from his daughter, and his own statements, show that Stow himself made searches at the Tower.\(^1\)

Other minor records were not neglected. Stow refers once to the Church-book of his own parish of St. Andrew Undershaft,\(^2\) and in another place to that of St. Mildred, Poultry;\(^3\) it is evident also that he had consulted the Church-books of St. Stephen, Coleman Street, and St. Stephen, Walbrook.\(^4\) Probably much of his information as to chantries and charities was derived from such sources.

Stow’s work on records was surprisingly good, but was necessarily imperfect. In other directions his services to posterity were even more precious. With the break-up of the Monasteries their muniments were in danger of destruction. What was saved from the wreck we owe to the care of Stow and others like him. Several of the most important Cartularies for London history were in his possession. Such were the invaluable Register of Holy Trinity, Aldgate; the Cartularies of the Nuns’ Priory and the Hospital of St. John at Clerkenwell; the Liber Papie or Register of St. Augustine Papey; and the Liber S. Bartholomei, a history of St. Bartholomew’s Priory.\(^5\) If he did not himself possess, he had access also to, cartularies of St. Mary Overy,\(^6\) of the College of St. Martin-le-Grand,\(^7\) and of Colchester Abbey.\(^8\) The Dunmow Chronicle of Nicholas de Bromfield is preserved only in his transcript.\(^9\) He appears also to have owned the original Liber S. Mariae Eborum, which Francis Thynne copied as An Anonimale Chronicle of 1381, our most valuable account of the Peasants’ Revolt in London.\(^10\) No doubt the large collections of Thynne and other friends like Glover,

\(^1\) See pp. lxvii, lxxi, and ii. 246.
\(^2\) See i. 241.
\(^3\) See ii. 330.
\(^4\) See i. 227 and ii. 317.
\(^5\) As to these see p. xcii below.
\(^6\) See i. 244, ii. 63, 324–6, 353.
\(^7\) See i. 307.
\(^8\) See i. 254.
\(^9\) See p. xcii.
\(^10\) Preserved only by Thynne’s copy in Stowe MS. 1047. See ii. 366 below. In the same volume are extracts from a Chronicle of the Kings of Man, and the Ledger Book of Osney (now at Christ Church, Oxford), which Thynne had borrowed from Stow. For instances of Stow’s indebtedness to friends see the account of his own Collections on pp. lxxvii to xcii below. The letters of his friends illustrate what community of assistance there was between the antiquaries of the day.
Fleetwood, and Camden were at his service. The report of
Grindal's chaplains on their search of Stow's study in 1569
proves that he had even thus early accumulated a great mass
of material. The letters of his friends show the repute in
which 'Stow's Storehouse', and especially his Fundationes
Ecclesiariurn, was held.¹ Not the least of his treasures were his
transcripts of Leland's Collections, to which reference has
already been made.²

With the works of the great mediaeval historians, as William
of Malmesbury, Henry of Huntingdon, Roger Hoveden, Mat-
thew Paris, the Flores Historiarum, Knighton, and Walsingham
Stow was familiar, and of most if not of all he possessed
valuable manuscripts. He used also many minor authorities,³
and more than one document of interest exists only in his
transcript.⁴ But for his own peculiar purpose in the Survey
the old Chronicles of London were of greater value, and
of them he made constant use. His own Summary and
Chronicles were, so to say, in form, and to a great extent in
matter, the direct descendants of the ancient civic histories.
Stow himself possessed or used at least three of the copies of
the Chronicles of London which still survive, and made some
notes in them all. Two of these have been printed, viz. the
Short English Chronicle from Lambeth M.S. 306 in Dr. Gaird-
ner's Three Fifteenth Century Chronicles, and the more valuable
and important copy in Cotton M.S. Vitellius A. xvi, which is
included in my own volume of Chronicles of London. The
third is contained in Harley Roll C. 8, which is no doubt one
of the 'old Registers' which Stow searched for information
on the portreeves and early governors of the City.⁵ But these

¹ See pp. lxix to lxiii.
² See p. xxv above.
³ As the Chronicon Angliae, 1328–88 (i. 71, ii. 168–9); monastic annals
like those of Bermondsey (ii. 66–7) and Dunstable (ii. 49); Walter
of Coventry (i. 24); Peter of Ickham (i. 89); William de Chambre (i. 90,
ii. 99); and the pseudo-Ingulph (i. 72, ii. 112, 128).
⁴ e.g. The Arrивall of Edward IV, and The Chronicle of Calais in
Harley MSS. 542, 543. See p. xc below.
⁵ See p. xcii and note on ii. 382 below. The Chronicle in Harley
Roll C. 8, is very similar to the Short English Chronicle referred to above.
But even in the earlier portions it contains some additions; from 1400
to 1434 it is very meagre; from 1434 to 1451 it resembles closely the
fuller copy in Cotton M.S. Julius B. I (see Nicolas, Chronicle of London,
were not the only copies with which he was acquainted, as appears from various references in his printed works,\(^1\) and from fragments and transcripts preserved amongst his *Collections.*\(^2\) It is clear, moreover, that Stow had used the longer original of the Vitellius Chronicle,\(^3\) whether at first hand, or through the medium of a lost work of Fabian. Of Fabian himself Stow has left an interesting note: \(^4\) ‘He wrote a Chronicle of London, England and of France, beginning at the creation, and endynge in the third of Henry the 8, which both I have in writen hand.’\(^5\) The second edition of Fabian’s *Chronicle*, which appeared in 1532, included continuations to 1509. But for these it is unlikely that Fabian was in any sense responsible, and it is certain that his original work ended with 1485. But both in his *Survey* and in his *Annales* Stow several times quotes ‘Ro. Fabian’, or ‘Fabian’s manuscript’, as his authority for incidents between 1485 and 1512.\(^6\) These citations agree with nothing in the printed continuations, and where they correspond with passages in the Vitellius Chronicle are sometimes fuller. A possible solution is that Fabian had himself composed a continuation of his original work, which was superior to those supplied in the printed editions. Of this manuscript continuation all trace has now perished, except for Stow’s record and occasional quotations. The gap between the end of Fabian’s manuscript and the beginning of Stow’s own life was not long. For the greater part of the reign of Henry VIII he was dependent chiefly on Hall’s *Chronicle*, supplemented by the London Annals in *Harley M.S.* 540. But for the last sixty years of his history he writes from his own knowledge, at first of memory, and afterwards of record

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\(^1\) e.g. The notices on the affair of Laurence Duket in 1284, the play at Skimmers Well in 1409, the piracy on the Thames in 1440, and the fight at Smithfield in 1442. See i. 93, 254; ii. 32, 71.

\(^2\) Ap. *Harley M.S.* 367, 530, 540, 541, and 543. See further pp. lxxxvii to xc below.

\(^3\) Cf. ii. 310.

\(^4\) See ii. 305 below.

\(^5\) One may possibly be the *Cotton M.S.* Nero C. xi.

\(^6\) See i. 181, 209; ii. 55, 116 below. It is probable that some other matter comes from the same source, as the notes for 1504–5 in i. 67 and ii. 62.
set down systematically year by year for his *Summary* and *Annales*.

Between Feb., 1561 and July, 1567 at all events he kept some sort of Diary. The greater part of this was made use of for the *Annales*, but some matters it would clearly have been unwise to print. This Diary ends just before the beginning of his troubles. The search of his library by Grindal may have warned him to keep no more any such dangerous document.

Stow himself tells us that the idea of his *Survey* was suggested by Lambarde’s *Perambulation of Kent*, which first appeared in 1574. He writes modestly that at the desire and persuasion of friends he handled the argument after plain manner rather than leave it unperformed. From the Letters Patent of James I it appears that Stow had spent eight years on the preparation of his *Survey*, and since the first edition was published in 1598 he must have been long past sixty years of age when he began his work. As already pointed out, a careful perambulation of the several wards of the City furnished the main framework of the book. To this particular account there was prefixed a more general narrative dealing with the origins, the growth, and social life of the City. For that part which deals with Roman Antiquities Stow was probably indebted to the assistance of Camden. For the subsequent chapters on Walls, Rivers, Gates, and Towers, on Customs, Sports, and Pastimes, and on the Honour of Citizens he found a convenient text in William Fitz-Stephen’s *De-

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1 In his *Summary* for 1566 when describing Somerset’s execution he thinks it ‘good to writ myne opinion according to that whiche I there sawe’. Suitable material was transferred from the *Annales* to the *Survey*.
2 Preserved in Lambeth MS, 306 and printed as Stow’s *Memoranda* in Dr. Gairdner’s *Three Fifteenth Century Chronicles*, pp. 115-47. I have given some passages which illustrate the *Survey* in the notes on ii. 283, 303, 339, 346, 360 below. Very little of the *Memoranda* is personal: on 3 January, 1565, he dined with a friend at Westminster, and walked back on the ice to Baynard’s Castle ‘as salte as ever I went in any place in all my lyfe’; on 2 April, 1566, ‘was sene in yᵉ elyment as though the same had openyd yᵉ breghte of a great shete and shewyd a bryght flame of fyre and then closyd agayne, and as it ware at every mynute of an howre to opyn and close agayne, yᵉ whiche I, beyng at yᵉ Barrs without All-gate, sawe playne easte as it was ove the churche namyd Whitchappel’ (pp. 131, 137).
3 Much of it resembles closely Camden’s *Britannia*. 
scription of London,¹ which he printed accordingly as an appendix to the Survey.²

From the state of the original manuscript ³ we may conjecture that Stow first set out in a fair hand the result of his perambulation. This he then proceeded to complete with additions and interpolations drawn from his own large storehouse, and written on the margins, or between the lines, or on slips pasted in, at such length as often to double the original contents of the page. The draft thus prepared differs a good deal from the printed work as well in matter as in the arrangement, which was finally altered for the better.⁴ On the other hand, Stow seems to have found his copy too extensive, and therefore cut out various matters which he had dealt with elsewhere or thought superfluous. But no sooner was the work printed than he began after his accustomed manner to enlarge and improve it. In the preface to his second edition he declares with justice that he had added many rare notes of antiquity.⁵ Amongst the longest of these additions may be noted the extract from the Lancaster accounts,⁶ the whole section 'Of Charitable Alms', the expansion of the Chapter on Honour of Citizens,⁷ the account of the Devil’s appearance at St. Michael, Cornhill,⁸ the notes on Jews in England,⁹ and on Tournaments at Smithfield;¹⁰ and finally the unperfected notes on City government, a subject which he did not touch in his first edition, because he had hope that another minded such a labour.¹¹ But of more real moment than these long insertions, are the numberless small corrections and additions, of which it is impossible to give any general description. It is curious that the references to foundations of Chantries are nearly all inserted for

¹ Prefixed by FitzStephen to his Life of Thomas Becket.
² See ii. 220–9 below.
³ The main part forms Harley MS. 538. A rough draft of the chapter on Southwark is in Harley MS. 544, ff. 96–9, where also there is another fragment on f. 107. A revised draft of the chapter on Rivers is in Tanner MS. 464 in the Bodleian Library.
⁴ See notes on ii. 285 and 305 below.
⁵ The additions amount to 100 pages.
⁶ i. 85–7 and ii. 236. ⁷ i. 89–91 and ii. 236. ⁸ i. 196 and ii. 244.
⁹ i. 278–82 and ii. 252. ¹⁰ ii. 29–33 and 260. ¹¹ ii. 187.
the first time in the second edition.\textsuperscript{1} Several new passages are inserted from the Vitellius Chronicle of London; and the Cartulary of St. Mary Overy would appear to have been for the first time consulted during the interval.\textsuperscript{2} Other additions relate to events of later date than 1598, such as the bequests of Alice Smith to the Skinners, the foundation of Plat’s School in 1601, and the damage done to Cheap Cross in 1599 and 1600.\textsuperscript{3} Apart from the addition of new matter the text of the Survey was carefully revised. Of this the best instance is to be found in the rearrangement of the material relating to Cheapside, which in the first edition was spread over Cheap, Farringdon Within, and Cordwainer Street Wards, but in 1603 was more conveniently brought together in the account of the first-named.\textsuperscript{4} The first edition, moreover, seems not to have escaped criticism. So a note on the Skinners Company was put in ‘to stop the tongues of unthankful men, such as use to ask: Why have ye not noted this, or that? and give no thanks for what is done’.\textsuperscript{5} A contrary reason may explain the disappearance of Stow’s account of his rebuff by the Vintners.\textsuperscript{6} There is also a characteristic touch in the note ‘that being informed of the Writhsleys to be buried there, I have since found them and others to be buried at St. Giles, Cripplegate, where I mind to leave them’.\textsuperscript{7} Certainly Stow improved his book in its second edition; it was substantially larger, and the changes were on the whole for the better. Nevertheless both the original draft and the first edition contain peculiar matter which we should have been sorry to lose.

Thomas Hearne called Stow ‘an honest and knowing man’, but ‘an indifferent scholar’.\textsuperscript{8} The criticism is not altogether unjust, for Stow suffered from the limitations which no self-taught man can escape entirely. His knowledge of Latin and French was imperfect, and he was disposed sometimes to evade rather than solve his difficulties. It is not surprising that he should occasionally be at fault in his most positive

\textsuperscript{1} See for instances, ii. 244–9.
\textsuperscript{2} See i. 25, 37, 66, 244, 249, 346, ii. 63.
\textsuperscript{3} See i. 264–70 and ii. 249–54.
\textsuperscript{4} See ii. 247.
\textsuperscript{5} See i. 231.
\textsuperscript{6} Letters from the Bodleian, i. 288, ii. 98.
\textsuperscript{7} See i. 174, 267.
\textsuperscript{8} See i. 204.
interpretations. In the first compilation of such a work a
certain proportion of error was inevitable, whether through
inaccuracy of transcription for which Stow was personally
responsible, or in mistakes of the printer over dates. What
is really remarkable about the Survey is that a man with
little advantages of education, working on new ground from
sources still for the most part in manuscript, was able to
discover and bring into order so vast a mass of material.
After all possible deductions the Survey justifies Stow’s rule
in the preface to his Summarie for 1565:—‘In hystories the
chief thyng that is to be desired is the truth.’ His main
narrative is substantially accurate, the state of his original
manuscript, and the variations presented by the printed
editions bear witness to the pains which he took to verify his
facts.1 The range of his information is indeed remarkable.
It appears not only in the text of his published works, but
also in the vast mass of his manuscript Collections, of which
the surviving remnant, considerable enough, can have formed
but a small part.2

In the Survey Stow’s chief task of research was to find
illustrations for what he had heard or seen, and criticism or
discrimination was of less importance. The charm and value
of the work consist in its personal note. We are not so much
concerned that Stow should have had a fine scorn for fables
of other folks’ telling, especially if that other chanced to be
R. G.,3 as that he could tell a merry tale on his own account.
It is well that he should disbelieve in giants,4 but better that
he could repeat with simple faith his father’s story of how the
Devil appeared at St. Michael, Cornhill, and add his own
testimony on the holes where the claws had entered three or
four inches deep in the stone.5 But even greater credulity in
himself, and more harsh censure of it in others, could be for-
given for the sake of his zeal for truth and just dealing. He
loved to praise famous men, and rejoiced in the history of

1 A comparison of Stow’s account of St. Michael, Cornhill, with the
Churchwardens’ Accounts, which he does not appear to have seen,
furnishes a good instance of his accuracy. See i. 195–9 and ii. 395–6.
And see also ii. 331–2 for another contemporary instance.
2 See pp. lxxxvi sqq. below.
3 See i. 118, 349.
4 See i. 348–9.
5 See i. 196.
their good deeds. The care with which he set down particulars of charities seems to have been inspired by a sense of the public interest, for he is not less careful to censure the too frequent instances of neglect and misappropriation. He comments so often on the failure of executors in the discharge of their duties, that one begins to suspect the memory of some personal grievance. But his censure never seems malicious. He speaks out openly against abuses of civic government, and the promotion of unfitting persons, but he glosses over the shortcomings which lost John Cowper his term of mayoralty, and does not repeat the scandal caused by Sir Thomas Lodge, who was 'braky and professe to be banqweroute' during his year of office. In other matters his own predilections could not be suppressed. He did not like change, objected to find his former walks pestered with filthy tenements, commended archery, thought no harm of bull-baiting, scorned bowling-alleys, and passed theatres by.

Stow's pronounced opinions on such matters were reflected inevitably in the Survey. Of the London of contemporary satirists and dramatists we find little trace. It is only through his repeated complaints of the dicing-houses, and filthy tenements, which destroyed the pleasant walks of his youth, that we get any hint at the cozenage, gambling, and immorality which defamed the suburbs of Elizabethan London. To the lurid picture drawn by Greene and Nash, Dekker and Rowlands, Stow's sober narrative may, however, supply a needed corrective. More surprising to readers of to-day must be the almost complete absence in the Survey of any reference to the adventurous and intellectual activities of the age. 'Sir Francis Drake, that famous mariner', is mentioned once. But there is not a word of Shakespeare, nor of any other of the great writers of the time, not even of his own acquaintance

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1 i. 116, 148, 154, 198, 246.
2 i. 114–5, 273.
3 See i. 191.
4 See i. 212.
5 Memoranda, ap. Three Fifteenth Century Chronicles, p. 127.
6 It is the desecration of the Sabbath, not the cruelty to animals, which Stow reprehends, when in referring to the accident at Paris-Garden, on Sunday, 13 Jan., 1583, he writes: 'A friendly warning to such as more delight themselves in the cruelty of beasts, then in the works of mercy, the fruits of a true professed faith, which ought to be the Sabbath day's exercise.' Annales, p. 1173, ed. 1605.
Ben Jonson. It may be replied that Stow was not concerned with social life; but in point of fact he is ready enough to digress on any subject that interested him. As a matter of topography alone such famous, or notorious, haunts as The Bull in Bishopsgate, The Mitre, or The Mermaid deserved at least a passing notice. But theatrical references were struck out deliberately in the edition of 1603, save for a general implied censure on stage-plays. Perhaps a like intention accounts for the exclusion of other topics to which the writer was not attracted. Stow's attitude was not, however, due to any recluse-like absorption in books. We get a few glimpses of him as a sociable companion, ready to discuss business in a friendly way over a quart of ale or pint of wine, interested in old sports, in the fun on the frozen Thames, and the time-honoured wrestling at Bartholomew Fair. New-fangled customs and amusements he did not love, and he either censured them openly, or left them unnoticed, like those tombs of the lately dead, which thrust out monuments hallowed by antiquity.

Such an attitude was perhaps natural to the conservative mind of an old man, who found himself in 'the most scoffing, carping, respectlesse, and unthankful age that ever was'.\(^1\) It certainly hurt nobody. Yet once in a way there comes out a touch of spite in his humorous satisfaction at the misfortunes which befell the builders of high houses to overlook others, and especially a neighbour of his own in Leadenhall, who made him a high tower, but being in short time tormented with gout could not climb and take pleasure thereof.\(^2\) But we may accept the protest which has come down to us through Howes, that he never wrote anything either for malice, fear, or favour, nor to seek his own particular gain or vain-glory, and that his only pains and care was to write Truth.

The text of the Survey as given in the edition of 1603 is the only full and authoritative version. Strange as it may appear, it has never been accurately reprinted. The very interest of the book encouraged later writers to continue and

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\(^1\) *Annales*, p. 859, ed. 1631. It is Howes's observation; but he may have been using Stow's collections.

\(^2\) See l. 152.
expand it. No long time after Stow’s death Anthony Munday took up his friend’s work, and in 1618 produced an edition, ‘continued, corrected, and much enlarged with many rare and worthie notes.’ It is true that in bulk Munday’s additions were considerable, but, as Strype remarks, they consist very largely of copies of monumental inscriptions from churches and extracts from the Summarie and Annales. However, like Stow before him, Munday had no sooner completed his labours than he set to work once more. In 1633, four months after Munday’s death, there appeared another edition ‘completely finished by the study of A. M., H. D., and others’. Perhaps the most prominent addition on this occasion was the insertion of coats of arms of all the Mayors and the City Companies. But, besides further notes on churches, there was a large if somewhat undigested mass of new matter, copies of Acts and Statutes of Parliament and the Common Council, notes on the origin of the City Companies, and the like. Strype censures Munday for his deviations from the author’s edition and sense; unhappily he had not the wisdom to take warning from another’s error.

In 1694 there was a design to reprint the Survey with large additions and improvements. A little later John Strype began to work on the Survey, and after long labour produced in 1720 a so-called edition in two large folio volumes. Hearne, on hearing of the project in 1707, wrote well: ‘Stow should have been simply reprinted as a venerable original, and the additions given in a different character’. Strype judged otherwise, and though he preserved for the most part the original text, he embedded it in such a mass of new, if valuable, matter as often to conceal its identity and obscure its meaning. A similar criticism applies to the version of 1734, edited by John Mottley under the pseudonym of Robert Seymour, and to the ‘Sixth Edition’ of 1754, printed under Strype’s name but with additions ‘by careful hands’, bringing the survey and history down to that date.

1 H. D. is Humphry Dyson. See p. 442 of Survey for 1633.
2 Projected apparently by Awnsham Churchill, and other London publishers: see a broadsheet in the Bodleian Library.
3 Collections, ii. 41.
The text of 1603 was first reprinted by W. J. Thoms in 1842. Thoms added notes of some antiquarian interest, together with the chief variations of the text of 1598. But he modernized the orthography and omitted some of the marginal notes. His text is moreover not free from typographical errors, which did not appear in the original. The example of Thoms' edition has been followed in subsequent reprints. Thus it comes to pass that the present edition, for the first time after three hundred years, makes Stow's true work generally accessible in the form in which he wrote it.
APPENDIX TO INTRODUCTION

I. NOTES ON THE STOW FAMILY

Early History.

Stow no doubt belonged to an old London family. His grandfather Thomas (d. 1527) in his will refers to his own parents as being buried at St. Michael, Cornhill (see p. vii above). This carries the descent one generation further back than John Stow could do. The name occurs occasionally in early records. There is mention of a John de Stowe in 1283 (Sharpe, Cal. Wills Hustings, i. 65). Henry de Stowe, draper, had a lease of the Coldharbour in 1319 (see i. 236 below). Another John Stowe occurs in 1351 (Cal. Wills, i. 641), and William Stowe in 1387 (Anc. Deeds, B. 2055). Thomas Stow was Dean of St. Paul’s in 1400. But I cannot connect any of these with the chronicler.

I must pass, therefore, to contemporary documents, and will then sum up their evidence.

The Will of Elizabeth Stowe.

The xxvijth of June 1568.

‘In the name of God Amen. I, Elizabeth Stowe beinge sicke in bodye &c.’ Her body to be buried ‘in the cloyster by my husbande in the parisshe of S. Mychell in Cornehill.’ Her executor to spend ‘xxxv/4. vpon my buryall to burye me decently withall’.

‘Itm. I will myne executor to gyve vnto Iohn my eldeste sonne fyve poundes. Itm. I gyve vnto Iohn my younger sonne the monye beinge in the handes of Thomas sfarmer my sonne in lawe, the some of xijl. vjs. viijd., which shalbe due as apperethe by one obligacion. And yf it happen that the saide Iohn the yonger doe departe this worlde within the time specified in the obligacion, that then it remaine vnto William Stowe my sonne, and yf he dye also then it to remaine vnto my executor his heires executors or assigns.’

To William Stowe, ten pounds. To her daughter Iohan, five pounds ‘for she haeth had fyve already’. To her daughter Margaret ‘the yearely rent of the house which Stephen Rowlandson dwelleth in, which is xxxv by year’ with remainder to her executor.
Vnto my daughter Alyce my best pettycoate for a remembrance, for she hath had tenne pounds of me alredye.'

'Vnto my brother William Archer his wyfe, my cassocke edged with conye, and to his son harye xls. in monye.'

'Vnto my cosen Cuttler my worste cassocke.' Ten shillings 'for my children and fyrndes to drinke withall after my buryall.' Five shillings for the poor in bread. To the Tallow-chandlers six shillings and eight pence to follow her corpse.

'My sonne Thomas Stowe my full and whhole executor' is named residuary legatee, and Harry Johnson is appointed overseer and to have six shillings and eight pence for his pains.


The Will of John Stowe.

'In the name of God amen. The xxx day of August 1603 I John Stowe Citizen and Marchant Tailor of London &c.

'My bodye to be buryed where it please God to take me to his mercye. fyrst I gyve and bequeath to my daughter Jullyan Towers the some of x pounds. And to my daughter Jone foster ten pounds. And that they to be satysfied and contented for any further porcyons after my death. And for the rest of my goodes household stuf and appareyle I gyve vnto Elizabeth my wyfe, as also I gyve vnto her the lease of my house with the Residue of the yeares to come.'

Elizabeth Stow is appointed executrix, and George Speryng overseer, 'desyring hym moste hartely to take so moche paynes to help my pore wyfe in her busynes, that she be not ouerpressed to take any wrong.'

Signed in a very shaky but characteristic hand: 'Iohn stow, Iohn stow aged 78 yereres.'

Proved by Elizabeth Stow on 6 April 1605.

Both wills were proved in the Bishop of London's Court, and the above abstracts are taken from the originals.

Entries in Parish Registers.

St. Michael, Cornhill.

Christenings: 20 Sept. 1547, William Stowe.

12 Dec. 1574, Thomas; 4 May 1578, Elizabeth; 10 April 1580, Judith; 25 Dec. 1581, Emmanuel; 3 June 1584, Judith; all children of Thomas Stowe.

1 See pp. liii and livii below.
2 Deputy of Limestreet Ward, see next page.
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Burials: 16 June 1559, Thomas Stowe.
15 Aug. 1571, Margery, wife of Thomas Stowe. 16 Dec. 1583, Elizabeth, d. of Thomas Stowe. 21 Sept. 1594, Judith, wife of Thomas Stowe. 8 Oct. 1602, Thomas Stowe 'dwelling in the Churchyard'.

St. Andrew Undershaft.

Christenings: 27 Jan. 1558, Jone, d. of John Stowe.
20 Feb. 1558, Marie, d. of John Stoe.
29 June 1582, Peter; 9 Feb. 1583, Francis; 20 March 1588, Elizabeth; 2 June 1588, Thomas; 8 Nov. 1590, Susan; 6 Oct. 1594, Peter; 23 Jan. 1595, Robert; 19 Feb. 1596, Gregorye; all children of Peter Towers.

Marriages: 31 Aug. 1567, Thomas Stowe and Margerie Kent, widdow.
23 April 1581, Peter Towers and Julyan Stoe.
15 July 1582, Pawle Walter and Annes Stowe (or Stone).
4 Feb. 1587, Gylles Dewbery and Margaret Stowes.

6 Nov. 1600, Peter; 5 Sept. 1603, Thomas; 13 Sept. 1603, Robert; 22 Sept. 1603, Susanna; the last four being all children of Mr. Peter Towers.
8 April 1605, 'Mr. John Stoe was Buryed the viijth day of April, 1605.'
14 Feb. 1610, Mrs. Julyan Towers, wifwe of Mr. Peter Towers.
15 July 1611, Mr. George Spering, late Alderman's Deputie.
9 Sept. 1613, Mr. Francis Towers, son of Mr. Peter Towers.
24 Jan. 1624, Mr. Peter Towers, householder.

St. Dionis Backchurch.

Marriage: 8 Oct. 1571, Thomas Stowe of St. Michael, Cornhill, to Judith Heath of this parish.

The Registers of St. Michael, Cornhill, and St. Dionis Backchurch, have been printed by the Harleian Society. For permission to search the Register of St. Andrew Undershaft, I have to thank the Bishop of Islington, who is Rector of St. Andrew.

Thomas Stow (d. 1559), who married Elizabeth Archer, was the father of John Stow, and had other issue: Thomas, William (d. 1547), and John the younger; Johan, married Mr. Rolfe, alias Frowyke; Margaret; and Alice, married Thomas Farmer. From the terms of
Elizabeth Stowe's will, I conjecture that 'John the younger' was under age at her death; I find no other mention either of him or of William Stowe. It will be observed that in St. Michael's Register there is no entry of the death of Elizabeth Stowe; but in the Churchwardens' Accounts (p. 162, ed. W. H. Overall) there is a note under 1568: 'Receyved for the buryall of Mystris Stowe iijs. iiiijd.'; she died in Oct. 1568 (see p. lx). The later entries in that Register probably relate to the chronicler's brother Thomas, his wives and children. The first marriage of Thomas Stowe is probably that of 1567 in the St. Andrew's Register; from the story on p. lx it appears likely that he had married a widow called Margery Kent or Kemp shortly before 1568; his second marriage is clearly that of the St. Dionis Register. But it is curious that in Harley MS. 538, f. 147v, there are two stray notes: 'Mastar Burcheley in the towne of Hartford is Thomas Stow's cosyn, and Iohan Frowyk's cosen in houndsdytche. Master Burchely of Hertford is a cosen to Iohan Frowicke in houndsdytche, to Thomas Stowe in Cornell, but no kyn to John Stowe.' We know, however, that John Stow's sister Johan or Joan was sometimes called Frowyke (see p. lx), and the facts which we know about Thomas Stow fit so well with the entries in the Registers, that I can only conjecture that the true purport of these notes is lost; possibly John Stow, in the bitterness of his quarrel, disowned the kinship. Of Thomas Stow of Cornhill we learn something from the Churchwardens' Accounts (p. 247); he was one of the wardens of St. Michael's between 1582 and 1588; in the latter year it was 'agreed that Thomas Stowe after all suche grants now in esse or beinge for his sister Margaret, or for his owne dwelling if nede shalbe, shall have one of the houses in the churchyard of of parish, first empty after the xpiracion of all the same graunts'. It will be remembered that John Stow's sister Margaret appears to have been unmarried.

From the entries at St. Andrew Undershaft, it seems clear that there were at least two parishioners called Jo. Stow or Stoe. It is therefore impossible to be certain that any of the entries relate to the chronicler except those of his own burial, and of his daughter Julyan's marriage; in both the name is curiously spelt Stoe. It is hardly possible that the Jone Stowe of 1569 and Marie Stoe of 1564 should be his daughters, since at these dates he probably still lived in St. Katherine Cree Church parish; moreover, Stow's three daughters

1 Unfortunately there are no Registers for St. Katherine Cree Church earlier than 1637.
were 'marriageable and in service with right worshipfull personages' by 1569 or thereabouts (see p. lxii). It has been commonly assumed that the Anne Stow, who died in 1581, was the chronicler's first wife, but for this I can find no evidence. Joan Foster's mother was clearly alive when she wrote the letter to her father which is given on p. lxx; if she had only dated it fully the point might have been settled. On the whole it does not seem safe to connect either Anne Stow or Joyce Stooc with the chronicler. Elizabeth Stow is mentioned by name only in her husband's will, on the tomb, and in the copy of the Survey, which presumably belonged to her, and is now in the British Museum; but one of her husband's grandchildren was named Elizabeth. Of Stow's three daughters two survived him. Julyan, apparently the elder, married Peter Towers in 1581, and died in 1611; the description of her husband as 'Mr.' seems to indicate that he was well-to-do. The second, Joan Foster, lived at Warwick, whence she wrote the letter on p. lxx; her marriage does not appear in the St. Andrew's Register, but Foster was a common name in the parish. The Margaret Stowes, who married Gyles Dewbery in 1587, and died a widow in 1593, might possibly be the third.

Mr. George Spering, the Alderman's Deputy, was no doubt the Overseer of John Stow's will.

Of the other persons named in Elizabeth Stow's will, 'my cosen Cuttler' appears also in John Stow's history. The poor uncle, who was overcome by Elizabeth's injustice (see p. lviii), is presumably William Archer, whose son 'Harye' may perhaps be identical with the Henry Archer who served in the Netherlands in 1587, and apparently supplied John Stow with material for his Annales (pp. 1199, 1221, ed. 1605).

II. DOCUMENTS ILLUSTRATING STOW'S LIFE


[Amongst John Stow's private papers now bound up in Harley MS. 367 are several disordered fragments (ff. 1–3 and ff. 11, 12) relating to his controversy with Richard Grafton. For the most part they deal with alleged errors of Grafton's, and such points as the extent of his debt to Hall. But f. 3, which deals with the beginning of the quarrel, contains autobiographical matter of a wider interest, and helps to explain the prefaces printed on pp. lxxvi to lxxix; it is therefore given in full. The most interesting portion of f. 1 is given on pp. xi, xii above.]

1563. Richard Grafton published his first boke, intituled 'An abridgment of ye cronicles of England', anno 1563. In ye epistle wherof (dedi-
euated to ye right honorable lord Robert Dudley &c.), he contemyth all ye abrydgments before tyme publyshid, saythe ye therin was contayned lytle trewe & lesse good order, wt ye uncertanyt of yeres to ye deceyvynge of all, & vniust dishonoringe of mayny; but in this boke, quod he, yow shall fynd these abusys reformyd, & trewe the more symply vvertyd &c. This boke thus publyshyd was, not wt stondynge ye glories tytle, of moaste men, or rathar of all (except hym selfe) more myslyked then ye former abridgments of othan.

Richard Grafton reprintyd ye same his Abridgment Anno 1564 wt 1564 excuse to ye readers that in ye first imprecion partly by miswritynge, partly by misentrynge and mystakynge of yeres, but chiefly by mysprintinge, divers and sondry fautes wer comytted, whiche (nowe) aftar he had well parused, he had wt dilygence reformyd and amendyd, in suche maner as he trustyd would appeare in ye imprecion to ye intentacion of all those ye are desyrus to vnderstond ye trew notes & discorse of tymes &c. This boke beinge little better then ye first (nay rathar worse) was as myche or more of all men myslyked, thrwghe occasiony wherof mayny sitisens & others knowynge ye I had bene a sercher of antiquitis, (whiche were devinite, sorencys, & poyetrye, but nevar extemyd history wer it offeryd nevar so frely) movyd me for ye commendacion of my contry somewhat to travaile in settynge forth some oth. abrydgment or somarye, and also to write agaynst & reprove Richard Grafton. To ye first at ye lengthe I grauntyd, but to ye othar I vterrorly refusyd; about ye same tyme 2 it haponyd that Thomas Marche printar requiryd me to corecte ye old comon abridgment, which at ye first was collectyd of Langwit & Copar's epitomy, but then moche coruptyd wt oft reprintynge, and therfore of Richard Grafton so contemyd as is afore sayd. To this request I grauntyd on condicion ye some one whiche were better learnyd moght be ioyned wt me, for ye it was a stody wherein I had nevar travayled; and for my parte I wolde gyve my labores in that mattar frely wt out takynge for my paynes ye valew of one peny. Shortly aftar Thomas Marche apoynted to me William Baldwyn, mynstar & parson of S. Michels at Powles gate; but or evar we wrote one word of ye mattar it plesyd God to call ye sayd W. Baldwyn to his mercy; 2 wherupon, I thynkynge myselfe dischargyd of my promys to Thomas Marshe, he nevartheless required me to begyn a letyl, for he wold shortly apoynt one to be ioynyd wt me, whiche promys as yet was nevar performed. But I, aftar I had once begone, I cowld

1 See note on p. ix above.

2 See p. x above.
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not rest tyll ye same were fully endyd. And then I of myne owne mynd wente to Grafton's howse, & shewyd hym my boke, requiryng hym not to be offeynd wth my doynges for I ment not to gyve eny suche occasyon. Aftar I had shoyd hym what movyd me to travayle in that matter I also shewyd hym his owne abridgment of ye laste imprecion, whiche I had coayd in ye margen, wherin he had not only mysplacyd all moaste all ye yeares of our lord god, but also ye yere of ye begynynge & endyngs of all ye kyngs of this realme, and of mayne kynges had lefte out how longe they severally regnydyd, but in one place he left out ij kynges togithar, that is to say, Didantium, Detonus, and Gurguinus, he dothe not so moche as name them, fo. 6. There also lakyng Sygebért, who reygnyd ij yeres, fo. 25. When he comyth to the accompte of ye baylyves, maiors, sheryves of London, he eythar myse placethem or levithe them owt, in some place one, some place ij, iij, iiij, ye v. together, fo. 66, wth also ye yere of our lord, & ye reynes of ye kyngs, & all that was done in those yeres. For ye folowyng of his awctor one noate shal suffyce. Thomas Copar saythe ye xxx garmaynes tawght ye abrogation of ye sacra-
ments of ye awitar, baptisme & wedlocke fo. 211, and Grafton saythe they tawght a reformation &c. fo. 42. For ye sterlyng money he saythe it was coynyd beinge & ounce of silvar, & it had ye name eythar of ye bird cawlyd a starre havyng perhaps ye same put in, or else of a starr in ye element, fo. 94. For ye well placynge of his matter in fo. 96 he placeth ye conduyte in Grasious strete to be byyled by Thomas Knoles in anno 1410, whiche conduyt was begane to be byyled by ye executors of Sir Thomas Hyll in anno 1490 & finishyd anno 1503. Also in ye same lefe & ye same yere 1410 he saythe K. Henry ye fourthe endyd his lyfe ye 12 yere of his regne and was byuryd at Canterbery, and then declareth what was done in ye 13 and 14 yeres of his regne, for ye he makyth the hym to raygne ij yeres afer he was dede and beryd. In folio 154 he placeth ye death of kyng Edward ye 6 afer ye lady Jane, ye afer quene Mary was proclaimed, and ye duke of Northombarland apre-
hendyd. In ye 2 yere of qwen Mary & ye 1 of kyng Phylpe he saythe ye emperour sent ye Cownty Egmount & othar embassadors into england to make a parfit conclusion of maryage bitwene kyng Phylpe & quene Marye. And as thes fewe thynges are placyd, so is almoaste all his whole boke. Ye printer in fo. 97 hathe printyd iij lynes twyse togheter &c. Aftar I had thus shewyd my owne boke, & also

1 Three mythical monarchs in the first century B.C.
2 The German heretics of 1166. W. Newburgh, 132-4.
3 Read an.
Documents illustrating Stow's life

Grafton's late abridgment so coatyd as I have partly declaryd, to the fyrste Richard Grafton sayd he lykyd yᵉ same very well, yᵗ I had bothe taken great paynes and also desaryd great commendacion; for yᵉ othar he sayd he had folowyd Fabayn, which was a very nowghty cronycle, and Coper whiche was x. tymes worse, and cursid yᵉ tyme yᵗ evar he had sene Copar's cronycle, for yᵗ had cawsyd hym to comyt all thos errours, & Copar was not worthy to be acomptyd learyd; & then he showyd me wher Copar had written ij negatyves in on sentence, which was not yᵉ part of a learyd man; he addyd forthar: 'I do not' (quod he) 'write ij negatives in one sentence; I can tell how to wrtyt, I trowe &c.' To be short he gave me thankes, and professyd his frindshyple in eny thynge that lay in hym to do, & so we partyd. Then after I had got my boke pereusyd & lycensyd by yᵉ wardeyns of yᵉ Stacionars, I requirid soord[er] my lord of Cauentrebery his grace to aucorryze yᵉ same, and then put yᵉ same in print.¹ After yᵉ comynge owt wherof, for yᵗ yᵉ same was well vtteredy by yᵉ printar, & well lyked of in yᵉ comon weale, Grafton began then to chasse and dyvysyd wᵗ hym selfe, & toke counsell of mayny othars, whiche way to brynghe me out of credyt, and at lengthe toke one of my bokes namyd yᵉ Summarie of Englyshe chronicles, and drew out ther of (all togithar leavyng his owne abridgment) a smale boke whiche he printed in desimo sexto, & in yᵉ frontar he entilythye the it, A manuell of yᵉ Chronicles of yᵉ world tyll anno 1565; to yᵉ reder 1565. he cawlethe it a brydgyd abridgement, and over yᵉ page of yᵉ leves cawlethie it a brefe colation of history. This boke he dedicatyd to his lovyngh frends yᵉ mastar & wardeyns of yᵉ company of yᵉ moste excellant arte & science of Imprintynge, reqwestynge them to take swche ordar wᵗ theyr whole company yᵗ ther be no brefe abridgements or manuels of Chronicles imprinted, but only that &c. To yᵉ reder he saythe, I hope yᵗ none will showe them selves so vngentle, nor so vnfrindly as to abuse me in this my little labor & goodwill, as of late I was abusyd by one yᵗ counterfeactyd my volume & ordar of yᵉ abridgment of yᵉ chronicles, & hathe made my travayle to passe vnnder his name,² also by omittynge some thynges of myne & worsse put in place, & by alteracion of some thyngs & by addicion of some other, whiche kynd of dealynghe is not comendable &c. Aftar yᵗ I had viewid this preface & yᵉ whole emanuell (stf), I havynge also abridgd my summary & cawsed yᵉ same to be redy prynted, I made a preface.

¹ See p. lxxxi, below.
² Stow does not quote quite accurately: cf. p. xi above.
ther vnto, wher in I aunsweryd (as reson movyd me) Grafton's vntrew reportyng preface, and dedicatyng my boke (named ye summary of ye Chronicles of England abridgid) to ye ryght honorable Sir Richard Champion lorde maior of ye citye of London, ye worshipfull aldarmen 1566, &c. in ye biginninge of Anno 1566. Aftar ye publishyng of this my abridg sommary Grafton marvelouslys stormyd & cawsyd ye mastar & wardenys of ye stacionars to threaten Thomas Marche, my pryntar, & also to request me to come before them at theyr comon hawle, wher I shuld, they sayd, talke w't Grafton face to face; but I comyng often thytar Grafton allways made excusys, & drave them of from tyme to tyme & nevar came at them; wherupon ye mastar & wardenys desyryd me not to be offendyd, for they wer sory they had trobelyd me so ofte, but they wold no more trust to Grafton's worde sythe he had so ofte disapoyned them.

Aftar this in ye same yere 1566 I repayntyd my summary w't adytions. And then Grafton seythe that neythar his great abridgment nor his small emanuell were of eny extemyd, he alltogether forsoke them bothe, & toke my summary of ye last edition laynge that for his grownd worke, whiche sarvithe hym for ye accompte of yeres, for ye reygnes of kyngs, for ye names & yeres of ye bayles, maiors & shrives, & also for mayny speciall noates, which by great labour & not w't out great costes I had gatheryd. Then, I say, he buylde ther on w't Robart Fabyon, John Frosart, Edward Hall, & Thomas Copar, tyll he had finisht a great volome, whiche he intited, 'A Chronicle at large & mere history of ye affayres of England, and kyngs of ye same, deduced from ye creacion of ye worlde vnto ye first habitacion of this Island &c.' On ye second page he, counterfeitynge my cataloge of awctors, namethe to ye nombar of thre score and odd, the moste parte wherof were devyns & wrote no matur of history towchynge this Realm; the othar beinge historiographers; to increase his nombar he resithethe twyse: as in ye letter A. he writeethe Antoninus, in ye letter B. byshope, which is all one &c.1 Also it is easy to understond Grafton nevar saw mayny of thos awctors; for profe wherof I saye ye T. Newton2 drewe out of thos devyne awctors in the catalog alledgedy almoaste all ye matur conteyned in vi partes of his boke, & mastar Keyes3 of Oxford drew ye seventh part tyll about ye end of Henry

1 I omit some other instances.
2 No doubt Stow's friend: see p. lxxi below.
3 Thomas Caius or Keyes (d. 1572) who was Master of University College, Oxford, 1561–72. See Dict. Nat. Biog., viii. 225. The association of Newton and Caius with Grafton does not appear to be elsewhere noted.
2. Of Stow's quarrel with his brother Thomas, and how his mother altered her will.

[From Harley MS. 367, ff. 6, 7. The date is June—October, 1568. The beginning, middle, and end of the story are all missing.]

... I care not what it be. So I sent for ye best ale and bread, and a cold leg of mutton was put before him, wherof she eate very hungerly, and thereafter fell both to butter and to cheese. In the end when we departed she promis'd, that as God had placed me to be the principall of all her children, for that I was the eldyst, she would not contemne me but confirme the same, and when eyther man or woman should go about to perswad hir, for the naturall love ye she oght to beare vnto me she would cry out vpon them, avoyd dyvel. But aftar hir comynge home, Thomas and his wyfe would never suffer hir to rest tyll she had tould them all the talke that had passed betwixt hir and me. And when he had hard that I lamentyd his beinge matched wth an harlot, he would never let my mother rest tyll he had foarsyd hir to break hir will, wher in she had bequethyd me x. li. (equall wth all ye yonger children, except Thomas, whiche had all inde) and to put me in nothinge at all; but even then she could not get William Eyre, to whom she had gyven Rowlands house in Fynkes lane, nor Henry Johnson, whom she had made hir ovaerseer, to put theyr hands vnto ye will except I were at ye least put in x. li. as I was afore. And thus, seing no remedy, Thomas put in v. li., and then said he had put in as it was afore, for theyr pleasure. And so they set theyr handes to it, and after hard it rede, wherin they found but v. li., and wold have drayne theyr handes agayne, but was to late. And William Eyre hathe told me synce ye he will take his othe, that he did beleve that I had some part in x. li., or elles he wold have neuer set his hand to ye, and oferyd them xl. s. out of his purse to have put out his hand

1 George Ferrers, the poet. In his Annales (p. 1070, ed. 1605) Stow writes of the loss of Calais: 'Wherof Mastar George Ferrers hath written at large, for he collected the whole history of Queene Mary as the same is set downe vnder the name of Richard Grafton.'

5 On 27 June. Compare the extracts from the will on pp. xlv, xlv above.
agayne. Thus was I condemnyd and payd v. pounds (Thomas beinge his owne bayly, which is both agaynst law and reasone) for namynge Thomas his wyfe an harlot, prevely only to one body (who knew ye same as well as I); but ye he could so ponysshe all men ye wyll more openly say so moche, he would some be rychar then eny lord maier of London. Ye this ... ye hym selfe no longe aftar (as he had done offtymes before) called her an owld ... whores in ye harynge of all his neygbours ... suche and suche, and namyd a great number of her customers saynge that he had taken hir from ye ... and had thought to have made her a honest woman, but it was past cure, and therefore he thruste hir out of ye dores.¹ And aftar ye she being conveyed agayne into ye house through one of ye nebours wyndows, he bett hir, and threwe hir ageyne into the streat; and all ye neyghbours could not get him to take her in agayne; for he sayd that she would robe hym to kepe her bastardis, be his deathe as she was her other husbands, for she styll went to wytchis and sorcerars. Yet agayne she was convoyed into the house, and at x of ye cloke at nyght he, being bare leggyd, serchyd and found her crote in to ye jakes entry, and then fell ageyn a beatynge of hir, so that my mother lyinge syne on a palet was fayne to crepe vp, and felt about ye chambre for Thomas his hosomes and shewes; and crept downe ye stayres with them as well as she could, and prayd hym to put them on lest he shuld cache cold. So my mother stode in hir smoke more than an owre entretynge hym for ye lordes sake to be mo quiet. So ye at this tyme my mother toke suche a could ye sh ever rose aftar; but he and his wyffe went to bed and aghrty well i-nowgh. Afftar this Thomas perswadinge hym selfe ye my mother drew nere hir end causyd hir on S. Iames evenes eve ² to receyve ye communion, with whom amongst othar he hymselfe receyved. The ministre of ye parishe, althogh he were but a stranger, new comen out of ye contry, desyryd to se hir wyll, and fyndyng therin ye she had given me, her eldyst sonn, but v. li. and ye othar children x. i. ye peace, excepte Thomas, to whome she had given all hir howsys and goodes, and made hym full and sole executor, he so moche myslyked therof, ye he desyryd to know ye cause, whiche when by none othar meanes they could excuse, Thomas forсиd my mother to say that I was very rych and nedyd no parte of hir goodes; wherunto ye mynistar answeryd that ye I shuld be nevar so ryche yet she must nedes make me equall with eny othar hir children, or elles

¹ The MS. is damaged, and several words marked by blanks above cannot be deciphered.
² 23 July.
shuld show hir selfe bothe vnfrsyndly and unnaturall, for so moche that by reason I was ye cheffe and ought to have ye distributyng of all. Then Thomas cawsyd my mothar to answer ye she had lyne syke in ye case ye space almost of vj yeres, in all whiche tyme I had nevr come, nor sent to her, allthough she had sent to me by all ye frends I had, more ovari that I had not axed hir blyssynge in xx yeres; and that I shuld say: 'wherefore shuld I care for her, she had done nothyng for me' (and of whiche I may not write, but for reverens of nature, God forgve hir) ; and I pray God gyve hym grace to repent ye caused hir so myche at that tyme and othar to endanger her owne sowle for his filthy pleasure; and more over she sayd, ye all most vj yeres Thomas lyke a good naturall child had kept hir to his great charges, or ye she ought have starvyd, and she was not able wth all hir goodes to make hym amendes, ye it were v. tymes more. This talke beinge all together vntruen (as knoythe the God) was alse to this strange ministr vncredible for ye he required that I shuld be sent for, which was vterly denyed. Then he requeryd to know where I dwelt that he mought go and talke to me, which was alse denyed hym. Wherepon he refusyd to myynstar the comunion to them, but in ye end they meny glosys perswadyd hym, and so he mynysteryd. The same day Mystar Rolfe, a priest, who had ma[ried] one of my systars, told me that he had often tymes parswadyd wth my mothar to set thynge in a bettr ordar, and not to gyve all to me and nawght to ye othar &c. And (as he said) she always bad hym hold his peace, or else speake softly, for hir sonnes wyfe was in one cornar or othar harkenyng, and she shuld have a lyffe x. tymes worse than deathe ye Thomas or his wyfe shuld know of eny suche talke; 'for' (quod she) I can nor do what I would, but as they wyll, excepte ye lorde rayse me that I may go abrode, and then I wyll vndo that I have done, and do ye whiche shall pleas bothe God and ye worlde, but wo worthe that wicked woman (meaung Thomas his wyffe) for she wyll be my deathe'; (the lyke awnswer she mad to hir brothar, her systar, her cosyn Cutlar, Henry Johnson, and many othars). Also this Mystar Rolfe told me that my mothar that day shuld receyve ye communyon, for she had sent for his wyfe to receyve wth her, and so we partyd. And I consyderyd my selfe ye it was tyme for me to atempte some way to speake agayne wth my mothar, thought it not good that day to do eny thynge. But on ye morow, beinge Seint James even, in ye afternoon I sent my wyffe wth

1 This is in reference to a foul remark attributed to him, which Stow first wrote down but then erased.

2 July.
a pot of creme and an othar of strawbery; but ye present beinge no
betar she was kept out wth great threats. Wherupon (as I commandyd
hir) she sayd to Thomas: 'why, brothar, are you ye same man yt ye
wer wont to be? I had thought ye had bene changyd, become a new
man. how dyd yow receyve ye communyon yesterday?' Then he
swar wth byttar othes, and sayd: 'how dost thou know yt? by God
sowl, thou art a witch, and knowst it by witchcraft.' And she
answered agayne: 'Nay, I know it not by witchcraft.' 'Yes, by
God's sowl,' quod he, 'thou knowyst it by witchcraft, or else that
false knave, thy husband, hath comurid for it; but I wyll make the
vyllayn be handelyd for it, or it shall cost me an hunderyd pondus.
I will make all ye world to know what artes he practysythe; and get
ye out of my dores, or by peter, I will lay the at my fete.' Wherupon
my wyfe returnyd, and told me. In ye morows morninge, beyng
seyn James daye, 1 I went to my mother's paryshe chirche, and
inquiryd for ye parson. Wher it was aunsweryd me that he servyd
not ther, but had put in a monystar. So I taryenge in ye chirche,
tyll the monystar came at viij of ye cloke, and sayd vnto hym: 'I under-
stande ye monisteryd to my mother but ij days passyd.' The whiche he
coffysyd, and told me all that is afore sayd of ye talke betwixt my
mother and hym, and how that he perseyyd my mother durst not
speeke one word but as Thomas bad her; and ye agaynst his con-
sience he mynystred to them; moreover he promysyd, when so evyr
I would, to go wth me to my mother. But on the morow morninge ye
same curt 2 .

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be the furnacis and ye facis I told you of. And then
Thomas put ye great boke of lese 3 then one quyer of pappar, bygar
then ye great byble, into the poket of his hose, tryomphinge and
swarynge as afore. But mystar Wyntrap 4 wth myche ado gat ye boke
agayne from hym, aftar that he had whisperyd a lyttle. For then
Thomas his great heat was alayed, and he was bothe coud and quiet.
This boke, beinge compiled by Thomas Norton, 5 in short verse, of ye
alteracion of certayn mettaylles, I desyryd Mst' Wyntrap to show to
some learnyd man for my discharge, as to ye byshope, deane, or arch-

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1 25 July.
2 A leaf, or more, is clearly missing.
3 Possibly it should read 'not less'.
4 Perhaps an uncle of John Winthrop, the first governor of Massa-
   chusetts; the family were clothworkers in London.
5 Thomas Norton (fl. 1477), alchemist, and author of an 'Ordinal
   of Alchemy' in English verse, and also De Transmutatione Metallorum,
deacon, Mystar Foxe, or Mystar Whithed, which last Thomas vtarly
denayed to be judge, for, saythe he, he is one that practive the ye same
arte. Thomas, havynge his purpos of ye byll, which he rent in pecis
and burnyd, sent for a pynt of ale, and causyd me to drynke, and
bothe professyd frindshype and sorowe for his doynges passyd. And
my mother sayd: 'the lord be praysed, for now my children ye were
dead ar alyve agayne.' After this tyme I repayryd dayly to my
mother durynge hir lyfe, whiche was not longe, and allways awayntyng
to speake wr hir in secret. One tyme aftar I had longe taryd thar,
she cried out, as she dyd allways (when I was there) 'Ye lorde send
me some drynke. O! that I had some kynd of drynke, what some
evar it were.' And at ye last she sayd to Thomas his wyfe: 'Dowghter,
for ye lordes sake gyve me some drynke.' Wherunto after many
suche callyngs she answeryd: 'I cannot tell what drynke I shuld gyve
you, for yffe I seche eny of owre owne drynke ye wyl not lyke it.'
'Yes, dowghter, yes,' quod she, 'ye lorde knows I would fayne have
some drynke.' And then she fetchinge halfe a pynt of small drynke
(bear as I suppose) my mother sayd: 'good dowghter, for ye lordes
sake loke in my cobard for a lytle gyngar, and put into it.' Whiche
she dyd. Then my mother desyryd hir to warme it a lytle. Whiche
she dyd, and went into ye kitchyn, whiche was iij romes of, for ye ther
was no fyer in ye chamber, though he it were at Mychelmas. Then
I sayd to my mother in this sort folowyng: 'Mother, yow know that
I and my brothar Thomas ar now become professars of frindshype,
and I shall desyre yow for Gods sake so to do towards us ye frind-
shipe professyd may become perfecte and vnfaynyd; yow know ye for
one word whiche I spake to yow in secret, whiche ye promysyd not to
open, he hathe made yow put v. li. out of your wyll, whiche yow had
given me ... is but a small mattar in comparison of ye he hathe
decyvyd me in othar ways ... pray yow to consyder ye it must nedes
offend me moche to pay v. pound for spekyng a word secretly, & in
ye way of ... fryndshype lamentyng his ... estate, and ye youll not
be good to me for ye love ye ought to beare to ... pore fathar your
husband, nor for ye love you ought to beare to me you naturall sonne
& your fyrst, yet I pray yow to consydar ye I wax old & dekay in myn

1 John Foxe, the martyrlogist.
2 The association with Foxe makes it likely that this is David White-
head (1492–1571), the Puritan divine. In Bernard's Catalogus MSS.
Angliae, i. 332, a translation of Ripley's Medulla Alchymiae (ap. Ashmole
MS. 1480, III. B. 6) is attributed to 'David Whitehead, doctor of physicke';
but in the MS. the ascription is merely to 'D. W.' (Black, Cat. of
3 The margins of this leaf are much worn.
occupation, & yt I have a great charge of children, and a wyfe yt can neyther get nor save, & be good to me for theyr sakes. Ye, yt ye wyll not be good to me for all thes cawsys afore shewyd, yet be good to me for Thomas his sake, yt we maye by that meanes contynue, & encrease in fryndshype. I crave no more but to be put in ye v. li. agayne, and so to be made equall wth the rest of your children, yt be moste inferiour, and not to make me an inferior vnto them. And Thomas hym selfe, yt he bear en frindshype at all towards me, or enithinge regard his owne quietnes, he would rather of his owne parte spare xx. pound, than to let me lake that v. pound; for he knowythe yt I must evar while I lyve grudge to pay so deare for so small an error. I pray you to consydar how you shall pleas God to make peace & vnity amonge your chyl- dren.' And then I red vnto her ye 133 psalme, whiche I had written, & would have lefte it wth her, but she would not take it. Then I desyrde hir to causse hir sonn Thomas to read it, whiche she sayd she daryd not do. Ye psalme beginithe thus: 'behold how plesaunt and how joyfull a thyng it is bretherne to dwell togethe & to be of one mynd &c.' And this is a spesyll note to be markyd; all the tyme yt I was thus talkynge wth hir, to breke me of my talke she lay as she had bene more afearyd then of deathe, lest hir sonn Thomas or his wyffe shuld here eny of our talke. And stylly she cryed to me: 'Peace, she comyth; speake softly; she is on ye stayres harkenynge &c.' And at ye last made me this answer: 'I trust ye Lord wyll rayse me agayne, then I wyll go abrode and vndo all yt I have done, & they shall not know of it; but excepte ye lord rayse me I can do no thinge for I dare not speake for my lyfe, this wykyd woman (wo worthe hir) wyll be my deathe &c.' Also myn vnkle, & my mother's brother, continually perswadyd my mother from mayny thynges, as from ye gyvynge an house to a servynge man (who was not kyne to eny of our kyne) and ye rest of hir howsye & goods to hir sonne Thomas from me and ye rest of hir children &c. And she would all f. 73 ways yeld to her brother & promes to do after his counsell; but as sone as he was gone she was worse than afore, so yt myn vnkell would come to me, and wth wepyngne byttarly parsved me to take all things paciently for yt ther was no remandy, he had don what he could, & would do as longe as she lyved, but it would not helpe for she was bywitchid to the sayd Will. Eyre and Thomas Stowe. The greffe wherof was suche to my pore vnkle, yt it shortenyd his lyfe. Moreover Henry Johnson, hearynge moche talke whiche he lykyd not, for yt my mother had made hym ovarsere of hir last wyll, on a tyme . . .
my mothar alone, he knelynge by her bed sayd y\(^t\) he hard many evyll words of her doynges, and all men cried out on hym for y\(^t\) he beinge great w\(^t\) hir gave hir not better counsell (whiche fore tymte he dyd, but all prevayld not): ‘Mystris Stow,’ quod he, ‘ye have made Willyam Eyar one of your children, for ye have gyven hym an howse; it had bene more mete to have gyven it to your sonn Iohn Stowe, to whom, as I have learnyd, ye nevar gave y\(^e\) valewe of one peny, and now yow had gyven hym but x. pound, and ye have throwghe your sonn Thomas put out v. pound of that, and ye have made your sonne Thomas the . . . twayne, who hathe bene a deare child to yow, & allwayse spent yow moche money. I praye . . . to put in y\(^e\) v. pounds agayne & make your sonn Iohn Stowe x. pound as he was afore.’ Vnto whiche she answeryd y\(^t\) she coulwd not put in one peny, for she had it not. Wherupon Henry Johnson sayd: ‘Mystris Stowe, every man cane tell me y\(^t\) yow could gyve your sonne Thomas xx. pounds to renne away w\(^t\) an othar mans wyffse, and wyll yow now say ye are not able to gyve Iohn Stowe x. pound &c.’ All this talke my mothar told afterward to Thomas and his wyffse. And he on y\(^e\) morow, being y\(^e\) Sunday after Bartyimew day, sent for me, and when I cam at my mothars, he sat hym doune on the one syd of my mothar, & his wyffse on y\(^e\) othar; and I, standyngse as a prisoner, he examynyd me as yf he had bene a Justice, and charygd me y\(^t\) I should set Henry Johnson to have that talke afore sayd w\(^t\) my mothar; whiche I utterly denied, as well I mowght, for y\(^t\) was y\(^e\) first tymte y\(^t\) evar I had hard y\(^t\) Henry Johnson had bene so playn w\(^t\) her. Amonst many fowl words and great threats of Thomas towards me he sayd: ‘Mothar, every body grutchid at y\(^t\) which ye have; breake your wyll and make a new, & gyve them ynowghe; ye may gyve them what yow wyll, but yf I pay one peny, I forsake God; Gods sowle, have ye eny more then y\(^e\) cowche ye ly on, and who wyll gyve x.l.r. for it. How say you, have ye eny? yf ye have eny, speake.’ Wherunto she answeryd: ‘No, sonne. It is true I have no more.’ ‘No, by Gods sowle,’ quod he, ‘nor all that nothar, for y\(^e\) kyveringe (whiche was but frise) is Mege Fryne (I had lent her money on it); every body thynkyt the that ye have gyven me myche, whereas ye have gyven me nothynge at all to speke of, and it is not worthe “god have mercy” ’; and yf my mothar had gyven me this howse throwly well furnyshyd to me and myn eyrs for evar, and an hundrerd pound or twayne of redy money, it had bene worthes “god have marci”; but yf evar I say “god have marcy” for this, I forsake God & gyve my selfe to y\(^e\) divell, body and sowle. ’

1 Sunday, 29 August.
Then sayd his wyfe: ‘I wyll nevar say “god have marcy” for this house and all that is in it, for we have but howse and have loade, & I would not wash hir shiten clowts to have it. I forsake God, yf I have not washyd x. buks of shitten clowts that she had shytten.’ Wherunto my mothar answeryd: ‘Ye, dowghter, ye lord reward you; I have gyven yow all that I have, and wold it war an hundred pound bettar for yow.’ ¹ [Aftar I was departyd from my mothar, remembrynge yᵉ Richard Brison, a fyshemonger, who stayed Thomas & Richard Kemps ² wyfe when they were rennynge away into Flandars, lay at ye marci of god, & ye bell had told for hym, I toke ij of our neyghbours & went to the sayd fyshemongar, & tould hym how I had that day bene chargedy and threatenyd by Thomas Stow, for that I shuld (as he sayd) set Henry Iohnson to speake the thynges afore sayd to my mothar. Wherupon ye sayd fyshemonger.] My mothar deceasedy a fortyngh aftar mikellmas Anno 1568, and ye morow aftar hir buryall, whiche was sattardaye, ³ I met Thomas Stowe, my syster Johan ⁴ Rolf, allia Froyke, ⁵ and Henry Iohnson at leden hall. So we went to ye mayden hed, and dranke a pyt of wynye or twayne. At whiche tyme Henry Iohnson sayd to Thomas: ‘I pray you be good to your brothar Johan. Consyder he your eldar . . . ⁶

3. Of Willyam Ditcher alias Tetforde.

[This is the draft of a petition, addressed apparently to the Alderman of the Ward, perhaps in June, 1569; since Stow was still in business it cannot have been much later. See p. xxiii. Harley MS. 367, f. 5.]

Pleasethe it your worshipse to vndarstond how your sore orator Johan Stowe, hathe of late bene more then to to mutche abusyd by one William Ditcher alias Tetforde, and his wyfe. The proces whereof is to longe to write, but breuyly to tuche some parte thereof.

In primis. At Christmas last past the same W. being by the warde-mote inqueste forbiden to set his frame with fetherbends in the strete sayd vnto them that the sayde Johan had complayneled on hym, where vnto the formen aunsweryd that he was deceyved, for the sayd Johan

¹ The passage in brackets was afterwards erased by Stow, and left incomplete.
² The MS. reads thus; but no doubt it means the ‘Margerie Kent, widdow’ whom Thomas Stow married in 1567. See p. xlvii.
³ Presumably 16 October. Elizabeth Stowe’s will was proved on 13 Oct.; probably she died on the 12th or 11th.
⁴ sc. Johan or Joan.
⁵ See pp. xlvii and lv.
⁶ Here the story stops abruptly.
had spoke no word of it. This notwithstanding when the sayd Iohn went toward his owne house the same W. and his wyffe rayled at hym, first as he passyd by them, and after at his owne dore to shamefull and slanderous to be spoken & hard.

Itm. When the Wardemote enquiest had gyven vp theyr endurement, the same W. dyd arest the sayd Iohn of ij C. pound action, where vnto the sayd Iohn put in surfeties to aunswer.

Itm. On the next morninge ye same W. & his wife before the stawll of the sayd Iohn rayled agaynst hym more then a longe howre w't ye moaste slanderous speches that man or devell cowld devyse, but the sayd Iohn to avoird the breach of peace kepye hym selfe above in his house w't out eny aunswer were makyng.

Itm. Iij nightes after the same W. causyd his landlorde, Mastar Ritche, to intreat the sayde Iohn to forgvy the same W., and to gyve hym leave to withdraw his action; where vnto the sayde Iohn graunted w't conditions to have his costes and that ye same W. shuld justyfe the talke which he at that tyme vsed, that is, that he had bene procuryd by Thomas Stowe to do all what so evar agaynst ye sayd John Stowe.

Itm. The same W. contrary to his promis made and hand gyven, deneythe to all men that evar he was procuryd by the fore namyd Thomas Stowe to do or say eny thinge agaynste the sayde Iohn Stowe. And also moaste slanderously saythe that the sayde Iohn was fayne to intreat Mastar Ritche to take vp the matar, or eles the same William would have coerced the sayde Iohn, before he would hav w't drawne his accion.

Itm. The same W. hath not payde one pen'y to ye sayd Iohn towards his charges.

Itm. The same W. continually thretinith the to do such notable acts of displeasure agaynst the sayd Iohn as the lyke hathe nevar bene done to eny man, and that all England shall speake of it, and of this he hathe assurid his frind Thomas Stowe, where of he greatly braggethe.

Itm. The same W. slanderously hathe reportyd to the parson of ye parish, and deputy of the warde, as to all othar he comith in company w't, that ther comithe none but Roages and Rascalls, the vylest in this land to the house of the sayde Iohn, which Rascalls & Roages have hym from ale house to ale house every day and night till ij of the cloke in the morninge.

Itm. The same W. comonly and dayly Raylynge on the sayde Iohn callyth hym prike lowse knave, beggarly knave, Rascal knave,
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vyllayne and lyenge knave, addinge more ovar that the sayd Iohn hathe made a cronicle of Iyys &c.

Im. The same W. often tymes calendginge to fight w* ye sayd Iohn, one tymes sodaynly kept in his face, foarcyd to have dygged out his eyes, fowyly scrate hym by the face, drew blod on hym, and was pully d by the neyghsbours.

Im. For that the same W. cannot get his apretises & other servants to fight w* the aprentice of the sayde Iohn, he hym selfe on the 24 of May last past threwy tylshardes and othar stones at the sayd aprentis tylh he had driven hym of the stawll from his worke; and then the same W. cam to the stawll of the sayde Iohn, and ther thretenyd that yf he could cacthe the sayd aprentice abrode he would coerc hym, he would provyd for hym, and he would accuse hym to have kyllid the man on the Miles end in whitson weke &c.

Im. The 9 of Iune at x. of ye cloke in the night the same W. callid ye sayd Iohn comon promotor, comon barrator, comon dronkard, Rascall vyllayne &c.; and sayde more ovar he would make hym to be cartyd owt of the towne for such a one &c.

Im. At that tymhe he also sayde, as he hath done dyvars othar tymes, that the wyfe of the sayde Iohn had two children by one man before she was maried, to the great slaunder of the sayde Iohn, his wyfe, and hinderance of theyr children, ij dowghters mariageable and in sarvyce w* Right worshipfull personages.

Im. On the x. of Iune the same W. cawsyd William Snelynge at that tymhe beinge dromken to come to the stawlle of the sayd Iohn, and there to cawle hym by suche a name as hym selfe far better deserved.

Im. The xi of Iune the same W., Raylynge at the sayde Iohn, sayde that he was the failsest man in England, and thretenyd to coerse hym yf he cougle get hym owt of hys dores, callendgynge hym oft tymes to come owt yf he durst &c. All this he dyde in presence of Mastar Fostar one of the lord maiors officers.

4. A Dispute over a Bill.

[This is a rough memorandum preserved in Harley M.S. 247, f. 209, presumably drawn up by Stow, when Crowche took him into court. Crowche may be the Michael Crowche who was churchwarden of St. Michael, Cornhill, 1574.]

1576. Somewhat before Christmas Mst. Crowche sent vnto me a bill contaynynge parcels to the sume of vs. 1d., vs. whereof I payde to Iohan his mayde on Christmas eune next folowinge, and sayde I would be his debtor of the odd peny. Where vnto she aunsweered and sayde: 'I pray yow to be our debtor of goodwill, and be not
angry that I sent for so small a some, for other wyse ye are even with my master, and owe him nothinge.'

1577. After this more then halfe a yere, to wite iiij or iiiij dayes before bartylmew tyde, Mst' Crowche sent me to bylls in one, the first contaynynge parcelles to the some of viis. id. due on the xv of June 1576, the othar vs. id. due (and confessyd to be payde) at Christmas next folowyng in the same yere.

Aftar the recep whereof, to wit on bartylmew day, I met with Iohan his mayd nere to the wrestelyng place, where I demaundyd of hir what hir master meant to send me suche a bille for money which I had payde. She aunswered: 'Alas! Mst.' Stowe, ye must make smale accompte of my mastar's doinges now, for his heade is intoxicate; he hath maried a wife for Riches, but he had done bettar to have maried a pore wench.'

Sens this tyme Mst. Crowche, metynge me in the strete hath sayd: 'When shall we reoon?' (sic). Whereunto I have aunswered: 'When ye will: ye demaund of me money, which I have payde longe sence.' 'Well,' quod he, 'I fynd it in my boke, and I will warne you to the corte of conscience.' Quod I: 'Rathar name to honest indifferent men to here the mattar, and as they shall judge I will be content.' 'Say you so,' quod he, 'Well one of thes dayes we wyll drynke a qwart of wyne and make an ende of it.' But then have I hard no more of it in one whole yere aftar. The last tyme he spake to me thereof was about Easter last, when he came home to my housw, where we agreyd that Mastar Rickford, his ovartwarte neyghbour, whom he named, shold here and ende the mattar on the Tnesday next folowyng; but I gyvynge myn attendaunce that Tnesday, I hard no more of it till Thursday last that I was warned to the [co]rtes, which I take to be no good dealinge towards me.


[This document (Harley MS. 367, f. 4) is in Stow's writing, and since it is written in the first person, is composed in his manner, and found amongst his private papers, it is not unreasonable to suppose that he was personally concerned. If there is no proof that he was one of the surveyors, there is also nothing to show why he should have taken any interest in the matter if he were not.]

In primis. On Wednesday ye 21 of October anno 1584, surveynge the ward of Castle Baynard we found in the house of Iocelyne Turnar,

1 Or Court of Requests, established in London in 1518 to hear disputes in cases where the debt or damage did not exceed 40s. See i. 271 below.
typlar, his gests to be served by vnlawfull measure. Whereupon we
gave charge to such of the howse as were then present, that they
shuld from thens forthe sell no more sortes of ale & bere but twayne,
to wite doble and single, the best for a peny the quarte, the smale
for a peny the potle, by sealed measures and not othar wyse, which
charge they promysed to observe in presence of a conystable and the
bedle of that warde.

Itm. On friday the 9 of July 1585, agayne surveyenge the same
ward of Castle baynard we found in dyvers places ale to be sold in
stone pottes and bottles conteyning the pece not a full ale quarte
for 3d., but the offendars promysynge reformation, delt the more
favorably with them, as we can shew by writynge, when tyme shall
serve; seven barells of beare we have sent into Chrits Hospital, &
wold ere this have sent as many more had not bene the late interrup-
tion of Iocelyne Turnar, & and his vnlawfull supportars, of the same
Castle baynard warde. Into this house of this Iocelyne Turnar we
enterid on the day above named, wth one Iohn Tophalie constable,
where callynge for a bottle of ale we were promysed it; but the con-
ystable perswardyng vs that ther was no bottle ale to be solde, we went
farthere into the house, where Turnar’s wyfe was, and there vsed suche
speeches that she forthwith loked the dore, where hir bottles were, and
sayd to vs she had none, whiche speecche of hers the conystable affermyd
to be trewe. Then Mastar Symson requerynge her to open the dore which
she had locked, she aunswered she woulde not; and we demaundyng
to speke with her husband she sayd he was not within. Then will-
inge the conystable to loke further into the house for hym, he aun-
sweryd he would do nothing without warrant vnnder my lord maiors
hand, for he knew no authority we had, and therefore willed us to
loke we ded no more then we mowght well aunswer, for the goodman
of the house would put vs to it. At lengthe the 5e sayd Iocelyne Turnar,
beinge amongst vs and vnknown to vs, he sayd: ‘I am he, ye seke
for. What would you?’ We told hym it was reported he sold bottle
ale contrary to ordar, which he denied not, but sayd he ded as othar
men ded. Whereunto we answered we had reformed some and
wanted to reforme the rest. We told hym how his wyfe had denied
to have eny bottle ale, how she had locked vp the dore, and denied
the openynge there of, which was a resystance &c. Quod he: ‘I will
not aunswer for my wyfe, nor eny othar then for my selfe; and I had
never warninge to reforme thos things ye myslyke of.’ The conyst-
stable also affird the same with many stowte words. In the end
Iocelyne Turnar opened the dore whiche his wyfe had locked, where
we found a 60 pottes and bottles filled with ale, where of we measured
one which the wyfe sayd was thre farthings, and found it not to con-
tayne a full pint of sealed measure. Where vpon Mystar Coad sayd:
'this is inowghe to forfaite all ye ale in your wyr house.' We then takyn
Iocelyn Turnar asyde willed him to reforme, and sell no more suche
vnlawfull measure, which charge he promysed to observe, but would
graunte none amends for the fawlt passed. 'Loke, (quod he), what
your whuthoritie will serve yow to, and spare me not. I will not resiste
yow.' Where vpon we departed with Browne, an officer to the
L. maior, & Payne, ye bedle, who are witnesses that this was the
effecte of that days dowynge in that place.

Irn. On Monday the 12 of July we cam agayne to Iocelyne
Turnar, and demaundyd of hym, yf he yet would be conformable, and
what beare he would send into Christe hospital for trespase comytted,
whose aunswer was that he had not offended nor would make satisf-
action, but willed vs agayne to vse our whuthoritie so far as we would
aunswered it, demaundinge whether the same were by parlyament or by
statute. Where vnto we aunswered it was by act of comon counsayle,
whereat he made a pufe. Aftar many words vseyd by us to perswade
hym Topyle, ye constable, vncalled for cam out of the innar parte of
the house with a brewar, as was sayde; this constable with vehement
words charged vs with offeringe wronge to the sayd brewar, for that we
had nevar gyven hym warning; addyng that they lyed, that sayd
they had gyven eny warninge there, and tellynge Master Symson
that he lyed thoward hym. Where vpon Mastar Eliot, barynge his
right hand on Topyle left shouler, sayd: 'Ye, mystar constable, is
that well sayd of yow, beinge an officer to gyve a man the lye? I had
lette thought to have hard such a worde of your mowthe.' 'What!' (quod Topyle), 'dost thou stryke me?' 'I stryke yow?' quod Mastar
Eliot. 'Wherefore should I stryke yow?' 'Why,' quod Topyle,
'I fele myn eare smart yet.' William Lathe, officer to my L. maior,
and Payne, the bedle, are witnesses to this.

Thus and other wayes beinge there abused, we departed thens, and
aftar declared to my L. maior, and courte of aldermen, how we had
bene delt with, cravynge to have his honor and theyr worshipys ayde in
this case, or els to be discharged of owr troublesome office. Where
vpon my L. maior and cowrte by warrant comytted the sayd disorderd
typlar, and vnworthy constable to ward. But by meanes of such as
neythar hard or saw, nor inquired aftar the lewde demeanor of them,
they were forthe with delveryed, and evr sence have bene stowly
suported with great threates agaynst vs, whereof we are to crave
remedy in this courte.
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6. A Petition for a Pension.

[In Harley MS. 367, ff. 8, 9, there are two drafts of petitions to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen. In the first Stow says that it was 'almost thirty years', in the second 'twenty-five years' since he set forth his Summary. But from the first it appears that Stow was sixty-four years of age, and from the latter that the Annales were in preparation. This seems to fix them to a common date in the earlier part of 1590. Perhaps the drafts were alternatives. The second draft has been printed already by Strype in his Life of Stow, prefixed to the Survey, i, p. viii, but with his own orthography.]

Pleasethe it your honor and worshipes to vnderstand that where your orator Iohn Stowe citizen &c., beinge now of the age of three-score yeres fourwe, hath for the space of almost xxx yeres last past (besyds his Chronicles dedicated to the Earle of Lecestar) set forth divers somaries dedicated to the lord maiors, his brithren thaldarmen, and comoners of the Citie. In all which he hath specially noated the memorable actes of famows Citizens by them done to the greate benefite of the comon welthe, and honor of the same Citie. As also (in showynge themselves thankefull vnto God for his blessynges) have left a godly example to the posteritie by them to be embrasid and Imitatid. And for as moche as the travayle to many places for searche of sondry records, whereby the veritie of thinges may come to lyght, cannot but be chargeable to the sayde Iohn more then his habilitie can aforde, he now craveth your honor and worshipes ayde as in consideracion of the premises to bestowe on hym some yere pention or othar wyse, whereby he may reapre somewhat towards his greate charges. And your orator according to his bounden dutie shall here aftar, God willinge, employ his diligent labyor to the honor of this citie and comoditie of the Citizens there of, but also dayly pray for your honor and worshipes prosperitie during lyfe.

Pleasethe it your honor and worshipes to vnderstand that where your orator John Stowe, Citizen of this Citie, hath heeretofore, (to wite for the space of these 25 yere last past) besyds his Chronicle, dedicated to the right honorable the earle of Leicestor, set forth the dyvers summaries dedicate to the lorde maioir, his brithren the aldarmen, and comoners of this Citie: In all which he hath specially noated the memorable actes of famous citizens, by them done to the greate benefite of the comon welthe, and honor of the same Citie, as also in shewinge themselves thankefull vnto God, have lefte a godly example by the posteritie to be imbrasid and ymitated. In consideration where of the sayde Iohn Stowe mindith the shortly, yf God so permite, to set forthe a farr larger somary or chronicle of this Citie and Citizens there of,
then heretofore hath bene published. And for as moche as the searche of records in the Arches and elsewhere, cannot but be chargable to the sayd Iohn, as heretofore for many yeres it hath bene altogether of his owne charges, besides his other travayls and studie, he now humbly cravithe your honors and worshipships ayde. As in consideracion of the premises to bestowe on hym the benefite of two fre men, such as yowre honor and worshipships shall lyke to be admitted into the fre-dome of this Citie, whereby he may recepe somewhat towards his Charges &c. And yowr orator shall dayly pray for yowre honors and worshipships prosperite during lyfe.

7. Royal Benevolence.

[From a printed copy of James I's Declaration of his royal benevolence, in pursuance of his Letters Patent, ap. Harley MS. 367, f. 10, where there is a note of 75. 10d. received from S. Mary Woolnoth parishioners. The Declaration has been printed by Strype, and by Thoms in his edition of the Survey, p. xi. The Letters Patent are given by Strype, Survey, i, pp. xii, xiii.]

Iames, by the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all our well-beloved subjects greeting.

Whereas our loving subject Iohn Stowe (a very aged and worthy member of our city of London) this five and forty yeers hath to his great charge, and with neglect of his ordinary meanes of maintenance, (for the generall good, as well of posteritie as of the present age), compiled and published diuere necessary bookes, and Chronicles; and therefore we in recompence of these his painfull labours, and for encouragement to the like, haue in our royall inclination ben pleased to graunt our Letters Patents, vnder our great scale of England, dated the eighth of March 1603, thereby authorizing him, the sayd Iohn Stowe, and his deputies to collect amongst our loving subjects theyr voluntary contribution and kinde grauities: as by the sayd Letters Patents more at large may appeare: Now, seeing that our sayd Patents (being but one in themselues), cannot be shewed forth in diuere places or parishes at once (as the occasions of his speedy putting them in execution may require), we haue therefore thought expedient in this vnusuall manner, to recommend his cause vnto you; hauing already, in our owne person, and of our speciall grace, begun the largesse for the example of others. Giuen at our palace at Westminster.
III. LETTERS TO STOW

NOTE.—The majority of these letters are contained in Harley MS. 374, ff. 9–24. No. 12 is from Harley MS. 247. Nos. 13 and 14 are from Harley MS. 530, f. 1 and f. 76*. No. 9 from Tanner MS. 454 (iv), f. 1.

1. From Henry Savile.

[The allusion to Matthew Parker—‘my lords Grace’—shows that the date was at the latest 1 May, 1575. Savile’s father lived at Halifax. Mr. Hare is Robert Hare (d. 1611) the antiquary, who presented two volumes of his collections on the Privileges of the University to Oxford. See Dict. Nat. Biog., xxiv. 373.]

After my most hartie commendacions being verie glad and desirous to heare from you, trustinge in our lorde that you be in good healthe, or els I might be hertelye sorie, for that I have founde at all tymes good favoure of you, since our first acquaintance; and other acquaintance in London I have none, but that I have by your meanes, as good Mr. Hare, with whom I pray you commende me and desyre him to lett me vnderstande in what towardnes his good workes for the privileges of Oxforde is. And forther I beseche you to certifye me if Wigornensis¹ is printed, and wheare I may send to buye it, and the price. And gladlye of all other I would vnderstande that your last booke² weare forthe, that I might sende vnto you for one or two for my money. Forther I woulde vnderstonde if my Lordes grace be aboue to print Roger Howden, Maulbesburie,³ and Hunting- ton, and in what forwardnes they be. Good owlde ffrend let me have your letter in the premisses, and God willinge it shalbe recompensed or it be longe. And I must forther desire yowe to have answer by this bearer. At this tymhe from Halifax, this first of Maye.

By your loving ffrende

HENRY SAVILL.

To my most speciall good friend Mr. John Stowe deliuer this in Cornewall⁴ in London.

2. From Robert Glover.

Thanking him for the loan of a copy of Marianus Scotus. ‘It is one of the best bookes I handled a great while. I wishe it were

¹ Florence of Worcester.
² Presumably The Summarie for 1575.
³ William of Malmesbury.
⁴ A not uncommon corruption for Cornhill: e.g. ‘At the end of Cornewall by the Stocks,’ in Chronicle of Queen Jane and Queen Mary, p. 40 (Camd. Soc.); see also Ing. p. m. Lond., iii. 61. Cornhill anciently extended to include Leadenhall Street as far as St. Andrew Undershaft: see i. 97 and ii. 292 below.
your owne, for so do I wishe welle vnto myselfe. Fare ye hartely well. From my house this Wensday the xith of September 1577.
Your lover and freende
R. GLOUER, Somersett.'

3. From Thomas Hatcher.


Returning 'John Blakeman's treatise of Henrie the sixt'. As to history of King's College. Wishes Stow to publish whatever he has of Leland. And also his own Antiquities under the title of Stow's Storehouse. Desires him to speak to 'Mr. Cambden, y'or frend, the vsher of Westminster School', about publishing the history of Tobit in Latin verse. Intends to give an account of the authors cited by Stow in his Chronicle: for this purpose he desires Stow's help, and also sight of Leland De Scriptoribus. Inquires as to author of Book De Episcopis Cantuariensibus, which Archbishop Parker had printed.


[As his letters show, Claxton was a northern antiquary, and man of position and repute. He was the owner of Wynyard in Durham, whence he wrote these letters. He died in May, 1597 (Durham Wills, ii. 272, Surtees Soc.). The date of this letter is 20 April, 1582.]

Asks for the return of a book by his nephew Thomas Layton the bearer. Promises his help in what concerns the bishopric of Durham.
'To his assured ffrvnd Mr. John Stowe, Chronicler, at his house in Leaden hauil in London.'

5. From the same.

[Dated 4 Jan. 1584. 'To Mr. John Stowe dwelling by ye Ledon Hall.']

Thanks him for his courteous letter. 'I am glad to heare of your good proseading in these two notable workes you haue in hand, and I wish my abilitie were of credyt to doe you ey good therein.' Asks for the safe return of the book which he had lent. 'I haue also sent you an Inglysshe crowne by Robert Layton for a remembrance, wishing you to assure your selfe yt so long as I lyue you shall not want a friend to the vtttermost of his power.' Encloses some notes on Durham.
6. From the same.

[Unsigned and undated, but in Claxton's writing.]

Returns a book, and tells Stow that he has in store for him a parchment life of Edward the Confessor, together with Alured of Beverley. 'Where as ye appeareth by yeor letter that yow had acquainted the lord Howerd with some of our procedynges, I am very sory that I did not see his lordsh. at his being in ye countrey, to whome I would haue done my dewtye, beynge thereunto reythar bound for that I was brought vp by suche as were allied to his Lp. house.'

7. From John Dee.

[The celebrated astrologer and antiquary. The only date is 4 Dec. Possibly the occasion was the publication of the Chronicles in 1580, or of the Annales in 1592.]

'Mr. Stow, you sall understand that my frende Mr. Dyer did deliver your boke to the two Ers, who toke them very thankfully. But (as he noted) there was no return commaundd of them. What sall hereafter, God knoweth. So could not I haue done.—Hope, as well as I.—As concerning your burgesses for the Cinq ports, &c.' As to Stow's copies of Asser and Florence of Worcester.

8. From his daughter, Joan Foster.

[Joan Foster is mentioned in her father's will; see p. xlv above. The hospital is the Hospital of St. Michael outside Warwick, as stated in some notes written by Stow on the letter. John Fyssher, clerk, was made keeper, master or governor of the house or hospital of St. Michael, Warwick, by a grant from Henry VIII., on 14 Nov. 1541 (Letters and Papers, xvi. 1391 (41)). Dugdale has no mention either of Fisher or Brooke.]

After my most hardest commendaciones vnto you and to my mother, trusting that you bothe be in good healthe as I and my husband were at my wrytting hereof. Thanks be to God therefor. This is to desyer yowe, father, of all ye or fryndly fryndshappe that you can or maye to pleasure a very ffreynd of myn dwellyng here in Warwyck for to seche owt for the foundation of a hospetall or spettell house of Warwyck founded by the careles of Warwyck in this parte. And ye yow may healpe him ther vnto he wolde reward you very well for ye or paynes, and also you shall do me great pleasure therein, for ye he is my verie ffreynd and neyghbour. It is supposed that you shall fynd

1 No doubt Lord William Howard (1563-1640), of Naworth. He was the first editor of Florence of Worcester, in 1592. See Dict. Nat. Biog., xxviii. 79.

2 I am very doubtful of the second and third letters of this word; but the sense requires 'Earls'.
the foundacion hereof yn the Tower of London, therefore good father, now agayne I pray you take some paynes therin. The hospital house is at the northe syd of Warwycke, the said hospetall was last given by kyng heneyre the eyght to a Iohn ffisher master of the said hospetall for ye terme of hyss lyffe, and sence his deathe the sayd hospytall was given to me aforsaid neyghbour and frynd Olyver Brooke, who yet leveffe, and is dryven now for to syke oute the foundacion thereof, which and you can helpe him herevnto you shall do him greate good, and I praye you so soon as you have found out any thing to do him good therin send worde to me wth as much spyd as by. And he will Repair vp vnto you wth what spyd he maye. And thus in haste I committ yow to God, from Warwyke the 3 daye of december by yor loving daughter during lyffe to remaine

JOAN FFOSTER.

To my loving ffather Mr. Iohn Stowe benethe Leadon hall neare vnto the Thrye Towenes in London, gyve this.

9. From Thomas Newton.

[Thomas Newton (1542?-1607) was a poet of some eminence, a physician, and rector of Little Ilford, Essex, whence this letter was written on 29 March, 1586. See also p. lli above and Dict. Nat. Biog., xi. 402.]

Returns the copy of Leland's Epigrams and thanks him 'for many other your curteties, frendlie amities many tymes showed vnto me, as namely at this tyme for this yor boke of Mr. Leland his poetries'.

Newton, in his Encomia Illustrium Virorum (ap. Leland, Collectanea, v. 177), has an epigram addressed to his friend William Hunnis, the musician:

De Io. Stoeo Chronigrapho.

Anglica scire cupis solide quis Chronica scribat?
Stous id egregia praestat, Hunisse, fide.
Quotidie e tenebris is multa volumina furvis
Eruit, is mandat plurima scripta typis.
Ex nitida illius deprompsi ego Bibliotheca
Plurima, quae nobis nocte dieque patet.

10. From Henry Ferrers.


Mr. Stowe, because I will breake promesse with you no more I have, although it be late, first put you these pamphlets, and therwith youre other booke, which I borrowed last, and desyre you to lend me youre
bede and your pedigree of kinges, and so till or next meeting I bid you farewell.

Your loving friend,

Henry Ferrers.

II. From Thomas Martyn.

[Thomas Marten (d. 1597) a Roman Catholic controversialist, and fellow of New College, Oxford. See Dict. Nat. Biog., xxxvi. 320. The date must be 1592.]

Likes his Annales and 'the great paynes taken therein'. Offers some criticisms. 'My founder is bound to you, but that tale of Alice Peers is slaunorous, and in my conscience most vntrue.'

'To my well beloved and very freend Mr. Stowe at his house beyonde Leadenhall in London.'

12. From Thomas Wicliffe.

[There is a fragment of a letter, refering to 'Purpool' (Portpool) and Stow's Chronicle in Harley MS. 247, f. 211. The address and a postscript, apparently of the same letter, are on f. 210, as below. There is no date. I find nothing as to the writer.]

'To his assured friynd Mr. John Stow, chronyclar, dwellinge in the Leaden haul at London. d. d.'

Sr. I besech yow of your aunswer of this lre. for the within named hartely desireth to here from yow.

Thomas Wicliffe.

13. From Henry Savile.

[As to Mr. Hare see note on 1. Lord William Howard's edition of Florence of Worcester, and the first edition of Stow's Annales were about to appear.]

Mr. Stow. After my hertie commendacions. Your Lr. dated the tente of maye I receaved at Halifax wt thankes, and synce I am come to Oxford, where I have made enquirie to knowe where the booke shoulde bee that Mr. Hare shoulde send hyther, your Lr. dyd ymport, and as yet I cannot here of the same. Therefore I desyre you to goo vnto the good gentleman Mr. Hare in my name, and requeste hym to let me vnderstonde by whome and abowte what tyme hee sent the booke, and to what place he made his direction, and whoo shoulde have the custodie thereof; for greate pitie yt weare that so worthie woorke shoulde be embezled, and I pray ye wt speede to certeyne me in wryntyng, and delyver your Lr. at the syne of the Owle, that yt maye be deliyered vnto the carier, Richard Edwardes, whome commythe homeward on Wednys daye next. And further I praye ye let me know whoo is the printer of Wygomriensis, and wheare hee dwellethe; and whoo is the printer of your booke. I haue heere sente
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yo a mild sixpence to drynke a quarte of wyne in your travell. This wishynge your healthe I byd ye farewell. Oxon. this sondaye Trinite, 21 May 1592.

Your lovinge frend,

HENRY SAPILL.

Directe your Ires I praye to Mr Henrie Shirbourne over agaynste Merton Colledge, to be delvered to me. Mr Blanksome, God wyllynge, wyll be at London 1 . . .


This is without date or address.

Mr Stow, yff I might finde so much favor att your handes as to lend me the foundations of the Abbayes in Lincolnshyre, Warwickshire, Darbyshire and Nottinghamshire, you should pleasure me greatly. You shall receaue them againe this day before night.

Yr Louinge freende,

WILLIAM CAMDEN.

15. From William Claxton.

The writer of 4, 5, and 6. Dated Wynyard 10 April, 1594.

Thanks Stow for the receipt of a book and his letter. Encourages him to proceed to the publishing of such grave histories and antiquities . . . 'I perceiue also by your letter, that you have augmented your booke of foundacions, whereof I ame hartelie glad, and doe most earnestly request that you would let me haue a copie of the best sorte with your newe augmentacions, which trewlie I would make no small acounte of, and keape as a token of your manifeste kyndnes unto me; and ye more earnest I am to haue it, as in your letter you said there is no coppie of it but your owne, wh.; if owght should come unto you butt good, might happelie be neuer regarded and spoyled, or neuer come to light, and so all your paynes frustrate; whereas yf I have a coppie of it I hope so to vse it and dispose of it, as it shall be extant to all posterities, and amongst them a neuer dying fame for you, who bestowed suche paynes in collecting the certentie thereof together. What charge so euer you be at in gettinge it copied fwrth for me, I will repaire unto you with thankes' . . .

Postscript. 'The greater your augmentacions are, the greater your fame and commendacions be' . . . 'I would also request when you publish your great volume 2 mentioned in your last booke you sent me,
you would let me haue one booke of the same'. Asks for return of three books which he left in Stow's study, when last there. They are not his own.

IV. SELECT DEDICATIONS AND EPISTLES

[The Dedications and Epistles prefixed by Stow to his books have a double interest both as giving in their simple way his Canon of historical writing and for their incidental allusions to events in his own life. Much of the matter in them was used again and again. Thus the Dedication of the Summary Abridged for 1573 appeared with slight modifications not only in later editions of that work but as an address 'To the Reader' in the Summary for 1575, in the Chronicles, and in both editions of the Annales; its final appearance in the Summary Abridged for 1604 was Stow's last word, and as such it is printed here. Of the others now given the Dedication and Epistle from the Summary for 1565 have a special interest as the first of Stow's writings (the edition of Chaucer had no preface of his). The Dedication of 1567, and Epistle of 1573, deal with the quarrel with Grafton; they illustrate, and are illustrated by, the document on pp. xlviii to lii above. The dedication of the Annales for 1592 (repeated with little change in 1601 and 1603) practically completes the series; it explains how Stow's hopes for his larger volume were frustrated.]

Dedication and Epistle prefixed to the Summary for 1565.

To the Right Honourable and my very good Lord, the Lorde Robert Dudley Earle of Leicester, Baron of Dynghly, knyght of the honourable order of the Garter, one of the Queenes most honourable priuie counsell and Maister of hir majesties horse.

Because bothe by the vniversall reporte of all men, I heare and also by myne owne experience I perfectly know (right honourable and my very goode lorde) how honorably and cherfully diuers worikes presented to your lordship haue ben accepted: I (though of al others most simple) was thereby encouraged, to offer to your honour this my simple worke, in token of my bounden duty. The example also of that famous monarcke Artaxerxes, who so wel accepted the simple handfull of water, that the poore Persian Sinetas brought him from the riuier Cyrus, putteth me in good hope, that youre honour, who geue place to no man in humanitie and curtesie, wil not dislike this simple signifieng of my good wylle. For, like as the mite of that poore widowe that is mentioned in the Gospell, whiche she gaue in all her penurie, is accompted a greater gifte then those huge sommes that great men layde out of their greate stoare: so ought this my simple pamphlet be adiudged to procede, though not from greater, yet from as great good will as the best and learnedst writers beare to your honour. For, they of their abundant stoare, haue laied oute somewhat: But I of my meane knowledge, haue presented these few first frutes to
your honor: knowing that your wisedome can in this small present right well see my good wyll. My gift is a short briefe or summarie of the chiefest chances and accidentes, that haue happened in this Realme, frome the tyme of Brutus to this our age. Whiche I haue done by the conference of many authours, both old and new, those I meane, that commonly are called Chroniclers, ov't of whom I haue gathered many notable thinges, moste worthy of remembrance, whiche no man heretofore hath noted, whiche worke also I was the bolder to dedicate to your honour, because I know your lordships good inclination to al sortes of good knowledges: and especially the great love that you beare to the olde Records of dedes done by famous and noble worthies: whiche my boldnes, like as I truste, your honor will not only pardon, but also accept in good part: so I beseech all the readers hereof that folowyn your honourable example, they will ludge the best of this my travaile, whiche I toke in hand, onely for the respecte that I had to their profit. Whereby they shall both shew the goodness of their owne natures, and also encourage me willingly to go forarde in this my enterprise. Which doubting not, but that I shall the rather obtaine of them, because of your lordships fauourable acceptance hereof, I wil now cesse any longer to trouble your honor, beseeching almighty god long to preserue you to the commoditie of this our natie countrie.

Your L. most humble

JOHN STOWE.

To the Reader.

Diuers wryters of Hystories write dyuersly. Some penne their hystories plentifully at large. Some contrary wyse, briefly and shortly doo but (as it were) touche by the way, the remembrance and accidents of those tymes, of which they write. Some do with a large compasse discouer as wel the affaires done in forayn partes, as those that hapned in that country, of whiche especially they write. And some content to let alone other matters, pyt in memory only such thyngs, as they them selues haue had experience of, in their own countreys. Amongs whom, good Reader, I craue to haue place, and desyre roome in the lower part of this table. For I vse thee in this my booke as some symple feaster, that beynge not able of his owne coste to feast his guestes sufficiently, is fayne to bee frended of his neyghbours, and to sette before them suche dishes as he hath gotten of others. For I acknowledge, that many of the hystories, that thou shalte reade here abridged, are taken, partely out of Robert Fabian, sometime Alderman of London, Edwarde Halle gentylman of Greyes Inne, John Hardynge,
a great travauler bothe in foreyne countreis, and also in all wrytynges
of antiquitie: and other, who reaped great abundance of knowledge
and filled their bookees full therwith, to the great profite and pleasure
of all posteritie, and to their own great fame and glory. So that of
their great plenty I might wel take somewhat to hyde my pouertie.
Howbe it, I haue not so doone it, as if they should clayme theyr own,
I shuld forthwith be left naked. For somwhat I haue noted, which
I my selfe, partly by paynfull searche, and partly by diligent experience,
haue found out. Wherefore, both the smalnesse of the volume whiche
comprehendeth gret matters in effect, also the noueltie of som matters
vttred therin, ought to cause y* it shold not be altogther vnwelcome to
thee. For though it be written homely, yet it is not (as I trust) written
vntruthly. And in hystories the chiefe thynge that is to be desyred is
truthe. Wherfore, if thou fynde that in it, I beseche thee, wynke at
small faultes, or at the least, let the consyderacion of my well meanyng
drowne them. So shalt thou both encourage me to farther diligence,
and also vtter thynge owne friendlynesse, in that thou doest rather
further, then condemne a weak wryter.

Of smoothe and flatteryng speache remember to take hede:
For Trouthe in playn wordes may be tolde, of craft a lye hath nede.

Epistle Dedicatory (to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen) prefixed to
the Summary abridged, for 1567.

Although, ryght honorable and worshipfull, I was my selfe verye redy
to dedicate this my small travaule of Englysh Chronicles vnto you to
thentent that through your protection it might passe the snarlynges of
the malicyous, which are alwayes redy to hinder the good meanyngs
of laborious men and studious: yet consdyerynge the occasyons neces-
sarily vnto me offered, and dutyfull to be considered, I thought good
to begin with the ryghte honorable Therle of Leicester. For speakyng
nothyng of my owne dutie, the commoditie of my owne countreyemen
moued mee hereunto, seynge they were decayued through hys autho-
ryyte by the furnyshyng of a friulous abridgement in the frontere
with his noble name, I thought good, and that after amendement
promised and not performed, at vancate times, to take to my olde
detectable studies, and after a defence of that wherin another had both
abused hys Lordshype, and deceaued the expectacion of the common
people. But nowe at the requeste of the Printer and other of my
louing frends, hauyng brought the same into a newe forme, such as
may both ease the pursue and the caryage, and yet nothing omitted
conuenient to be knowne; and bydes all thys hauing example before my face to chaunge my Patron (reseruyng styll my Printer, as carefull of his advantaghe rather thenne myne owne) I am bold to submyt it vnto your honour and worshippes protectyons together, that thorough the thundryng noyse of empty tonnes and vnfruitful graftes of Mommus' offsprynge it be not (as it is pretended) defaced and overthrowne. Truthe quarrell it is, I laye before you, the whyche hath bene (if not hitherto wholly pretermitted) truely myserable handled, mangled I should saye, and such an hotchepotte made of truthe and lyes together, that of thignorante in hystoryes thone coulde not be discerned from thather. A strange case it is and neglygence shall I call it, or ignorance that hee that was moued to wryte euon for pytys sake to restore the truthe to her integrite shoulde commytte so great errors, and so many, that he himself had nede of a correcter, and truth of a newe laborer. For me a heape of old monumentes, wytnesses of tymes, and bright beames of the truth can testyfye that I haue not swarued from the truthe: the whyche as I am redy at all tymes to shew for mine owne safe conducte agaynst thaduersaryes, so am I most certaine that he that pretendeth most hath had very smale store of aucthors for hym selfe before tyme, and now hath fraughte hys manerly Manuell wyth such merchandysse (as to you it shall be most manyfest at your conference) that by the byinge of my summarye he scoured newleye, or cleanly altered his old Abridgment. What preoccupation or what insolence is it then to transfer that vnto me that am fartheste from such dealing? And yet hauing myche better precedents before myne eyes (euen that excellent learned Dr. Coeper, that I name no ancyenter, whose order and denyse priuatly he condemneth, and yet openly transformeth into his own Abridgement) he accuseth of counterfeating his volume and order, whereas it might be well sayde vnto hym: What hast thou y° thou hast not receaued of me?

But y° I be not agaynst my nature angry wythe my vndeserved aduersary, I wil here surcease to trouble you anye further at this tyme, most earnestlyy requyrynge your honour and worshyppes all ones againe to take the tuityon of this little booke vpon you. The whych, if I may perceau to be taken thankfuly and fruitefully used to the amendment of suche grosse erroures, as hytherto haue bene in The Great Abridgement, and presentlye are in the Manuell of the Cronycles of Engelande, in Thabridged Abridgemente, in The briefe Collection of Histories commyttted, I shall be encouraged to perfecte that labour that I haue begun, and such worthy worke of auncyent Aucthours Too many names for a trifle.
that I haue wyth greate peynes gathered together, and partly performed in M. Chaucer and other, I shall be much incensed by your gentlenes to publyshe to the commoditie of all the Queenes maiesties louing subiectes.

Your most humble
JOHN STOWE.

Epistle to the Reader prefixed to the Summary abridged for 1573.

Calling to memory (gentle Reader) with what diligence (to my great cost and charges) I haue travayled in my late Summary of ye Chronicles: As also ye vnhonest dealings of somebody towards mee (whereof I haue long since sufficientlye written and exhibited to the learned and honourable), I persuaded with my selfe to haue surceased from this kinde of trauell wherein another hath vsed to repe the fruite of my labours. But now for divers causes thereto mouinge me I haue once again brieflye run ouer this smale abridgement, placing the yeares of our Lord, the yeres of ye Kings, wyth ye Shryffes and Maiors of London, in a farre more perfect and plain order then heretofore hath bene published.

Touching Ri. Grafton his slanderous Epistle, though the same wyth other his abusing of me was aunswere by the learned & honourable, & by them forbidden to be reprinted, he hath since ye time in his second empression placed his former lying Preface, wherin he hath these woords: ‘Gentle Reader, this one thinge offendeth me so much, that I am inforced to purge my selfe thereof, and shewe my simple and plaine dealing therein. One John Stowe of whom I will say none evil &c., hath published a Booke, and therin hath charged mee bitterlye, but chiefliey with two thinges. The one, that I have made E. Hall’s Chronicle my Chronicle, but not withoute mangelinge, and (as he saith) withoute any ingenious, and plaine declaration thereof. The other thinge that he chargeth me withall, is that a Chronicle of Hardings which he hath, doth much differ from the Chronicle, which under the sayd Hardinges name was printed by mee, as though I had falsifydyd Hardings Chronicle &c.’ For answeare I say the offence by mee committed, requireth no such forced purgation. I haue not so bitterlye charged him, as he hath plainly accused himselfe. My words be these. Some bodye (without any ingenious and plaine declaration thereof) hath published, but not withoute mangling, Master Halles boke for his owne. I name not Grafton. This is the firste. The second is this:—John Hardinge &c. exhibted a Chronicle of England, with a Mappe or description of
Scotland, to King Henry the sixt, which Chronicle doth almost altogether differ from that which under his name was imprinted by Ri. Grafton.

After this in ye same preface he braggeth to haue a Chronicle of John Hardings written in the latine tongue, which he assureth himself I neuer sawe, and doubteth whether I vnderstand. If he haue any such booke, it is like that he would allege it, as he hath done manye other Authors, whereof I am better assured he hath neuer seene so muche as the outsyde of their books. If ther be no such Chronicle of John Hardings, as he braggeth on, it is like I haue not seene it, & must needs be hard to vnderstande it.

Then he saith my latter Summary differeth cleane from my first. To this I aunswere, I haue not chaunged eyther woork, or title, but haue corrected my first booke as I haue founde better Auctours. But hee himselfe hath made his last abridgemente not onelye cleane contrary to his first, but the two impressions contrarye the one to the other, and euery one contrary to his mere History. For his true alleding of Aucthors let men judege by those which are common in our vulgar tongue, as Policronicon, Ro. Fabian, Ed. Hall, Doctour Cooper. Look those Authors in those yeres and peraduenture ye shall finde no such matter. Try, and then trust.

**Dedication of Annales in 1592.**

To the Right Reuerend Father in God my Lord Archbishops of Canterbury, Primate and Metropolitane of England, and one of hir Maisties most honorable priuie Counciell, John Stowe wisheth increase as well of all heauenly graces as worldly blessings.

It is now more than thirtie yeeres (Right reuerende father) since I first addressed all my cares and cogitations to the studie of Histories and search of AntiquITIES: the greatest part of which time I haue diligently imploied in collecting such matters of this kindome, as I thought most worthie to be recommended both to the present and succeeding age. These laborious collections in so long a time haue now at length grown into a large volume, which I was willing to haue committed to the presse had not the Printer, for some priuate respects, beene more desirous to publish Annales at this present. Wherein I haue condescended to him to publish these, which I submit to your gratious and graue consideration, and to the censure of the courteous reader, & learned Antiquaries: relying wholy vpon this comfort, that the truth & credit of my Authors is in no point injured, how simple and naked soeuer the stile may be judged. Neither do I doubt but
they may have free passage in the world, if they be countenanced under your honorable name & protection. Unto whom I offer & with all dutiful affection I dedicate both my selfe and them: being hearunto induced, both for that your worthy predecessor, and my especiall benefactor Archbishop PARKER, animated me in the course of these studies, which otherwise I had long since discontinued; and also that your great love and entire affection to all good letters in generall and to the Antiquities in particular hath beene so singular, that all which like and loue good studies, do justly esteeme you their principall and gratious patron. Thus hoping of your favorable acceptance of this, as but part of that which I intended in a more large volume, I humbly take my leave.

London this 26 of May 1592.

Epistle Dedicarie (to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen) prefixed to the Summary Abridged for 1604.

Amongst other bookees, (Honourable & worshipfull) which are in this our learned age published in great numbers, there are fewe either for the honestie of the matters, or commoditie which they bring to the common welth, or for the plesantnesse of the studie & reading, to be preferred before the Chronicles and histories. What examples of men deseruing immortalitie, of exploits worthy great renoun, of vertuous living of the posteritie to be imbraced, of wise handling of weightie affaires, diligently to be marked, and aptly to bee applied: what encouragement of Nobilitie to noble seates, what discouragement of unnaturall subjectes from wicked reasons, pernicious rebellions, & damnable doctrines, To conclude, what perswasion to honestie, godliness & vertue of all sorts; what diswason from the contrarie is not plentifullly in them to bee found? So that it is as harde a matter for the readers of Chronicles, in my fancie, to passe without some colour of wisdome, inuitements to vertue, and loathing of naughtie factes, as it is for a well fauored man to walke vp and down in the hot parching Sun, and not to bee therewith Sunburned. They therefore which with long studie, earnest good will, & to their great cost & charges haue brought hidden Histories from dustie darkenes to the sight of the world, and haue beene diligent observers of common wealths, and noted for posteritie the fleeting maners of the people, and accidents of the times, deserue (at the least) thankes for their paines, and to be misreported of none, seeing they haue labored for all. I write not this to complaine of some mens ingratitude towards mee (although
fusly I might) but to shew the commodities which ensue of the reading of histories, that seeing they are so great and many, all men would as they ought, imploie their diligence in the honest, fruitful, and delectable perusing of the same, and so to account of the Authors, as of men carefull for their country, and to confesse, if neede require, by whom they haue taken profite. It is now nigh 45. yeares since I seeing the confused order of our late English Chronicles, and the ignorant handling of auncient affaires, as also (by occasion) being perswaded by the *Earle of Leicester, (leauing mine owne peculiar gaines) consecrated my selfe to the search of our famous Antiquities. What I haue done in them, the former editions of my Summaries, Chronicles, and Annales, with my suruay of the Cities of London, Westminster, & Borough of Southwarke, may well testifie: but how far (be it spoken without arrogance) I haue labored for the truth more then some other, the last editions will euidently declare. Where in that I differ from the inordinate & vnskilfull collections of other men, it is no maruaile, seeing that I doe not fully agree with my selfe, as some obscure persons haue fondly charged me, but let it be considered that there is nothing perfect at the first, & that it is incident to mankind to erre & slip sometime, take he neuer so great heede; but only the point of fantastical fooles to perseuer & continue in their errors perceiuing them. Wherefore seeing that the perusing of auncient records & best approved histories of all times (not without great difficultie obtained) do not only moue me, but for their authoritie drine me to acknowledge both mine & other mens errors, & in acknowledging, to correct them, I trust to obtaine thus much at your Honor & Worships hands: that at the least you will call to remembrance a most gentle and wise law of the politike Persians, where in it was enacted that a man accused to be in their lawes a trespasser, and found guiltie of the crime, should not straightway be condemned, but a diligent inquirie & search of his whole life and conversacion (no slander imputed vnto him as of importance) if the number of his laudable facts did conteruaille the contrarie, he was full quit of trespass. The same lawe doe I wish the readers of this my abridged Summary and other my larger Chronicles, to put in use, that if the errors be not so plentiful, as Histories truely allleged, they will beare with them, for (as I haue promised and many wayes performed) I meane (God willing) so to trie all matters worthy of immortalitie by the certaine touchstone of the best allowed Historiographeres and sound recordes, that neither any body by me shalbe deceiued nor I forced to craue pardon if I do offend.
V. BIBLIOGRAPHY

1. The Summary and the Summary Abridged.

[Stow, in his account of his quarrel with Grafton, distinguishes carefully between his Summary, which first appeared in 1565, and the Summary Abridged, first published in the next year. The distinction has not always been noted, but the two works are bibliographically quite different. The former is small 8vo, and so long as Leicester was alive was dedicated to him; the additional matter (other than the Chronicles proper) is not so full as in the abridgement, the amount varies in different editions, but generally comprises some notes as to Terms, a List of Authors, and at the end a Table or Index; the last edition in 1590 was dedicated to the Lord Mayor. The Summary Abridged is 16mo (or 24mo); the first edition had no dedication (Stow says that it was dedicated to the Lord Mayor—p. lli above—but the apparently complete copy in the British Museum has none), all the later editions were dedicated to the Lord Mayor; the additional matter consists of a Calendar, Rules to find Fasts, the Terms, &c., at the beginning, and at the end the distances of towns from London, and the dates of the principal Fairs; there is no List of Authors and no Table. So far as its main substance is concerned the Summary Abridged agrees with Stow’s own description of it as brought ‘into a new form, such as may both ease the purse and the carriage, yet nothing omitted convenient to be known’. Successive editions both of the Summary and the Summary Abridged were from time to time curtailed to make room for fresh matter. The entry of the Summary appears in the Stationers’ Registers under 1564–5: ‘Thomas marshc for printing of a breaffe cronencle made by John Stowe, auctorysshed by my lorde of Canterbury.’ This is the first time the archbishop’s name thus appears on the Register. In the margin is the note: ‘T. Marshc ultimo marciij 1573 chaunged with H. Byneman for Terence, per licem. magistri et gardianorum.’ This is the earliest note of such an exchange (Arber, Transcript, i. 1206). Like all Stow’s works printed in his lifetime, the Summary is in black letter. Copies of editions marked * are in the British Museum, and of those marked † in the Bodleian Library.]

The Summary.

* † A Summarie of Englyshe Chronicles, Conteyning the true accompl of yeres, wherein euery kyng of this Realme of England began theyr reigne, howe long they reigned: and what notable thynges hath beeene done duryng theyr Reynynes. Wyth also the names and yeares of all the Bylyffes, Custos, maiors, and sheriffes of the Citie of London, sens the Conqueste, dyligently collected by John Stow . . . in the yere . . . 1565.

ff. xiv, 248, xii. T. Marshe, 1565, 8vo

† A Summarie of our Englyshe Chronicles . . . Diligently collected by John Stowe . . . In the yeare . . . 1566.

ff. xii, 282 1, xii. T. Marshe, 1566, 8vo

1 However ff. 130 and 137 are, through misprinting, wanting.
† [A Summarie, &c.].

ff. x, pp. 413, ff. xi.

T. Marshe, 1570, 8vo

† A Summarie of the Chronicles of England, from the first comming of Brute, into this land, vnto this present yeare of Christ 1574.

ff. viii, pp. 441, ff. xi.

Henry Binneman, 1574, 8vo

* † A Summarie of the Chronicles of Englande from the first arrivuing of Brute ... unto ... 1575. Corrected and enlarged.

ff. viii, pp. 570, ff. xxviii.

R. Tottle and H. Binneman, [1575, 8vo]

* A Summarie of the Chronicles of England from ... Brute ... vnto ... 1590. First collected, since enlarged, and now continued by Iohn Stow.

ff. viii, pp. 760, ff. iv.

R. Newbery, 1590, 8vo

The Summary Abridged.

* The Summarie of Englyshe Chronicles. Lately collected and published, nowe abridged and continued tyl this present moneth of Marche in the yere of our Lord God, 1566, by I. S.

ff. viii, 197, iii.

T. Marshe, 1566, 16mo

* † The Summarie of Englishe Chronicles ... continued til this present moneth of Nouember ... 1567. By I. S.

ff. xii, 200, ii.

T. Marshe, 1567, 16mo

* † The Summarie of the Chronicles of Englande ... newly corrected, abridged, and continued vnto 1573.

unnumbered.

T. Marshe, 1573, 16mo

[According to Lowndes there was an edition in 1579, but he gives no particulars.]

A Summarie, &c.²

R. Newbery and H. Denham, 1584.

* † A Summarie of the Chronicles of Englande. Diligently collected, abridged and continued vnto ... 1587 ... by Iohn Stow.

ff. xvi, pp. 446, ff. xvi.

R. Newberie and H. Denham, 1587, 16mo

* † A Summarie ... Diligently collected, &c.

ff. xvi, pp. 460, ff. xvii.

R. Bradocke, 1598, 16mo

* † A Summarie ... Diligently collected, &c.

ff. xv, pp. 458, ff. xvi.

John Harison, 1604, 16mo

¹ The copy in the Bodleian Library is without title.

² So given by Lowndes.
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The Abridgement or Summarie of the English Chronicles, first collected by master John Stow... continued vnto... 1607, by E. H.¹

Imprinted for the Company of Stationers, 1607, 8vo

The Abridgement of the English Chronicles... vnto the end of the yeare 1610. By E. H.

Imprinted for the Company of Stationers, 1611, 8vo

The Abridgement... vnto the beginning of the yeare, 1618. By E. H.

Imprinted for the Company of Stationers, 1618, 8vo

2. The Chronicles and Annales.

[The Chronicles of 1580 furnish as it were a connecting link between the Summary and the Annales, preserving the civic character of the former, but approaching the latter in size. Of the Annales the editions of 1601 and 1605 are nearly identical; the latter has only one sheet (Q q q q) reprinted, with additions down to 26 March, 1605. Howes in his two editions, besides his continuation beyond 1605, interpolated matter in other places; quotations from his editions are not to be relied on as representing Stow's own work.]

The Chronicles of England, from Brute vnto this present yeare of Christ, 1580. Collected by John Stow.

Ralph Newberie at the assignment of Henrie Bynneman, 1580, 4to

The Annales of England faithfully collected out of the most autentickall Authors, Records, and other monuments of Antiquitie, from the first inhabitation vntill this present yeere 1592. By John Stow.

Ralfe Newbery, 1592, 4to

The Annales of England... continued... vntill this present yeare 1601.

Ralfe Newbery, 1601, 4to

The Annales of England... continued... vntill this present yeare, 1605.

George Bishop and Thomas Adams, 1605, 4to

The Annales or Generall Chronicle of England... continued and augmented... vnto the ende of this present yeere, 1614. By Edmond Howes.

T. Adams, 1615, folio.

Annales or a Generall Chronicle of England... continued vnto the end of this present yeere 1631. By Edmond Howes.

Richard Meighen, 1631, folio.

¹ This, and the two subsequent editions published by Edmond Howes, are re-editions of the original work, not of the Summary Abridged.
3. The Survey of London.

[The Survey of London was entered at Stationers' Hall by John Wolfe on 7 July, 1598. It was transferred by Wolfe's widow to John Pyndley on 27 April, 1612, and by Pyndley's widow to George Pursslowe on 2 November, 1613 (Arber, Transcript, iii. 39, 219, 245). Some copies of the first edition have the date 1599; an instance is the presentation copy to Elizabeth Stow, now in the British Museum, which has her name printed within in an ornamental border on the back of the title-page, and her initials and the City arms stamped on the covers.]

A Suruay of London ... by John Stow Citizen of London. Also an Apologie, &c.

John Wolfe, 1598, sm. 4°

A Suruay, &c.

John Windet, 1603, sm. 4°

The Suruay of London ... continued ... with many rare and worthy notes ... by A. M.

George Purslowe, 1618, sm. 4°

The Survey of London ... Begunne first by ... John Stow ... afterwards enlarged by ... A. M. in the yeare 1618. And now completely finished by ... A. M., H. D., and others.

Elizabeth Purslow, 1633, fol.

A Survey of the Cities of London and Westminster ... brought down from the Year 1633 ... to the present time by John Strype.


A Survey, &c. By Robert Seymour. The whole being an Improvement of Mr. Stow's and other Surveys.


A Survey, &c. [Seymour's work with the addition of Dugdale's History of S. Paul's.] By a Gentleman of the Inner Temple.


A Survey of the Cities ... Corrected, improved and very much Enlarged in the Yeare 1720 by John Strype ... brought down to the present Time by Careful Hands. The Sixth Edition.


8vo, 1842. Reprinted with illustrations 1876.

A Survey, &c. Edited by H. Morley.

8vo, 1889. Reprinted 1893.
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4. Miscellaneous.

The workes of Geoffrey Chaucer, newly printed with diuers addicions, whiche were never in printe before. 1561, folio.


London, 1638, folio.

[Lowndes, Bibliographer's Manual, v. 2525. There is no copy either in the British Museum or the Bodleian Library. The Peerage is stated to take 45 pp., the list of Bishops 3 pp.; the History begins on p. 333, and ends on p. 843.]

A Recital of Stow's Collection concerning the Rise, Profitableness, and Continuance of the Court of Requests, or Court of Conscience in the City of London.

[London, 1640?] s.sh. folio.

[There is a copy in the British Museum.]

Three Fifteenth Century Chronicles, with historical memoranda by John Stowe, the antiquary, and contemporary notes of occurrences written by him in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. Edited by James Gairdner.

Camden Society, 1880. N. S. xxviii.

VI. SOME ACCOUNT OF STOW’S COLLECTIONS AND MSS.

[This account is intended only as a short summary to show the general character of Stow’s Collections. The contents of some of the volumes are so varied and fragmentary that a full catalogue would extend to great length. I have, however, included all the items of most interest, and especially such as bear on the history of London. Further particulars of the more important volumes may be found in the Catalogue of Harleian Mss.; but this summary includes a few notices, which are there omitted, together with some fresh identifications.

Touching the history of Stow's Collections it would appear that part of them were purchased at his death by Ralph Starkey, whom Sir Simonds D'Ewes calls 'an ignorant, mercenary, indigent man', whilst allowing that he had 'great plenty of new written collections and divers original letters of great moment.' Starkey died in 1628, and D'Ewes eagerly purchased his library as an inestimable prize (Autobiography, i. 391–2). D'Ewes' library was sold by his grandson to Robert Harley, and thus this portion of Stow's Collections found its way to the British Museum. Whilst in Starkey’s possession Stow’s papers were used by Roger Dodsworth in preparing his ‘Monasticon’ (Hearne, Collectanea, iii. 108). In Hearne’s time a quantity of Stow’s papers, including collections for the Annales and on ecclesiastical foundations and Leland’s Itinerary, were in the
possession of a Mr. Davies of Lannerch, and were seen and used by Hearne (id. iii. 70, 143). The transcripts of Leland in Tanner MS. 464 are no doubt those which were purchased by Camden (see p. xxv above). In 1657 they were in the possession of Mr. Robert Vaughan of Hengrwt; they came to the Bodleian Library in 1736 (Toulmin Smith, Leland in Wales, p. vi; and Itinerary, i, pp. xxiii, xxiv). The extant papers can be only a small part of Stow's Collections. The fate of the remainder is told by a note at the head of those in Cotton MS. Cleopatra C. iii: 'Bought of Edwardes, the Broker and Fripper, i.i.s. 27 Octobr. 1613.' As regards others Anthony Munday states definitely that Stow, while he was alive, delivered him some of his best collections, which were made use of in subsequent editions of the Survey (Epistle Dedicatory, ed. 1633). In like manner it is probable that some material had passed into the hands of Edmund Howes, to be incorporated by him in his editions of the Annales (see vol. ii, pp. 282, 323-4 and 367).

The great extent of Stow's Library is described by David Powel in 1584 in the Preface to his Historie of Cambria: 'In written hand I had Gildas Sapiens alias Nennius, Henrie Huntingdon, William Malmsbury, Marianus Scotus, Ralph Cogshall, Io. Eversden, Nicholas Triuet, Florentius Wigornensis, Simon of Durham, Roger Houeden, and other, which remaine in the hand of I. Stowe, citizen of London, who deserveth commendation for getting together the ancient writers of this land.' Stow himself mentions that he possessed copies of Gower's Vox Clamantis and Confessio Amantis and of Fabyan's Chronicles (see vol. ii, pp. 57 and 305 below). Camden was indebted to him for a copy of Geoffrey le Baker's Chronicle (see Sir E. M. Thompson's Preface, p. vii). For a MS. (relating to 1513) borrowed from Stow in 1584, see Letters and Papers, Henry VIII, i, p. 632. Sir Robert Cotton would appear to have been a great purchaser of Stow's MSS., and his collection no doubt includes others besides those which I have noted. To make a complete list of extant MSS. which belonged to Stow would be an almost hopeless task.

Of Stow's printed books one containing a few notes in his writing is preserved in the British Museum, viz. a copy of Norden's Hertfordshire.

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i. In the British Museum.

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Harley 293. A miscellaneous collection containing a few papers of Stow's. e.g. f. 32. Historical notes. ff. 44–5. List of surnames from Froissart.

Harley 367. A volume of miscellaneous papers, the majority of which belonged to Stow. For ff. 1–10 see pp. xlix–lxxvii above. Note: f. II. Grafton's reply to Stow, with pungent comments by the latter in the margin ('This is a lye,' &c. Much of Grafton's statement is too worn to be fully legible; he claims to have had a principal share in Hall's Chronicle). f. 12. Stow's further vindication of himself against the aspersions of Grafton. ff. 13–18 and 20–45. Various historical notes by Stow. f. 19. An extract from a City Chronicle for 1502 (See ii. 341–2 below). f. 46. The way of coining and examining or trying of money, written by Iohn Stow. f. 48. The relation of what was found at the digging of a vault at the corner of Bread Street, Cheapside. (See ii. 351 below.) f. 86r. A morall Ballad by Henry Scogan (see i. 241 below). f. 129. A poem, dated 1583 by William Vallans, Salter, addressed to Stow and lamenting his lack of reward for writing in praise of citizens.—Vallans was the author of a piece of verse printed in Leland's Itinerary, vol. v. 'A Tale of Two Swannes'; see Dict. Nat. Biogs., lviii. 83.—The last few lines will illustrate sufficiently the character of this poem:

Let citizens themselfes declare
What dedes theyre mayors haue done,
What benefactors they haue had,
What honor they haue wonn.
And though your selfe a Cyezen
Regard there lastyng fame
Yet reason is they should reward
Or recompense the same.

This volume also contains copies of poems by Lydgate and other writers made by Stow.

Harley 374. A collection of autograph letters made by Sir Simonds D'Ewes. For letters to Stow on ff. 9–24 see pp. lxviii–lxxiii above. Note also: f. 12. Christopher Ridley to the right worshipful Mr. Will. Claxton of Wynyard with an account of the Picts Wall. (Some notes written thereon by Stow.) f. 20. A note by Camden of inquiries to be made of Mr. Claxton touching the Picts Wall.


*Harley* 538. Stow's original draft of the main part of the *Survey*. See p. xxxvii and Notes *passim*.


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Harley 544. Transcripts and historical notes made by Stow. Note: ff. 1-12. From Giraldus Cambrensis; on f. 3. ‘Out of


Harley 563. Translations in Stow's writing of the Chronicles of Florence of Worcester, Asser, Aelred of Rievalux, and Trivet. The first is said to be by Raphael Holinshed.


Additional MS. 29729. Copies of poems, chiefly by Lydgate, made by Stow from the collections of John Shirley and other sources. On f. 285vo is a note: 'This boke perteyntyhe to Iohn Stowe, and was by hym wryten in ye yere of our lord M.d. lviiij.'
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2. In the Bodleian Library.

Tanner 343. On f. 152 some notes by Stow on foundations of Churches.

Tanner 464. Stow’s transcripts from Leland’s Collectanea, Itinerary, Epigrams, &c. In five volumes. Bound up with vol. i are the draft of a chapter of the Survey (see Note on ii. 269–70 below) and some notes for the Annales. ‘Written by John Stow in anno 1576.’

Ashmole 848. Extracts made by Robert Glover from Stow’s Collections.

B. Note of some MSS. which belonged to or were used by Stow

1. In the British Museum.

Harleian MSS.:—

194. ‘An Annale of Queene Marie.’ Edited by J. G. Nichols for the Camden Soc., 1850, as a Chronicle of Queen Jane and Queen Mary.


661. Hardyng’s Chronicle. See p. xii above.

2251. A volume of John Shirley’s. See vol. ii. 361.


6217. ff. 3–12. Fragment of Chronicon Angliae: a note of Stow’s on f. 4.


Cotton MSS.:—

Nero D. v. The Chronica Majora of M. Paris. See Luard’s Preface, i, p. xii, and Madden’s Preface to Historia Anglorum, i. lxi–lvi. It is the copy which Stow lent to Parker, and is probably the Flores Historiarum, which Grindal’s chaplains found. See pp. xvii, xix above.

Nero D. viii. A collection of various Historical works including Geoffrey of Monmouth, excerpts from Gildas, Giraldus Descriptio Cambriae, Polycronicon.


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Faustina B. ii. Cartulary of the Nuns Priory at Clerkenwell. Notes by Stow on ff. 6, 9, 27. See vol. ii. 272, 301.

Additional MSS.:


34360. A collection of poems chiefly by Lydgate.

Stowe MS. 952. An imperfect copy of Lydgate's 'Pilgrimage of the Life of Man'. Stow has added the conclusion from another manuscript.

2. In the Bodleian Library.


Laud, Misc. 557. Lydgate, 'Siege of Thebes.' On fly-leaf: 'This is John Stowe's boke.'

3. Other Manuscripts.


Christ Church, Oxford. Stow's 'Liber Osney'; see below i. 292, and ii. 337. Given to Christ Church by Sir Robert Cotton in exchange.


The Cartulary of Trinity Priory. In the Hunterian Museum at Glasgow. There is a modern transcript in Guildhall MS. 122. For its history see Dr. Sharpe's Introduction to Letter-Book C, p. xviii.

Davies MS. Afterwards belonged to Speed. From it was edited An English Chronicle, 1377-1461, by Rev. J. S. Davies for Camden Soc., 1859.
i. 43, l. 6, read: Westminster
i. 104, l. 20, read flight
i. 108, l. 9. The date should be 1391 as in the edition of 1603.
Compare ii. 169.
i. 133, margin, read: Sporiar lane, or Water lane. Bakers hall. Hart lane for Harpe lane.
i. 141, l. 18, for Chentie read Chenie
i. 163-4. The punctuation of the first sentence in the account of Bishopsgate Ward is confusing. Read: The next is Bishopsgate warde, whereof a parte is without the gate and of the suburbes, from the barres by S. Mary Spittle to Bishopsgate: and a part of Hounds ditch, almost halfe thereof, also without the wall, is of the same Warde.
i. 179, l. 7, for Manny read Manny (italic)
i. 235, ll. 14 and 20. It should have been noted that the text of 1603 gives the dates as 1447 and 1451. See Note on ii. 321 below.
i. 245, l. 3 from foot, read a great builder thereof.
i. 249, l. 1, read Hamsteed. William Stoksbie and Gilbert March had Chantries
i. 291, l. 7, read Then lower.
i. 296, ll. 18, 19, read Raph, Thomas, Raph, and Richard. See note on ii. 338 below.
i. 317, l. 21, read studies
i. 318, l. 4. The date 1429 is a misprint (in the text of 1603) for 1421. Compare i. 109.
i. 319, l. 7 from foot, read Powles, the children
i. 320, footnote, read ¹ Coucy]
i. 337, footnote ², delete ² Linacre]
i. 341, ll. 8-12. Stow's text is confused, and should be corrected by omitting and Dame Elizabeth his wife, daughter to the Duke of Lancaster. Elizabeth of Lancaster married (1) John Holland, Earl of Huntingdon and Duke of Exeter; (2) Sir John Cornwall. See ii. 350 below. She died in 1426, and is buried at Burgford in Shropshire (Wylie, Henry IV. i. 105).
i. 57, marg. n. 3, read Roses,
i. 67, margin. John Bauow is probably a misprint for John Bever: see Flores Historiarum, ii. 45, and Luard's Preface, vol. i, pp. xl and xlii.
i. 76, ll. 30, 31. Punctuate 'Deepe ditch by Bethelhem, into'
i. 87, footnote, read ¹ Curars
i. 115, marg. n. 3, l. 4, read presented
ii. 149, marg. n. 1, l. 12, read Domesmen or Judges
ii. 416, col. 1, under State, delete the Pope was a 'state'... not a 'Pope,'
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S V R V A Y O F

L O N D O N.

Conteyning the Originall, Antiquity, Increase, Moderne estate, and description of that City, written in the yeare 1598, by John Stow Citizen of London.

Since by the same Author increased, with divers rare notes of Antiquity, and published in the yeare, 1603.

Also an Apologie (or defence) against the opinion of some men, concerning that Citie, the greatness thereof.

VWith an Appendix, containing in Latine Libellum de sum & nobilitate Londini. Written by William FitzStephen, in the ragne of Henry the second.

Imprinted by John Windet, Printer to the honorable Citie of London. 1603.
TO THE RIGHT
Honorable, ROBERT LEE, Lord Mayor
of the City of London, to the Comminalty,
and Citizens of the same: John Stow Citizen,
wiseth long health and felicitie.

Ince the first publishing of the perambulation of Kent, by that learned Gentleman William Lambert Esquier, I haue heard of sundry other able persons to haue (according to the desire of that author) assayed to do somewhat for the particular Shires and Counties where they were borne, or dwelt, of which none that I know (sauing John Norden, for the Counties of Middlesex, and Hertford) haue vouchsafed their labor to the | common good in that behalfe. And therefore concurring with the first, in the same desire to haue drawn together such speciell descriptions of each place, as might not onely make vp an whole body of the English Chorographie amongst our selues: but also might gif occasion, and courage to M. Camden to increase and beautify his singular work of the whole, to the view of the learned that be abroad. I haue attempted the discouery of London, my natie soyle and Countrey, at the desire and perswasion of some my good friends, as well because I haue seene sundry antiquities my selfe touching that place, as also for that through search of Records to other purposes, diuers written helps are come to my hands, which few others haue fortunated to meet withall, it is a servuice that most agreeeth with my professed trauels.
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true. It is a dutie, that I willingly owe to my nativue mother and Countrey. And an office that of right I holde my selfe bound in louve to bestow vpon the politike body & members of the same: what London hath beene of auncient time, men may here see, as what it is now every man doth beholde: I knowe that the argument, beeing of the chiefe and principall citie of the land, required the pen of some excellent Artisen, but fearing that none would attempt & finish it, as few haue assaied any, I chose rather (amongst other my Labours) to handle it after my playne manner, then to leave it vnperformed. Touching the Dedication I am not doubtfull where to seeke my Patrone, since you be a politike estate of the Citty, as the walles and buildinges be the materiall partes of the same. To you therefore, doe I addresse this my whole labour, as wel that by your authority I may bee protected, as warranted by your owne skill and understanding of that which I haue written. I confesse that I lacked my desire to the accomplishment of some special parts, which some other of better abilitie promised to performe, but as I then pro-

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fessed, haue since out of mine olde Store-house added to this worke many rare notes of antiquitie, as may appeare to the reader, which I do afford in all dutie, and recommend to your view, my labours to your considera-
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of 1603.)
The Survey of London, containing the original, antiquitie, encrease, moderne estate, and description of that Citie.

As the Romane writers to glorifie the citie of Rome drew the originall thereof from Gods and demie Gods, by the Troian progenie: so Giffrey of Monmouth the Welsh Historian, deduceth the foundation of this famous Citie of London, for the greater glorie thereof, and emulation of Rome, from the very same originall. For he reporteth that Brute, lineally descended from the demy god Eneas, the sonne of Venus, daughter of Jupiter, about the yeare of the world 2855. and 1108. before the natuitle of Christ, buildeth this city neare vnto the riuere now called Thames, and named it Trow nouant or Trenouant.

But herein as Livie the most famous Hystoriographer of the Romans writeth, Antiquitie is pardonable, and hath an especial priviledge, by interlacing divine matters with humane, to make the first foundation of Cities more honourable, more sacred, and as it were of greater majestie.

King Lud (as the foresaid Giffrey of Monmouth noteth) afterward, not onely repaired this Cittie, but also increased the same with faire buildings, Towers and walles, and after his owne name called it Caire-Lud, as Luds towne, and the strong gate which he buildeth in the west part of the Cittie, he likewise for his owne honour named Ludgate.

This Lud had issue two sons, Androgeus, and Theomantius, who being not of age to gouerne at the death of their father, their vncle Cassibelan took upon him the crowne: about the eight yeare of whose raigne, Iulius Caesar arriued in this land, with a great power of Romans to conquer it, the manner of which conquest I will summarily set down out of his owne Commentaries, which are of farre better credit, then the relations of Giffrey Monmouth.
The chiefe governement of the Britons, and ordering of the warres, was then by common aduice committed to Cassiblin, whose Signiorie was separated from the Cities towards the sea coast, by the riever called Thames, about fourescore miles from the sea: this Cassiblin in times past, had made continuall warre vpon the Cities adioyning; but the Britons being moued with the Romans invasion, had resolved in that necessitie to make him their Soueraigne and Generall of the warres, (which continued hote betweene the Romans and them) but in the meane while, the Trinobants which was then the strongest Citie well neare of all those countries (and out of which Citie a yong gentleman called Mandubrace, vpon confidence of Caesaars help, came vnto him into the maine land of Gallia, now called France, and thereby escaped death, which he should haue suffered at Cassibilies hande,) sent their Ambassadours to Caesaar, promising to yeeld vnto him, and to doe what he should command them, instantly desiring him, to protect Mandubrace from the furious tyrann of Cassiblin, and to send him into their Cittie, with authoritie to take the governement thereof vpon him. Caesaar accepted the offer, and appoynted them to giue vnto him 40. Hostages, and withall to finde him graine for his armie, and so sent he Mandubrace vnto them.

When others saw that Caesaar had not onely defended the Trinobants against Cassiblin, but had also saued them harmelesse from the pillage of his owne soldiers, then did the Conimagues, Segontians, Ancalits, Bibrokes, and Cassians, likewise submit themselves vnto him, and by them hee learned that not farre from thence was Cassibilies towne, fortified with woods, and marish ground, into the which he had gathered a great number both of men and cattell.

For the Britons cal that a towne (saith Caesaar) when they haue fortified a combersome wood with a ditch and rampire, and thether they resort to abide the approach of their enemies, to this place therefore marched Caesaar with his Legions, hee found it excellentlie fortified, both of nature, and by mans aduice: nevertheless he resolued to assault it in two seuerall places at once, whereupon the Britons, beeing not able to endure the force of the Romans, fledde out at another
part, and left the towne vnto him: a great number of cattell he found there, and many of the Britons | he slue, and others he tooke in the chase.

Whilst these things were a doing in these quarte(r)s, Cassibilin sent messengers into Kent, which lieth upon the sea, in which there raigned then 4. particular kings, named Cingetorex, Caruill, Taximagull, and Segonax, whom he commanded to raise all their forces, and suddenly to set vppon, and assault the Romanes in their trenches, by the sea side: the which when the Romanes perceyued, they salied out vppon them, slue a great sort of them, and taking Cingetorix their noble Captaine prisoner, retired themselues to their campe in good safetie.

When Cassibilin heard of this, and had formerly taken many other losses, and found his Countrey sore wasted, and himselfe left almost alone by the defection of the other cities, he sent Ambassadors by Comius of Arras to Caesar, to entreate with him concerning his owne submission, the which Caesar did accept, and taking Hostages, assessed the realtime of Brytaine to a yearely tribute, to be paiied to the people of Rome, giuing straight charge to Cassibilin, that he should not seeke any reuenge vpon Mandubreace, or the Trinobantes, and so withdrew his army to the sea againe.

Thus farre out of Cæsars Commentaries concerning this Historie, which happened in the yeare before Christes natuuitie 54. In all which processe there is for this purpose to bee noted, that Caesar nameth the Cittie of Trinobantes, which hath a resemblance with Troy nova, or Trinobantum, hauing no greater difference in the Orthographie, then chaunging b. into v. and yet maketh an error whereof I will not argue, onely this I will note that diverse learned men do not thinke civitas Trinobantum, to be well and truely translated, the Cittie of the Trinobantes: but it should rather be the state, comunalty, or Signiory of the Trinobantes: for that Caesar in his Commentaries vseth the word civitas, onely for a people living vnder one, and the selue same Prince and law: but certaine it is that the Citties of the Brytaines, were in those dayes neither artificially builded with houses, nor strongly walled with stone, but were onely thickce and combersome woods plashed within, and trenched about: and the like in effect doe
other the Romane and Greeke Authors directly affirme, as Strabo, Pomponius Mela, and Dion a Senator of Rome, which flourished in the seuerall raignes of the Romaine Emperours, Tiberius, Claudius, Domitian, & Severus, to wit, that before the ariuall of the Romans, the Brytons had no towns, but called that a town which had a thicke intangled wood, de-
defended as I saide with a ditch and banke, the like whereof the Irishmen our next neigbors doe at this day call Fastnes. But after that these hither partes of Brytaine were reduced into the forme of a Prouince, by the Romanes, who sowed the seedes of ciuitie ouer all Europe: this Citie whatsoever it was before, began to be renowned, and of fame. For Tacitus, who first of all Authors nameth it Londinium, saith that in the 62. yeare after Christ, it was, albeit no Colonie of the Romanes, yet most famous for the great multitude of Marchants, prouision, and intercourse. At which time in that notable revolt of the Brytons from Nero, in which 70000 Romanes and their confederates were slaine, this Citie with Verulam neare Saint Albans, and Maldon in Essex, then all famous: were ransacked and spoyled. For Suetonius Paulinus, then Lieutenant for the Romanes in this Isle, abandoned it, as not then fortified, and left it to the spoyle.

Shortly after, Iulius Agricola the Romane Lieutenant, in the time of Domitian, was the first that by adhorting the Brytaines publikely, and helping them priavately, won them to build houses for themselves, Temples for the Gods, and Courts for Justice, to bring up the noble mens children in good letters and humanitie, and to apparell themselves Romane like, where as before (for the most part) they went naked, painting their bodies, &c. as al the Romane writers haue observed.

True it is I confesse, that afterward many Cities and Towns in Brytaine vnder the gouernment of the Romanes, were walled with stone, and baked brickes, or tyles, as Rich borrow, Ryptacester, in the Isle of Thanet, till the chanell altered his course, besides Sandwich in Kent, Verulamium besides S. Albones, in Hartfordshire, Cilchester in Hampshire, Wroxcaster in Shropshire, Kenchester in Herefordshire, three myles from Hereford towne, Ribchester, 7. miles aboue Preston, on the water of Rible, Aldeburge a mile from Borrowbridge, or
Wathelingstreat, on Vre Riuere, and others: and no doubt but this Citie of London was also walled with stone, in the time of the Romane gouernement here, but yet verie lately, for it seemeth not to have beene walled in the yeare of our Lord 296. because in that yeare when Alectus the Tyrant was slaine in the field, the Franks easily entered London, and had sacked the same, had not God of his great fauour at the very instant brought along the riuer of Thames, certaine bandes of Romaine Souldeiers, who slewe those Franks in euerie streete of the Cittie.

Wall about the Cittie of London.

IN few yeares after, as Simeon of Durham, an aucient Writer reporteth, Hellen the mother of Constantine the Great, was the first that inwalled this Citie, about the yeare of Christ, 306. but howsoever those walles of stone might bee buildeed by Helen, yet the Britons, (I know) had no skill of building with stone, as it may appeare by that which followeth, aboue the yeare of Christ, 399, when Arcadius and Honorius the sonnes of Theodosius Magnus, governed the Empire, the one in the East, the other in the West, for Honorius hauing receyued Britaine, the Citie of Rome was invaded and destroyed by the Gothes, after which time the Romaines left to rule in Britaine, as being impoyed in defence of their Territories nearer home, whereupon the Britaines not able to defende themselves against the invasions of their enemies, were manie yeares together vnder the oppression of two most cruell nations, the Scots and Pictes, and at the length were forced to sende their Ambassadors with letters and lamentable supplications to Rome, requiring aide and succour from thence, upon promise of their continuall fealtie, so that the Romaines woulde rescue them out of the handes of their enemies. Hereupon the Romaines sent vnto them a Legion of armed Souldeiers, which comming into this Iland, and encountering with the enemies, ouerthrew a great number of them, and draue the rest out of the frontiers of the Countrie, and so setting the Britaines at libertie, counselled them to make a wall, extending all along betweene the two seas, which might be of force to keepe out their euill neighbours, and then
Wall about the Cittie of London

returned home with great triumph: The Britaines wanting Masons, builded that Wall not of stone as they were advised, but made it of turfe, and that so slender, that it serued little or nothing at all for their defence, and the enemie perceyving that the Romaine Legion was returned home, forthwith arriued out of their boates, invaded the borders, overcame the country, and as it were bare down all that was before them.

Whereupon Ambassadors were eftsoones dispatched to Rome lamentably beseeching that they would not suffer their miserable country to bee utterly destroyed: then againe, an other Legion was sent, which comming vpon a sodaine, made a greate slaughter of the enemie, and chased him home, even to his owne Country. These Romaines at their departure, tolde the Britaines playnely, that it was not for their ease or pleasure to take vpon them any more such long and laborious journeys for their defence, and therefore bad them practice the use of armour and weapons, and learne to withstand their enemies, whome nothing else did make so strong as their faint heart and cowardise, and for so much as they thought that it would bee no small helpe and encouragement vnto their Tributary friendes, whome they were now forced to forsake, they builded for them a Wall of harde stone from the west sea to the east sea, right betweene those two Citties, which were there made to keepe out the enemies, in the selfe same place where Severus before had cast his Trench. The Britaines also putting to their helping hands as laborers.

This Wall they builded 8. foote thicke in breadth, and 12. foot in height, right as it were by a line from east to West, as the ruines thereof remayning in many places til this day, do make to appeare. Which worke thus perfected, they gaue the people straight charge to looke well to themselues, they teach them to handle their weapons, and they instruct them in war-like seates. And least by the sea side southwardes, where their ships laye at harbor, the enemie shoulde come on land, they made vp sundrie Bulwarkes each somewhat distant from the other, and so bid them farewell as minding no more to returne. This happened in the dayes of the Emperour Theodosius the yonger, almost 500. yeares after the first
arriuall of the Romaines here, aboute the yeare after Christs incarnation, 434.

The Britaines after this continuing a lingering and doubtfull war with the Scots and Pictes, made choice of Vortiger to bee their king and leader, which man (as sayeth Malmesbery) was neither valourous of courage, nor wise of counsell, but wholy giuen ouer to the vnlawfull lusts of his flesh: the people likewise in short time being growne to some quietnes gaue themselues to gluttony, and drunkennes, pride, contention, enuiie and such other vices, casting from them the yoke of Christ. In the meane season a bitter plague fell among them, consuming in short time such a multitude, that the quicke were not sufficient to bury the dead, and yet the remnant remayned so hardened in sinne, that neyther death of theyr friendes, nor feare of their own daunger, could cure the mortality of their soules, wherevpon a greater stroke of vengeance insued vpon the whole sinfull nation. For being now againe infested with their old neighbors the Scots and Pictes, they consult with their king Vortiger, and send for the Saxons, who shortly after arrived here in Britaine, where saith Bede they were receyued as frends: but as it proued they minded to destroy the countrie as enemies, for after that they had driuen out the Scots and Pictes, they also draue the Britains some ouer the seas, some into the waste mountaines of Wales and Cornewall, and deuided the Coun trey into diuers kingdomes amongst themselves.

These Saxons were likewise ignorant of building with stone, untill the yeare 680. for then it is affirmed that Benet Abbot of Wirral, maister to the reuerend Bede, first brought artificers of stone houses, and glasse Windowes into this Iland amongst the Saxons: Arts before that time vnto them vnknown, and therefore vsed they but wodden buildings. And to this accordeth Policronicon, who sayeth that then had yee wodden Churches, nay wodden Chalaces and golden Priestes, but since golden Chalaces and wodden Priestes: And to knit vp this argument, king |Edgar in his Charter to the Abbey of Malmesbury, dated the yeare of Christ 974. hath wordes to this effect: All the Monasteries in my Realme, to the outward sight, are nothing but worme eaten and rotten tymbre.

Malmsbery: Bede.
The Britaines giuen to glut-tony, drunken-nes, pride and contention.
The Britaines plagued for their sinfull life.
Witchendus. Bede.
The Saxons sent for to defend the Britaines, but they draue them into the mountaines.
Saxons vskilful of building with stone.
Benet a Monk brought in Masons.
Wodden churches and golden priestes.
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Monasteries of rotten timber.
and boordes, and that worse is, within they are almost emptie, and void of diuine seruice,

Thus much be said for walling, not only in respect of this Cittie, but generally also of the first within the Realme. Now to returne to our Trinobant, (as Caesar hath it) the same is since by Tacitus, Ptolomeus, & Antonius called Londinium, Longidinium, of Amianus, Lundinum, and Augusta who calleth it an auncient Cittie, of our Brytaine Lundaye, of the old Saxons, Lundenceaster, Lundenbirig, Londennuir, of strangers Londra, and Londres, of the inhabitants, London, whereof you may read a more large and learned discourse, and how it tooke the name, in that worke of my louing friend M. Camden now Clarenceaulx, which is called Britania.

This Cittie of London hauing beene destroyed and burnt by the Danes and other Pagan enemies, about the yeare of Christ, 839. was by Alfred king of the west Saxons, in the yeare 886. repaired, honourably restored, and made againe habitable. Who also committed the custodie thereof vnto his son in law, Ethelred Earle of Mercea, vnto whome before he hath giuen his daughter Ethelfled.

And that this Cittie was then strongly walled, may appeare by diverse accidents, whereof William of Malmesberie hath that about the yeare of Christ 994. the Londoners shut vp their gates, and defended their king Ethelred, within their walles against the Danes.

In the yeare 1016. Edmond Ironside raigning ouer the west Saxons, Canute the Dane bringing his nauie into the west part of the bridge, cast a trench about the Cittie of London, and then attempted to haue won it by assault, but the Citizens repulsed him, and draue them from their walles.

Also in the yeare 1052. Earle Goodwin with his nauie sayled vp by the South ende of the Bridge, and so assailed the walles of this Cittie.

William Fitzstephen in the raigne of Henrie the second, [writing of the wals of this Cittie, hath these wordes. The wall is high and great, wel towred on the Northside, with due distances betweene the towres. On the Southside also the Cittie was walled and towred, but the fishfull riuuer of Thames with his ebbing and flowing, hath long since subverted them.
Wall about the Cittie of London

By the Northside, he meaneth from the river of Thames in the east to the river of Thames in the west, for so stretched the wall in his time, and the Citie being farre more in length from East, to West, then in breadth from South, to North, and also narrower at both ends then in the middest, is therefore compassed with the wall on the land side, in forme of a bow, except denting in betwixt Coplegate, and Aldersgate: but the wall on the southside, along by the river of Thames, was straight as the string of a bow, and all furnished with Towres or Bulworkes, (as we now terme them) in due distance every one from other, as witnesseth our Author, and our selues may behold for the land side. This may suffice for proove of a wall, and forme thereof about this Citie, and the same to haue beene of great antiquitie as any other within this Realme.

And now touching the maintenance, and repairing the saide wall, I reade that in the year 1215. the 6. of king John, the Barons entring the City by Ealdgate, first take assurance of the Citizens, then brake into the Jewes houses, searched their coffers to fill their owne purses, and after with great diligence repaired the walles and gates of the Citie, with stones taken from the Jewes broken houses. In the yeare 1257. Henrie Math. Paris.

the third caused the walles of this Citie, which was sore decayed and destitute of towers, to be repaired in more seemely wise then before, at the common charges of the Citie. Also in the yeare 1282. king Edward the first, hauing graunted to Robert Kilwarby Archbishop of Canterburie, licence for the enlarging of the blacke Friers Church, to breake and take downe a part of the wall of the Citie, from Ludgate to the river of Thames: he also graunted to Henry Waleis Maior, and the Citizens of London, the fauour to take toward the making of the wall, and inclosure of the Citie, certaine customes, or toll, as appeareth by his graunt: this wall was then to bee made from Ludgate west to Fleetbridge along behinde | the houses and along by the water of the Fleet, vnto Page 10 the river of Thames. Moreouer, in the yeare 1310. Edward 2. commaunded the Citizens to make vp the wall alreadie begunne, and the tower at the ende of the same wall, within the water of Thames neare vnto the blacke Friars, &c. 1328.
the second of Edward the 3. the walles of this citie was repaired. It was also graunted by king Richard the second in the 10. of his raigne, that a toll should bee taken of the wares, solde by lande or by water for ten yeares, towards the repairing of the walles, and clensing of the ditch about London. In the 17. of Edward the 4. Ralfe Ioselne, Maior, caused part of the wall about the citie of London to bee repayred, to wit, betwixt Aldgate, and Aldersgate. He also caused the Moorefield to bee searched for clay, and Bricke thereof to be made, and burnt: he likewise caused chalke to be brought out of Kent, and to be burnt into lime in the same Moorefield, for more furtherance of the worke. Then ye Skinners to begin in the East made that part of the wall betwixt Aldgate and Buries markes, towards Bishopsgate, as may appeare by their armes in three places fixed there: the Maior with his companie of the Drapers, made all that part, betwixt Bishopsgate and Alhallowes church in the same wall, and from Alhallowes towards the posterne called Moorregate. A great part of the same wall was repayred by the Executors of sir Iohn Crosby, late Alderman, as may appeare by his armes, in two places there fixed: and other companies repayred the rest of the wall to the posterne of Creplegate. The Goldsmiths repayred from Creplegate towards Aldersgate, and there the worke ceased. The circuit of the wall of London on the landes side, to wit from the tower of London in the East, vnto Aldgate, is 82. perches: from Aldgate to Bishopsgate, 86. perches: from Bishopsgate in the North, to the posterne at Creplegate, 162. perches: from Creplegate to Eldersgate, 75. perches: from Eldersgate to Newgate, 66. perches: from Newgate in the west, to Ludgate, 42. perches, in all 513. perches of assise. From Ludgate to the Fleete dike west, about 60. perches: from Fleete bridge south to the riuer Thames, about 70. perches: and so the total of these perches amounteth to 643. euer perche consisting of 5. yeards and a halfe, which do yeeld 3536. yardes and a halfe, containing 10608. foote, which make vp two English miles and more by 608. foote.
Of Auncient and present Riuers,  
Brookes, Boorns, Pooles, Wels, and Conduits  
of fresh water, seruing the Citie, as also of  
the ditch compassing the wall of the  
same for defence thereof.  

AUNCIENTLY, vntill the Conquerors time, and 200. yeres  
after, the Citie of London was watered besides the famous  
Riuer of Thames, on the South part, with the riuer of the  
wels, as it was then called: on the west, with a water called  
walbrooke running through the midst of the citie into the river  
Thames, seruing the heart thereof. And with a fourth water  
or Boorne, which ran within the Citie through Langboorne  
ward, watering that part in the East. In the west suburbs  
was also an other great water, called Oldborne, which had his  
fall into the riuer of Wels: then was there 3, principall Foun-  
taines, or wels in the other Suburbs, to wit Holy well, Cle-  
ments well, and Clarkes well. Neare vnto this last named  
fountaine, were divers other wels, to wit, Skinners well, Fags  
well, Tode well, Loders well, and Radwell. All which sayde  
Wels hauing the fall of their ouerflowing in the foresayde  
Riuer, much encreased the stremme, and in that place gaue it  
the name of Wel. In west Smithfield, there was a Poole in  
Recordes called Horsepoole, and one other Poole neare vnto  
the parish Church of Saint Giles without Cripplegate. Besides  
all which they had in euerie streeete and Lane of the citie  
diuerse fayre Welles, and fresh Springs: and after this manner  
was this citie then serued, with sweete and fresh waters, which  
being since decaid, other meanes haue beene sought to supplie  
the want, as shall be shewed: but first of the aforenamed  
Riuers and other waters, is to be said, as following.  

Thames the most famous riuer of this Iland, beginneth a  
little aboue a village called Winchcombe in Oxfordshire, and  
still increasing passeth first by the university of Oxford, and  
so with a maruеolous quiet course to London, and thence break-  
eth into the French Ocean by maine tides, which twice in 24.  
howers space doth eb and flow, more then 60. miles in length,  
to the great commoditie of Travellers, by which all kind of
Marchandise bee easily conveyed to London, the principall store house, and Staple of all commodities within this Realme, so that omitting to speake of great ships, and other vessels of burden, there pertayneth to the Citties of London, Westminster, and Burrough of Southwarke, aboue the number as is supposed of 2000. Wherryes and other small boates, whereby 3000. poore men at the least bee set on worke and maintained.

That the riuers of Wels, in the west parte of the Citty, was of olde so called of the Wels, it may be proued thus, William the Conqueror in his Charter, to the Colledge of S. Marien le Grand in London, hath these wordes: I doe giue and graunt to the same Church all the land and the Moore, without the Posterne, which is called Cripplegate, on eyther part of the Postern, that is to say, from the North corner of the Wall, as the riuers of the Wels, there neare running, departeth the same Moore from the Wall, vnto the running water which entereth the Cittie: this water hath beene long since called the riuers of the Wels, which name of riuers continued, and it was so called in the raigne of Edward the first: as shall bee shewed, with also the decay of the saide riuers. In a fayre Booke of Parliament recordes, now lately restored to the Tower, it appeareth that a Parliament being holden at Carlile in the yeare 1307, the 35. of Edward the 1. Henry Lacy Earle of Linclon complained that whereas in times past the course of water, running at London vnder Oldeborne bridge, and Fleece bridge into the Thames, had beene of such breadth and depth, that 10. or 12. ships, Nauiues at once with manerdises, were wont to come to the foresaid bridge of Fleece, and some of them to Oldborne bridge: now the same course by filth of the Tanners & such others, was sore decayed, also by raising of wharves, but specially by a diversion of the water made by them of the new Temple, for their milles standing without Baynardes Castle, in the first yeare of King Iohn, and divers other impediments, so as the said ships could not enter as they were wont, & as they ought, wherefore he desired that the Maior of London with the shiriffs, and other discrete Aldermen, might be appointed to view the course of the saide water, and that by the othes of good men, all the aforesaid hindrances
Rivers and other waters serving this Citie

might bee remoued, and it to bee made as it was wont of old: wherupon Roger le Brabason, the Constable of the Tower, with the Maior and Shiriffes were assigned to take with them honest and discrete men, and to make diligent search & enquirie, how the said riuuer was in old time, and that they leave nothing that may hurt or stop it, but keepe it in the same estate that it was wont to be: so far the record. Wherupon it folowed that the said riuuer was at that time cleansed, these mils remoued, and other things done for the preseruation of the course thereof, notwithstanding neuer brought to the olde depth and breadth, whereupon the name of riuier ceased, and it was since called a Brooke, namely, Turnmill, or Tremill Brooke, for that diuiers Mils were erected vpon it, as appeareth by a fayre Register booke, conteyning the foundation of the Priorie at Clarkenwell, and donation of the landes thereunto belonging, as also by diuers other records.

This brooke hath beene diuers times since cleansed, namely, and last of all to any effect, in the yeare 1502. the 7. of Henrie the 7. the whole course of Fleece dike, then so called, was scowred (I say) downe to the Thames, so that boats with fish and fewel were rowed to Fleece bridge, and to Oldburne bridge, as they of olde time had beene accustomed, which was a great commoditie to all the inhabitants in that part of the citie.

In the yeare 1589. was graunted a fiftene, by a common Councell of the citie, for the cleansing of this Brooke or dike: the money amounting to a thousand marks was collected, and it was vndertaken, that by drawing diuere springes about Hampsted heath, into one head and course, both the citie should bee serued of fresh water in all places of want, and also that by such a followeer as men call it, the chanell of this brooke should bee scowred into the riuier of Thames, but much mony being therein spent, ye effect | fayled, so that the Brooke by meanes of continuall incrochments vpon the banks getting ouer the water, and casting of soylage into the streame, is now become woosre cloyed and {choken} then euer it was before.

The running water so called by William Conquerour in his saide Charter, which entereth the citie, &c. (before there was any ditch) betweene Bishopsgate and the late made
Posterne called Moorigate, entred the wall, and was truely of
the wall called Walbrooke, not of Gualo, as some haue farre
fetched: it ranne through the citie with diuers windings from
the North towards the South into the riuer of Thames, and had
ouer the same diuere bridges along the Streetes and Lanes,
through which it passed. I haue read in a Booke intituled
the customes of London, that the Prior of the holie Trinitie
within Aldgate ought to make ouer Walbrooke in the ward of
Brodstreete, agaynst the stone wall of the citie, viz. the same
Bridge that is next the Church of All Saints, at the wall.
Also that the Prior of the new Hospitall, S. Marie Spittle
without Bishopsgate, ought to make the middle part of one
other Bridge next to the said Bridge towards the North:
And that in the 28. yeare of Edwarde the first, it was by
inquisiotion found before the Maior of London, that the parish
of S. Stephen uppon Walbrooke, ought of right to scovre
the course of the saide Brooke, and therefore the shiriffes were
commaunded to distraine the sayde Parishioners so to doe: in
the yeare 1300. the keepers of those Bridges at that time were
William Jordan and John de Beuer. This water course havung
diuerse Bridges, was afterwards vaulted ouer with bricke, and
paued leuell with the Streetes and Lanes where through it
passed, and since that also houses have beene builded thereon,
so that the course of Walbroke is now hidden vnder ground,
and therby hardly knowne.

Langborne water, so called of the length thereof, was a great
streme breaking out of the ground, in Fen Church street,
which ran downe with a swift course, west, through that
streete, thwart Grasstreete, and downe Lombard streete, to the
west ende of S. Marie Wolnothes Church, and then turning
the course South down Shareborne lane, so termed of sharing
or diuiding, it brake into diuere rilles or rilletts to the Riuere
of Thames: of this bourne that warde took the name, and is
till this day called Langborne warde. This Bourne also is
long since stopped vp at the head, and the rest of the course
filled vp and paued ouer, so that no signe thereof remayneth
more then the names aforesaid.

Oldborne, or Hilborne, was the like water, breaking out
about the place where now the bars do stand, and it ran
downe the whole streete till Oldborne bridge, and into the Riuuer of the Wels, or Turnemill brooke: this Bourne was likewise long since stopped vp at the heade, and in other places where the same hath broken out, but yet till this day, the said street is there called high Oldborne hill, and both the sides thereof together with all the grounds adjoyning, that lie betwixt it and the riuuer of Thames, remaine full of springs, so that water is there found at hand, and hard to be stopped in euerie house.

There are (saith Fitzstephen), neare London, on the North side, special wels in the Suburbs, sweete, wholsome and cleare, amongst which Holywell, Clarke wel, &c. Clements well, are most famous and frequented by Scholers and youths of the Citie in sommer eueninges, when they walke forth to take the aire.

The first, to wit, Holy well, is much decayed and marred with filthinesse purposely laide there, for the heighthening of the ground for garden plots.

The fountaine called S. Clements well, North from the Parish Church of S. Clements, and neare vnto an Inne of Chancerie, called Clements Inne, is faire curbed square with hard stone, kept cleane for common vse, and is alwayes full.

The third is called Clarkes well, or Clarken well, and is Clarks well, curbed about square with hard stone, not farre from the west ende of Clarken well Church, but close without the wall that incloseth it: the sayd Church tooke the name of the Well, and the Well tooke name of the Parish Clarkes in London, who of old time were accustomed there yearly to assemble, and to play some large hystorie of holy Scripture. And for example of later time, to wit, in the yeare, 1390. the 14. of Richard the second, I read the Parish Clarks of London, on the 18. of July, playd Enterludes at Skinners well, neare vnto Clarkes well, which play continued three dayes togethier, the King, Queene, and Nobles being present. Also the year 1409. the 10. of Henrie the 4. they played a play at the Skinners well, which lasted eight dayes, and was of matter from the creation of the worlde. There were to see the same, the most part of the Nobles and Gentiles in England, &c.

Other smaller welles were many neare vnto Clarkes well, Skinners well.
namely Skinners well, so called for that the Skinners of London held there certaine playes yearely playd of holy Scripture, &c. In place whereof the wrestlings haue of later yeaeres beeene kept, and is in part continued at Bartholomew tide.

Then was there Fagges well, neare vnto Smithfield by the Charterhouse, now lately dammed up, Todwell, Loders wel, and Radwell, all decayed, and so filled vp, that there places are hardly now discerned.

Somewhat North from Holywell, is one other well curbed square with stone, and is called Dame Annis the cleare, and not farre from it but somewhat west, is also one other cleare water called Perillus pond, because diverse youthes swimming therein haue beeene drowned, and thus much bee said for Fountaines and Wels.

Horsepoole in Westsmithfield, was sometime a great water, and because the inhabitants in that part of the Citie did there water their Horses, the same was in olde Records called Horspoole: it is now much decayed, the springs being stopped vp, and the land water falling into the small botome, remayning inclosed with Bricke, is called Smithfield pond.

By S. Giles Churchyard was a large water called a Poole, I read in the yeare 1244, that Anne of Lodburie was drowned therein, this poole is now for the most part stopped vp, but the spring is preserued, and was cooped about with stone by the Executors of Richard Wittington.

The said riuer of the Wels, the running water of Walbrooke, the Bournes aforesaid, and other the fresh waters that were in and about this Citie, being in processe of time by incroachment for buildings and heighthnings of grounds utterly decayed, and the number of Citizens mightily increased, they were forced to seeke sweete waters abroad, wherof some at the request of king Henry the third, in the 21. yeare of his raigne, were for the profite of the City, and good of the whole realme, thether repayring, to wit, for the poore to drinke, and the rich to dresse their meate, granted to the Citizens, and their successors by one Gilbert Sanforde, with liberty to conuay water from the Towne of Teyborne, by pipes of leade into their City.
The first Cesterne of leade castellated with stone in the Citty of London, was called the great Conduit in west Cheape, which was begunne to bee builded in the yeare 1285. Henry Wales being then Mayor, the water course from Paddington to Iames hed hath 510. rods, from Iames hed on the hil to the Newsegate, 102 rods, from the Newsegate to the Crosse in Cheape 484. rods.

The Tonne vpon Cornhill was Cisterned in the yeare 1401, Tonne vpon Cornhill. John Shadworthe then being Mayor. Bosse of Belingsgate, by Powles wharfe, and by S. Giles Church without Cripplegate made about the yeare 1423.

Water conuyed to the Gaoles of Newgate and Ludgate, 1432.

Water was first procured to the Standard in West Cheape about the yeare 1285. which Standard was againe new builded, by the Executors of Iohn Welles, as shall bee shewed in an other place. King Henry the sixt in the yeare 1442. granuted to Iohn Hatherley Mayor, licence to take vp 200. fodar of Leade, for the building of Conduits of a common Garnery and of a new Crosse in West Cheape for the honor of the Citty.

The Conduit in West Cheape by Powles gate, was builded about the yeare 1442. one thousand markes was graunted by Common Counsell for the building thereof, and repayring of the other Conduits.

The Conduit in Aldermanbury and the Standard in Fleetstreete, were made and finished by the Executors of Sir William Eastfield in the yeare 1471. a Sestern was added to the Standerd in Fleetstreete, and a Sestern was made at Fleetbridge, and one other without Cripplegate in the yeare, 1478.

Conduit in Grastreete, in the yeare, 1491. Conduit at Oldbourne Crosse about 1498, againe new made by William Lambe 1577. | Little Conduit by the Stockes market about 1500. Page 18
Conduit at Bishopsgate, about 1513. Conduit at London wall, about 1528. Conduit at Aldgate without, about 1535.
Conduit in Lothbury, and in Colemanstreet, 1546.  
Conduit of Thames water at Dowgate, 1568.

Thames water conveyed into men's houses by pipes of lead, from a most artificial forcher standing neare vnto London bridge and made by Peter Moris Dutchman in the yeare 1582, for service of the Citty, on the East part thereof.

Conduits of Thames water by the parish Churches of S. Mary Magdalen, and S. Nicholas Colde Abbey neare vnto olde Fishstreet, in the yeare 1583.

One other new Forcer was made neare to Broken wharfe, to conuey Thames water into men's houses of West Cheape, aboute Powles, Fleetstreet, &c., by an English Gentleman, named Bevis Bulmer, in the yeare 1594. Thus much for waters, seruing this Cittie: first by Riuers, Brooke, Boornes, Fountaines, Pooles, &c. And since by Conduits partly made by good and charitable Citizens, and otherwise by charges of the Communalitie, as shalbe shewed in description of Wardes, wherein they be placed. And now some Benefactors to these Conduits shalbe remembred.

In the yeare 1236, certaine Marchant Strangers of Cities beyond the Seas, to wit, Amiens, Corby, and Nele, for priuilegedes which they enjoyed in this Cittie, gave 100 l. towards the charges of conueying water from the towne of Teyborne. Robert Large Mayor, 1439. gave to the new water Conduits then in hand forty markes, and towards the vaulting ouer of Walbrooke neare to the parish Church of S. Margaret in Lothbery 200. Markes.

Sir William Eastfield mayor 1438. conueyed water from Teyborne to Fleetstreete, to Aldermanbury, and from Highbery, to Cripplegate.

William Combes Sheriffe 1441. gave to the worke of the Conduits

Richard Rawson one of the Sheriffes 1476. gaue xx. li.
Robert Reuell one of the shiriffes 1490. gaue x. li.
John Mathew Maior, 1490. gaue xx. li.
William Bucke Tailor, in the yeare, 1494. towards repairing of Conduits, gaue C. Markes.

Dame Thomason widow, late wife to John Percuiall Taylor, Maior in the yeare 1498. gaue toward the Conduit in Oldbourne xx. Markes.
Richard Shore one of the Shiriffes 1505. gaue to the Conduit in Oldbourne x. li.
The Ladie Ascue, widow to sir Christopher Ascue, 1543. gaue towards the Conduits C. li.
David Wodrooffe shiriffe 1554. gaue towards the Conduit at Bishopsgate xx. li.
Edward Jackman one of the shiriffes, 1564. gaue towards the Conduits C. li.
Barnard Randolph, common Sergeant of the Citie, 1583. gaue to the water Conduits 900 li.
Thus much for the Conduits of fresh water to this Citie.

The towne Ditch without the Wall of the citie.

The Ditch which partly now remaineth, and compassed the wall of the Citie, was begun to be made by the Londoners, in the yere 1211. & was finished in the yeare 1213. the 15. of king John, this Ditch being then made of 200. foot broad, caused no small hinderance to the Canons of the holy Trinitie, whose Church stood neare vnto Aldgate, for that the saide ditch passed through their ground, from the Tower of London, vnto Bishops gate. This Ditch being originally made for the defence of the Citie, was also long togethier, carefully clensed and maintained as neede required, but now of late neglected and forced either to a verie narrow, and the same a filthie chanell, or altogether stopped vp for Gardens planted, and houses builded thereon, even to the verie wall, and in many places vpon both ditch & wall houses to be builded, to what danger of the Citie, I leave to wiser consideration: and can but wish that reformation might be had.

In the yeare of Christ, 1354. the 28. of Edward the third, the ditch of this Citie flowing ouer the banke into the Tower ditch, the king commaunded the said ditch of the Citie to be clensed, and so ordered, that the ouerflowing thereof should not force any filth into the Tower ditch.

Anno 1379. John Philpot Maior of London, caused this ditch to be clensed, and euerie houshold to pay v.d. which was for a dayes worke towards the charges thereof. Richard the 2. in the tenth of his raigne, granted a Toll to bee taken
of wares solde by water, or by lande for ten yeares, towards repayring of the wall, and clensing of the ditch.

Thomas Farwooner Maior 1414. caused the ditch to be clensed.

Ralf Loceline Maior 1477. caused the whole ditch to be cast and clensed, and so from time to time it was clensed, and otherwise reformed, namely, in 1519, the tenth of Henrie 8. for clensing and scowring the common ditch betweene Aldgate and the Posterne next the Tower ditch. The chief ditcher had by the day viijd. the second ditcher viid. the other ditchers viijd. And every vagabonde (for so were they termed) one pennie the day meate and drinke, at charges of the Citie. XCV.lii. iiij.s. iiiijd.

In my remembrance also the same was clensed, namely the Mooreditch, when sir William Hollies was Maior, in the yere 1540. & not long before, from the Tower of London to Aldgate.

It was again clensed in the yeare 1549. Henrie Amcotes being Maior, at the charges of the Companies. And againe 1569. the 11. of Queene Elizabeth, for clensing the same ditch betweene Ealdgate and the Posterne, and making a new sewer, and wharf of tymer from the head of the Posterne into the towne ditch, viii.C.xiiijd.pound, xv.s. viijd. Before the which time the saide ditch lay open, without wall or pale, hauing therein great store of verie good fish, of diuere sorts, as many men yet liuing, who haue taken and tasted them can well witnes: but now no such matter, the charge of clensing is spared, and great profite made by letting out the banks, with the spoyle of the whole ditch. |
Bridges of this Citie.

The original foundation of London bridge, by report of Bartholomew Linsted, alias Fowle, last Prior of S. Marie Ouries Church in Southwarke was this: a Ferrie being kept in place where now the Bridge is builded, at length the Ferri-man & his wife deceas'd, left the same Ferrie to their only daughter, a maiden named Marie, which with the goodes left by her Parents, as also with the profits rising of the said Ferrie, builded a house of Sisters, in place where now standeth the east part of S. Marie Ouries Church aboue the Queere, where she was buried, unto the which house she gave the over-sight & profits of the Ferrie, but afterwards the said house of sisters being converted into a college of priests, the priests builded the Bridge (of Timber) as all other the great Bridges of this land were, and from time to time kept the same in good reparations, till at length considering the great charges of repayring the same, there was by ayd of the Citizens of London, and others, a Bridge builded with Arches of stone, as shall be shewed.

But first of the Timber Bridge, the antiquitie thereof being great, but uncertainne, I remember to have read, that in the yeare of Christ, 994. Sweyn king of Denmarke besieging the Citie of London, both by water and by land, the Citizens manfully defended themselves, and their king Ethelred, so as part of their enemies were slain in battaile, and part of them were drowned in the Riuere of Thames, because in their hasty rage they tooke no heede of the Bridge.

Moreover in the yeare 1016. Canute the Dane, with a great nauie came vp to London, and on the South of the Thames, caused a Trench to be cast, through the which his ships were towed into the west side of the Bridge, and then with a deepe Trench and straight siege he compassed the Citie round about.

Also in the yeare 1052. Earle Goodwin with the like nauie, taking his course vp the riuere of Thames, and finding none that offered to resist on the Bridge, he sayled vp by the south-side of the said riuere. Furthermore about the yere 1067. William the Conquerour in his Charter to the Church of S. Peter
at Westminster, confirmed to the Monks seruing God there, a gate in London, then called Buttolphs gate, with a wharfe which was at the head of London bridge.

We read likewise, that in the yeare 1114. the 14. of Henrie the first, the riuier of Thames was so dried vp, and such want of water there, that betweene the Tower of London, and the bridge, and vnder the bridge, not onely with horse, but also a great number of men, women and children, did wade ouer on foote.

In the yeare 1122. the 22. of Henrie the first, Thomas Arden gaue to the Monkes of Bermondsey, the Church of S. George in Southwarke: and five shillings rent by the yeare, out of the land pertayning to London bridge.

I also haue seene a Charter vnder scale to the effect follow- ing. Henrie king of England, to Ralfe B. of Chichester, and all the Ministers of Sussex sendeth greeting, know ye, &c. I com- mandaed by my kingly authoritie that the Manner called Alcestone, which my father gaue, with other lands, to the Abbey of Battle, be free and quiet from shieres and hundredes, and all other Customs of earthly servitude, as my father helde the same, most freely and quietly, and namely from the worke of London bridge, and the worke of the Castle at Peuensey: and this I command vpon my forfeitury, witnesse William de Pontlearche at Byrry, the which Charter with the Seale very faire, remaineth in the custodie of Joseph Holland Gentleman.

In the yeare 1136. the first of king Stephen, a fire began in the house of one Ailewarde, neare vnto London stone, which consumed east to Aldgate, and west to S. Erkenwalds shrine, in Powles Church: the bridge of timber ouer the riuier of Thames was also burnt, &c. but afterwardes againe repayred. For Fitzstephen writeth that in the raigne of king Stephen, and of Henry the second, when pastimes were shewed on the riuier of Thames, men stode in greate number on the bridge, wharifes, and houses, to behold.

Now in the yeare 1163. the same bridge was not onely repayred, but new made of Timber as afore, by Peter of ColeChurch, Priest and Chaplaine.

Thus much for the olde timber bridge, maintaine and partly
by the proper lands thereof, partly by the liberality of divers persons, and partly by taxations in divers Shires, haue I proued for the space of 215. yeares before the Bridge of stone was builded.

Now touching the foundation of the Stone Bridge, it followeth: About the yeare 1176. the Stone Bridge ouer the riuer of Thames at London, was begunne to be founded by the foresaide Peter of Cole Church, neare vnto the Bridge of timber, but some what more towards the west, for I read that Buttolfe wharfe was in the Conquerors time, at the head of London bridge. The king assisted this worke: A Cardinall then being Legate here, and Richard Archbishop of Canterbury, gaue one thousand markes towards the foundation, the course of the riuer for the time was turned an other way about by a Trench cast for that purpose beginning as is supposed East about Radriffe, and ending in the West about Patricksey, now tearmed Batersey, this worke to wit, the Arches, Chaple & stone bridge ouer the riuer of Thames at London, hauing beene 33. yeares in building was in the yeare 1209. finished by the worthy Marchants of London, Seyle Mercer, William Almaine, and Benedict Botewrite, principall Maisters of that worke, for Peter of Colechurch deceased four yeares before, and was buried in the Chappell on the Bridge, in the yeare 1205.

King John gaue certaine voide places in London to build vppon, the profites thereof to remaine towards the charges of building and repayring of the same bridge: a Mason being Maister Workeman of the Bridge, builded from the foundation the large Chappell on that Bridge, of his owne charges, which Chappell was then endownd for two Priestes, foure Clearks, &c. besides Chanteries since founded for John Hatfield and other. After the finishing of this Chappell, which was the first building vppon those Arches, sundry houses at times were erected, and many charitable men gaue lands, tenements, or summes of money towards maintenance thereof, all which was sometimes noted, and in a table fayre written for posterity, remayning in the Chappell, til the same Chappell was turned to a dwelling house, and then remoued to the Bridge house: the effect of which Table I was willing to haue published in this booke, if I could haue obtained the sight thereof: but making the
shorter worke, I find by the accompt of William Mariner and Christopher Eliot Wardens of London Bridge from Michaelmas in the 22. of H. the 7. vnto Michaelmas next ensuing by one whole yeare, that all the paymentes and allowances came to viii.C.xv.li. xvii.s. ii.d. ob. as there is shewed by particulars, by which accompt then made, may be partly gessed the great charges and discharges of that Bridge at this day, when thinges be stretched to so great a prise. And now to actions on this Bridge.

The first action to be noted was lamentable, for within foure yeares after the finishing thereof, to witte in the yeare, 1212. on the tenth of July at night, the Borough of Southwarke vpon the South side the riuer of Thames, as also the Church of our Lady of the Canons there beeing on fire, and an exceeding great multitude of people passing the Bridge, eyther to extinguish and quench it, or else to gaze at and behold it, suddenly the north part, by blowing of the Southwind was also set on fire, and the people which were euen now passing the Bridge, percyuing the same, would haue returned, but were stopped by fire, and it came to passe, that as they stayed or protracted time, the other end of the Bridge also, namely the South end was fired, so that the people thronging themselves betweene the two fires, did nothing else but expect present death: then came there to aide them many ships and vessels, into the which the multitude so vnaduisedly rushed, that the ships being drowned, they all perished: it was saide that through the fire and shipwracke there were destroyed about three thousand persons whose bodies were found in part, or halfe burned, besides those that were wholly burnt to ashes, and could not be found.

About the yeare 1282. through a great frost and deepe snow, fiue Arches of London bridge were borne downe and carried away.

In the yeare 1289. the Bridge was so sore decayed for want of reparations, that men were afraid to passe thereon, and a subsidie was graunted towards the amendment thereof, Sir John Britaine being Custos of London. 1381. a great collection or gathering was made, of all Archbishops, Bishops, and other Ecclesiasticall persons, for the reparations of London
Bridges of this Citie 25

bridge. 1381. Wat Tiler, and other rebels of Kent, by this bridge entered the Citie, as ye may reade in my Sum
marie and Annales.

In the yeare 1395, on S. Georges day, was a great iusting
on London bridge, betwixt David Earle of Craford of Scot-
tland, and the Lord Wels of England. In the which the
Lord Wels was at the third course borne out of the saddle,
which hystoric proueth, that at that time the Bridge being
coaped on either side was not replenished with houses
builded thereupon, as since it hath beene, and now is. The
next yeare on the 13. of Nouember, the young Queene
Isabell, commonly called the little, for she was but eight
yeares olde, was conueyed from Kenington besides Lamith,
through Southwarke to the Tower of London, and such a
multitude of people went out to see her, that on London
bridge nine persons were crowded to death, of whom the
prior of Tiptre a place in Essex, was one, & a Matron on
Cornelil, was an other.

The Tower on London Bridge at the north end of the
drawbridge, (for that bridge was then readily to be drawn
up, as well to giue passage for ships to Queeneith, as for the
resistance of any forraigne force) was begun to be builded in
the yeare 1426. John Rainwell being Maior.

An other tower there is on the sayd bridge ouer the gate
at the South end towards Southwarke, whereof in an other
place shall be spoken.

In the yeare 1450. Jacke Cade, and other Rebels of Kent, Jacke Cade
by this bridge entered the Citie, he strake his sword on
London stone, | and said himselfe then to be Lord of the
Citie, but they were by the Citizens overcame on the same
Bridge, and put to flight, as in my Annales.

In the yeare 1471. Thomas the bastard Fawconbridge be-
sieged this Bridge, burned the gate, and all the houses to the
draw bridge, that time 13. in number.

In the year 1481. an house called the common siege on
London bridge fell downe into the Thames: through the fall
whereof five men were drowned.

In the year 1553. the third of February, sir Thomas Wiat
and the Kentish men marched from Depeford towards London,
after knowledge whereof, forthwith the drawe bridge was cut
downe, and the Bridge gates shut, Wiat and his people
entered Southwarke, where they lay till the sixt of Februarie,
but coulde get no entrée of the Citie by the bridge, the same
was then so well defended by the Citizens, the Lord William
Howard assisting, wherefore he remoued towards Kingstone,
&c. as in my Annales.

To conclude of this bridge ouer the said riuer of Thames,
I affirme, as in other my descriptions, that it is a worke verie
rare, hauing with the draw bridge 20. Arches made of
squared stone, of height 6o. foote, and in breddth 30. foote
distant one from another 20. foote, compact and ioyned
togither with vaults and cellers, vpon both sides be houses
builded, so that it seemeth rather a continuall streete then
a Bridge: for the fortifying whereof against the incessant
assaults of the riuer, it hath overseers and officers, vs. war-
dens, as aforesaid, and others.

Fleet bridge. *Fleete bridge* in the west without Ludgate, a Bridge of
stone faire coaped, on either side with iron pikes, on
the which towards the south be also certaine Lanthornes of stone,
for lights to be placed in the winter evenings, for commoditie
of travellers. Under this bridge runneth a water, sometimes
called (as I haue said) the river of the Wels, since Turnemill
brooke, now Fleet dike, because it runneth by the Fleete, and
sometime about the Fleete, so under Fleete bridge into the
riuer of Thames. This bridge hath beene farre greater in
times past, but lessened, as the water course hath beene
narrowed. It seemeth this last bridge to be made, or re-
payed at the charges of John Wels Maior, in the yeare 1431. |
for on the coping is engraven Wels imbraced by Angels, like
as on the Standard in Cheape, which he also builded: thus
much of the Bridge: for of the water course and decay thereof
I haue spoken in another place.

Oldborne bridge. *Oldbourne bridge* ouer the said riuer of the Wels more to-
towards the North was so called, of a Bourne that sometimes
ranne downe Oldborne hill into the sayd Riuer, this Bridge
of stone like as Fleet bridge from Ludgate west, serueth for
passengers with carriage or otherwise from Newgate toward
the west and by North.
COWBRIDGE more North over the same water by COWBRIDGE COWBRIDGE streete or COWLANE: this bridge being lately decayed, an other of timber is made somewhat more north, by CHICKLANE, &c.

BRIDGES over the Towne ditch, there are diuere: to witte, without ALDGATE, without BISHOPS Gate, the Posterne called MOOREGATE, the Posterne of CREPLAGATE without ALDERSGATE, the Posterne of Christes Hospital, NEWGATE, and LUDGATE, all these bee over paued likewise with stone leuell with the streetes. But one other there is of Tymbere over the riuere of WELS, or FLEET DIKE, betwenee the precinct of the BLACKE FRIERS, and the house of BRIDGEEWELL.

There haue beene of olde time also, diuere BRIDGES in sundrie places over the course of Walbrooke, as before I haue partly noted, besides Horsehew bridge, by the Church of Saint John Baptist, now called S. IOHNS vpon Walbrooke. I reade that of olde time every person hauing lands on either side of the sayd brooke, should clesse the same, and repayre the BRIDGES so farre as their landes extended. More, in the II. of Edward the third, the inhabitants vpon the course of this brooke, were forced to pyle and wal the sides thereof. Also that in the third of Henrie the fift, this water course had many BRIDGES, since vaulted over with Bricke, and the streetes where through it passed, so paued, that the same watercourse is now hardly discerned. For order was taken in the second of Edward the fourth, that such as had ground on either side of Walbrooke, should vault and pauue it over, so farre as his ground extended. And thus much for BRIDGES in this Citie, may suffice.

Gates in the wall of this Citie.

GATES in the wall of this Citie of olde time, were foure: to wit, AELDGATE for the east, ALDERSGATE for the North, LUDGATE for the West, and the BRIDGEGATE over the riuere of Thames for the South, but of later times for the ease of Citizens and Passengers, diuers other gates and posterns haue beene made, as shall be shewed.

In the raigne of Henrie the second (saith FITZSTEPHEN) there were seuen double gates in the wall of this Citie, but he nameth Seuen double gates in the wall of this Citie.
them not. It may therefore be supposed, hee meant for the first, the gate next the Tower of London, now commonly called the Posterne: the next to be Aeldgate, the third Bishopsgate, the fourth Ealdersgate, the fift Newgate, the sixt Ludgegate, the seuenth Bridgegate. Since the which time hath beene builded, the Posterne called Mooregate, a Posterne from Christs Hospital, towards S. Bartholomewes Hospital in Smithfield, &c. Now of euerie of these gates, and posterns in the wall, and also of certaine water gates on the riuere of Thames, seuerally, somewhat may, and shall be noted, as I find authority, or reasonable conjecture to warrant me.

For the first now called the posterne by the Tower of London, it sheweth by that part which yet remaineth, to haue beene a faire & strong arched gate, partly builded of hard stone of Kent, and partly of stone brought from Cane in Normandie, since the Conquest, and foundation of the high tower, and serued for passengers on foot out of the East, from thence through the Citie to Ludgegate in the West. The ruine and overthrow of this gate and posterne, began in the yeare 1190. the second of Richard the first, when William Longshampe Bishop of Ely, Chancellor of England, caused a part of the Citie wall, to wit, from the said gate towards the riuere of Thames, to the white tower, to bee broken downe, for the enlarging of the said Tower, which he then compassed farre wide about with a wall embattelld, and is now the | outer wal. He also caused a broad and deepe ditch to be made without the same wall, intending to haue derived the riuere of Thames with her tydes, to haue flowed about it, which would not be. But the Southside of this gate being then by undermining at the foundation loosed, and greatly weakned, at length, to wit, after 200. yeares and odde the same fell downe in the yeare 1440. the xviiij. of Henrie the sixt, and was neuer since by the Citizens reedified. Such was their negligence then, and hath bred some trouble to their successors, since they suffered a weake and wooden building to be there made, inhabited by persons of lewde life, oft times by inquest of Portesoken ward presented, but not reformed: whereas of former times, the said Posterne was accompted of as other gates of the Citie, and was appointed to men of good credite.
Amongst other, I haue read, that in the 49. of Edward the third, John Cobbe was admitted Custos of the said Posterne, and all the habitation thereof, for tearme of his life, by William Walworth, then Maior of London, &c. More, that John Credy Esquire, in the 21. of Richard the second, was admitted Custos of the said Posterne & appurtenances by Richard Whittington Maior, the Aldermen and Communaltie, &c.

Aeldgate.

The next gate in the East is called Aeldgate, of the antiquitie or age thereof. This is one and the first of the four principal gates, and also one of the seven double gates, mentioned by Fitzstephen. It hath had two paire of gates, though now but one, the hookes remaineth yet. Also there hath beene two Portcloses, the one of them remaineth, the other wanteth, but the place of letting downe is manifest. For antiquitie of the gate, it appeareth by a Charter of king Edgar to the knights of Knighton Guild, that in his dayes the said port was called Aeldgate, as ye may reade in the warde of Portokon. Also Matild the Queene wife to Henrie the first, having founded the Priorie of the holie Trinitie within Aeldgate, gaue vnto the same Church, to Norman the first Prior, and the Chanons that devoutly serued God therein, the Port of Aeldgate, and the soke or franches thereunto belonging, with all costomes as free as shee held the same: in the which Charter, she nameth the house Christes Church, and reporteth Aeldgate to be of his demaine.

More, I reade in the yeare 1215, that in the ciuill warres betweene king John and his Barons, the Londoners assisting the Barons faction, who then besieged Northampton, and after came to Bedford Castell, where they were well receyued by William Beauchampe, and captaine of the same: hauing then also secrete intelligence that they might enter the Citie of London if they would, they remoued their campe to Ware, from whence in the night comming to London, they entred Aeldgate, and placing gardians or keepers of the gates, they disposed of all thinges in the Citie at their pleasure. They spoyled the Friers houses, and searched their Coffers, which being done, Robert Fitzwater, Giffrey Mauauile Earle of
Essex, and the Earle of Glocester, chiefe leaders of the armie, applied all diligence to repaire the Gates and walles of this Citie, with the stones taken from the Jewes broken houses, namely, Aeldgate being then most ruinous, (which had giuen them an easie entrie) they repayred, or rather newly builded after the manner of the Normans, strongly arched, with bul-warks of stone brought from Cane in Normandie, and small Bricke called Flanders Tile was brought from thence, such as hath beene here vsed since the Conquest, and not before.

In the yeare 1471. the xi. of Edward the 4. Thomas the bastard Fawconbridge, hauing assembled a riotous companie of shipmen and other, in Essex, and Kent, came to London with a great nauie of ships, neare to the Tower, whereupon the Maior and Aldermen, by consent of a common Councell, fortified all along the Thames side, from Baynards castell to the Tower with armed men, & Gunnes, other instruments of war, to resist the invasion of the Mariners, whereby the Thames side was safely presuere and kept, by the Aldermen and other Citizens, that assembled thither in great numbers. Whereupon the Rebels being denied passage through the Citie that way, set vpon Aeldgate, Bishopsgate, Creplegate, Aeldersgate, Londonbridge, and along the Riuier of Thames, shooting arrowes and Gunnes into the Citie, fiered the suburbs, and burnt more than threescore houses. And further, on sunday the eleuenth of May, fiue thousand of them assaulting Aeldgate, wan the Bulwarkes, and entered the Citie, but the Porteclose being letten downe, such as had entered were slaine, and Robert Bassett Alderman of Aeldgate ward, with the Recorder, commanded in the name of God to drawe vp the Porteclose, which being done, they issued out, and with sharpe shot and fierce fight, put their enemies backe so farre as S. Bottolphs Church, by which time the Earle Riviers, and the Lieutenant of the Tower was come, with a fresh companie, which ioyning together discomfited the Rebels, and put them to flight, whom the saide Robert Bassett, with the other Citizens, chased to the Miles ende, and from thence, some to Poplar, some to Stratford, slue many, and tooke many of them prisoners. In which space the Bastard hauing assayed

1 Poplar] Popular 1603, 1633.
other places upon the water side, and little prevailed, fled toward his ships: thus much for *Aeldgate*.

**Bishopsgate.**

The third and next toward the North, is called *Bishopsgate*, Bishopsgate. for that (as it may be supposed) the same was first built by some Bishop of London, though now unknown, when, or by whom: but true it is, that this gate was first built for ease of passengers toward the East, and by North, as into Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, &c. The travellers into which parties before the building of this gate, were forced, passing out at *Aeldgate*, to go East till they came to the Miles ende, and then turning on the left hand to Blethenhall greene, to Cambridge heath, and so North, or East, and by North, as their journey lay. If they took not this way, by the East out at *Aeldgate*, they must take their way by the North out at Aeldersgate, through Aeldersgate streete, and Goswellstreet towards Iseldon, and by a crosse of stone on their right hand, set vp for a marke by the North ende of Golding lane, to turn Eastward through a long streete, until this day called Alderstreet, to another crosse, standing, where now a Smiths forge is placed by Sewers ditch Church, and then to turn againe North towards Tottenham, Endfield, Waltham, Ware, &c. The eldest note that I reade of this *Bishopsgate*, is that William Blond, one of the Shirifies of Lib. Trinitate. London, in the yere 1210, sold to Serle Mercer, and William Page 32 Almaine, procurators, or Wardens, of London bridge, all his land with the Garden in the Parish of Saint Buttolph without Bishopsgate, betweene the land of Richard Casiarin, towards the North, and the land of Robert Crispie towards the South, and the high way called Berewards lane on the East, &c.

Next I reade in a Charter dated the yeare 1235. that Walter Brune, Citizen of London, and Rosia his wife, having founded the Priorie or new Hospital of our blessed Lady, since called Saint Marie Spittle without Bishopsgate, confirmed the same to the honour of God and our blessed Ladie, for Chanons regular.

Also in the yeare 1247. *Simon Fitzmarie* one of the shirifies Record. of London, the 29. of *Henrie* the third, founded the Hospitall
of Saint Marie, called Bethlehem without Bishopsgate. Thus much for antiquitie of this gate.

And now for reparing the same, I find, that Henrie the third confirmed to the Marchants of the Haunce, that had an house in the Citie called Guildhalla Theutonicorum, certaine Liberties and Priuiledges. Edward the first also confirmed the same. In the tenth yere of whose raigne, it was found that the said Marchants ought of right to reipare the said gate called Bishopsgate. Whereupon Gerard Marbod, Alderman of the Haunce and other, then remaining in the Citie of London: for themselues, and all others Marchants of the said Haunce, graunted 210. Markes sterling to the Maior and Citizens. And couenanted that they and their successors should from time to time reipare the same gate. This gate was againe beautifully builded in the yeare 1479. in the raigne of Edwarde the fourth, by the saide Haunce Marchants.

Moreover, about the yeare 1551. these Haunce Marchants hauing prepared stone for that purpose, caused a new gate to bee framed, there to haue beene set vp, but then their liberties through sute of our English Marchantes, were seazed into the Kings hande, and so that worke was stayed, and the olde Gate yet remaineth.

Posterne of Moregate.

TOUCHING the next Posterne, called Moregate, I finde that Thomas Falconer Maior about the yeare 1415. the thirde of Henry the fist, caused the wall of the Cittie to bee broken neare vnto Colemanstreete, and there builded a Posterne, now called Moregate, vpon the Moore side where was neuer gate before. This gate he made for ease of the Citizens, that way to pass vpon causeys into the fielde for their recreation: For the same field was at that time a Marrish. This Posterne was reedified by William Hampton Fishmonger, Mayor, in the yeare 1472. In the yeare also 1511. the third of Henry the eight, Roger Achely Mayor caused Dikes and Bridges to bee made, and the ground to bee leuiled, and made more commodious for passage, since which time the same hath beene heighthened. So much that the Ditches and Bridges are
covered, and seemeth to me that if it be made leuell with the Battlements of the Citie Wall, yet will it bee little the dryer, such is the Moorish nature of that ground.

Posterne of Cripplegate.

The next is the Posterne of Cripplegate, so called long before the Conquest. For I reade in the historie of Edmond king of the East Angles, written by Abbo Floriacensis, and by Burcharde sometime Secretarie to Offa king of Mercia, but since by John Lidgate Monke of Bery, that in the yeare 1010. the Danes spoiling the kingdome of the East Angles, Alwayne Bishoppe of Helmeham, caused the body of king Edmond the Martyre to bee brought from Bedrisworth, (now called Bury Saint Edmundes,) through the kingdome of the East Saxons, and so to London in at Cripplegate, a place sayeth mine Author so called of Criples begging there: at which gate, (it was said) the body entering, miracles were wrought, as some of the Lame to goe vpright, praysing God. The Body of King Edmond rested for the space of three yeares in the Parrish Church of Saint Gregorie, neare unto the Cathedrall Church of S. Paule. Moreover the Charter of William the Conqueror, confirming the foundation of the Colledge in London, called S. Martin the greate, hath these wordes. I doe givne and graunt to the same Church and Canons, serving God therein, All the land and the Moore, without the Posterne, which is called Cripplegate, on eyther part of the Posterne. More, I reade that Alfone builded the parish Church of S. Giles, nigh a gate of the Citie, called Porta contractorum, or Criplesgate, about the yeare 1090.

This Posterne was sometime a prison, whereunto such Citizens and others, as were arrested for debt, or common trespasses, were committed, as they be now to the Compters, which thing appeareth by a writte of Edward the first in these wordes: Rex vic. London, salutem: ex graui querela B. capt. & detent. in prisiona nostra de Criples gate pro x.l. quas coram Radulpho de Sandwico tunc custod. Civitas nostra London & I. de Blackwell civis recognit. debit. &c. This gate Cripplegate was new builded by the Brewers of London, in the yeare, 1244.
as sayth Fabians Manuscript. Edmond Shaw Goldsmith, Maior, in the year 1483. at his decease appoynted by his testament his executors, with the cost of 400. Markes, and the stuffe of the old gate, called Cripplesgate, to build the same gate of new, which was performed and done, in the yeare 1491.

Aldersgate.

The next is Ældresgate, or Aldersgate, so called not of Aldrich, or of Elders, that is to say, auncient men, builders thereof, nor of Eldarne trees, growing there more abundantly then in other places, as some haue fabuled, but for the very antiquity of the gate it self, as beeing one of the first 4 gates of the city, & servuing for the Northerne parts, as Aldegate for the East, which two gates being both old gates, are for difference sake called, the one Ealdegate, and the other Aldersgate. This is the 4. principall gate, and hath at sundry times beene increased with buildinges, namely on the south or innerside, a great frame of timber hath beene added and set vp, contayning diuers large roomes, and lodgings: also on the East side, is the addition of one great building of Timber, with one large floore paued with stone, or tile, and a Well therein curbed with stone, of a great depth, and rising into the said roome, two stories high from the ground: which Well is the onely peculiar note belonging to that gate, for I haue not seen the like in all this Citie, to be raysed so high. John Day Stationer, a late famous Printer of many good books, in our time dwelled in this gate, and builded much vpon the wall of the Citie towards the Parish Church of S. Anne.

Posterne out of Christs hospitall.

Then is there also a Posterne gate, made out of the wall on the North side of the late dissolued cloyster of Friers minors, commonly of their habit called Gray friers, now Christs Church, and Hospitall. This Posterne was made in the first yeare of Edward the sixt, to passe from the said Hospitall of Christs Church, vnto the Hospitall of S. Bartlemew in Smithfield.
Gates of this Citie

Newgate.

The next gate on the West, and by North, is termed Newgate, as latelier builded then the rest, and is the fift principall gate. This gate was first erected about the raigne of Henrie the first, or of king Stephen, vpon this occasion. The Cathedrall Church of saint Paule, being burnt about the yeare 1086, in the raigne of William the Conquerour, Mauveius then Bishop of London, repayred not the olde Church, as some haue supposed, but began the foundation of a new worke, such as men then judged would neuer haue beene performed, it was to them so wonderfull for height, length, and breadth, as also in respect it was rased vpon Arches or vaults, a kind of workmanship brought in by the Normans, and neuer knowne to the Artificers of this land before that time, &c. After Mauritius, Richard Beamore did wonderfully aduaunce the worke of the said Church, purchasing the large streetes, and lanes round about, wherein were wont to dwell many lay people, which grounds he began to compasse about with a strong wall of stone, and gates. By means of this increase of the Church territorie, but more by inclosing of ground for so large a cemitorie, or churchyard: the high and large street stretching from Allegate in the East, vntill Ludgate in the West, was in this place so crossed and stopped vp, that the cariage through the citie westward, was forced to passe without the said churchyard wall on the North side, through Pater noster row: and then South downe Aue Mary lane, and againe West through Bowyer row to Ludgate: or else out of Cheepe, or Watheling streete to turne south, through the old Exchange, then west through Carter lane: againe north vp Creede lane, and then west to Ludgate. Which passage, by reason of so often turning, was very combersome, and daungerous both for horse and man. For remedie whereof a new gate was made, and so called, by which men and cattell, with all manner of carriages might passe more directly (as afore) from Allegate, through west Cheepe by Paules, on the North side, through saint Nicholas shambles, and Newgate market to Newgate, & from thence to any part westward ouer Oldborne bridge, or turning without the gate into Smithfield, and through

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Newgate first builded, and the cause why.
Iseldon to any part North and by West. This gate hath of long time beene a Gaile, or prison for fellons and trespassers, as appeareth by Records in the raigne of king John, and of other kings, amongst the which I finde one testifying that in the yeare 1218. the third of king Henrie the third, the king writeth vnto the shiriffes of London, commaundying them to repayre the Gaile of Newgate, for the safe keeping of his prisoners, promising that the charges layd out should be allowed vnto them vpon their accompt in the Exchequer.

Moreouer in the yeare 1241. the Jewes of Norwich were hanged for circumcising a Christian child, their house called the Thor was pulled downe and destroyed. Aron the sonne of Abraham a Jew, at London, and the other Jewes, were constrained to pay twentie thousand markes at two termes in the yeare, or else to be kept perpetuall prisoners in Newgate of London, and in other prisons. 1255. King Henrie the third lodging in the Tower of London, vpon displeasure conveyed towards the citie of London, for the escape of John Offrem a prisoner beeing a Clearke | conviuet, out of Newgate, which had killed a Prior that was of alliance to the king, as coosen to the Queene: he sent for the Maior and shiriffes to come before him, to answere the matter: the Maior layd the fault from him to the shiriffes, forsomuch as to them belonged the keeping of all prisoners within the citie, and so the Maior returned home, but the shiriffes remayned there prisoners, by the space of a Moneth and more, and yet they excused themselves in that the fault chiefly rested in the Bishops officers: for whereas the prisoner was vnder custodie, they at his request had graunted licence to imprison the offender within the Gaile of Newgate, but so as the Bishops Officers were charged to see him safely kept. The king notwithstanding all this, demaunded of the citie 3000. Markes for a fine.

In the yeare 1326. Robert Baldoke the kings Chancellor was put in Newgate, the third of Edward the 3. In the yeare, 1337. sir John Poultnye gaue foure Markes by the yeare, to the reliefe of prisoners in Newgate. In the yeare 1385. William Walworth gaue somewhat to relieue the prisoners in Newgate, so haue many others since. In the yeare 1414. the Gaylers of Newgate & Ludgate died, and prisoners in Newgate to the
number of 64. In the yere 1418. the person of Wrotham in Kent was imprisoned in Newgate. The yeare 1422. the first of Henrie 6. licence was granted to Iohn Couentre, Ienken Carpenter, and Williaem Grove, executors to Richard whittington, to reedifie the Gaile of Newgate, which they did with his goods.

Thomas Knowles Grocer, sometime Maior of London, by licence of Reynold Prior of saint Bartholomews in Smithfield, and also of Iohn wakering, maister of the Hospitall of saint Bartholomew, and his brethren, conveyed the waste of water at the Cesterne nere to the common fontaine, and Chappell of saint Nicholas (situate by the saide Hospitall) to the Gailes of Newgate, and Ludgate, for the reliefe of the prisoners. Tuesday next after Palme sunday, 1431. all the prisoners of Ludgate were remoued into Newgate by Walter Chartsey, and Robert Large, shiriffes of London. And on the 13. of Aprill, the same shiriffes (through the false suggestion of Iohn Kingsell Gailer of Newgate) set from thence eighteene persons free men, and these were led to the Compters pinioned as if they had been fellows, but on the xvi. of June, Ludgate was againe appoynted for free men prisoners for debt, and the same day the sayd free men entered by ordinance of the Maior, Aldermen and Commons, and by them Henrie Deane tayler was made keeper of Ludgate prison. In the yeare 1457. a great fray was in the North country, betwenee sir Thomas Percie Lord Egremond, and the Earle of Salisburies sonnes, whereby many were maymed and slaine; but in the end the Lord Egremond being taken, was by the kings counsell found in great default, and therefore condemned in great summes of money, to be payed to the Earl of Salisburie, and in the mean time committed to Newgate. Not long after sir Thomas Percie Lord Egremond, and sir Richard Percie his brother being in Newgate, brake out of prison by night, and went to the king, the other prisoners tooke the Leades of the gate, and defended it a long while against the shiriffes, and all their Officers, insomuch that they were forced to call more aide of the Citizens, whereby they lastly subdued them, and laid them in irons: and this may suffice for Newgate.
Ludgate

In the West is the next, and sixt principal gate, and is called Ludgate, as first builded (saith Geoffrey Monmouth) by king Lud a Briton, about the yeare before Christs nativitye 66. Of which building, and also of the name, as Ludgate, or Fludsgate, hath beene of late some question among the learned, wherefore I ouerpasse it, as not to my purpose, onely referring the reader to that I have before written out of Caesars Commentaries, and other Romaine writers, concerning a towne or Citie amongst the Britaines. This gate I suppose to be one of the most auncient: and as Aldgate was builded for the East, so was this Ludgate for the West. I rede, as I tolde you, that in the yeare 1215. the 17. of king John, the Barons of the Realme, being in armes against the king, entred this Citie, and spoyled the Jewes houses, which being done, Robert Fitzwater, and Geoffrey de Magna villa, Earle of Essex, and the Earle of Gloucester, chief leaders of the Armie, applied all diligence to repayre the gates and wals of this Citie, with the stones of the Jewes broken houses, especially (as it seemeth) they then repayred or rather new builded Ludgate. For in the yeare 1586, when the same gate was taken downe, to bee newe buyled, there was founde couched within the wall thereof, a stone taken from one of the Jewes houses, wherein was grauen in Hebrew characters, these wordes following.

Hee est statio rabbi Mosis filii insignis Rabbi Isaac: which is to say, this is the Station or ward of Rabbi Moysis, the sonne of the honourable Rabbi Isaac, and had beene fixt upon the front of one of the Jewes houses as a note, or signe that such a one dwelted there. In the yeare 1260. this Ludgate was repayred and beautified with Images of Lud, and other Kings, as appeareth by letters pattents, of licence giuen to the Citizens of London, to take vp stone for that purpose, dated the 45. of Henrie the third. These Images of Kings in the raigne of Edward the sixt had their heads smitten off, and were otherwise defaced by such as judged euery Image to be an Idoll, and in the raigne of Queene Marie were repayred, as by setting new heads on
their olde bodies, &c. All which so remained untill the yeare 1586. The 28. of Queene Elizabeth, [when] the same gate being sore decayed, was cleane taken downe, the prisoners in the meane time remaining in the large Southeast quadrant to the same gate adjoyning, and the same yere the whole gate was newly and beautifully builded, with the Images of Lud, and others, as afore, on the East side, and the picture of her Maiestie, Queene Elizabeth on the West side. All which was done at the common charges of the Citizens, amounting to 1500. poundes or more.

This gate was made a free praine in the yeare 1378. the first of Richard the second, Nicholas Brembar being Maior. The same was confirmed in the yeare 1382. John Northampton being Maior, by a common Counsell in the Guild hall: by which it was ordained, that all freemen of this citie, should for debt, trespasses, accounts, & contempts, be imprisoned in Ludgate, and for treasons, felonies, & other criminall offences committed to Newgate, &c. In the yeare 1439, the tenth of king Henrie the sixt, John Wels being Maior, a court of common Counsell established ordinances, (as William Standon, and Robert Chicheley, late Maiors before had done) touching the guard and governement of Ludgate, and other prisons.

Also in the yeare 1463, the third of Edward the fourth, Mathew Philip, being Maior, in a common Counsell, at the request of the well disposed, blessed, and deout woman Dame Agnes Forster, widow, late wife to Stephen Forster Fishmonger, sometime Maior, for the comfort and reliefe of all the poore prisoners, certain Articles were established. Imprimis, that the new workes then late edified by the same Dame Agnes, for the enlarging of the prison of Ludgate, from thenceforth should be had and taken, as a part and parcell of the said prison of Ludgate, so that both the old and new worke of Ludgate aforesaid, be one prison, gailekeeping, and charge for euermore.

The said quadrant strongly builded of stone, by the before named Stephen Forster, and Agnes his wife, containeth a large walking place by ground of 38. foot, & halfe in length, besides the thickness of the walles, which are at the least sixe foote,
makes all together 44 foote and a halfe, the brethd within the
walles is 29. foote and a halfe, so that the thickness of the
walles maketh it 35. foote and a halfe in brethd. The like
roome it hath ouer it for lodgings, and ouer it againe faire
Leades to walke vpvn well imbattailed, all for fresh ayre, and
eease of prisoners, to the ende they should haue lodging, and
water free without charge, as by certaine verses grauen in
Copper, and fixed on the saide quadrant, I haue read in
forme following.

Deuout soules that passe this way,
for Stephen Forster late Maior, heartily pray,
And Dame Agnes his spouse, to God consecrate,
that of pitie this house made for Londoners in Lud-
gate,
So that for lodging and water prisoners here nought
pay,
as their keepers shal all answere at dreadful doomes
day.

This place, and one other of his Armes, three broad Arrow
heads, taken downe with the old gate, I causd to be fixed
ouer | the entrie of the said Quadrant, but the verses being
unhappily turned inward to the wall, procured the like in
effect to be grauen outward in prose, declaring him to be
a Fishmonger, because some vpvn a light occasion (as a
maidens heade in a glasse window) had fabled him to bee
a Mercer, and to haue begged there at Ludgate, &c. Thus
much for Ludgate.

Next this, is there a breach in the wall of the Citie, and
a bridge of timber ouer the Fleet dike, betwixt Fleetbridge
and Thames directly ouer against the house of Bridewel.
Thus much for gates in the wall.

Water gates on the bankes of the River Thames haue beene
many, which beeing purchased by priuate men, are also put
to priuate use, and the olde names of them forgotten, but of
such as remaine, from the West, towards the East, may be
sayde as followeth.

The Blacke Friers stayres, a free landing place.

Then a water gate at Puddle wharfe, of one Puddle that
kept a wharfe on the West side thereof, and now of Puddle water, by meanes of many horses watred there.

Then Powles wharfe, also a free landing place with staires, Powles wharf. &c.

Then broken wharfe, and other such like. Broken wharf.

But *Ripa Regina*, the Queenes Banke, or Queene Hithe, may well be accounted the verie chiefe and principall water-gate of this citie, being a common strand or landing place, yet equall with, and of olde time farre exceeding Belins gate, as shall be shewed in the warde of Queene Hithe.

The next is Downe gate, so called of the sodaine descending, or downe going of that way from Saint *Johns* Church vpon Walbrooke vnto the riuer of Thames, wherby the water in the chanell there hath such a swift course, that in the yere 1574. on the fourth of September, after a strong shower of raine, a lad of the age of xviii. yeares, minding to haue leapt ouer the channell, was taken by the feete, and borne downe with the violence of that narrowe streame, and caried toward the Thames with such a violent swiftnesse, as no man could rescue or stay him, till hee came against a Cart wheele, that stoode in the watergate, before which time hee was drowned and starke dead.

This was sometime a large water gate, frequented of ships, and other vessels, like as the Queene Hithe, and was a part thereof, as doth appeare by an inquisition made in the 28. yeare of *Henry* the third, wherein was found, that aswell corne as fish and all other thinges comming to the Port of Downegate, were to bee ordered after the customs of the Queenes Hithe, for the kings vse, as also that the corne arriving between the gate of the Guild hall of the marchants of *Cullen*: the (Styleyeard) which is East from Downegate, and the house then pertayning to the Archbishoppe of *Canterbury*, west from Baynardes Castle, was to be measured by the measure, and measurer of the Queenes soke, or Queene Hithe. I reade also in the 19. of *Edward* the thirde, that customs were then to be paid for ships & other vessels resting at Downegate, as if they roade at Queene Hithe, and as they now doe at Belingsgate. And thus much for Downegate may suffice.
The next was called Wolfes gate in the roparie in the Parrish of Alhallowes the lesse, of later time called Wolfes lane, but now out of vse: for the lower part was builded on by the Earle of Shrewsburie, and the other part was stopped vp and builded on by the Chamberlaine of London.

The next is Ebdgate, a Watergate, so called of old time, as appeareth by diuers records of tenements neare vnto the same adjoyning. It standeth neare vnto the church of S. Laurence Pountney, but is within the parish of S. Marten Ordegare. In place of this gate, is now a narrow passage to the Thames, and is called Ebgate lane, but more commonly the Old Swanne.

Then is there a water gate at the Bridge foote, called Oyster gate, of Oysters that were there of old time, commonly to be sold, and was the chieuest market for them, and for other shell fishes. There standeth now an engine or forciere, for the winding vpp of water to serue the cittie, whereof I haue already spoken.

Bridge Gate.

THE next is the Bridge gate, so called of London Bridge, whereon it standeth: This was one of the foure first and principall gates of the cittie, long before the conquest, when there stood a Bridge of timber, and is the seventh and last principall gate mentioned by W. Fitzstephen, which Gate being newe made, when the Bridge was builded of stone, hath beene often times since repayred. This gate with the Tower vpon it, in the yeare 1436. fell down, and two of the farthest Arches Southwardes also fell therewith, and no man perished or was hurte therewith. To the repayring whereof, diuers wealthy Citizens gauе large summes of money, namely Robert Large sometime Maior 100. Markes, Stephen Forster 20 l. Sir John Crosbye Alderman 100 l. &c. But in the yeare 1471. the Kentish Marriners vnder the conduct of Bastard Fauconbridge burned the said Gate, and xiii. houses on the Bridge, besides the Beere houses at Saint Katherines, and many other in the Suburbes.

The next is Buttolphes gate, so called of the parrish Church of S. Buttolph neare adjoyning. This gate was
sometime giuen or confirmed by William Conqueror to the Monkes of Westminster in these wordes: "W. rex Anglie, &c. William King of England, sendeth greeting to the Shiriffes and all his Ministers, as also to al his louing subjectes, French and English of London: Know ye that I haue granted to God and S. Peter of Wistminster & to the Abbot Vitalis, the gift which Almundus of the port of S. Buttolph gave them, when he was there made Monke: that is to say, his Lords Court with the houses, & one Wharfe, which is at the head of London bridge, and all other his lands which hee had in the same Cittie, in such sort as King Edward more beneficially, and amply granted the same: and I will and command that they shall enjoy the same well and quietly and honourably with sake and soke." &c.

The next is Bellingsgate, used as an especiall Porte, or Belinsgate. Harborow, for small shippes and boates comming thereto, and is now most frequented, the Queenes Hith being almost forsaken. How this Gate tooke that name, or of what antiquity the same is, I must leave vncertaine, as not hauing read any ancient recorder thereof, more than that Geffrey Monmouth writeth, that Belin a king of the Britans, about 400. yeares before Christes natuitty builded this Gate, and named it Belins gate, after his owne calling: and that when he was dead, his bodie being burned, the ashes in a vessell of Brasse, were set vpon a high pinacle of stone ouer the same Gate. But Caesar and other Romane writers affirme of Citties, walles, and gates, as yee haue before heard, and therefore it seemeth to me not to be so auncient, but rather to haue taken that name of some later owner of the place, happily named Beling, or Biling, as Somars key, Smarts key, Frosh wharfe, and others thereby tooke there names of their owners: of this gate more shall be said when we come to Belins gate ward.

Then haue you a water gate, on the west side of Wooll wharf, or Customers key, which is commonly called the Water gate, at the south end of Water lane.

One other water gate there is by the bulwarke of the Tower, and this is the last and farthest water gate Eastwarde, on the Riuier of Thames, so farre as the Cittie of
London extendeth within the walles: both which last named water gates bee within the Tower ward.

Besides these common Water gates, were diuere priuate wharifes and Keyes, all along from the East to the West of this Citie, on the banke of the Riuere of Thames: Marchants of all nations had landing places, Warehouses, Cellers, and stowage of their goods and Marchandises, as partly shall bee touched in the wardes adjoyning to the said Riuere: now for the ordering and keeping these gates of this Citie in the night time, it was appoynted in the yere of Christ, 1258. by Henrie the 3. the 42. of his raigne, that the Ports of England should be strongly kept, and that the gates of London should bee new repayed, and diligently kept in the night, for feare of French deceytes, whereof one writeth these verses.

Per noctem portae clauduntur Londoniarum,
Moenia ne forte fraus frangat Francigenarum.

Of Towers and Castels.

The Tower of London. 

The Citie of London (saith Fitzstephen) hath in the East a verie great and a most strong Palatine Tower, whose turrets and walles doe rise from a deepe foundation, the morter therof being tempered with the bloud of beasts. In the west part are two most strong Castels, &c. To begin therefore with the most famous Tower of London, situate in the East, neare vnto the riuere of Thames, it hath beene the common opinion: and some haue written (but of none assured ground) that Iulius Caesar, the first conquerour of the Brytains, was the originall Author and founder aswell thereof, as also of many other Towers, Castels, and great buildings within this Realme: but (as I haue alreadie before noted) Caesar remained not here so long, nor had hee in his head any such matter, but onely to dispatch a conquest of this barbarous Countrey, and to procede to greater matters. Neither do the Romane writers make mention of any such buildings erected by him here. And therefore leauing this, and proceeding to more grounded
authority, I find in a fayre Register booke containing the acts of the Bishops of Rochester, set downe by Edmond de Hadenham, that William the first, surnamed Conquerour, builded the Tower of London, to wit, the great white and square Tower there, about the yeare of Christ 1078, appoyning Gundulphe, then Bishop of Rochester, to bee principall survyuer and ouerseer of that worke, who was for that time lodged in the house of Edmere a Burgess of London, the very wordes of which mine Author are these: Gundulphe Episcopus mandato Willielmi Regis magni praefuit operi magna Turris London, quo tempore hospitatus est apud quendam Edmerum Burgensem London, qui dedit vnum were Ecclesie Rofen.

Ye haue before heard, that the wall of this Citie was all round about furnished with Towers and Bulwarke, in due distancce every one from other, and also that the Riuere Thames, with his ebbling and flowing, on the South side, had subuered the said wall, and towers there. Wherefore king William, for defence of this Citie, in place most daunegrous, and open to the enemie, hauing taken downe the second Bulwarke in the east part of the wall, from the Thames builded this Tower, which was the great square Tower, now called the white tower, and hath beene since at diverse times enlarged with other buildings adjoyning, as shalbe shewed. This tower was by tempest of winde, sore shaken in the yeare 1090, the fourth of William Rufus, and was againe by the sayd Rufus, and Henrie the first repayed. They also caused a Castell to be builded vnder the said tower, namely, on the South side towards the Thames, and also incastelated the same round about.

Henrie Huntington libro sexto, hath these words. William Rufus challenged the innesture of Prelates, he pilled and shaued the people with tribute, especially to spend about the Tower of London, and the great hall at Westminster.

Othowerus, Acolinillus, Otto, and Geoffrey Magnaville Earle of Essex, were foure the first Constables of this tower of London, by succession: all which helde by force a portion of lande (that pertained to the Priory of the holy Trinitie within Aldgate) that is to say, Eastsmithfield, neare vnto the tower, making thereof a Vineyard, and would not depart from it, till
the second yeare of king Stephen, when the same was adjudged and restored to the church. This said Geffrey Magnaunlle was earle of Essex, Constable of the tower, Shiriffe of London, Middlesex, Essex, and Hertfordshires, as appeareth by a Charter of Mawe the Empresse, dated 1141. He also fortified the tower of London agaynst king Stephen, but the king tooke him in his Court at Saint Albones, and would not deliuer him till hee had rendered the tower of London, with the Castles of Walden, and Flashey in Essex. In the yeare 1153, the tower of London, and the Castell of Windsore, were by the king deliuered to Richard de Lucie, to be safely kept. In the yeare 1155, Thomas Becket being Chancelor to Henrie the second, caused the Flemings to bee banished out of England, their Castels lately builded to be pulled downe, and the tower of London to be repayred.

About the yeare 1190, the second of Richard the first, William Longshampe Bishop of Elie, Chancellor of England, for cause of dissention betwixt him and Earle Iohn the kings brother that was rebell, inclosed the tower and Castell of London, with an outward wall of stone imbatalled, and also caused a deepe ditch to be cast about the same, thinking (as I have said before) to have enuironed it with the Riuers of Thames. By the making of this inclosure, and ditch in East smithfield: the Church of the holie Trinitie in London, lost halfe a marke rent by the yeare, and the Mill was removed that belonged to the poore brethren of the Hospitall of Saint Katherine, and to the Church of the holy Trinitie aforesaid, which was no small losse and discommoditie to either part, and the garden which the king had hyred of the brethren for six Marks the yeare, for the most part was wasted and marred by the ditch. Recompence was often promised, but neuer performed, vntill king Edward comming after, gaue to the brethren fiue Markes and a halfe for that part which the ditch had deuoured: and the other part thereof without, hee yeelded to them againe, which they hold: and of the saide rent of fiue Markes and a halfe, they haue a deede, by vertue whereof, they are well payed to this day.

It is also to be noted, and cannot bee denied, but that the said inclosure and ditch, tooke the like or greater quantitie of
ground from the Citie within the wall, namely one of that part called the tower hill, besides breaking downe of the Citie wal, from the white tower to the first gate of the Citie, called the Posterne, yet haue I not read of any quarell made by the Citizens, or recompence demanded by them for that matter, because all was done for good of the Cities defence thereof, and to their good likings. But Mathew Paris writeth, that in the yeare 1239. King Henrie the third fortified the tower of London to an other end, wherefore the Citizens fearing, least that were done to their detriment, complayned, and the king answered, that hee had not done it to their hurt, but saith he, I will from henceforth doe as my brother doth, in building and fortifying castels, who beareth the name to bee wiser than I am. It followed in the next yeere, sayth mine Authour, the sayd noble buildings of the stone gate and bulwarke, which the king had caused to be made by the tower of London, on the west side thereof, was shaken as it had beene with an earthquake, and fell downe, which the king againe com-

maunded to bee builded in better sort than before, which was done, and yet againe in the yere 1247. the said wall and bul-

warks that were newly builded, wherein the king had bestowed more then twelve thousand Marks, were vnrecouerably throwne downe, as afore: for the which chance the Citizens of London were nothing sore, for they were threatned that the said wall and bulwarces were builded, to the end that if any of them would contend for the liberties of the Citie, they might be imprisoned, & that many might be laid in diuerse prisons, many lodgings were made that no one should speake with another: thus much Mathew Paris for this building. More of Henrie the third his dealings against the citizens of London, we may read in the said Authour, in 1245. 1248. 1249. 1253. 1255. 1256. &c. But concerning the saide wall and bulwarke, the same was finished though not in his time: for I read that Edward the first, in the second of his raigne, commaunded the Treasurer and Chamberlain of the Exchequer, to deliuer out of his Treasurie, vnto Miles of Andwarp, 200. Markes, of the fines taken of diuerse Marchants or Usurers of London, for so be the words of the Record, towards the worke of the ditch then new made, about the said Bulwarke, now called
Ditch made about the bulwarke without the west gate of the Tower. H. 3 his orchard by the Tower. the Lion tower. I find also recorded, that Henrie the third in the 46. of his raigne, wrote to Edward of Westminster, commaunding him that he should buy certayne perie plants, and set the same in the place without the tower of London, within the wall of the said Citie, which of late he had caused to be inclosed with a mud wall, as may appeare by this that followeth: the Maior and Communalitie of London were fined for throwing downe the said earthen wall against the tower of London, the 9. of Edward the second. Edward the fourth in place thereof builded a wall of Bricke. But now for the Lion Tower, and Lions in Englande the originall, as I haue read, was thus.

Henrie the first builded his Mannor of Wodstocke, with a Parke, which he walled about with stone, seuen miles in compas, destroying for the same disere villages, churches & chappels, and this was the first Parke in England: hee placed therein, besides great store of Deere, diuers straunge beastes to be kept and nourished, such as were brought to him from farre countries, as Li|ons, Leopards, Linces, Porpentines, and such other. More I reade that in the yeare 1235. Fredericke the Emperour sent to Henrie the third three Leopards, in token of his regal shield of armes, wherein three Leopards were pictured, since the which time, those Lions and others haue beene kept in a part of this bulwarke, now called the Lion tower, and their keepers there lodged. King Edward the second in the twelft of his raigne, commaundd the shirifes of London to pay to the keepers of the kings Leopard in the tower of London vi. d. the day, for the sustenance of the Leopard, and three halfe pence a day for diet of the said keeper, out of the fee farme of the sayd Citie.

More, the 16. of Edward the third, one Lion, one Lionsesse, one Leopard, and two Cattes Lions, in the said tower, were committed to the custodie of Robert, the sonne of John Bowre.

Edward the fourth fortified the tower of London, and inclosed with bricke, as is aforesaid, a certayne piece of ground, taken out of the Tower hill, west from the Lion tower, now called the bulwarke. His officers also in the 5. of his raigne, set vpon the sayd hill both scaffold, and gallowes, for the
execution of offenders, whereupon the Maior, and his brethren complained to the king, and were answered, that the same was not done in derogation of the Cities liberties, & therefore caused proclamation to be made, &c. as shall be shewed in Towerstreete.

Richard the third repayred and builded in this Tower somewhat.

Henrie the 8. in 1532. repayred the white tower, and other parts thereof. In the yeare 1548. the second of Edward the 6. on the 22. of Nouember in the night, a French man lodged in the round bulwarke, betwixt the west gate and the Posterne, or drawbridge, called the warders gate, by setting fire on a barrel of Gunpowder, blew up the said Bulwarke, burnt himselfe, and no mo persons. This Bulwarke was forthwith againe new builded.

And here because I haue by occasion spoken of the west gate of this tower, the same, as the most principal, is vsed for the receipt, and deluierie of all kindes of carriages, without the which gate be diuerse bulwarks and gates, turning towards the north, &c. Then neare within this west gate opening to the South, is a strong poisterne, for passengers, by the ward house, ouer a draw bridge, let downe for that purpose. Next on the same South side towards the East, is a large watergate, for receipt of Boats, and small vessels, partly vnder a stone bridge, from the riuer of Thames. Beyond it is a small Posterne, with a draw bridge, seldom alleten downe, but for the receipt of some great persons, prisoners. Then towards the East is a great and strong gate, commonly called the Iron gate, but not usuallie opened. And thus much for the foundation, building, and repayring of this tower, with the Gates and Posternes may suffice. And now somewhat of accidents in the same, shall be shewed.

In the yeare 1196. William Fitzosbert, a Citisen of London seditionously moviing the common people to seeke libertie, and not to be subiect to the rich, and more mightie, at length was taken and brought before the Archbishop of Canterburie, in the tower, where he was by the Judges condemned, and by the keele drawn thence to the Elmes in Smithfield, and there hanged.

1214. King John wrote to Geoffrey Magnauille to deliever
the tower of London, with the prisoners, armour and all
other things found therein, belonging to the king, to William
Archdeacon of Huntingdon. The yeare 1216, the first of
Henrie the third, the sayd Tower was deliuered to Lewes of

In the yeare 1206. Plees of the Crowne were pleaded in the
Tower: Likewise in the yeare 1220, and likewise in the yeare
1224, and again in the yere 1243, before William of Yorke,
Richard Passelew, Henry Bathe, Ierome of Saxton Iusticers.

In the yeare 1222. the Citizens of London hauing made
a tumult against the Abbot of Westminster, Hubert of Burge,
chiefe Iustice of England, came to the Tower of London,
called before him the Maior and Aldermen, of whom he
inquired for the principall authors of that sedition: amongst
whome one named Constantine Fitz Aelulfe auowed, that he
was the man, and had done much lesse then he ought to
have done: Whereupon the Justice sent him with two other
to Fals de Breaute, who with armed men, brought them to the
gallowes, where they were hanged.

In the yeare 1244. Griffith the eldest sonne of Leoline,
prince | of Wales, being kept prisoner in the Tower, deuised
meanes of escape, and hauing in the night made of the hang-
ings, sheetes, &c. a long line, he put himselfe downe from the
toppe of the Tower, but in the sliding, the weight of his body,
being a very bigge and a fatte man, brake the rope, and he
fell and brake his necke withall.

In the yeare 1253. King Henry the third imprisoned the
Sheriffes of London in the Tower more than a Moneth, for
the escape of a Prisoner, out of Newgate, as ye may reade in
the Chapter of Gates.

In the yeare 1260. King Henry with his Queene, (for feare
of the Barons) were lodged in the Tower. The next yeare
he sent for his Lords, and held his Parliament there.

In the yeare 1263. when the Queene would have remoued
from the Tower by water, towards Windsore, sundrie Lon-
diners got them together to the Bridge, vnder the which
she was to passe, and not onely cryed out vpon her with
reprochfull words, but also threw myre and stones at her, by

1 Breaute] Brent 1603
which she was constrained to returne for the time, but in the yeare, 1265, the saide Citizens were faine to submit themselves to the king for it, and the Mayor, Aldermen, and Sherifffes were sent to dierers prisons, and a Custos also was set over the Cittie, to witte Othon Constable of the Tower, &c.

In the yeare 1282, Leoline Prince of Wales being taken at Blewth Castle, Roger Lestrange cut off his head, which Sir Roger Mortimer caused to bee crowned with Iuie, and set it vppon the Tower of London.

In the yeare 1290, dierers Justices aswell of the Bench, as of the assises, were sent prisoners to the Tower, which with greate sommes of money redeemed their Libertie. E. 2. the 14. of his raigne, appointed for Prisoners in the Tower, a Knight ij.d. the day, an Esquier, i.d. the day, to serue for their dyet.

In the yeare 1320, the Kings Justices sate in the Tower, for tryall of matters, whereupon John Gisor late Mayor of London and many other fled the City for feare to bee charged of things they had presumptuously done.

In the yeare 1321, the Mortimers yielding themselues to the King, he sent them Prisoners to the Tower, where they remayned long, and were adiudged to be drawne and hanged. But at length Roger Mortimer of Wigmore, by giuing to his Keepers a sleepie drinke, escaped out of the Tower, and his unckle Roger being still kept there, dyed about five yeaeres after.

In the yeare 1326, the Cittizens of London wanne the Tower, wresting the keyes out of the Constables handes, deliuered all the Prisoners, and kept both Cittie and Tower, to the use of Isabel the Queene, and Edward her sonne.

In the yeare 1330, Roger Mortimer Earle of March was taken and brought to the Tower, from whence hee was drawne to the Elmes, and there hanged.

In the yeare 1344. King Edward the 3. in the 18. yeare of his raigne, commaunded Florences of gold to be made and coyned in the Tower, that is to say, a penie pece of the value of sixe shillings and eight pence, the halfe peny pece of the value of three shillinges and foure pence, and a farthing pece worth 20. pence, Perceuall de Port of Luke being then Maister of the coyne. And this is the first coyning of Gold

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Leoline prince of Wales his head set on the Tower.

Justices of the Bench sent to the Tower.

Justices sate in the Tower.

Mortimer made an escape out of the Tower.

Citizens of London wrosted the keyes of the Tower from the Constable.

Mortimer drawne from the Tower to the Elmes, and hanged.

A mint in the Tower, Florences of gold coined there.
in the Tower, whereof I haue read, and also the first coynage of Gold in England: I finde also recorded that the saide King in the same yeare, ordayned his Exchange of mony to be kept in Sernes Tower, a part of the Kinges house in Buckles bury. And here to digresse a little (by occasion offered,) I finde that in times before passed, all great sommes were paid by weight of golde or siluer, as so many pounds, or markes of siluer, or so many poundes or markes of gold, cut into Blankes, and not stamped, as I could proue by many good authorities which I ouerpasse. The smaller sommes also were paid in starlings, which were pence so called, for other coynes they had none. The antiquity of this starling peny vsuall in this realme, is from the raigne of Henry the second: notwithstanding the Saxon coynes before the conquest were pence of fine siluer the full weight, and somewhat better then the latter sterlinges, as I haue tryed by conference of the pence of Burghrede king of Mercia, Aelfred, Edward, and Edeved, kings of the West Saxons, Plegmond Archbishoppe of Canterbury, and others. William the Conquerors penie also was fine siluer of the weight of the Easterling, and had on the one side stamped an armed heade, with a beardles face: for the Normans ware no beardes, with a scepter in his hand: the inscription in the circumference was this, Le Rei Wilam on the other side a Crosse double to the ring, betweene fower rowals of sixe poyntes.

King Henry the first his penny was of the like weight, finenes, forme of face, crosse. &c.

This Henry in the eight yeare of his raigne, ordayned the peny which was round, so to bee quartered, by the crosse, that they might easily bee broken, into halfe pence and farthings. In the first, second, thirde, fourth, and fift of king Richard the first, his raigne, and afterwards I find commonly Easterling money mentioned, and yet oft times the same is called argent, as afore, & not otherwise.

The first great summe that I read of to be paid in Easterlinges, was in the fift of Richard the first, when Robert Earle of Leycester being prisoner in France, proffered for his ran-some a thousand marks Easterlings, notwithstanding the Easterling pence were long before. The weight of the Easter-
ling penie may appeare by diuers statutes, namely of weights and measures, made in the 51. of Henry the third in these words, Thirty two graines of Wheat, drie and round, taken in the middest of the eare shoulde be the weight of a starling penie, 20. of those pence shoulde waye one ounce, 12. ounces a pound Troy. It followeth in the statute eight pound to make a gallon of Wine, and eight gallons a bushel of London measure, &c. Notwithstanding which statute, I finde in the eight of Edward the first, Gregorio Rokeyes Mayor of London, being chiefe Maister or minister of the Kinges Exchaunge, or mintes, a new coyne being then appointed, the pound of Easterling money should contain as afores 12. ownces, to witte fine siluer, such as was then made into foyle, and was commonlie called siluer of Guthurons lane, 11. ounces, two Easterlings, and one ferling or farthing, and the other 17. pence ob. q. to bee lāye. Also the pound of money ought to weigh xx.s. iiijd. by accounte, so that no pound ought to be ouer xx.s. iiiijd. nor lesse then xx.s. iiijd. by account, the ounce to weigh twenty pence, the penny weighte, 24. graynes, (which 24. by weight then appointed, were as much as the former 32 graines of Wheate) a penny force, 25. Page 54. graines and a halfe, the pennie deble or feeble, 22. graines, and a halfe, &c.

Now for the penny Easterling, how it took that name, I think good briefly to touch. It hath beene saide that *Numa Pompilius* the second king of the Romaines, com-

maunded money first to bee made, of whose name they were called *Numi*, and when Copper pence, siluer pence, and gold pence were made, because every siluer peny was worth ten Copper pence, and every golde pennie worth ten siluer pence, the pence therefore were called in Latine *Denarii*, and of-
times the pence are named of the matter and stufle of Gold or siluer. But the money of England was called of the workers and makers thereof: as the Floren of Gold is called of the Florentines, that were the workers thereof, and so the Easter-

ling pence took their name of the Easterlinges which did first make this money in England, in the raigne of *Henry* the second.

Thus haue I set downe according to my reading in Anti-

1. *laye]=alay, alloy, *N. E. D.*
Starling mony, when it tooke beginning in this land.

Of halfpence and farthings.

The Kings Exchange at London.

Mints in England, patent 9 Iohn.

Diminishing of coyne.

Starling mony forbidden to be transported.

Th. Walsing. First groates and halfe coyned.

quitie of money matters, omitting the imaginations of late writers, of whome some haue said Easterling money to take that name of a Starre, stamped in the border or ring of the penie: other some of a Bird called a Stare or starling stamped in the circumference: and other (more vnlikely) of being coyned at Strivelin or Starling, a towne in Scotland, &c.

Now concerning half pence and farthings, the accounte of which is more subtillier then the pence, I neede not speake of them more then that they were onely made in the Exchaunge at London, and no where else: first poyned to bee made by Edward the 1. in the 8. of his raigne, & also at the same time, the saide Kingses coynes some few groates of silver, but they were not vsual. The kinges Exchaunce at London, was neare vnro the Cathedrall Church of Sainte Paule, and is to this daye commonlie called the olde Chaunge, but in Eudences the olde Exchaunge.

The Kings Exchaunger in this place, was to deliuer out to euerie other Exchaunger throughout England, or other the kings Dominions, their Coyning irons, that is to say, one Standarde | or Staple, and two Trussels, or Punchons: and when the same were spent and wore, to receyue them with an account, what summe had been coyned, and also their Pix, or Boxe of assay and to deliuer other Irons new grauen, &c. I find that in the ninth of king Iohn, there was besides the Mint at London, other Mints at Winchester, Excester, Chichester, Canterburie, Rochester, Ipswich, Norwich, Linne, Lincoln, Yorke, Carleil, Northampton, Oxford, S. Edmondsbury, and Durham. The Exchanger, Examiner, and Trier, buyeth the siluer for Coynage: answering for euerie hundred pound of siluer, bought in Bolion, or otherwise, 98l. 15.s. for he taketh 25s. for coynage.

King Edward the first, in the 27. of his raigne, held a Parliament at Stebenheth, in the house of Henry Waleis Maior of London, wherein amongst other things there handled, the transporting of starling money was forbidden.

In the yeaue 1351. William Edington Bishop of Winchester, and Treasurer of England, a wise man, but louing the kings commoditie, more then the wealth of the whole Realme, and common people (sayth mine Author), caused a new coyne
called a groate, and a halfe groate to bee coyned and stamped, the groate to be taken for iii.d. and the halfe groate for ii.d. not conteyning in weight according to the pence called Easterlings, but much lesse, to wit, by v.s. in the pound: by reason whereof, victuals, and marchandizes became the dearer through the whole realme. About the same time also, the old coine of gold was chaunged into a new, but the old Floren or noble, then so called, was worth much aboue the taxed rate of the new, and therefore the Marchants ingrossed vp the olde, and conueyed them out of the Realme, Coines of gold enhanced. to the great losse of the kinddome. Wherefore a remedie was prouided by chaunging of the stampe.

In the yeare 1411. king Henrie the fourth caused a new coyne of Nobles to be made, of lesse value then the old by iii.d. in the Noble, so that fiftie Nobles should be a pound Troy weight.

In the yeare 1421. was granted to Henrie the fift, a fifteen to be payd at Candlemasse, and at Martinmasse, of such money as was then currant gold, or siluer, not ouermuch clipped or washed, to wit, that if the noble were worth fiue shillings eight pence, then the king should take it for a ful Noble of sixe shillings eight pence, and if it were lesse of value then fiue shillings eight pence, then the person paying that golde, to make it good to the value of fiue shillings eight pence, the king alway receuying it for an whole noble of sixe shillings eight pence. And if the Noble so payed be better then fiue shillings eight pence, the king to pay againe the surplusage that it was better then fiue shillings eight pence. Also this yere was such scarchtie of white money, yt though a Noble were so good of Gold and weight as sixe shillings eight pence, men might get no white money for them.

In the yeare 1465. king Edward the fourth caused a newe coyne both of gold and siluer to be made, whereby he gained much, for he made of an olde Noble, a Royall: which he commaunded to go for x.s. Neuerthelessse to the same royall was put viii.d. of alay, and so weyed the more, being smitten Rose nobles. with a new stampe, to wit, a Rose. He likewise made halfe Angels of v.s. and farthings of v.s. vi.d. Angelets of vi.s. viii.d. and halfe Angels, iii.s. iii.d. Hee made siluer money of three
pence, a groate, and so of other coynes after that rate, to the great harme of the Commons. W. Lord Hastings the kinges Chamberlaine, being maister of the kinges Mints, saith the Record, undertooke to make the monyes vnder forme following, to wit, of golde a peecce of viii.s. iii.d. starling, which should be called a noble of golde, of the which there shoulde be fiftie such pieces in the pound weight of the tower: an other peecce of golde, iiiij.s. iiid. of sterlings, and to be of them an hundred such peecces in the pound: and a third peecce of gold, iis. iid. starling, two hundreth such peecces in the pound, euery pound weight of the Tower to be worth xx. pound, xviis. viid. of starlings, the which should be 23. Carits, 3. graines, and halfe fine, &c. and for siluer, 37s. 6d. of starlings, the peecce of four peecce pence, to be Cxii. groates, and two pence in the pound weight.

In the yeare 1504. king Henrie the seuenth appoynted a new coyne, to wit, a groat, and halfe groat, which bare but halfe faces; the same time also was coyned a groat, which was in value xiiid. but of those but a few, after the rate of fortie pence the ounce.

In the yeare 1526. the xviii. of Henrie the 8. the Angell noble being then the sixt part of an ounce Troy, so that six Angels was just an ounce, which was fortie shillinges starling, and the Angell was also worth two ounces of siluer, so that sixe Angels were worth xii. ounces of siluer, which was fortie shillings. A Proclamation was made on the sixt of September, that the Angell shoulde goe for vii.s. iiiid. the Royall for a xi.s. and the Crowne for iiiis. iiiid. And on the fift of Nouember following, againe by Proclamation, the Angell was enhauanced to viis. viid. and so euery ounce of golde to be xlvs. and the ounce of siluer at iii.is. ixid. in value.

In the yeare 1544. the 35. of Henrie the 8. on the xvi. of May, proclamation was made for the inhauncing of gold to xviii. shillings, and siluer to iii. s. the ounce. Also the king caused to bee coyned base monyes, to wit, peecces of xiiid. viid. iiiid. iiid. and penny, in weight as the late starling, in shew good siluer, but inwardly Copper. These peecces had whole, or broad faces, and continued currant after that rate, till the 5. of Edward the sixt, when they were on the ninth of Julie
called downe, the shilling to nine pence, the groat to three pence, &c. and on the xvii. of August, from nine pence to sixe pence, &c. And on the xxx. of October was published new coynes of siluer and gold to be made, a piece of siluer v.s. starling, a piece ii.s. vi.d. of xii.d. of vi.d. a penny with a double Rose, halfe penny a single Rose, and a farthing with a Porteclose. Coynes of fine Golde, a whole Soueraigne of xxx.s. an Angell of x.s. an Angelet of v.s. Of crowne gold, a Soueraigne xx.s. halfe Soueraigne x.s. v.s. ii.s. vi.d. and base monyes to passe as afore, which continued till the second of Queene Elizabeth, then called to a lower rate, taken to the mint, and refined, the siluer whereof being coyned with a new stampe of her Maiestie, the drosse was carried to foule high wayes, to highten them. This base monyes, for the time, caused the olde starling monyes to be houred vp, so that I haue seene xxi. shillings currant giuen for one old Angell to guild withall. Also rents of lands and tenements, with prizes of victuals, were raised farre beyond the former rates, hardly since to bee brought downe. Thus much for base monyes coyned and currant in England haue I knowne: But for Leather monyes as many people haue fondly talked, I find no such matter. I reade that king John of France being taken prisoner by Edward the black prince, at the battaille of Poyters, paiied a raunsome of three Millions of Florences, whereby he brought the realme into such pouertie, that manie yeares after they vsed Leather money, with a little stud or naile of siluer in the middest thereof. Thus much for mint, and coynage, by occasion of this tower (vnder correction of other more skilfull) may suffice, and now to other accidents there.

In the yeare 1360. the peace betweene England and France being confirmed, King Edward came ouer into England, and straight to the Tower, to see the French king then prisoner there, whose ransome he assessed at three Millions of Florences, and so deliuered him from prison, and brought him with honour to the Sea.

In the yeare 1381. the Rebels of Kent drew out of the tower (where the king was then lodged) Simon Sudberie, Archbishop of Canterburie, Lord Chancellor: Robert Hales, Prior of

\[\text{Crownes and halfe crownes of siluer coined.}\]

\[\text{Starling monies hoorded vp. xxii. s. currant giuen for an Angell of golde. Philip Commines.}\]

\[\text{Leather mony in France.}\]

\[\text{French king prisoner in the Tower.}\]

\[\text{Rebels of Kent enter the Tower.}\]
S. Johns, and Treasurer of England: William Appleton Frier, the kings confessor, and John Legge a Sargeant of the kings, and beheaded them on the Tower hill, &c.

In the yeare 1387. king Richard held his feast of Christmas in the Tower. And in the yeare 1399. the same king was sent prisoner to the Tower.

In the yeare 1414. Sir John Oldcastell brake out of the tower. And the same yeare a Parliament being holden at Leycester, a Porter of the Tower was drawne, hanged and headed, whose head was sent vp, and set ouer the Tower gate, for consenting to one Whitlooke, that brake out of the tower.

In the yeare 1419. Frier Randolph was sent to the tower, and was there slaine by the Parson of S. Peters in the tower.

In the yeare 1426. there came to London a lewde fellow, feynyng himselfe to be sent from the Emperour to the yong king Henrie the sixt, calling himselfe Baron of Blakamoore, and that hee should be the principall Phisition in this king-dome, but his subtiltie being knowne, he was apprehended, condemned, drawne, hanged, headed and quartered, his head set on the tower of London, and his quarters on foure gates of the Citie.

In the yeare 1458. in Whitson weeke, the Duke of Somerset, with Anthonie Riuers, and other foure, kept Iustes before the Queene in the Tower of London, against three Esquiers of the Queenes, and others.

In the yeare 1465. king Henrie the sixt was brought prisoner to the tower, where he remained long.

In the yeare 1470. the tower was yeelded to sir Richard Lee Mayor of London, and his brethren the Aldermen, who forthwith entered the same, deliuered king Henrie of his imprisonment, and lodged him in the kings lodging there, but the next yeare he was againe sent thither prisoner, and there murdered.

In the yeare 1478. George Duke of Clarence, was drowned with Malmesey in the tower: and within fiue yeares after king Edward the fift, with his brother, were said to be murthered there.

In the yeare 1485. John Earle of Oxford was made Con-
stable of the tower, and had custodie of the Lions granted him.

In the yeare 1501. in the Moneth of May, was royall Turney of Lordes and knights in the tower of London before the king.

In the yeare 1502. Queene Elizabeth, wife to Henrie the 7. died of childbirth in the tower.

In the yeare 1512. the Chappell in the high white tower was burned. In the yeare 1536. Queene Anne Bolein was beheaded in the tower. 1541. Ladie Katherine Haward, wife to king Henrie the 8. was also beheaded there.

In the yeare 1546. the 27 of Aprill, being Tuesday in Easter weeke, William Foxley, Potmaker for the Mint in the tower of London, fell asleepe, and so continued sleeping, and could not be wakened, with prickings, cramping, or otherwise burning whatsoever, till the first day of the terme, which was full xiii. days, and xv. nights, or more, for that Easter terme beginneth not afore xvii. dayes after Easter. The cause of his thus sleeping could not be knowne, though the same were diligently searched after by the kings Phisitians, and other learned men: yea the king himselfe examining the said William Foxley, who was in all points found at his wakening to be as if hee had slept but one night. And he lived more then fortie yeares after in the sayde Tower, to wit, vntil the yeare of Christ, 1587, and then deceased on Wednesday in Easter weeke.

Thus much for these accidents: and now to conclude thereof in summarie. This tower is a Citadell, to defend or command the Citie: a royall place for assemblies, and treaties. A Prison of estate, for the most daungerous offenders: the onely place of coynage for all England at this time: the armorie for warlike provision: the Treasurie of the ornaments and Jewels of the crowne, and generall conserver of the most Recordes of the kings Courts of justice at Westminster.

**Tower on London Bridge.**

The next tower on the river of Thames, is on London bridge at the north end of the draw bridge. This tower was newe

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begun to be builded in the yeare 1426. *Ihon Reynwell* Maior of London, layd one of the first corner stones, in the foundation of this worke, the other three were laid by the Shiriffes, and Bridgemaisters, vpon euerie of these foure stones was engrauen in fayre Romane letters, the name of *Ihesus*. And these stones, I haue seene layde in the Bridge store house, since they were taken vp, when that tower was of late newly made of timber. This gate and tower was at the first strongly builded vp of stone, and so continued vntill the yeare 1577. in the Moneth of Aprill, when the same stone arched gate, and tower being decayed, was begun to be taken downe, and then were the heades of the traytours remoued thence, and set on the tower ouer the gate at the bridge foote, towards Southwarke. This said tower being taken downe a newe foundation was drawne: and sir *John Langley* Lord Maior laid the first stone, in the presence of the Shiriffes, and Bridgemaisters, on the 28. of August, and in the Moneth of September, the yere 1579. the same tower was finished, a beautifull & chargeable peece of worke, all aboue the bridge being of timber.

**Tower on the South of London Bridge.**

An other tower there is on London bridge, to wit, ouer the gate at the South ende of the same bridge towards Southwarke. This gate with the tower thereupon, and two Arches of | the bridge fell downe, and no man perished by the fall thereof, in the yeare 1436. Towards the new building whereof, diuerse charitable Citizens gaue large summes of monies: which gate being then againe new builded, was with xij. houses more on the bridge in the yere 1471. burned by the Marriners and Saylers of Kent, Bastard *Fauconbridge* being their Captaine.

**Baynards Castle.**

In the west part of this Citie (saith *Fitestepeh*) are two most strong Castels, &c. Also *Gerusius Tilbery*, in the raigne of *Henrie* the second, writing of these castels, hath to this effect. *Two Castels, saith hee, are built with wallses and ramespies, whereof one is in right of possession, Baynardes: the*
other the Barons of Mountfitchet: the first of these Castels banking on the Riuier Thames, was called Baynards Castell, of Baynarde a noble man that came in with the Conquerour, and then builded it, and deceased in the raigne of William Rufus: after whose decease Geoffrey Baynard succeeded, and then William Baynard, in the yeare 1111. who by forfeytur for fellonie, lost his Baronrie of little Dunmow, and king Henrie gae it wholy to Robert the sonne of Richard the sonne of Gilbard of Clare, and to his heyres, togethier with the honour of Baynards Castell. This Robert married Maude de Sent Licio, Ladie of Bradham, and deceased 1134. was buried at Saint Necedes by Gilbert of Clare his father, Walter his sonne succeeded him, he tooke to wife Matilde de Bocham, and after her decease, Matilde the daughter and coheyre of Richard de Lucy, on whom he begate Robert and other: he deceased in the yeare 1198. and was buried at Dunmow, after whom succeeded Robert Fitzwater, a valiant knight.

About the yeare 1213. there arose a great discord betwixt Lib. Dunmow. king John and his Barons, because of Matilde, surnamed the fayre, daughter to the said Robert Fitzwater, whome the king unlawfully loued, but could not obtaine her, nor her father would consent thereunto, whereupon, and for other like causes, ensued warre through the whole Realme. The Barons were receyued into London, where they greatly endamaged the king, but in the end the king did not onely, therefore, banish the said Fitzwater amongst other, out of the Realme, but also caused his Castell called Baynard, and other his houses to be spoyled: which thing being done, a messenger being sent vnto Matilde the fayre, about the kings sute, whereunto shee would not consent, she was poysioned. Robert Fitzwater, and other being then passed into France, and some into Scotland, &c.

It hapned in the yere 1214. king John being then in France with a great armie, that a truce was taken betwixt the two kings of England and France, for the tearme of five yeares. And a riuer or arme of the sea being then betwixt eyther Host, there was a knight in the English host, that cried to them of the other side, willing some one of their knightes to come and just a course or twaine with him: whereupon
without stay, Robert Fitzwater being on the French part, made himselfe readie, ferried ouer, and got on horsebacke, without any man to helpe him, and shewed himselfe readie to the face of his challenger, whome at the first course, he stroake so hard with his greate Speare, that horse and man fell to the ground: and when his Speare was broken, hee went backe againe to the king of France, which when the King had seene, by Gods tooth, quoth hee (after his usuall oath) he were a king indeed, that had such a knight: the friends of Robert hearing these wordes, kneeled downe, and saide: O king, he is your knight: it is Robert Fitzwater, and thereupon the next day hee was sent for, and restored to the kings fauour: by which meanes peace was concluded, and he received his liuings, and had license to repaire his Castell of Baynard and other Castels.

The yeare 1216. the first of Henrie the third, the Castell of Hartford being delievered to Lewes the French (Prince), and the Barons of England, Robert Fitzwater requiring to haue the same, because the keeping thereof did by ancient right and title pertaine to him, was aunswered by Lewes, that English men were not worthie to haue such holds in keeping, because they did betray their owne Lord, &c. This Robert deceased in the yeare 1234. and was buried at Dunmow, and Walter his son that succeeded him, 1258. his Baronie of Baynard was in the ward of king Henrie in the nonage of Robert Fitzwater. This Robert tooke to his second wife, Aelianor daughter and heire to the Earle of Ferrars, in the yeare 1289, and in the yeare 1303. on the xij. of March, before John Blondon Maior of London, he acknowledged his service to the same Citie, and sware vpon the Euangelists, that he would be true to the liberties thereof, and maintaine the same to his power, and the counsell of the same to keepe, &c.

The right(s) that belonged to Robert Fitzwalter Chastalian of London, Lord of Wodeham, were these.

The sayd Robert and his heyres, ought to be, and are chiefe Banerers of London, in fee for the Chastilarie, which hee and his auncestors had by Castell Baynard, in the said Citie. In
time of warre, the said Robert and his heyres ought to serue the Citie in maner as followeth: that is, the said Robert ought to come, he being the twentieth man of armes on horsebacke, couered with cloath, or armour vnto the great West doore of Saint Paule, with his Banner displayed before him, of his armes: and when he is come to the said doore, mounted and appareld, as before is said, the Maior with his Aldermen, and Shiriffes armed in their armes shall come out of the saide Church of Saint Paule, vnto the saide doore, with a Banner in his hande, all on foote, which Banner shall be Guiles, the Image of Saint Paule golde: the face, hands, feete, and sword of siluer: and assoone as the said Robert shall see the Maior, Aldermen, and Shiriffes come on foot out of the church, armed with such a Banner, he shall alight from his horse, and salute the Maior, and say to him: Sir Maior, I am come to do my service, which I owe to the Citie. And the Maior and Aldermen shall answere. Wee giue to you as to our Bannere of fee in this Citie, this Banner of this Citie to beare, and gourne to the honour and profite of the Citie to our 1 power. And the said Robert and his heyres shall receive the Banner in his hands, and shall goe on foote out of the gate with the Banner in his handes, and the Maior, Aldermen, and Shiriffes shall follow to the doore, and shall bring a horse to the said Robert worth xx.l. which horse shall be sadled with a saddle of the Armes of the said Robert, 2 and shall be Page 64 sadled with a Saddle of the Armes of the said Robert, 2 and shall be couered with sindals of the said Armes. Also they shall present to him twentie poundes standing money, and deliuer to the Chamberlaine of the sayd Robert for his expences that day: then the saide Robert shall mount vppon the horse which the Maior presented to him, with the Banner in his hand, and as soonne as he is vp, he shall say to the Maior, that he cause a Marshall to be chosen for the hoste, one of the Citie, which Marshall being chosen, the sayd Robert shall commaund the Maior and Burgesses of the Citie, to warne the Commoners to assemble togither, and they shall all go vnder the Banner of Saint Paul, and the said Robert shall beare it himselfe vnto Aldgate, and there the said

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Robert, and Maior shall deliever the said Banner of Saint Paule, from thence, to whome they shall assent or thinke good. And if they must make any issue foorth of the Citie, then the sayde Robert ought to choose two foorth of every warde, the most sage personages, to foresee to the safe keeping of the Citie, after they be gone foorth. And this counsell shall bee taken in the Priorie of the Trinitie neare vnto Aldgate. And before every towne or Castell which the hoast of London besiege, if the siege continue a whole yeare, the saide Robert shall haue for euerie siege of the Communaltie of London an hundreth shillings for his trauaille, and no more. These be the rights that the sayd Robert hath in the time of warre. Rights belonging to Robert Fitzwalter, and to his heyres in the Citie of London, in the time of peace, are these, that is to say, the sayd Robert hath a soke or warde in the Citie, that is, a wall of the Chanonrie of Saint Paule, as a man goeth downe the streete before the Brewhouse of Saint Paule, vnto the Thames, and so to the side of the Mill, which is in the water that commeth downe from the Fleete bridge, and goeth so by London walles, betwixt the Friers preachers and Ludgate, and so returneth backe by the house of the said Friers, vnto the said wall of the said Chanonrie of Saint Paule, that is all the parish of Saint Andrew, which is in the gift of his auncesters, by the said signioritie: and so the said Robert hath appendant vnto the saide soke all these thinges vnder written, that he ought to haue a soke man, and to place what soke man he will, so he be of the sokemanrie, or that the same warde, and if any of the sokemanrie bee impleaded in the Guild hall, of any thing that toucheth not the bodie of the Maior that for the time is, or that toucheth the bodie of no shiriffe, it is not lawfull for the soke man of the sokemanrie of the sayde Robert Fitzwalter to demaund a Court of the sayd Robert, and the Maior, and his Citizens of London ought to graunt him to haue a Court, and in his Court he ought to bring his judgements as it is assented and agreed vpon in this Guild hall, that shall bee giuen them. If any therefore be taken in his sokemanry, he ought to haue his Stockes and imprisonment in his soke, and he shall be brought from thence to the Guild hall before the Maior, and there they
shall pro palate him his indgment that ought to bee giuen of him: but his indgment shall not bee published till hee come into the Court of the saide Robert, and in his libertie. And the indgment shall bee such, that if he haue deserved death by treason, he to be tied to a post in the Thames at a good wharfe where boates are fastened, two ebbings and two flowings of the water. And if he be condemned for a common theefe, he ought to be ledde to the Elmes, and there suffer his indgment as other theeues: and so the said Robert and his heyres hath honour that he holdeth a great Franches within the Citie, that the Maior of the Citie, and Citizens are bound to doe him of right, that is to say, that when the Maior will holde a great counsail, hee ought to call the saide Robert, and his heyres to bee with him in counsail of the Citie, and the saide Robert ought to be sworne to bee of counsail with the Citie against all people, sauing the king and his heyres. And when the saide Robert commeth to the Hoystings in the Guildhall of the Citie, the Maior or his Lieutenant ought to rise against him, and set him downe neare vnto him, and so long as he is in the Guildhall, all the indgument ought to be giuen by his mouth, according to the Record of the recorders of the sayde Guildhall, and so many waifes as come so long as he is there, hee ought to giue them to the Bayliffes of the Towne, or to whom he will, by the counsail of the Maior of the Citie. These bee the Francheses that belonged to Robert Fitzwater, in London, in time of peace, which for the antiquitie thereof I haue noted out of an olde Recorde.

This Robert deceased in the yeare 1305, leauing issue Walter Page 66

Fitzrobert, who had issue Robert Fitzwalter, vnto whom in the yeare 1320. the Citizens of London acknowledg the right which they ought to him and his heires for the Castell Baynard: he deceased 1325. vnto whom succeeded Robert Fitzrobert, Fitzwalter, &c. More of the Lord Fitzwalter may ye reade in my Annales in 51. of Edward the third. But how this honour of Baynards Castell with the appurtenances fell from the possession of the Fitzwaters, I haue not read: onely I find that in the yeare 1428, the seuenth of Henrie the sixt, a great fire was at Baynards Castell, and that same
Humfrey Duke of Glocester, builded it of new: by his death and attainder, in the yere 1446, it came to the hands of Henrie the sixt, and from him to Richard Duke of Yorke, of whom we reade, that in the yeare 1457, he lodged there as in his own house. In the yeare 1460, the 28. of Februarie, the Earles of March, and of Warwick, with a great power of men, (but few of name) entered the Citie of London, where they were of the citizens joyously receyued, and upon the third of March, being Sunday, the said Earle caused to be mustred his people in Saint John's field: where, vnto that hoast was shewed and proclamyed certayne articles and pouyns wherein K. Henry, as they sayd, had offended, and thereupon it was demaunded of the said people, whether the said H. was worthie to regne as king any longer or not: whereunto ye people cried, nay. Then it was asked of them whether they would haue the E. of March for their king: & they cried, yea, yea. Wherupon certayne captains were appoynted to beare report thereof vnto the sayd E. of March, then being lodged at his castell of Baynard. Whereof when the Earle was by them aduertized, he thanked God, & them for their election, notwithstanding he shewed some countenance of insufficiencie in him to occupie so great a charge, till by exhortation of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of Excester, & certayne Noble men, he granted to their petition: and on the next morrow at Paules he went on Procession, offred, & had Te Deum sung. Then was he with great royaltie conveyed to Westminster, and there in the great Hall, 1 sate in the kinges set,1 with Saint Edwards scepter in his hand.

Edward the fourth being dead, leaung his eldest sonne Edward, and his second sonne Richard both infantes, Richard D. of Glocester, being elected by the Nobles and Commons in the Guildhall of London, tooke on him the tytle of the Realme and kingdome, as imposed vpon him in this Baynardes Castle, as yee may reade penned by Sir Thomas Moore, and set downe in my Annales.

Henry the seauenth about the yeare 1501. the 16. of his raigne, repayred or rather new builded this house, not imbattoled, or so strongly fortified Castle like, but farre more
beautifull and commodious for the entertainment of any Prince or greate Estate: In the seauenteenth of his raigne, hee with his Queene, were lodged there, and came from thence to Powles Church, where they made their offering, dined in the Bishops pallace, and so returned. The 18. of his raigne hee was lodged there, and the Ambassadors from the King of the Romaines, were theretherto brought to his presence, and from thence the King came to Powles, and was there sworn to the King of Romans, as the said king sworne to him.

The 20. of the saide King, hee with his Knights of the Order, all in their habites of the Garter, rode from the Tower of London through the Cittie, vnto the Cathedral Church of Saint Pawles, and there heard Euensong, and from thence they rode to Baynardes Castle, where the king lodged, and on the nexte morrow, in the same habite they rode from thence againe to the said Church of Saint Pawles, went on Procession, hard the diuine seruice, offered and returned.

The same yeaer the king of Castle was lodged there.

In the yeare 1553. the 19. of July, the Counsell partlie mowed with the right of the Lady Marys cause, partly con-

sidering that the most of the Realme was wholy bent on her side, changing their mind from Lady Jane lately proclaimed Queene, assembled themselves at this Baynardes Castle, where they communed with the Earle of Pembroke and the Earle of Shrewesbury and Sir John Mason Clearke of the Counsell, sent for the Lord Mayor, and then riding into Cheape to the Crosse, where Gartar King at Armes, Trumpet being sounded, proclaimed the Lady Mary Daughter to king Henry the eight, and Queene. Katheren Queene of England, &c.

This Castle now belongeth to the Earle of Pembroke.

Next adjoyning to this Castle was sometime a Tower, the name thereof I have not read, but that the same was builded by Edward the second, is manifest by this that followeth. King Edward the third in the second yeare of his Raigne, gaue vnto William de Ros, of Hamelake in Yorkshire, a Towre vpon the water of Thames, by the Castle Baynarde in the Cittie of London, which Tower his Father had builded: he gaue the saide Tower and appurtenances to the said William.
Hamelake, and his heyres, for a Rose yearely to bee paid for all seruice due, &c. This Tower as seemeth to mee, was since called Legats Inne, the 7. of E. the fourth.

Tower of Mountfiquit.

The next Tower or Castle, banckiting also on the rier of Thames, was as is afore shewed called Mountfiquit Castle of a Noble man, Baron of Mountfiquit, the first builder thereof, who came in with William the Conqueror, and was since named Le Sir Mounfiquit: This Castle he builded in a place, not far distant from Baynardes, towards the West. The same William Mountfiquit liued in the raigne of Henry the first, and was witnes to a Charter, then granted to the Cittie for the Sheriffes of London. Richard Mountfiquit liued in King Ioohs time, and in the yeare, 1213. was by the same King banished the realm into France, when peraduenture King John caused his Castle of Mountfiquit, amongst other Castles of the Barons to bee overthrown: the which after his returne, might bee by him againe reediﬁed, for the totall destruction thereof was aboute the yeare, 1276. when Robert Kilwardle Arch-bishoppe of Canterbury beganne the foundation of the Fryers Preachers Church there, commonly called the Black Fryers, as appeareth by a Charter the fourth of Edward the 1. wherein is declared that Gregorie de Rocksley Mayor of London, and the Barons of the same Cittie granted, and gave vnto the saide Archbishopppe Roberte, | two lanes or wayes next the streete of Baynardes Castle, and the Tower of Montfiquit, to be applied for the enlargement of the said Church and place.

One other Tower there was also situate on the rier of Thames neare vnto the said Blacke Fryers Church, on the west parte thereof builded at the Citizens charges, but by licence and commandement of Edward the 1. and of Edward the 2. as appeareth by their grantees: which Tower was then finished, and so stood for the space of 300. yeares, and was at the last taken down by the commandement of John Sha Mayor of London, in the yeare 1502.

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An other Tower or Castle, also was there in the West parte of the Cittie, pertayning to the King: For I reade that in the yere 1087. the 20 of William the first, the Cittie of London with the Church of S. Paule being burned, Mauritius then Bishop of London afterwarde began the foundation of a new Church, whereunto king William, sayeth mine Author, gaue the choyce stones of this Castle standing neare to the banke of the rier of Thames, at the west end of the Citie. After this Mauritius, Richard his successor, purchased the streetes about Paules Church, compassing the same with a wall of stone and gates. King Henry the first gaue to this Richard so much of the Moate or wall of the Castle, on the Thames side to the South, as should be needful to make the saide wall of the Churchyearde, and so much more as should suffice to make a way without the wall on the North side, &c.

This Tower or Castle thus destroyed stood, as it may seeme, in place where now standeth the house called Bridewell. For notwithstanding the destruction of the said Castle or Tower, the house remayned large, so that the Kings of this Realm long after were lodged there, and kept their Courtes: for vntill the 9. yeare of Henry the third, the Courts of law and justice were kept in the kinges house, wheresoeuer hee was lodged, and not else where. And that the kinges haue beene lodged and kept their Law courts in this place, I could shew you many authors of Recorde, but | for plaine proofe this one may suffice. *Hæc est finalis concordia, facta in Curia Domini regis apud Sanct. Bridgid. London, a die Sancti Michaelis in 15. dies, Anno regni regis Iohannis 7. coram G. Fil. Petri. Eustacio de Fauconberg, Iohanne de Gestlinge, Osbart filio Heruey, Walter de Crisping Iusticiar. & aliis Baronibus Domini Regis.* More (as Mathew Paris hath) about the yeare 1210. King John in the 12. of his raigne, summoned a Parliament at S. Brides in London, where hee exacted of the Clergie and religious persons the summe of 100000. poundes, & besides all this, the white Monkes were compelled to cancell their Priuiledges, and to pay 40000. poundes to the King &c. This house of S. Brides of latter time being left, and not vsed by the kinges: fell to ruine, insomuch that the verie platforme thereof remayned for great part wast, and as it were, but a
layestall of filth and rubbish: onely a fayre Well remayned there, a great part of this house, namely, on the west, as hath been said, was giuen to the Bishop of Salisbury, the other part towards the East, remayning waste, vntil king Henry the 8. builded a stately and beautifull house thereupon, giuing it to name Bridewell, of the parish and well there: this house he purposely builded for the entertainement of the Emperour Charles the 5. who in the yeare 1522. came into this Citie, as I haue shewed in my summarie, Annales, and large Chronicles.

On the northwest side of this Citie, neare vnto Redcrosse streete, there was a Tower commonlie called Barbican, or Burhkenning, for that the same being placed on a high ground, and also builded of some good height, was in olde time vsed as a Watch Tower for the Cittie, from whence a man might behold and view the whole Cittie towards the South, as also into Kent, Sussex and Surrey, and likewise euery other way, east, north, or west.

Some other Burhkennings or Watch Towers there were of olde time, in and about the Cittie, all which were repayred, yea and others new builded, by Gilbart de Clare Earle of Gloucester, in the raigne of King Henry the third, when the Barons were in Armes, and held the Cittie against the King, but the Barons being reconciled to his favoure in the yeare 1267. hee caused all their | Burhkenninges, watchtowers, and Bulwarkes made and repayred by the sayd Earle, to be plucked downe, and the ditches to be filled vp, so that nought of them might be seene to remaine: and then was this Burhkenning amongst the rest ouerthrowne and destroyed: and although the ditch neare thereunto, called Hounds ditch was stopped vp, yet the streete of long time after was called Houndes ditch, and of late time more commonly called Barbican. The plot or seate of this Burhkenning or watch tower, king Edward the third in the yeare 1336. and the 10. of his raigne, gave vnto Robert Vfford Earle of Suffolke, by the name of his Manner of Base court, in the parish of S. Giles without Cripplegate of London, commonly called the Barbican.
Tower Royall was of old time the kings house, king Stephen Tower Royal. was there lodged, but sithence called the Queenes Wardrobe: the Princesse, mother to king Richard the 2. in the 4. of his raigne was lodged there, being forced to flie from the tower of London, when the Rebels possessed it: But on the 15. of June (saith Frosard) Wat Tylar being slaine, the king went John Frosard. to this Ladie Princesse his mother, then lodged in the Tower Royall, called the Queenes Wardrobe, where she had tarried 2. daies and 2. nights: which Tower (saith the Record of Edward the 3. the 36. yeare) was in the Parish of S. Michael de Pater noster, &c. In the yere 1386, king Richard with Queene Anne his wife, kept their Christmasse at Eltham, whither came to him Lion king of Ermony, vnder pretence to reforme peace, betwixt the kings of England and France, but what his comming profited he only understood: for besides innumerable giftes that he receyued of the King, and of the Nobles, the king lying then in this <Tower> Royall at the Queenes Wardrobe in London, graunted to him a Charter of a thousand poundes by yeare during his life. He was, as hee affirmed, chased out of his kingdome by the Tartarians. More concerning this Tower shall you read when you come to Vintrie ward, in which it standeth.

Sernes Tower in Bucklesberie, was sometimes the kings house. Edward the third in the eighteenth yeare of his reigne, appoynted his Exchaunge of monyes therein to be kept, and in | the 32. hee gaue the same Tower to his free Page 72 Chappell of Saint Stephen at Westminster.

Of Schooles and other houses of learning.

In the raigne of king Stephen, and of Henry the second, saith Famous Schooles of philosophie by priviledge in London. Fitzstephen, there were in London, three principall Churches: which had famous Schooles, either by priviledge and auncient dignitie, or by fauour of some perticular persons, as of Doctors which were accounted notable & renowned for knowledge in Philosophie. And there were other inferior schooles also. Upon Festivall dayes the Maisters made solemnne meetings in the Churches, where their Scholers disputed Logically and demon-
Stratiuely: some bringing Entimems, other perfect Sillogismes: some disputed for shew, others to trace out the truth: cunning Sophisters were thought brave Scholers, when they flowed with wordes: Others used fallac(²)es: Rethoritians spake aptly to perswade, observing the precepts of Art, and omitting nothing that might serve their purpose: the boyes of diverse Schooles did cap or pot verses, and contended of the principles of Grammar: there were some which on the other side with Epigrams and rymes, nipping & quipping their fellows, and the faults of others, though suppressing their names, moved thereby much laughter among their Auditors: hitherto FitzStephen: for Schooles and Schollers, and for their exercises in the Citie, in his dayes, sithence the which time, as to me it seemeth, by the increase of Colledges and Students in the Universitie of Oxford and Cambridge, the frequenting of schooles and exercises of schollers in the Citie as had beene accustomed hath much decreased.

The three principall Churches, which had these famous Schooles by pruiledges, must needs be the Cathedrall Church of Saint Paule for one, seeing that by a generall Councell holden in | the yeare of Christ 1176. at Rome, in the Patriarchie of Laterane, it was decreed, that euerie Cathedrall Church should haue his Schoolemaster to teach poore Schollers, and others as had beene accustomed, and that no man should take any reward for licence to teach. The second as most auncient may seeme to have beene the Monasterie of S. Peters at Westminster, wherof Ingulphus, Abbot of Crowland in the raigne of William the Conquerour, writeth thus: I Ingulphus an humble servant of God, borne of English parents, in the most beautifull Citie of London, for to atteine to learning, was first put to Westminster, and after to studie at Oxford. &c. And writing in praise of Queene Edgitha, wife to Edward the Confessor: I haue seen, saith hee, often when being but a boy, I came to see my father dwelling in the Kinges Court, and often comming from Schoole, when I met her, she would oppose me, touching my learning, and lesson, and falling from Grammar to Logicke, wherin she had some knowledge, she would subtly conclude an Argument with mee, and by her handmaiden giue mee three or foure peces of money, and sende mee unto the
Palace where I should receive some victuals, and then be dismissed.

The third Schoole, seemeth to haue beene in the Monasterie of S. Saviour at Bermondsey in Southwarke: for other Priories, as of Saint John by Smithfield, Saint Bartholomew in Smithfield, S. Marie Ouerie in Southwarke, and that of the Holie Trinitie by Aldgate, were all of later foundation, and the Friaries, Colledges, and Hospitals in this Citie, were raysed since them in the raignes of Henry the 3. Edward the 1. 2. and 3. &c. All which houses had their schooles, though not so famous as these first named.

But touching Schooles more lately advanc'd in this Citie, I reade that king Henrie the fift having suppressed the Priories aliens whereof some were about London, namely one Hospital, called Our Ladie of Rouncinall by Charing Crosse: one other Hospital in Oldborne: one other without Cripplegate: and the fourth without Aldersgate, besides other that are now worsen out of memorie, and whereof there is no monument remaining more: then Rouncinall converted to a brotherhood, which continued till the raigne of Henrie the 8. or Edward the 6. this I say, and other their schools being broken vp and ceased: king Henrie the sixt in the 24. of his raigne, by patent appointed, that there should bee in London, Grammar schooles, besides S. Paules, at S. Martins Le Grand, S. Marie Le Bow in Cheap, S. Dunstons in the west and S. Anthonies. And in the next yeare, to wit, 1394, the said king ordained by Parliament that foure other Grammar schooles should be erected, to wit, in the parishes of Saint Andrew in Oldborne, Alhallowes the great in Thames streete, S. Peters vpon Cornhill, and in the Hospitall of S. Thomas of Acons in west Cheape, since the which time as diuers schooles by supressing of religious houses, whereof they were members, in the raigne of Henrie the 8. haue beene decayed, so againe haue some others beene newly erected, and founded for them: as namely Paules schoole, in place of an old ruined house, was built in most ample maner, and largely indowed in the yeare 1512. by John Collet Doctor of Diuinitie

1 For 1394 (Stow), read 1447
74 Of Schooles and other houses of learning

Deane of Paules, for 153. poore mens children: for which there was ordained a Maister, Surmaister, or Usher, and a Chaplainne. Againe in the yeare 1553. after the erection of Christes Hospitall in the late dissolved house of the Gray Friers, a great number of poore children being taken in, a Schoole was also ordained there, at the Citizens charges. Also in the yere 1561 the Marchant Taylors of London founded one notable free Grammar Schoole, in the Parish of S. Laurence Poultnsey by Candleweeke street, Richard Hils late maister of that companie, hauing giuen 500 l. towarde the purchase of an house, called the Mannor of the Rose, sometime the Duke of Buckinghams, wherein the Schoole is kept. As for the meeting of the Schoolemaisters, on festiuall dayes, at festiual Churches, and the disputing of their Schollers Logically, &c., whereof I have before spoken, the same was long since discontinued: But the arguing of the Schoole boyes about the principles of Grammer, hath beene continued even till our time: for I my selfe in my youth have yearely seene on the Eve of S. Bartholomew the Apostle, the schollers of diuers Grammar schooles repayre vnto the Churchyard of S. Bartholomew, the Priorie in Smithfield, where vpon a banke boorded | about vnder a tree, some one Scholler hath stepped vp, and there hath apposed and answered, till he were by some better scholler overcome and put downe: and then the overcomer taking the place, did like as the first: and in the end the best apposers and answerers had rewards, which I obserued not but it made both good Schoolemaisters, and also good Schollers, diligently against such times to prepare themselves for the obtayning of this Garland. I remember there repayed to these exercises amongst others the Maisters and Schollers of the free Schooles of S. Paules in London: of Saint Peters at Westminster: of Saint Thomas Acons Hospitall: and of Saint Anthonies Hospitall: whereof the last named commonly presented the best schollers, and had the prize in those dayes.

This Priorie of S. Bartholomew, being surrendred to Henrie the 8. those disputationes of schollers in that place surceased. And was againe, onely for a year or twaine, in the raigne of Edward the 6. requied in the Cloyster of Christis Hospitall,
where the best Schollers, then still of Saint Anthonies schoole, were rewarded with bowes and arrowes of siluer, giuen to them by sir Martin Bowes, Goldsmith. Neuertheless, howsoever the encouragement fayled, the schollers of Paules, meeting with them of S. Anthonies, would call them Anthonie pigs, and they againe would call the other pigeons of Paules, because many pigeons were bred in Paules Church, and Saint Anthonie was always figured with a pigge following him: and mindfull of the former vsage, did for a long season disorderly in the open streete provoke one another with Salve tu quoque, placet tibi mecum disputare, placet? and so proceeding from this to questions in Grammar, they usually fall from wordes, to blowes, with their Satchels full of bookes, many times in great heaps that they troubled the streets, and passengers: so that finally they were restrained with the decay of Saint Anthonies schoole. Out of this schoole haue sprung divers famous persons, whereof although time hath buried the names of many, yet in mine owne remembrance may be numbred these following. Sir Thomas Moore knight Lord Chancellor of England, Doctor Nicholas Heath sometime Bishop of Rochester, after of Worcester, and lastly, Archbishop of Yorke, and Lord Chancellor of England, Doctor John Whitgift, Bishop of Worcester, and after Archbishop of Canterburie, &c.

Of later time, in the yeare of Christ 1582. there was founded a publike lecture in Chirurgerie to be read in the Colledge of Phisitions in Knightriders streete, to begin in the yeare 1584. on the sixt of May: and so to be continued for euer twice every weeke, on Wednesday, and Fryday. by the Honourable Baron, John lord Lombley, and the learned Richard Caldwell, Doctor in Phisicke: the Reader whereof to be Richard Forster Doctor of Phisicke, during his life.

Furthermore about the same time there was also begunne a Mathematicall Lecture, to bee read in a faire olde Chappell, builded by Simon Eayre, within the Leaden Hall: whereof a learned Citizen borne, named Thomas Hood was the first Reader. But this Chappell and other partes of that Hall being employed for stowage of goodes taken out of a great Spanish Caracke, the said Lecture ceased any more to be 
read, and was then in the yeare 1588. read in the house of Maister Thomas Smith in Grasse streete, &c.

Last of all, sir Thomas Gresham knight, Agent to the Queens Highnesse, by his last will and testament made in the yeare 1579. gaue the Royall Exchaunge, and all the buildings thereunto appertaing, that is to say, the one moytie to the Maior and communaltie of London and their successors, vpon trust that they performe as shall be declared: and the other moytie to the Mercers in like confidence. The Maior and Communaltie are to find foure to reade Lectures, of Diuinitie, Astronomie, Musicke, and Geometrie, within his dwelling house in Bishopsgate streete, and to bestow the summe of 200. pound, to wit, 50. pound the peece, &c. The Mercers likewise are to find three Readers, that is in Ciuill law, Phisicke, and Rethoricke, within the same dwelling house, the summe of 150.1. to euerie Reader 50.1. &c. Whiche gift hath beene since that time confirmed by Parliament, to take effect, and begin after the decease of the Ladie Anne Gresham, which happened in the yeare 1596. and so to continue for euer. Whereupon the Lecturers were accordingly chosen and appointed to haue begun their readings in the Moneth of June, 1597. whose names were Anthonie Wootton for Diuinite, Doctor Mathew Guin for Phisicke, Doctor Henrie Mountlow for the Ciuill law, Doctor John Bull for Musicke, Brerewood1 for Astronomie, Henrie Briggs for Geometrie, and Caleb Willis for Rethoricke. These Lectures are read dayly, Sundays excepted, in the terme times, by every one vpon his day, in the morning betwixt nine and ten, in Latine: in the after noone betwixt two and three, in English, saue that D. Bull is dispensed with to reade the Musicke lecturue in English onely vpon two seuerall dayes, Thursday and Saterday in the after noones, betwixt 3. and 4. of the clocke.

Houses of students in the Common Lawe.

BUT besides all this, there is in and about this Citie, a whole Uniuersitie, as it were, of students, practisers or pleaders and Judges of the lawes of this realme, not liviug of common

1 Brerewood] Beerewood, 1603
Stipends, as in other Universities it is for ye most part done, but of their owne private maintenance, as being altogether fed either by their places, or practise, or otherwise by their proper revenue, or exhibition of parents & friends: for that the younger sort are either gentlemen, or the sons of gentlemen, or of other most welthie persons. Of these houses there be at this day 14. in all, whereof 9. do stand within the liberties of this Citie, and 5. in the suburbs thereof, to wit:

Within the liberties.
- Sergeants Inne in Fleetstreete for Judges & Sergeants Inne in Chancery lane for Sergeants only
- The Inner Temple in Fleetstreete, houses of The Middle Temple (Court.
- Cliffords Inne in Fleetstreete
- Thauies Inne in Oldborne
- Furniuals Inne in Oldborne
- Barnards Inne in Oldborne
- Staple Inne in Oldborne

houses of Chancery.

Without the liberties.
- Grayes Inne in Oldborne
- Lincolns Inne in Chancerie lane by the old Temple.
- Clements Inne houses of Chancerie, without
- New Inne Temple barre, in the libertie of Westminster.

There was sometime an Inne of Sargeants, in Oldborne, as yee may reade of Scrops Inne ouer against Saint Andrewes Church.

There was also one other Inne of Chancerie, called Chesteres Inne, for the nearenesse to the Bishop of Chesteres house, but more commonly tearmed Strand Inne, for that it stoode in Strand streete, and neare unto Strand bridge without Temple barre, in the libertie of the Duchie of Lancaster. This Inne of Chancerie with other houses neare adjoyning, were pulled downe in the rainge of Edward the 6. by Edward Duke of Sommerset, who in place thereof raised that large and beauti-ful house, but yet unfinished, called Sommerset house.

There was moreouer in the rainge of king Henrie the sixt, a tenth house of Chancerie, mentioned by Iustice Fortescue, in his booke of the lawes of England, but where it stood, or when it was abandoned, I cannot finde, and therefore I will leaue it, and returne to the rest.
The houses of Court bee replenished partly with young studentes, and partly with graduates and practisers of the law: but the Innes of Chancerie being as it were, prouinces, seuerally subiected to the Innes of Court, be chiefly furnished with Officers, Atturneyes, Soliciters and Clarkes, that follow the Courtes of the Kings Bench, or Common pleas: and yet there want not some other, being young students that come thither sometimes from one of the Universities, and sometimes immediately from Grammar schooles, and these having spent sometime in studying vpon the first elements and grounds of the lawe, and having performed the exercises of their own houses (called Boltas Mootes, and putting of cases) they proceed to be admitted, and become students in some of these four houses or Innes of Court, where continuing by the space of seuen yeares, or thereabouts, they frequent readinges, meetings, boltinges, and other learned exercises, whereby growing ripe in the knowledge of the lawes, and approved withall to be of honest conversation, they are either by the generall consent of the Benchers, or Readers, being of the most auncient, graue, and judiciall men of euerie Inne of the Court, or by the speciall priviledge of the present reader there, selected and called to the degree of Vitre Barresters, and so enabled to be common counsellers, and to practise the lawe, both in their chambers, and at the Barres.

Of these after that they be called to a further steppe of preferment, called the Bench, there are twaine euerie yeare chosen among the Benchers of euery Inne of Court, to bee readers there, who do make their readings at two times in the yeare also: that is, one in Lent, and the other at the beginning of August.

And for the helpe of young students in euerie of the Innes of Chauncerie, they do likewise choose out of euery one Inne of court a Reader, being no Bencher, but an ytter Barrester there, of 10. or 12. yeares continuance, and of good profite in studie. Nowe from these of the sayd degree of Counsellors, or Vitre Barresters, having continued therein the space of fourteene or fifteene yeares at the leaste, the chiefest and best learned are by the Benchers elected to increase the number, as

1 pleas] place 1598, 1603
I sayd, of the Bench amongst them, and so in their time doe become first single, and then double readers, to the students of those houses of Court: after which last reading they bee named Apprentices at the lawe, and in default of a sufficient number of Sergeants at law, these are, at the pleasure of the Prince, to be aduaunced to the places of Sergeants: out of which number of Sergeants also the void places of Judges are likewise ordinarily filled, albeit now and then some be aduaunced by the speciall fauour of the Prince, to the estate, dignitie, and place, both of Sergeant and Judge, as it were in one instant. But from thenceforth they hold not any roome in those Innes of Court, being translated to one of the sayde two Innes, called Sergeantes Innes, where none but the Sergeants and Judges do conuere.

Of Orders and Customes.

OF Orders and Customs in this Citie of old time Fitzstephen saith as followeth: Men of all trades, sellers of all sorts of wares, labourers in evey worke, evey morning are in their distinct and severall places: furthermore, in London upon the river side, betwene the wine in ships, and the wine to be sold in Tauerns, is a common cookerie or cookes row: there dayly for the season of the yere, men might haue meate, rost, sod, or fried: fish, flesh, fowles, fit for rich and poore. If any come suddenly to any Citizen from afarre, wearie and not willing to tarrie till the meate bee bought, and dressed, while the servant bringeth water for his maisters hands, and fetcheth bread, he shall have immediately from the Riuers side, all viands whatsoever he desireth,what multitude soever, either of Souldiers, or strangners, doe come to the Citie, whatsoever houre, day or night, according to their pleasures may refresh themselves, and they which delight in dilectatenesse may bee satisfied with as delicate dishes there, as may be found else where. And this Cookes row is very necessarie to the Citie: and, according to Plato in Gorgias¹, next to Phisicke, is the office of Cookes, as part of a Citie.

¹ Gorgias] Gorgius 1603
Smithfield for a plain smooth ground, is called smeth and smoothie. Market for horses and other cattell.

Marchants of all nations traded at this City, & had their seuerall Keyes and wharves.

The Authors opinion of this Citie, the antiquitie thereof. This Citie diuided into wards more than 400 years since, and also had then both Aldermen and Shiriffes.

Customes of London.

Casualties of fires when houses were covered with thatch.

Without one of the Gates is a plaine field, both in name and deed, where euery fryday, unlesse it be a solenne bidden holy day, is a notable shew of horses to bee solde, Earles, Barons, knights, and Citizens repair a thither to see, or to buy: there may you of pleasure see amblers pacing it diliectly: there may you see trotters fit for men of armes, sitting more hardly: there may you have notable yong horse not yet broken: there may you have strong steeedes, wel limmed geldings, whom the buiers do especially regard for pace, and swiftnes: the boyes which ride these horses, sometime two, sometime three, doe runne races for wagers, with a desire of praise, or | hope of victorie. In an other part of that field are to be sold all implements of husbandry, as also fat swine, milch kine, sheepe and oxen: there stand also mares and horses, fitte for ploughes and teams with their young coltes by them. At this Citie Marchant straungrers of all nations had their keyes and wharves: the Arabians sent golde: the Sabians spice and franksense: the Scitkian armour, Babylon oyle, India purple garments, Egypt precious stones, Norway and Russia Ambergreace and sables, and the French men wine. According to the truth of Chronicles, this Citie is auncienter then Rome, built of the ancient Troyans and of Brute, before that was built by Romulhus, and Rhemus: and therefore vseth the ancient customs of Rome. This Citie euin as Rome, is diuided into warded: it hath yearely Shiriffes in steede of Consulles: it hath the dignitie of Senators in Aldermen. It hath under Officers, Common Sewers, and Conductes in streetes, according to the qualitie of causes, it hath generall Courtes: and assemblies upon appointed dayes. I doe not thinke that there is any Citie, wherein are better customs, in frequenting the Churches, in serving God, in keeping holy dayes, in giving almes, in entertayning straungrers, in solemnising Marriages, in furnishing banquets, celebrating funerals, and burying dead bodies.

The onely plagues of London, (are) immoderate quaffing among the foolish sort, and often casualties by fire.—Most part of the Bishops, Abbots, and great Lordes of the land have houses there, wherento they resort, and bestow much when they are called to Parliament by the king, or to Counsell by their Metropolitane, or otherwise by their private businesse.
Thus farre *Fitzstephen*, of the estate of thinges in his time, whereunto may be added the present, by conference whereof, the alteration will easily appeare.

Men of trades and sellers of wares in this City haue often times since chaunged their places, as they haue found their best advantage. For where as Mercers, and Haberdashers vsed to keepe their shoppes in West Cheape, of later time they helde them on London Bridge, where partly they yet remaine. The Goldsmithes of Gutherons lane, and old Exchange, are now for the most part remooued into the Southside of west Cheape, the Peperers and Grocers of Sopers lane, are now in Bucklesberrie, and other places dispersed. The Drapers of Lombardstreete, and of Cornehill, are seated in Candlewickstreete, and Watheling streete: the Skinners from Saint Marie Pellipers, or at the Axe, into Budge row, and Walbrooke: The Stockefishmongers in Thames streete: wet Fishmongers in Knightriders streete, and Bridge streete: The Ironmongers of Ironmongers lane, and olde Iurie, into Thames streete: the Vinteners from the Vinetree into diuers places. But the Brewers for the more part remaine neare to the friendly water of Thames: the Butchers in Eastcheape, Saint Nicholas Shambles, and the Stockes Market: the Hosiers of olde time in Hosier lane, neare vnto Smithfield, are since remooued into Cordwayner streete, the upper part thereof by Bow Church, and last of all into Birchouerislane by Cornehil: the Shoomakers and Curriers of Cordwayner streete, remoued the one to Saint Martins Le Grand, the other to London wall neare vnto Mooregate, the Founders remayne by themselues in Lothberie: Cookes, or Pastelars for the more part in Thames streete, the other dispersed into diuerse partes. Poulters of late remoued out of the Poultrie betwixt the Stockes and the great Conduit in Cheape into Grasse streete, and Saint Nicholas Shambles: Bowyers, from Bowyers row by Ludgate into diuers places, and almost worn out with the Fletchers: *Pater noster* makers of olde time, or Beade makers, and Text Writers, are gone out of *Pater noster* Rowe, and are called Stationers of *Paules* Church yarde: Pattenmakers of Saint Margaret Pattens lane, cleane worn out: Labourers euerie worke day are to bee founde in
Cheape, about Sopers lane ende: horse coursers and sellers of Oxen, Sheepe, Swine, and such like, remaine in their olde Market of Smithfield, &c.

That Marchants of all nations had theyr Keyes and wharthes at this Citty whereunto they brought their Marchandises before, and in the raigne of Henry the second, mine author wrote of his owne knowledge to be true, though for the antiquity of the Citty, he tooke the common opinion. Also that this Cittie was in his time and afore diuided into wards, had yearely Sherifs, Aldermen, generall courts, and assemblies, and such like notes by him set down, in commendation of the Citizens, whereof there is no question, he wrote likewise of his owne experience, as being borne and brought vp amongst them. And to confirme his opinion, concerning Marchandises then hither transported, whereof happily may bee some argument, Thomas Clifford (before Fitzstephens time) writing of Edward the Confessor, sayeth to this effect: King Edward intending to make his Sepulchre at Westminster, for that it was near to the famous Cittie of London, and the River of Thames, that brought in all kindes of Marchandises from all parts of the world, &c. And William of Malmsberie, that liued in the raigne of William the first and seconde, Henry the first, and king Stephen, calleth this a noble Cittie, full of wealthy citizens, frequented with the trade of Marchandises from all partes of the world. Also I reade in diuers records that of olde time no woade was stowed or harbored in this Citty, but all was presently solde in the ships, except by licence purchased of the Sherifes, till of more latter time, to witte in the yeare 1236. Andrew Bokerell being Mayor, by assent of the principall citizens, the Marchants of Amiens, Nele and Corby, purchased letters insealed with the common seale of the Cittie, that they when they come, might harborow their woades, and therefore should give the Mayor euery yeare 50. marks starling: and the same yeare they gave 100. l. towards the conueying of water from Tyborn to this cittie. Also the Marchantes of Normandie made fine for licence to harbor their Woades till it was otherwise prouided, in the yeare 1263. Thomas Fitz Thomas being Mayor, &c. which proueth that then, as afore, they were here amongst other nations priuiledged.
It followeth in Fitzstephen, that the plagues of London in that time were immoderate quaffing amongfooles, and often casualties by fire. For the first, to wit of quaffing, it continueth as afore, or rather is mightily increased, though greatlie qualified among the poorer sort, not of any holy abstinencie, but of meere necessitie, Ale and Beere being small, and Wines in price above their reach. As for preuenion of casualties by fire the houses in this citty being then builded all of timber and covered with thatch of straw or reed, it was long since thought good policie in our Forefathers, wisely to prouide, namely in the yeare of Christ, 1189. the first of Richard the first, Henry Fitzsalwine being then Mayor, that all men in this Citty should bulde their houses of stone up to a certaine height, and to couer them with slate or baked tyle: since which time, thanks be giuen to God, there hath not happened the like often consuming fires in this citty as afore. But now in our time, instead of these enormities, others are come in place no lesse meete to bee reformed: namely, Purprestures, or enchoochmentes on the Highwayes, lanes, and common groundes, in and aboute this citty, whereof a learned Gentleman, and graue cittyzen hath not many yeares since written and exhibited a Booke to the Mayor and communaltie, which Booke whether the same haue beeene by them read, and diligently considered vpon I know not, but sure I am nothing is reformed since concerning this matter.

Then the number of carres, drayes, carts and coatches, more then hath beeene accustomed, the streetes and lanes being streightned, must needes be daungerous, as dayly experience proueth.

The Coach man rides behinde the horse tayles, lasheth them, and looketh not behind him: The Draye man sitteth and sleepeth on his Drea, and letteth his horse leade him home: I know that by the good lawes and customs of this Citty, shodde carts are forbidden to enter the same, except vpon reasonable causes as seruice of the Prince, or such like, they be tollerated. Also that the fore horse of euery carriage should bee lead by hand: but these good orders are not observed. Of olde time Coatches were not knowne in this Island, but chariots or Whirligotes, then so called, and they...
only used of Princes or great Estates, such as had their footmen about them: and for example to note, I read that Richard the second, being threatened by the rebels of Kent, rode from the Tower of London to the Myles end, and with him his mother, because she was sick and weake in a Wherlicote, the Earles of Buckingham, Kent, Warwicke and Oxford, Sir Thomas Percie, Sir Robert Knowles, the Mayor of London, Sir Aubery de Vere that bare the kinges sword, with other Knights and Esquires attending on horsebacke. He followed in the next year the said king Richard, who took to wife Anne daughter to the king of Boheme, that first brought hether the riding vpon side saddles, and so was the riding in Wherlicoates and chariots forsaken, except at Coronations and such like spectacles: but now of late yeares the use of coatches brought out of Germanie is taken vp, and made so common, as there is neither distinction of time, nor difference of persons obserued: for the world runs on wheeles with many, whose parents were glad to goe on foote.

Last of all mine Author in this chapter hath these words: Most part of the Bishops, Abbots, and great Lordes of the land, as if they were Citizens and free men of London, had many fayre houses to resort unto, and many rich and wealthy Gentlemen spent their money there. And in an other place hee hath these words: Every sonday in Lent a fresh compaine of young men comes into the fields on horsebacke, and the best horseman conducteth the rest, then march forth the Citizens somnes, and other young men with disarmed lances and shieldes, and practise feates of warre: many Courtiers likewise and attendants of noble men re朋友们对 this exercise, & whilst the hope of victorie doth enflame their mindes, they doe shew good proffe how serviceable they would be in martiall affaires, &c. Againe he saith: This Cittie in the troublesome time of King Stephen shewed at a muster 20000. armed horsemen, and 40000. footmen, serviceable for the warres, &c. All which sayings of the said Author well considered, doe plainly proue that in those dayes, the inhabitants & repayers to this Cittie of what estate soever, spirituall or temporal, hauing houses here, liued

But in the yeare next following, the said King Richard tooke to wife, &c. 2598
together in good amity with the citizens, every man observing the costumes & orders of the City, & chose to be contribu-
tory to charges here, rather than in any part of the land
wheresoeuer. This city being the hart of the Realme, the
Kinges chamber, and princes seate whereunto they made
repayre, and shewed their forces, both of horses and of men,
which caused in troublesome time, as of king Stephen, the
Musters of this City to be so great in number. The causes of
greater shewes and musters in this City of olde time,
more then of late.

Great families of old time kept.

AND here to touch some what of greater families and
householdes kept in former times by noble men, and great
estates of this Realme, according to their honours or dignities.
I haue seen an account made by H. Leicester, cofferer to
Thomas Earle of Lancaster, for one whole yeares expences in
the Earles house, from the day next after Michaelmasse in the
seventh yere of Edward the second, vntill Michaelmasse in
the eight yeare of the same king amounting to the sum of
seven thousand, nine hundred, fiftie seuen pound thirteene
shillings foure pence halfe penny, as followeth,

To wit, in the Pantrie, Buttrie, and Kitchen, 3405.l &c.
for 184. tunnes, one pipe of red or claret wine, and one tunne
of white wine bought for the house, 104. pound, xvij.s. vi.d.

For Grocerie ware, 180.li. 17.s.

For sixe Barrels of sturgeon, 19.li.

For 6800. stockfishes, so called, for dried fishes of all sorts,
as Lings, Habardines, and other, 41.li. 6.s. 7.d.

For 1714. pound of waxe, with Vermelon and Turpentine
to make red waxe, 314.li. 7.s. 4.d. ob.

For 2319. li. of Tallow candles for the houshold, and 1870.
of lights for Paris candles, called Perchers, 31.li. 14.s. 3.d.

Expences on the Earles great horses, and the keepers wages,
486.li. 4s. 3.d. ob.

Linnen cloth for the L. and his Chapleins, and for the
Pantrie, 43.li. 17.d.

For 129. dosen of Parchment with Inke, 4.li. 8 s. 3.d. ob.

Summe, 5230.li. 17.s. 7.d. ob.

Item for two clothes of Skarlet for the Earle against
Christmasse, one cloth of Russet, for the Bishop of Angew,
159. clothes in liueries against Christmase.

70. clothes of Blew for the knights, (as they were then termed) 15. clothes of Medley for the Lords clearkes, 28. clothes for the Esquieres, 15. clothes for Officers, 19. clothes for Grooms, 5. clothes for Archers, 4. clothes for Minstrels and Carpenters, with the sharing and carriage for the Earles Liueries at Christmase, 460.li. 15.d.

Item for 7. Furres of variable Minuier (or powdred Ermin) 7. whoodes of Purple, 395. Furres of Budge for the Liueries of Barons, Knights, and Clarkees, 123. Furres of Lambe for Esquieres, bought at Christmase, 147.li. 17.s. 8.d.

Item 65. clothes saffron colour, for the Barons and Knights: in sommer, 12. red clothes mixt for Clearkes, 26. clothes ray for Esquieres, one cloth ray for Officers coates in sommer, and 4. clothes ray for carpets in the hall, for 345.li. 13.s. 8.d.

Item 100. pceces of greene silke for the knights, 14. Budge Furres for surcotes, 13. whoodes of Budge for Clearkes, and 75. furres of Lambs for the Lordes liueryes in sommer, with Canuas and cords to trusse them, 72.li. 19.s.

Item Sadles for the Lords liueries in sommer 51.li. 6.s. 8.d.
Item one Sadle for the Earle of the Princes armes, 40.s.

Summe, 1079.li. 18.s. 3.d.


For horses lost in service of the Earle, 8.l. 6.s. 8.d.

Fees payde to Earles, Barons, knights, and Esquieres, 623.li. 15.s. 5.d.

In gifts to knights of France, the Queene of Englands nurces, to the Countesse of Warren, Esquieres, Minstrels, Messengers and riders, 92.li. 14.s.

Item 168. yeards of russet cloth, and 24. coates for poore men with money giuen to the poore on Maundie Thursday, 8.li. 16.s. 7.d.

Item 24. siluer dishes, so many sawcers, and so many cuppes for the Buttrie, one paire of Paternosters, and one siluer coffen bought this yeare, 103.li. 5.s. 6.d.

To diuerse Messengers about the Earles businessse, 34.li. 19.s. 8.pence.
Of Orders and Customs

In the Earles chamber, 5.li.
To diuerse men for the Earles olde debts, 88.li. 16.s. ob. q.
Summe, 1207.li. 7.s. 11.d. ob. q.

The expences of the Countesse at Pickering for the time of this account, as in the Pantrie, Buttrie, Kitchen, and other places, concerning these Offices, two hundred fourescore and fiue pounds, thirteene shillings, halfepennie.

In Wine, Waxe, Spices, cloathes, Furre, and other things for the Countesses Wardrobe, an hundred fiftie foure pounds | seuen shillings, foure pence, halfepennie.

Summe, 439.li. 8.s. 6.d. q.

Summa totalis of the whole expences, 7957.li. 13.s. 4.d. ob.
Thus much for this Earle of Lancaster.

More, I read that in the 14. of the same Edward the second, Hugh Spencer the elder (condemned by the commuaultie) was banished the Realme, at which time, it was found by inquisition, that the said Spencer had in sundrie shires 59. Mannors: he had 28000. sheepe, 1000. Oxen and Steeres, 1200. Kine, with their Calues, 40. Mares with their Coltes, 160. drawing horse, 2000. Hogges, 300. Bullockes, 40. Tunnes of wine, 600. Bacons, 80. carkases of Martilmasse beefe, 600. Muttons in larder, 10. Tuns of Sidar. His armour, plate, iewels, and ready money, better then 10000.li. 36. sackes of wooll, and a librarie of bookes. Thus much the Record: which prouision for household, sheweth a great family there to be kept.

Nearer to our time, I reade in the 36. of Henrie the sixt, that the greater estates of the Realme being called vp to London,
The Earle of Salisburie came with 500. men on horsebacke, and was lodged in the Herber.

Richard Duke of Yorke with 400. men lodged at Baynards Castell.
The Dukes of Excester and Sommerset, with 800. men.
The Earle of Northumberland, the Lord Egremont, and the Lord Clifford, with 1500. men.

Richard Neuell Earle of Warwicke, with 600. men, all in
red Jackets, imbrodered with ragged statues before and behind, and was lodged in Warwicke Lane: in whose house there was oftentimes six Oxen eaten at a breakfast, and euer Tauerne was full of his meate, for he that had any acquaintaunce in that house, might have there so much of sodden and rost meate, as hee could pricke and carrie vpon a long Dagger.

Richard Redman Bishop of Elie, 1500, the 16. of Henrie the seuenth, besides his great familie, house keeping, almesse dish, and reliefe to the poore, wheresoever he was lodged. In his travailling, when at his comming, or going to or from any towne, the belles being rung, all the poore would come togethier, to whom he gaue every one 6d. at the least.

And now to note of our owne time somewhat. Omitting in this place Thomas Wolsey Archbishops of Yorke, and Cardinall, I referre the Reader to my Annales, where I haue set downe the order of his house, and houshold, passing all other subiectes of his time. His servuants dayly attending in his house were neare about 400. omitting his servuants servuants, which were many.

Nicholas West Bishop of Ely, in the yeare 1532. kept continually in his house an hundred servuants, giuing to the one halfe of them 53s. 4d. the peece yearely: to the other halfe each 40s. the peece, to euer one, for his winter Gowne, foure yeards of broad cloath, and for his Sommer coate thre yards and a halfe: he dayly gaue at his Gates besides bread and drinke, warme meate to two hundred poore people.

The housekeeping of Edward late Earle of Darbie, is not to be forgotten, who had 220. men in checke roll: his feeding aged persons, twice euer day, sixtie and odd besides all commers, thrise a weeke appoynted for his dealing dayes, and euer good Fryday 2700. with meate drinke and money.

Thomas Audley Lord Chaunceller, his familie of Gentleman before him in coates garded with veluet, and Chains of gold: his yeoman^1 after him in the same liuerie not garded.

William Powlet Lord great maister, Marques of Wincester, kept the like number of Gentleman and yeoman^1 in a liuerie of Reding tawny, and great reliefe at his gate.

Thomas Lord Cromwel, Earle of Essex kept the like, or

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^1 yeoman 1603; yeomen 1633
greater number in a liuery of gray Marble, the Gentlemen garded with Velvet, the yeoman with the same cloth, yet their skirtes large inough for their friends to sit vpon them.  

Edward Duke of Sommerset was not inferior in keeping a number of tall and comely Gentlemen, and yeoman, though his house was then in building, and most of his men were lodged abroade.  

The late Earle of Oxford, father to him that now liueth, hath beene noted within these fortie yeares, to haue ridden into this Citie, & so to his house by London stone, with 80. Gentlemen in a liuery of Reading Tawny, and chaines of gold about their necks before him, and 100. tall yeomen in the like liuery to follow him without chaines, but all hauing his cognisance of the blew Bore, embrodered on their left shoulder.  

Of charitable almes in old times giuen.  

These as all other of their times gaue great relief to the poore: I my selfe, in that declining time of charity, haue oft seene at the Lord Cromwels gate in London, more then two hundered persons serued twise euery day with bread, mete and drinke sufficient, for hee obersued that auncient and charitable custome as all prelates, noble men, or men of honour and worship his predecessors had done before him: whereof somewhat to note for example, Venerable Bede writeth that Prelates of his time hauing peraduenture but wodden Churches, had notwithstanding on their borde at theyr meales one Almes dish, into the which was carued some good portion of mete out of euery other dish broght to their Table, all which was giuen to the poore, besides the fragments left, in so much as in a hard time, a poore Prelate wanting victuals, hath caused his almes dish, being siluer to be diuided amongst the poore, therewith to shift as they could, til God should send them better store.  

Such a Prelate was Ethelwald Bishop of Winchester in the raigne of King Edgar, about the yeare of Christ, 963. hee, in a greate famine, solde away all the sacred vessels of his Church, for to relieue the almost starued people, saying that there was no reason that the senseles Temples of God

\(^1\) yeoman] v. p. 88
should abound in riches, and lively Temples of the holy Ghost to lacke it.

_Walter de Suffilde_ Bishoppe of Norwich was of the like minde: about the yeare 1245 in a time of great dearth, he solde all his plate, and distributed it to the poore euery pennyworth.

_Robert Winchelsey_ Archbishopp of Canterbury, about the yeare 1293, besides the dayly fragments of his house, gauing euery fryday and sunday vnto euery beggar that came to his gate, a lofe of bread sufficient for that day, and there more usuallie, euerie such Almes day in time of dearth, to the number of 5000, and otherwise 4000. at the least: more, hee vsed euery great Festiuall day to giue 150. pence to so many poore people, to sende daylie meate, bread and drinke, to such as by age, or sickenesse were not able to fetch his almes, and to send meate, money and apparell to such as he thought needed it.

I reade in _1171_, that _Henrie_ the second after his retourne into England, did pennisance for the slaughter of _Thomas Becket_, of whom (a sore dearth increasing) ten thousand persons, from the first of Aprill, till new corne was inned, were dayly fed & sustained.

More, I find recorded that in the yeare 1236, the 20. of _Henrie_ the third, _William de Hauercull_ the kings Treasurer was commaunded, that vpon the day of the Circumcision of our Lord, 6ceo. poore people should be fed at Westminster, for the state of the king, Queene, and their children. The like commaundement, the said king _Henrie_ gaue to _Hugh Gifford_, and _William Browne_, that vpon Fryday next after the Epiphanie, they should cause to be fed in the great Hall at Windsore, at a good fire, all the poore and needie children that could be found, and the kings children being weighed and measured, their weight and measure to be distributed for their good estates. These fewe examples for charitie of kings may suffice.

I reade in the raigne of _Edward_ the third, that _Richard de Berie_ Bishop of Durham, did weekly bestowe for the reliefe of the poore eight quarters of wheate made into bread, besides his almes dish, fragments of his house, and great summes of
mony giuen to the poore when he iourneyed. And that these almes dishes were as well vsed at the Tables of Noble men, as of the Prelates, one note may suffice in this place.

I reade in the yeare 1452, that Richard Duke of Yorke then clayming the Crowne, the Lord Riuers should hauue passed the Sea about the kings business, but staying at Plimmoth till his money was spent, and then sending for more, the Duke of Sommerset sent him the Image of Saint George in siluer and golde, to be solde, with the almes dish of the Duke of Glocester, which was also of great price, for coyne had they none.

To ende of Orders and Customes in this Citie: also of great families kept by honourable persons thither repayring. And of charitable almes of olde time giuen, I say for conclusion, that all noble persons, and other of honour and worship, in former times lodging | in this Citie, or libertyes thereof, did without grudging, beare their parts in charges with the Citizens, according to their estimated estates, as I haue before said, and could proue by examples, but let men call to minde sir Thomas Cromwel then Lord priuie Seale, and Vicker generall, lying in the Citie of London, hee bare his charges to the great muster there, in Anno 1539. he sent his men in great number to the Miles ende, and after them their armour in Carres, with their coates of white cloth, the armes of this Citie, to wit, a red crosse, and a sword on the breast, and backe, which armour and coates they were amongst the Citizens, without any difference, and marched through the Citie to Westminster.

Sports and pastimes of old time vsed in this Citie.

LET vs now (saith Fitosstephen) come to the sportes and pastimes, seeing it is fit that a citie should not only be commodious and serious, but also merrie and sportful: whereupon in the scales of the Popes, until the time of Pope Leo, on the one side was S. Peter fishing with a key over him, reached as it were by the hand of God out of heauen, and about it this verse,

Tu pro me nauem liquisti, suscipe clauen.

And on the other side was a Citie, and this inscription on it. Aurea Roma. Likewise to the praise of Augustus Caesar, and the Citie in respect of the shevves and sports was written:
Sports and Pastimes

Nocte pluit tota, redeunt spectacula mane, &c.
All night it raines, and shews at morrowtide returne again.
And Cesar with almighty Ioue hath matcht an equal raign.

Stage plays.
But London for the shews vpon Theaters, and Comicall pastimes, hath holy plays, representations of myracles which holy Confessours have wrought, or representations of torments wherein the constancie of Martyrs appeared. Every yeare also at Shrouetuesday, that we may begin with childrens sports, seeing we al haue beene children, the schoole boyes do bring Cockes of the game to their master, and all the forenoon they delight themselves in Cockfighting: after dinner all the youths go into the fields to play at the bal. The schollers of every schoole haue their ball, or baston, in their hands: the ancients and wealthy men of the Citie come forth on horsebacke to see the sport of the yong men, and to take part of the pleasure in beholding their agility. Every Fryday in Lent a fresh company of young men comes into the field on horseback, and the best horseman conducteth the rest. Then march forth the Citizens sons, and other yong men with disarmed launces and shields, and there they practise feates of warre. Many Courtiers likewise when the king lieth there, and attendants of noble men doe repaire to these exercises, and while the hope of victorie doth inflame their minds, do shew good profe how serviceable they would bee in martiall affayres. In Easter holy dayes they fight batailes on the water, a shield is hanged upon a pole, fixed in the midst of the stream, a boat is prepared without oares to bee caried by violence of the water, and in the fore part thereof standeth a young man, readie to give charge vpon the shield with his launce: if so hee breaketh his launce against the shield, and doth not fall, he is thought to have performed a worthy deed. If so be without breaking his launce, he runneth strongly against the shield, downe he falleth into the water, for the boat is violently forced with the tide, but on each side of the shielde ride two boates, furnished with yong men, which recover him that falleth as soone as they may. Upon the bridge, wharifes, and houses, by the rivers side, stand great numbers to see, & laugh therat. In the holy days all the Sommer the youths are exercised in leaping, dancing, shooting,
wrestling, casting the stone, and practising their shields: the Maidens trip in their Timbrels, and daunce as long as they can well see. In Winter every holy day before dinner, the Boares prepared for brawne are set to fight, or else Buls and Beares are bated.

When the great fenne or Moore, which watereth the wals of the Citie on the North side, is frozen, many yong men play upon the yce, some striding as wide as they may, doe slide swiftly: others make themselves seates of yce, as great as Milstones: one sits downe, many hand in hand doe draw him, and one slipping on a sudden, all fall together: some tie bones to their feete, and under their heelles, and shoving themselves by a little picked Staffe, doe slide as swiftly as a bird flieth in the ayre, or an arrow out of a Crossebow. Sometime two runne together with Poles, and hitting one the other, euyther one or both doe fall, not without hurt: some breake their armes, some their legges, but youth desirous of glorie in this sort exerciseth it selfe agaynst the time of warre. Many of the Citizens doe delight themselves in Hawkes, and houndes, for they have libertie of hunting in Middlesex, Hartfordshire, all Chiltron, and in Kent to the water of Cray. Thus farre Fitsstephen of sportes.

These or the like exercises haue beene continued till our time, namely in stage playes, whereof ye may read in Anno 1391. a play by the parish Clearkes of London at the Skinners well besides Smithfield: which continued three dayes togither, the king Queene and Nobles of the Realme being present. And of another, in the yeare 1409. which lasted eight dayes, and was of matter from the creation of the world, whereat was present most part of the Nobilitie, and Gentrie of England. Of late time in place of those Stage playes, hath beene vsed Comedies, Tragedies, Enterludes, and Histories, both true and fayned: For the acting whereof certaine publike places haue beene erected. Also Cockes of the game are yet cherished by diuerse men for their pleasures, much money being laide on their heads, when they fight in pits whereof some be costly made for that purpose. The Ball is vsed by noble men and gentlemen in Tennis courts, and by people of meaner sort in the open fields, and streets.
The marching forth of Citizens sonnes, and other yong men on horsebacke, with disarmed Launces and Shieldes, there to practise feates of warre, man agaynst man, hath long since been left of, but in their Citie, they haue vse on horsebacke, to runne at a dead marke, called a Quinten: for note whereof I reade, that in | the yere of Christ 1253, the 38. of Henrie the third, the youthfull Citizens, for an exercise of their activity, set forth a game to runne at the Quinten, and whosoever did best, should have a Peacocke, which they had prepared as a prise: certaine of the kings seruants, because the Court lay then at Westminster, came as it were in spite of the Citizens, to that game, and giuing reprochfull names to the Londoners, which for the dignitie of the Citie, and auncient priuilegde which they ought to haue enjoyed, were called Barons: the said Londoners, not able to bear so to be misused, fell vpon the kings seruants, and bet them shrewdly, so that vpon complaint (to) the king, he fined the Citizens to pay a thousand Markes. This exercise of running at the Quinten, was practised by the youthfull Citizens, as well in Sommer as in Winter, namely, in the feast of Christmasse, I haue seene a Quinten set vpon Cornehill, by the Leaden Hall, where the attendantes on the Lords of merrie Disports have runne, and made great pastime, for he that hit not the brode end of the Quinten, was of all men laughed to scorne, and he that hit it full, if he rid not the faster, had a sound blowe in his necke, with a bagge full of sand hanged on the other end. I haue also in the Sommer season seene some vpon the riuer of Thames rowed in whirries, with staues in their hands, flat at the fore end, running one against another, and for the most part, one, or both ouerthrowne, and well dowked.

On the Holy dayes in Sommer, the youthes of this Citie, haue in the field exercised themselues, in leaping, dauncing, shooting, wrestling, casting of the stone or ball, &c.

And for defence and vse of the weapon, there is a speciall profession of men that teach it. Ye may reade in mine Annales, how that in the yeare 1222. the Citizens kept games
of defence, and wrestlings neare vnto the Hospitall of Saint Giles in the field where they chalenged, and had the mastrie of the men in the Suburbs, and other commoners, &c. Also in the yeare 1453. of a tumult made agaynst the Maior, at the wrestling besides Clearkes well, &c. Which is sufficient to proove that of olde time the exerçising of wrestling, and such like hath beene much more vsed then of later yeares. The youthes of this Citie also haue vsed on holy dayes after Euening prayer, at their Maisters doores, to exercise their Wasters and Bucklers: and the Maidens, one of them playing on a Timbrell, in sight of their Maisters and Dames, to daunce for garlandes hanged thwart the streetes, which open pastimes in my youth, being now suppressed, worser practises within doores are to be feared: as for the bayting of Bulles and Bears, they are till this day much frequented, namely in Bearegardens on the Banks side, wherein be prepared Scaffolds for beholders to stand vpon. Sliding vpon the Ice is now but childrens play: but in hawking & hunting many graue Citizens at this present haue great delight, and doe rather want leysure then good will to follow it.

Of triumphant shewes made by the Citizens of London, yee may read in the yere 1236. the 20. of Henrie the third, Andrew Bokerell, 1 then being Maior, how Helianor daughter to Reynond Earle of Prouance, riding through the Citie towards Westminster, there to be crowned Queene of England, the Citie was adorned with silkes, and in the night with Lamps, Cressets, and other lights, without number, besides many Pageants, and straunge devises there presented, the Citizens also rode to meet the King and Queene, clothed in long garments embroidered about with gold, and silks of diverse colours, their horses gallantly trapped to the number of 360. euery man bearing a cup of gold or siluer in his hand, and the kings trumpetters sounding before them: These Citizens did minister wine, as Bottelers, which is their service at the coronation. More, in the yeare 1298. for victorie obtained by Edward the first agaynst the Scots, euery Citizen according to their seuerall trade, made their seuerall shew, but specially the Fishmongers, which in a solemne Procession passed

1 Bokerell] Bockwell 1598, 1603
through the Citie, hauing amongst other Pageants and shews, foure Sturgeons guilt, caried on four horses: then foure Salmons of silver on foure horses, and after them six & fortie armed knights riding on horses, made like Luces of the sea, and then one representing Saint Magnes, because it was vpon S. Magnes day, with a thousand horsemen, &c.

One other shew in the yeare 1377, made by the Citizens for dispot of the yong prince Richard, son to the blacke prince, in the feast of Christmas in this manner. On the Sunday before Candlemas in the night, one hundred and thirty Citizens disguised, and well horsed in a mummerie with sound of Trumpets, Shackbots, Cornets, Shalmes, and other Minstrels, and innumerable torch lights of Waxe, rode from Newgate through Cheape over the bridge, through Southwarke, and so to Kennington besides Lambith, where the young Prince remayned with his mother and the Duke of Lancaster his vnCLE, the Earles of Cambridge, Hertford, Warwick and Suffolke, with diuers other Lordes. In the first ranke did ride 48. in the likenes and habite of Esquires, two and two together, cloathed in redde coates and gowynes of Say or Sindall 1, with comely visors on their faces: after them came riding 48. knightes in the same liery, of colour and stufe: Then followed one richly arrayed like an Emperour, and after him some distance, one stately tyred like a Pope, whom followed 24. Cardinals, and after them eight or tenne with black visors not amiable, as if they had beene Legates from some forrain Princes. These maskers after they had entered the Mannor of Kennington, alighted from their horses, and entred the hall on foot, which done, the Prince, his mother, and the Lordes came out of the Chamber into the hall, whome the saide mummers did salute: shewing by a paire of dice vpon the table their desire to play with the Prince, which they so handled, that the Prince did alwayes winne when hee cast them. Then the mummers set to the Prince three jewels, one after another, which were a boule of gold, a cup of gold, and a ring of gold, which the Prince wanne at three castes. Then they set to the Princes mother, the Duke, the Earles, and other Lordes, to euerie one a ring of gold, which they did also

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1 Sindall] Sandall 1603
win: After which they were feasted, and the musicke sounded, the prince and Lords daunced on the one part with the mummers, which did also daunce: which iolitie being ended, they were againe made to drinke, and then departed in order as they came.

The like was to Henry the fourth in the 2. of his raigne, hee then keeping his Christmas at Eltham, xv Aldermen of London and their sonnes rode in a mumming, and had great thanks.

Thus much for sportfull shewes in Triumphes may suffice: now for sportes and pastimes yearely vsed, first in the feaste of Christmas, there was in the kinges house, wheresoeuer hee was lodged, a Lord of Misrule, or Maister of merry disports, and the like had yee in the house of euery noble man, of honor, or good worshippe, were he spirituall or temporall. Amongst the which the Mayor of London, and eyther of the shiriffes had their seuerall Lordes of Misrule, euer contending without quarrell or offence, who should make the rarest pastimes to delight the Beholders. These Lordes beginning their rule on Alhollon Eue, continued the same till the morrow after the Feast of the Purification, commonlie called Candlemas day: In all which space there were fine and subtle disguisinges, Maskes and Mummeries, with playing at Cardes for Counters, Nayles and pointes in euery house, more for pastimes then for gaine.

Against the feast of Christmas, euery mans house, as also their parish churches were decked with holme, Iuie, Bayes, and what soever the season of the yeare aforded to be greene: The Conduits and Standardes in the streetes were likewise garnished, amongst the which I reade in the yeare 1444. that by tempest of thunder and lightning, on the first of Februarie at night, Powles steeples was fiered, but with great labour quenched, and toward the morning of Candlemas day, at the Leaden Hall in Cornhill, a Standarde of tree being set vp in midst of the pauement fast in the ground, nayled ful of Holme and Iuie, for disport of Christmas to the people, was torne vp, and cast downe by the malignant spirit (as was thought) and the stones of the pauement all aboute were cast in the streetes, and into diuers houses, so that the people were sore agast of the great tempeasts.
In the weke before Easter, had ye great shewes made for the fetching in of a twisted tree, or With, as they termed it, out of the Woodes into the Kinges house, and the like into every mans house of Honor or Worship.

In the moneth of May, namely on May day in the morning, euery man, except impediment, would walke into the sweete meadowes and greene woods, there to rejoysce their spirites with the beauty and sauous of sweete flowers, and with the harmony of birds, praysing God in their kind, and for example hereof Edward Hall hath noted, that K. Henry the eight, as in the 3. of his raigne and divers other yeaeres, so namely in the seauenth of his raigne on May day in the morning with Queene Katheren his wife, accompanied with many Lords and Ladies, rode a Maying from Green witch to the high ground of Shooters hill, where as they passed by the way, they espied a companie of tall yeomen cloathed all in Greene, with greene whoodes, and with bowes and arrowes to the number of 200. One being their Chieftaine was called Robin Hoode, who required the king and his companie to stay and see his men shooote, whereunto the king graunting, Robin hoode whistled, and all the 200. Archers shot off, loosing all at once, and when he whistled againe, they likewise shot againe, their arrowes whistled by craft of the head, so that the noyse was straunge and loude, which greatly delighted the King, Queene, and their Companie. Moreover, this Robin Hoode desired the King & Queene with their retinue to enter the greene wood, where, in harbours made of boughes, and decked with flowers, they were set and serued plentifully with venison and wine, by Robin Hoode and his maynie, to their great contentment, and had other Pageants and pastimes as ye may reade in my saide Authour. I find also that in the moneth of May, the Citizens of London of all estates, lightly in euery Parish, or sometimes two or three parishes ioyning togethier, had their seuerall mayings, and did fetch in Maypoles, with diuere warlike shewes, with good Archers, Morice dauncers, and other deuices for pastime all the day long, and towards the Euening they had stage playes, and Bonefiers in the streetes: of these Mayings, we reade in the raigne of Henry the sixt, that the Aldermen and Shiriffes of London being on
May day at the Bishop of Londons wood in the parish of Stebunheath, and haung there a worshipfull dinner for them selves and other commers, Lydgate the Poet that was a Monke of Bery, sent to them by a Pursuaint a joyfull commendation of that season containing 16. staues in meter Royall, beginning thus.

Mightie Flora, Goddess of fresh flowers,  
which clothed hath the soyle in lustie greene.  
Made buds spring, with her sweete showers, |  
by influence of the Sunne shine.  
To doe pleasance of intent full cleane,  
unto the States which now sit here.  
Hath Ver¹ downe sent her owne daughter deare.  

Making the vertue, that dured² in the roote,  
Called of Clarkes, the vertue vegitable,  
for to transcend, most holsome and most soote  
Into the crop, this season so agreeable,  
the bowmny liquor, is so commendable,  
That it reioyceth, with his fresh moysture,  
man, beast, and foule, and every creature, &c.

These great Mayings and Maygames made by the governors and Maisters of this Citie, with the triumphant setting vp of the great shaft (a principall May-pole in Cornehill, before the Parish Church of S. Andrew) therefore called Undershaft, by meane of an insurrection of youthes against Aliens on may day, 1517, the ninth of Henry the 8. haue not beeene so freely vsed as afore, and therefore I leaue them, and wil somewhat touch of watches as also of shewes in the night.

Of watches in this Citie, and other ⟨Matters⟩³ commanded, and the cause why.

WILLIAM Conqueror commanded, that in euerie towne Curfew Bell and village, a Bell should be nightly rung at eight of the clocke, and that all people should then put out their fire, and candle, and take their rest: which order was obserued through this Realme during his raigne, and the raigne quenched.

¹ Ver] 1633; 1603 Vere  
² dured] dared 1603  
³ ⟨Matters⟩ add. 1633
of William Rufus: but Henrie the first, restoring to his
subjects the use of fire and lights, as afore: it followeth by
reason of warres within the realme, that many men also gau
themselves to robberye and murders in the night, for example
whereof in this Citie, Roger Howden writeth thus: In the
yeare 1175. a Councell was kept at Notingham: In time of
which Councell, a brother of the Earle Ferrers being in the
night priuily slaine at London, and throwne out of his Inne,
into the durtie street, when ye king vnderstood therof, he
swore that he would be auenged on the Citizens. For it was
then (saith mine Authour) a common practise in the Citie, that
an hundred or more in a company, yong and old, would make
nightly invasions vpon houses of the wealthie, to the intent to
rob them, and if they found any man stirring in the Citie
within the night, that were not of their crew, they would
presently murder him: insomuch, that when night was come,
no man durst aduenture to walke in the streetes. When this
had continued long, it fortuned that, as a crew of yong and
wealthie Citizens, assembling togither in the night, assaulted
a stone house of a certaine rich man, & breaking through the
wall, the good man of that house, hauing prepared himselfe
with other in a corner, when hee perceyued one of the theeeues
named Andrew Bucquint to leade the way, with a burning
brand in the one hand, and a pot of coales in the other, which
hee assaied to kindle with the brand, he flew vpon him, and
smote off his right hand, and then with a loude voyce cried
theeeues: at the hearing whereof the theeeues tooke their
flight, all sauing hee that had lost his hande, whom the
good man in the next morning deliuered to Richard de Lucie
the kings Justice. This theefe, vpon warrant of his life,
appeched his confederates, of whom many were taken, and
many were fled. Among the rest that were apprehended;
a certaine Citizen of great countenance, credit, and wealth,
named John Senex, who for as much as hee could not acquit
himselfe by the waterdome, (as that law was then,) he offered
to the king fие hundred pounds of siluer for his life: but
forasmuch as he was condemned by judgement of the water,
the king would not take the offer, but commaunded him to
bee hanged on the Gallowes, which was done, and then the
Citie became more quiet for a long time after. But for a full remedie of enormities in the night, I reade that in the yea of Christ 1253. Henrie the third commaundd watches in Cities and Borough Townes to bee kept, for the better obseruing of peace and quietnesse amongst his people.

And farther by the aduise of them of Sauoy, hee ordayned that if any man chaunced to bee robbed, or by any meanes dammified, by any theefe or robber, he to whom the charge of keeping that Countrie, Citie or Borough chiefly appertained, where the robberie was done, should competently restore the losse: And this was after the use of Sauoy, but yet thought more hard to bee obserued here, then in those parts: and therefore leauing those laborious watches, I will speake of our pleasures and pastimes in watching by night.

In the Moneths of Iune, and Iuly, on the Vigiles of festiuall dayes, and on the same festiuall dayes in the Euenings after the Sunne setting, there were usuall made Bonefiers in the streetes, euery man bestowing wood or labour towards them: the wealthier sort also before their dooers neare to the said Bonefiers, would set out Tables on the Vigiles, furnished with sweete breade, and good drinke, and on the Festiuall dayes with meates and drinks plentifully, whereunto they would inuite their neighbours and passengers also to sit, and bee merrie with them in great familiaritie, sayyng God for his benefites bestowed on them. These were called Bonefiers aswell of good aimitie amongst neighbours that, being before at controuersie, were there by the labour of others, reconciled, and made of bitter enemies, louing friendes, as also for the vertue that a great fire hath to purge the infection of the ayre. On the Vigil of Saint John Baptist, and on Saint Peter and Paule the Apostles, euery mans doore being shadowed with greene Birch, long Fennel, Saint Iohns wort, Orpin, white Lillies, and such like, garnished vpon with Garlands of beautifull flowers, had also Lampes of glasse, with oyle burning in them all the night, some hung out branche of yron curiously wrought, contayning hundreds of Lampes light at once, which made a goodly shew, namely in new Fishstreet, Thames streete, &c. Then had ye besides the standing watches, all in bright harnes in euery
ward and streete of this Citie and Suburbs, a marching watch, that passed through the principal streets thereof, to wit, from the little Conduit by Paules gate, through west Cheape, by ye Stocks, through Cornhill, by Leaden hall to Aldgate, then backe downe Fenchurch streete, by Grasse church, aboute Grasse church Conduit, and vp Grasse church streete into Cornhill, and through it into west Cheape againe, and so broke vp: the whole way ordered for this marching watch, extendeth to 3200. Taylors yards of assize, for the furniture whereof with lights, there were appointed 700. Cressetes, 500. of them being found by the Companies, the other 200. by the Chamber of London: besides the which lightes every Constable in London, in number more then 240. had his Cresset, the charge of every Cresset was in light two shillinges foure pence, and every Cresset had two men, one to bear or hold it, an other to bear a bag with light, and to serve it, so that the poore men pertayning to the Cressets, taking wages, besides that every one had a strawne hat, with a badge painted, and his breakfast in the morning, amounted in number to almost 2000. The marching watch contained in number about 2000. men, parte of them being olde Souldiers, of skill to be Captains, Lieutenants, Sergeants, Corporals, &c. Wipers, Drommers, and Fifes, Standard and Ensigne bearers, Sword players, Trumpeters on horsebacke, Demi-launces on great horses, Gunners with hand Guns, or halfe hakes, Archers in coates of white fustian signed on the breast and backe with the armes of the Cittie, their bowes bent in their handes, with sheafes of arrows by their sides, Pike men in bright Corslets, Burganets, &c. Holbards, the like Bill men in Almaine Ruetts, and Apernes of Mayle in great number, there were also diuers Pageants, Morris dancers, Constables, the one halfe which was 120. on S. Iohns Eue, the other halfe on S. Peters Eue in bright harnesse, some ouergilte, and every one a Iornet of Scarlet thereupon, and a chaine of golde, his Hench man following him, his Minstrels before him, and his Cresset light passing by him, the Waytes of the City, the Mayors Officers, for his guard before him, all in a Liuery of Wolsted or Say Jacquets party coloured, the Mayor himselfe well mounted on horseback, the sword bearer before him in
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fayre Armour well mounted also, the Mayors footmen, & the like Torch bearers about him, Hench men twaine, vpon great stirring horses following him. The Sherifles watches came one after the other in like order, but not so large in number as the Mayors, for where the Mayor had besides his Giant, three Pageants, each of the Sherifles had besides their Giantes but two Pageants, ech their Morris Dance, and one Hench man their | Officers in Iacquets of Wolsted, or say party coloured, differing from the Mayors, and each from other, but havings harnised men a great many, &c.

This Midsomer Watch was thus accustomed yearely, time out of mind, vntill the yeare 1539. the 31. of Henry the 8. in which yeare on the eight of May, a great muster was made by the Cittizens, at the Miles end all in bright harnesse with coates of white silke, or cloath and chaines of gold, in three greate battales, to the number of 15000. which passed through London to Westminster, and so through the Sanctuary, and round about the Parke of S. James, and returned home through Oldbourne. King Henry then considering the great charges of the Cittizens for the furniture of this unusuall Muster, forbade the marching watch provided for, at Midsomer for that yeare, which beeing once laide downe, was not ryses againe till the yeare 1548. the second of Edward the sixt, Sir John Gresham then being Mayor, who caused the marching watch both on the Eue of Sainte John Baptist, and of S. Peter the Apostle, to be reuied and set forth, in as comely order as it had beeene accustomed, which watch was also beautified by the number of more then 300. Demilances and light horsemen, prepared by the Cittizens to bee sent into Scotland, for the rescue of the towne of Haddington, and others kept by the Englishmen. Since this Mayors time, the like marching watch in this Citty hath not beene vsed, though some attemptes haue beeene made thereunto, as in the yeare 1585. a book was John Montgomery.

Commoditie of the watch at Midsomer, in the time of peace.

A great muster at London.
a worke, none but rich men charged, poore men helped, old Souldiers, Trompites, Drommers, Fifes, and ensigne bearers with such like men, meet for Princes seruise kept in vre, wherein the safety and defence of euery common weale consisteth. Armour and Weapon beeing yearely occupied in this wise the Citizens had of their owne redily prepared for any neede, whereas by intermission hereof, Armo\|ers are out of worke, Souldiers out of vre, weapons ouergrown with foulness, few or none good being prouided, &c.

In the Moneth of August about the feast of S. Bartholomew the Apostle, before the Lord Maior, Aldermen, and Shiriffes of London placed in a large Tent neare vnto Clarken well, of olde time were diuere dayes spent in the pastime of wrestling, where the Officers of the Citie: namely the Shiriffes, Sergeants and Yeoman, the Porters of the kings beame, or weigh house, now no such men, and other of the Citie, were challengers of all men in the suburbs, to wrestle for games appointed: and on other dayes, before the sayd Maior, Aldermen and Shiriffes, in Fensburie field, to shooe the Standard, broad Arrow, and flight, for games: but now of late yeares the wrestling is onely practised on Bartholomew day in the after noone, and the shooting some three or foure dayes after, in one after noone and no more. What should I speake of the auncient dayly exercises in the long bow by Citizens of this Citie, now almost cleane left off and forsaken? I overpass it: for by the meane of closing in the common grounds, our Archers for want of roome to shooe abroade, creepe into bowling Allies, and ordinarie dicing houses, nearer home, where they have roome enough to hazard their money at vnlawfull games: and there I leaue them to take their pleasures.

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THIS Citie (saith Fitzstephen) is glorious in manhooode: furnished with munitions: populous with inhabitants, insomuch that in the troublesome time of King Stephen, it hath shewed at a muster twenty thousand armed horsemen,\& threescore thousand footmen, serviceable for the warres. Moreover saith hee, the
Citizens of London, wheresoeuer they become, are notable before all other Citizens in civilitie of maners, attire, table, and talke. The Matrones of this Citie are the verie modest Sabine Ladies of Italie. The Londoners sometime called Trinobantes, repelled Caesar, which alwaies made his passage by shedding bloud, whereupon Lucan sung.

Territa quæsitis ostendit terga Britannis.

The Citie of London hath bred some, which have subdued many kingdomes, and also the Romane Empire. It hath also brought forth many others, whome vertue and valoure hath highly advancéd, according to Appollo in his Oracle to Brute, sub occasu solis, &c. In the time of Christianitie, it brought forth that noble Emperour Constantine, which gaue the Citie of Rome and all the Emperiall signes to God, Saint Peter and Pope Silvester: choosing rather to bee called a Defender of the Church, then an Emperor: and least peace might be violated, and their eyes troubled by his presence, he retiréd from Rome, and built the Citie of Constantinople. London also in late time hath brought forth famous kings: Maude the Empresse, king Henrie, sonne to Henrie the second, and Thomas the Archbishop, &c.

This Thomas, surnamed Becket, borne in London, brought up in the Priorie of Marton, student at Paris, became the Shiriffe Clarke of London for a time, then person of Saint Marie hill, had a Prebend at London, an other at Lincolne, studied the law at Bononie, &c., was made Chancellor of England, and Archbishop of Canterburie, &c. Unto this might bee added innumerable persons of honour, wisedome, and vertue, borne in London: but of actions done by worthie Citizens, I will onely note a few, and so to other matters.

The Citizens of London, time out of mind, founded an Hospitall of Saint James in the fieldes for leprous women of their Citie.

In the yeare 1197. Walter Brune a Citizen of London, and Rosia his wife, founded the Hospital of our Ladie called Domus Dei, or Saint Marie Spittle without Bishops gate of London, a house of such reliefe to the needie, that there was found standing at the surrender thereof, nine score beds well furnished for receipt of poore people.
In the yeare 1216. the Londoners sending out a Nauie, tooke 95. ships of Pirats and sea robbers: besides innumerable others that they drowned, which had robbed on the riuer of Thames.

In the yeare 1247. Simon Fitzmary, one of the Shiriffes of London, founded the Hospitall of S. Mary called Bethlem, and without Bishops gate.

In the yeare 1283. Henry Wallice then Maior, builded the Tun vpon Cornhill, to be a prison for night walkers, and a Market house called the Stocks, both for fish and flesh standing in the midst of the Citie. He also builded diuerse houses on the West and North side of Paules Churchyard: the profits of all which buildings are to the maintenance of London bridge.

In the yeare 1332, William Elsing Mercer of London, founded Elsing Spittle within Cripplegate, for sustentation of an hundred poore blind men, and became himselfe the first Prior of that Hospitall.

Sir John Poultney Draper, foure times Maior, 1337. builded a fayre Chappell in Paules Church, wherein he was buried. He founded a Colledge in the parrish Church of Saint Laurence called Poultney. He builded the parish Church called little Alhallowes in Thames streete and the Carmelit Friers Church in Couentre: he gaue reliefe to prisoners in Newgate, and in the Fleet, and ten shillings the yeare to S. Giles Hospitall by Oldborne for euer, and other legacies long to rehearse.

John Stodie.  

John Stodie Vintener, Maior 1358. gave to the Vinteners all the quadrant wherein the Vinteners hall now standeth, with all the tenements round about, from Stodies lane, where is founded thirteene Almes houses, for so many poore people, &c.

Henry Picard.  

Henrie Picard Vintener, Maior 1357. in the yeare 1363, did in one day sumptuously feast Edward the third king of England, Iohn king of France, David king of Scots, the king of Cipres, then all in England, Edward prince of Wales, with many other noble men, and after kept his hall for all commers that were willing to play at dice, and hazard: the Ladie Margaret his wife, kept her chamber to the same effect, &c.

John Lofken.  

John Lofken Fishmonger, foure times Maior, 1367. builded an Hospitall called Magdalens in Kingstone vpon Thames,
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gave | thereunto nine tenements, ten shops, one Mill, 125. Page 108
 acres of land, ten acres of medow, 120. acres of pasture, &c.
More, in London, hee builded the faire parish Church of Saint
Michael in crooked lane, and was there buried.

John Barnes Maior, 1371. gave a Chest with three locks, and 1000. Markes therein, to bee lent to yong men vpon
sufficient payne, and for the vse thereof, to say De profundis,
or Pater noster, and no more: he also was a great builder of
S. Thomas Apostles parish church, as appeareth by his armes
there, both in stone and glasse.

In the yeare 1378. John Filpot sometime Maior, hired with his owne money 1000. souldiers, and defended the Realme
from incursions of the enemie, so that in small time his hired
men tooke John Mercer a sea Rouer, with all his Ships, which
hee before had taken from Scarborow, and fifteene Spanish
shippes laden with great riches.

In the yeare 1380. Thomas of Woodstocke, Thomas Percie,
Hugh Caluerley, Robert Knowles, and others, being sent with
a great power to ayde the Duke of Brytaine, the said John
Filpot hyred ships for them of his owne charges, and released
the Armour, which the souldiers had pawned for their vittailes,
more then a thousand in number. This most noble Citizen
(saieth Thomas Walsingham) that had travelled for the com-
moditie of the whole Realme, more then all other of his time,
had often relieued the king, by lending him great summers of
mony, and otherwise, deceased in Anno 1384. after that hee
had assured landes to the Citie for the reliefe of 13. poore
people for euer.

In the yeare 1381. William Walworth then Maior, a most
proudient, valiant, and learned Citizen, did by his arrest of
Wat Tyler (a presumptuous Rebell, vpon whom no man
durst lay hands) deliuer the king and kingdome from the
daunger of most wicked Traytors, and was for his service
knighted in the field.

Nicholas Brembar, John Filpot, Robert Laund, Nicholas
Twiford, and Adam Francis, Aldermen were then for their
service likewise knighted, and sir Robert Knoles, for assisting
of the Maior, was made free of this Citie.

This sir Robert Knoles thus worthily infranchised a Cijtizen,
founded a Colledge with an Hospitall at Pontfract: hee also builded the great stone bridge at Rochester, ouer the Riuier of Medway, &c.

**John Churchman** Grocer, one of the Shiriffes 1386. for the quiet of Marchants, builded a certaine house vpon Wooll wharfe, in tower warde, to serve for Tronage, or waying of wools, and for the Customer, Comptrollers, Clarkes, and other Officers to sit, &c.

**Adam Bamme** Goldsmith, Maior, 1381. in a great dearth, procured corne from partes beyond the seas, to be brought hither on such abundance, as sufficed to serue the Citie, and the Countries neare adjoyning: to the furtherance of which good worke, he tooke out of the Orphants Chest in the Guildhall, 2000. Markes to buy the said corne, and each Alderman layd out 20. l. to the like purpose.

**Thomas Knoles** Grocer, Maior 1400. with his brethren the Aldermen, began to new build the Guild hall in London, and in steeed of an olde little Cottage in Aldermanberiestreet, made a faire and goodly house, more neare vnto Saint Laurence church in the Iurie: he reedified Saint Anthonies Church, and gave to the Grocers his house neare vnto the same, for reliefe of the poore for euer. More, he caused sweet water to be conuayed to the gates of Newgate, and Ludgate, for reliefe of the prisoners there.

**John Hinde** Draper, Maior, 1405. newly builded his parish Church of Saint Scithen by London stone: his monument is defaced, saue onely his armes in the glasse windowes.

**Thomas Falconar** Mercer, Maior, 1414. lent to King Henrie the sixt towards maintenance of his warres in France, 10000 Markes vpon iuvels. More he made the posterne called Moorlegate, caused the ditches of the citie to be clensed, and did many other things for good of the same Citie.


**Richard Whittington** Mercer, three times Maior, in the yeare 1421. began the librarie of the gray Friers in London,
to the charge of four hundred pound: his executors with his goods founded and builded Whittington Colledge, with almes houses for 13. poore men, and diuinittie lectures to bee there read for euer. They repaired Saint Bartholomeus Hospitall in Smithfield, they bare some charges to the glasing and paining of the Guildhall: they bare halfe the charges of building the Librarie there, and they builded the West gate of London, of olde time called Newgate, &c.

John Carpenter Towne Clarke of London, in the raigne of Henrie the fift, caused with great expences to bee curiously painted vpon boord, about the North Cloyster of Paules, a monument of death, leading all estates, with the speeches of death, and answere of euerie state. This Cloyster was pulled downe 1549. He also gave tenements to the Citie, for the finding and bringing vp of four poore mens children, with meate, drinke, apparell, learning at the schooles in the Universities, &c. vntil they be preferred, and then other in their places for euer.

Robert Chichley Grocer, Maior, 1422. appointed by his Testament, that on his minde day, a competenct dinner should be ordained for 2400. poore men householders of this Citie, and euerie man to haue two pence in money. More, he gave one large plot of ground therevpon to build the new parish Church of S. Stephen neare vnto Walbrooke. &c.

John Rainwel Fishmonger, Maior, 1427. gave Tenements to discharge certaine wardes of London of fifteenes, and other payments.

John Wels Grocer, Maior, 1432. a great builder of the chappell or Colledge of the Guild hall, and was there buried: he caused fresh water to be conueyed from Tyborne to the standard in west Cheape for seruice of the Citie.

William Eastfield Mercer, 1438. appoynted his executors of his goods to conuay sweete water from Teyborne, and to build a faire Conduit by Alderman berie church, which they performed, as also made a Standard in Fleetstreete by Shewlane end: they also conuayed water to Cripples gate, &c.

Stephen Browne Grocer, Maior, 1439. sent into Prussia, causing corne to be brought from thence, whereby hee brought [Step. Browne.

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downe the price of wheate from three shillings the bushell, to less then halfe that money.

Philip Malpas. Philip Malpas one of the Shirifles, 1440. gaue by his Testament, 125. l. to reliefe of poore prisoners, & every yeare for fiue yeares 400. shirts, and smockes, 40. paire of sheetes, and 150. gownes of Freese to the poore, to 500. poore people in London, every one 6s. 8.d., to poore maides marriages 100. Markes, to high ways 100. Markes, twentie Markes the yeare to a graduate to preach, 20. pound to Preachers at the Spittle the three Easter Holidays, &c.

Robert Large. Robert Large Mercer, Maior 1440, gaue to his Parish church of S. Oliue in Surry 200. l., to Saint Margarets in Lothberie 25., to the poore 20. li, to London bridge 100. markes, towards the vaulting ouer the water course of Walbrooke 200. marks, to poore maides marriages 100. marks, to poore householders 100. li, &c.

Richard Rich. Richard Rich mercer, one of the Shirifles, 1442. founded Almes houses at Hodsdon in Hertfordshire.

Simon Eyre. Simon Eyre Draper, Maior 1446. builded the Leaden hall for a common Garner of corne to the vse of this Citie, and left fiue thousand markes to charitable vses.


Rich. Rawson. Richard Rawson one of the Shirifles, 1477, gaue by Testament large legacies to the prisoners, hospitals, laser houses to other poore, to high ways, to the water Conduits, besides to poore Maides marriages 340. pound, and his executors to build a large house in the Churchyard of Saint Marie Spittle, wherein the maior and his brethren do vse to sit and heare the Sermons in the Easter holydayes.

Thomas lam. Thomas Ilam one of the Shirifles 1480. newly builded the great Conduit in Cheape, of his owne charges.

Edmond Shaw. Edmond Shaw Goldsmith, Maior, 1483. caused Cripplegate of London to be new builded of his goods, &c.

Thomas Hill. Thomas Hill Grocer, maior, 1485, caused of his goods, the Conduit of Grasse streete to be builded.

Hugh Clopton. Hugh Clopton Mercer, during his life a batchler, maior, 1492.
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built the great stone arched bridge at Stratford upon Auon in Warwickshire, and did many other things of great charitie, as in my Summarie.

Robert Fabian one of the Shiriffes, 1494. gathered out of Rob. Fabian. diuere good Authours, as well Latin as French, a large Chronicle of England, and of France which he published in English, to his great charges, for the honour of this Citie, and common vtilitie of the whole Realme.

Sir John Perciwall marchant Tayler, maior, 1498. founded John Perciwall a Grammar schoole at Macklefield in Cheshire where hee was borne: he inwod the same schoole with sufficient landes, for the finding of a Priest maister there, to teach freely all children thither sent, without exception.

The Ladie Tomasin his wife founded the like free schoole, Rich. Carew. together with faire lodgings for the Schoolemasters, schollers, and other, & added 20. li. of yearely reuenu for supporting the charges. at S. Mary Wike in Cornwall, where she was borne.

Stephen Gennings Marchant tayler, Maior, 1509. founded Stephen Gennings, a faire Grammar Schoole at Vilfrimhampton in Staffordshire, left good landes, and also builded a great part of his parish Church called S. Andrews Vndershafft in London.

Henrie Keble Grocer, Maior, 1511. in his life a great Henry Keble. benefactor to the new building of old Mary Church, and by his Testament gaue a thousand pounds toward the finishing thereof: he gaue to high wayes 200. pound, to poore maides marriages, 100. Markes, to poore husband men in Oxford and Warwicke shires, 140. Ploughshares, and 140. Cultars of iron, and in London to seuen almes men, sixpence the week for euer.

John Collet a Cittizen of London by birth, and dignitie, John Collet. Deane of Paules, Doctor of Diuinitie, erected and builded one free schoole in Paules Churchyard, 1512. for 153. poore mens children, to be taught free in the same schoole, appointing a maister, a surmaister, and a chaplaine, with sufficient stipends to endure for euer, and committed the oversight thereof to the mercers in London, because himselfe was sonne to Henrie

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Collet Mercer, maior of London, and inowdow the Mercers with lands to the yearly value of 120 pound, or better.

John Tate Brewer, then a Mercer, Maior, 1514. caused his Brewhouse called the Swan, neare adioyning to the Hospitall of S. Anthonie in London, to be taken downe, for the enlarging of the said Church, then new builded, a great part of his charge: this was a goodly foundation, with almes houses, freeschoole, &c.

George Monox Draper, Maior, 1515. reddieified the decayed Parish Church of Waltonstow or Walthamstow, in Essex: hee founded there a free schoole, and almes houses for 13. almes people, made a Cawsey of timber ouer the Marshes from Walthamstow to Locke bridge, &c.

Io. Milborn. Sir John Milborne Draper, Maior, 1522. builded almes houses fourteene in number by the crossed Friers Church in London, there to be placed fourteene poore people, and left to the Drapers certaine Messuages, Tenements, and Garden plots, in the parish of Saint Olaue in Hartstreete, for the performance of stipends to the sayd Almes people, and other vses. Looke more in Ealdgate ward.

Robert Thorn. Robert Thorne Marchant taylor, deceasde a Batchler, in the yeare 1532. gae by his Testament to charitable actions, more then 4440.li. and legacies to his poore kindred more 5142.li. besides his debts forgien, &c.

Sir Ioh. Allen. Sir John Allen Mercer, Maior of London, and of counsaile to king Henrie the 8. deceased 1544. buried Saint Thomas of Acres in a faire Chappell by him builded. He gae to the Cittie of London, a rich coller of golde, to bee worn by the maior, which was first wore by sir W. Laxton. He gae 500. markes to bee a stocke for Sea coale, his lands purchased of the king, the rent therof to be destributed to the poore in the warde of London for euer. He gae besides to the prisons, hospitals, lasser houses, and all other poore in the Citie, or two miles without, very liberally, and long to be recited.

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Sir John Gresham mercer, maior, 1548. founded a free school at Holt, a market towne in Norfolke.

Sir Rowland Hill mercer, maior, 1550. caused to be made diverse cawsey's both for horse and man, he made foure bridges, two of stone containing 18. Arches in them both: he builded one notable free schoole at Drayton in Shropshire: he gavse to Christ's Hospital in London 500.li. &c.

Sir Andrew Iud skinner, maior, 1551. erected one notable free schoole at Tunbridge in Kent, and almes houses nigh Saint Helens church in London, and left to the skinners flandes to the value of 60.li. 3s. 8d. the yeare, for the which they bee bound to pay twentie pound to the schoolemayster, eight pound to the Usher, yearely for euer, and foure shillings the weeke to the sixe almes people, and 25. shillings foure pence the yeare in coales for euer.

Sir Thomas White Marchant tayler, maior, 1554. founded Saint John's Colledge in Oxford, and gave great summes of money to diverse townes in England for reliefe of the poore, as in my Summarie.

Edward Hall Gentleman of Grayes Inne, a Citizen by birth and office, as common Sergeant of London, and one of the Judges in the shireffes Court, he wrote and published a famous and eloquent Chronicle, intituled The unifying of the two noble families Lancaster and Yorke.

Richard Hils Merchant tayler, 1560. gave 500.li. towards the purchase of an house called the manor of the Rose, wherein the merchant taylers founded their free schoole in London: hee also gave to the said merchant taylers one plot of ground, with certaine small cottages on the Tower hill, where he builded faire almes houses for 14. sole women.

About the same time, William Lambert Esquire, borne in Wil. Lambert. London, a Justice of the peace in Kent, founded a Colledge for the poore, which he named of Queene Elizabeth, in east Greenwich.

William Harper merchant tayler, Maior, 1562. founded a free schoole in the towne of Bedford where he was borne, and also buried.

Sir Thomas Gresham mercer, 1566. builded the Royall exchange in London, and by his Testament left his dwelling.
house in Bishops gate streete, to be a place for readings, allowing large stipends to the readers, and certaine almes houses for the poore.

William Patten Gentleman, a Citizen by birth, and customer of London outward, Iustice of Peace in Middlesex, the parriish Church of Stokenewenton being ruinous he repayed, or rather new builded.

Sir Thomas Roe Marchant Taylor, Mayor, 1568. gaue to the Marchant Taylors lands or Tenements, out of them to bee giuen to ten poore men Clothworkers, Carpentars, Tilars, Plasterers, and Armorers, 40.li. yearely, vz. 4.li. to each, also 100.li. to bee lent to 8. poore men: besides hee inclosed with a wall of bricke nigh one acre of ground, pertayning to the Hospital of Bethlem, to be a buriall for the dead.

Ambrose Nicholas Saltar, Mayor, 1576. founded xii. Almes houses in Monkswell streete, neare vnto Creples gate, wherein he placed xii. poore people, hauing each of them vii. d. the weeke, and once every yeare v. sacks of coales, and one quarter of a hundred Faggots, all of his gift for euer.

William Lambe Gentleman and Clothworker in the yeare 1577. builded a water Conduit at Oldborne Crosse, to his charges of 1500.li. and did many other charitable actes, as in my summary.

Sir T. Offley Marchant Taylor, Mayor, deceased 1580. appointed by his testament, the one halfe of al his goods, and 200.li. deducted out of the other halfe, giuen to his sonne Henry, to bee giuen and bestowed in deedes of charity, by his Executors, according to his confidence and trust in them.

John Haydon. 1583. gaue large Legacies, more then 3000.li. for reliefe of the poore, as in my Summarie.

Barnard Randolph, common Sargeant of London, 1583. gaue and deliuered with his owne hand, 900.li. towards the building of Water Conduits, which was performed: more, by Testament he gaue 1000.li. to bee employed in charitable actions, but that money being in holde fasts hands, I haue not heard how it was bestowed, more then of other good mens Testaments, to bee performed.

Sir Wolston Dixie Skinner, Mayor, 1586. founded a free
Honor of Citizens, and worthinesse of men

Schoole at Bosworth, and indowed it with twentie pound land by yeare.

Richard May Marchant Taylor, gaue 300.li. toward the new building of Blackwell hall in London, a market place for Wollen cloathes.

John Fuller Esquier, one of the Judges in the Shirifes court of London, by his Testament dated 1592. appointed his wife, her heires and assignes, after his decease, to erect one Almes house in the parish of Stikonheth, for xii. poore single men aged 50. yeres or vpwardes, and one other Almes house in Shoreditch, for xii. poore aged widdow women of like age, shee to endow them, with one hundred pound the yeare, to witte, fiftie pound to each for euer, out of his landes in Lincolne shire, assured euer vnto certaine Feffies in trust, by a Deede of Feffement. Item, more he gaue his Messuages, lands and tenements lying in the parishes of S. Benet, and S. Peter by Powles wharfe in London, to Feffies in trust, yearely for euer to disburse all the Issues and profites of the said landes and tenementes, to the relieuing and discharge of poore Prisoners in the Hole, or two penny wardes, in the two Comptars in London, in equall portions to each Compter, so that the Prisoners exceede not the somme of xxvi.s. viijd. for every one Prisoner, at any one time.

Thus much for famous Cittizens, haue I noted their charitable actions, for the most part done by them in theyr life time. The residue left in trust to their Executors: I haue knowne some of them hardly (or neuer) performed, wherefore I wish men to make their owne hands their Executors, and their eyes their Overseers, not forgetting the olde Prouerbe:

Women be forgetfull, Children be vnkind,
Executors be conteous, and take what they find.
If any body aske where the deads goods became,
They answer, So God me help & o holydome, he died a poore man.

One worthy citizen marchant taylor haung many years considered this prouerb afore going, hath therfore established to 12. poor aged men Marchant Taylors 6.li. 2.s. to each

\(^1\) (Stokenheath)
yearly for ever: hee hath also giuen them Gownes of good broade cloath, lined thorough with Bayes, and are to receive every 3. yeares end, the like new gownes for ever.

And now of some women: Citizens wiues, deserying memory, for example to posterity shall bee noted: Dame Agnes Foster widdow, sometime wife to Stephen Foster Fishmonger, Mayor, | 1455. hauing inlarged the Prison of Ludgate, in 1463. procured in a common Counsell of this Citie, certayne Articles to be established, for the ease, comfort and reliefe of poore Prisoners there, as in the Chapter of gates I haue set downe.

Agnes Foster.

Auice Gibson, wife vnto Nicholas Gibson Grocer, one of the Sheriffes, 1539. by licence of her husband, founded a Free schoole at Radclyfe neare vnto London, appointing to the same for the instruction of 60. poore mens Children, 1 a Schoole-maister, and Vsher with 50. poundes: shee also builde Almes houses for xiii. poore aged parsons, each of them to receive quarterly vi.s. viii.d. the pence for ever 1. The gouvemment of which Free schoole and Almes houses, shee left in confidence to the Coopers in London. This vertuous Gentlewoman was after ioyned in marriage with Sir Anthony Knevet Knight, and so called the Lady Knevet: a fayre panted Table of her picture was placed in the Chapple which she had builde there, but of late remoued thence by the like reason, as the Grocers Armes fixt on the outer Wall of the Schoolehouse are pulled downe, and the Coopers set in place.

Auice Gibson.

Margaret Danne, widdow to William Danne Ironmonger, one of the Sheriffes of London, 1570. gaue by his Testament to the Ironmongers 2000. pound, to bee lent to young men of that Company, paying after the rate of v. li. the yeare for euerie hundred, which C. li. so rising yearely, to bee employed on charitable actions, as she then appointed, but not performed in more then 30. yeares after.

Margaret Danne.

Mary Ramsey. Dame Mary Ramsey, wife to Sir Thomas Ramsey Mayor, about the yeare 1577. beeing seased of landes in Fee simple of hir inheritance, to the yearely value of 243. poundes, by his consent gaue the same to Christes Hospital in London, 1 xli. the M. and vi. li. vis. viii. d. the Vsher (Stow in 'Faults escaped' 1603).
towards the reliefe of poore children there, and other waies as in my summarie and abridgement I haue long since expressed, which gift shee in hir widdowhood confirmed and augmented, as is shewed by monumentes in Christes Hospitall erected.

Thus much for the worthines of Cittizens in this citty, touching whome John Lidgate a Monke of Bury, in the raigne of Henry the sixt made (amongst other) these verses following.

Of seauen things I prayse this Citty.
Of true meaning and faithfull observance,
Of righteousnes, truth and equity.
Of stablenes aye kept in Legiance,
And for of vertue thou hast suffisance,
In this lond here, and other lond(e)s all,
The kinges Chamber of Custome, men thee call.

Hauing thus in generality handled the originall, the walles, gates, ditches, and fresh waters, the bridges, towers and castles, the schooles of learning, and houses of law, the orders and customes, sportes and pastimes, watchinges, and martiall exercises, and lastly the honor and worthines of the Cittizens: I am now to set downe the distribution of this Citty into parts: and more especially to declare the antiquities note worthy in euery of the same: and how both the whole and partes haue beene from time to time, ruled and gouerned.

THE Auncient diuision of this Cittie, was into Wardes or Aldermanries: and therefore I will beginne at the East, and so proceede thorough the high and most principall streete of the citty to the west after this manner. First through Aldgate streete, to the west corner of S. Andrewes church called Vndershaut, on the right hand and Lymestreete corner on the left, all which is of Aldgate Warde: from thence through Cornhill streete, to the west corner of Leaden hall, all which is of Lymestreete Warde: from thence leauing the streete, that leadeth to Bishopsgate on the right hande, and the waye that leadeth into Grasse streete on the lefte, still through Cornhill streete, by the conduite to the West corner against the Stockes, all which is in Cornhill Warde, then by the said Stockes (a market place both of fish and flesh standing in the
midst of the cittie) through the Poultrie (a streete so called) to the great conduite in west Cheape, and so through Cheape to the Standarde, which is of Cheape Warde, except on the south side from Bowlane, to the said Standard, which is of Cordwayner streete ward. Then by the Standard to the great crosse, which is in Cripplegate ward on the North side, and in Bredstreet ward on the South side. And to the little Conduit by Paules gate, from whence of olde time the saide high streete stretched straight to Ludgate, all in the ward of Faringdon within, then dividued truly from East to West, but since by meanes of the burning of Paules Church, which was in the raigne of William the first, Mauricius then Bishop of London layd the foundation of a new Church, so farre in largeness exceeding the olde, that the way towards Ludgate was thereby greatly streightned, as before I have discoursed.

Now from the North to the South, this Citie was of olde time dividued not by a large high way or streete, as from East to West, but by a faire Brooke of sweete water, which came from out the North fields through the wall, and midst of the Citie, into the riuer of Thames, which diuision is till this day constantly and without change maintained. This water was called (as I haue said) Walbrooke, not Galus brooke of a Romane captaine, slaine by Asclepiodatus, and throwne therein, as some haue fabuled, but of running through, and from the wall of this Citie. The course whereof, to prosecute it particularly, was and is from the said wall, to Saint Margaret's Church in Lothberrie: from thence beneath the lower part of the Grocers hall, about the East part of their Kitchen, vnder Saint Mildreds Church, somewhat west from the said Stockes market: from thence through Buckelsberry, by one great house builded of stone and timber, called the old Bardge, because Barges out of the riuer of Thames were rowed vp so far into this Brooke on the backside of the houses in Walbrooke streete (which streete taketh name of the said Brooke) by the west end of Saint Iohns Church vpon Walbrooke, vnder Horshew Bridge by the west side of Tallow Chandlers hall, and of the Skinners hall, and so behinde the other houses, to Elbow lane, and by a part thereof downe Greenewitch lane, into the riuer of Thames.
This is the course of Walbrooke, which was of old time bridged ouer in dierse places, for passage of horses, and men, as neede \textit{required}: but since by meanes of encrochment on the banks thereof, the channel being greatly straightned, and other noynances done thereunto, at length the same by common consent was arched ouer with Bricke, and paued with stone, equall with the ground where through it passed, and is now in most places builded vpon, that no man may by the eye discern not, and therefore the trace thereof is hardly knowne to the common people.

This Citie was diuided from East to West, and from North to South: I am further to shew how the same was of olde time broken into dierse partes called warded, whereof Fitz-stephen more then foure hundred yeares since writeth thus. \textit{This Citie (saith he) euin as Rome, is diuided into warded, it hath yearly Shiriffes in steade of Consuls. It hath the dignitie of Senators in Aldermen, &c.}. The number of these warded in London were both before, and in the raigne of Henrie the third 24. in all: whereof 13. lay on the East side of the sayd Walbrooke, and 11. on the West: notwithstanding these 11. grew much more larger then those on the East: and therefore in the yeare of Christ, 1393. the 17. of Richard the second, Faringdon warde, which was then one entire warde, but mightily increased of buildings without the gates: was by Parliament appointed to be diuided into twain, and to haue two Aldermen, to wit, Faringdon within, and Faringdon without, which made vp the number of 12. warded on the west side of Walbrooke, and so the whole number of 25. on both sides: moreouer in the yeare 1550. the Maior, Communalty, and Citizens of London, purchasing the liberties of the Borough of Southwarke, appointed the same to be a warde of London, and so became the number of 13. warded on the East, 12. on the West, and one south the river Thames in the said Borough of Southwarke, the Countie of Surrey, which in all arise to the number of 26. warded, and 26. Aldermen of London.

Wardes on the East part of Walbrooke are these.

1. Portsoke warde without the walles. 2. Towerstreete warde. 3. Ealdegate warde.
The Citie divided into partes

| 4 Limestreee warde.      | 9 Billingsgate warde.   |
| 5 Bishopsgate warde within the walles, and without. | 10 Bridge warde within.   |
| 6 Brodestreee warde.     | 11 Candlewicke streete warde. |
| 7 Cornhel warde.         | 12 Walbrooke warde.      |
| 8 Langbourne warde.      | 13 Downgate warde.       |

Wardes on the west side of Walbrooke are these:

| 14 Vintry warde.       | 20 Aldersgate warde within and without. |
| 15 Cordwainer streete warde. | 21 Faringdon warde within.               |
| 16 Cheape warde.        | 22 Bredstreete warde.                   |
| 17 Colmanstreete warde. | 23 Queenehith warde.                    |
| 18 Bassings hall warde. | 24 Castle Baynarde ward.                |
| 19 Cripplegate warde within and without. | 25 Faringdon ward without the walles. |

One ward south the river Thames, in the Borough of Southwarke, by the name of

26 Bridge ward without.

Of Portesoken warde, the first in the East part.

SEEING that of every these Wardes, I haue to say somewhat, I will begin with Portesoken warde, without Ealdgate.

This Portesoken, which soundeth, the Franchise at the gate, was sometime a Guild, and had beginning in the dayes of king Edgar, more then 600. yeares since. There were thirteene Knights, or Soldiers welbeloved to the king and realme, for servise by them done, which requested to haue a certaine portion of land on the East part of the Citie, left desolate and forsaken by the Inhabitants, by reason of too much seruitude. They besought the king to haue this land, with the libertie of a Guilde for euer; the king granted to their request with conditions following: that is, that each of them should victoriously accomplish three combates, one aboue the ground, one vnder ground, and the third in the water, and after this at a certaine day in East Smithfield, they should run with Speares against all commers, all which was gloriously
performed: and the same day the king named it knighten
Guild, & so bounded it, from Ealdgate to the place where
the bars now are toward the east, on both the sides of the
streete, and extended it towards Bishopsgate in the North,
vnto the house then of William Presbiter, after of Giffrey
Tanner, and then of the heyres of Coluer, after that of John
Easeby, but since of the Lord Bourchier, &c. And againe
towards the South vnto the riuer of Thames, and so farre
into the water, as a horseman entering the same, may ride at
a low water, and throw his speare: so that all East Smith-
field, with the right part of the streete that goeth to Dodging
Pond into the Thames, and also the Hospitall of Saint
Katherins, with the Milis, that were founded in king Stephen
dayes, and the outward stone wall, and the new ditch of the
Tower are of the said Fee and Libertie: for the saide wall
and ditch of the Tower were made in the time of king
Richard, when he was in the holy land, by William Long-
shampe, Bishop of Ely, as before I have noted vnto you.
These knightes had as then none other Charter by all the
dayes of Edgar, Ethelred, and Cnutus, vntill the time of
Edward the Confessor, whom the heires of those knights
humblie besought to confirme their liberties, whereunto he
graciously graunting, gaue them a deede thereof, as appeareth
in the booke of the late house of the holy Trinitie. The said
Charter is faire written in the Saxon letter and tongue. After
this king William the sonne of William the Conqueror, made
a confirmation of the same liberties, vnto the heyres of
those knightes, in these wordes. William king of England to
Maurice Bishop, and Godffrey de Magun, and Richard de
Parre, and to his faithfull people of London, greeting: know
yee mee to have granted to the men of Knighten Gylde, the
Guilde that belonged to them, and the land that belonged there-
unto, with all Customeres, as they had the same in the time of
king Edward, and my father. Witnesse Hugh de Buche: at
Rething. After him, king Henry the first confirmed the
same by his Charter, to | the like effect, the recitall whereof,
I pretermit for breuitie. After which time, the Church of
the holy Trinitie within Ealdgate of London, being founded
by Queene Matilde, wife to the saide Henrie, the multitude
of brethren praying God day and night therein, in short time so increased, that all the City was delighted in the beholding of them: insomuch that in the year 1115. certaine Burgess of London, of the progenie of those Noble English knights to wit Radulphus Fitsalgod, Wilmarde le Deuereche, Orgare le Prude, Edward Hupcornhill, Blackstane, and Alwine his kinsman, and Robert his brother, the sonnes of Leafstanus the Goldsmith, Wiso his sonne, Hugh Fitzvulgar, Algare Secusme, comming together into the Chapter house of the said Church of the holy Trinitie, gaue to the same Church and Canons seruing God therein, all the lands and soke called in English Knighten Guilde, which lieth to the wall of the City, without the same gate, and stretcheth to the riuer of Thames, they gaue it, I say, taking vpon them the Brotherhoode and participation of the benefites of that house, by the handes of Prior Norman. And the better to confirm this their graunt, they offered vpon the Altar there, the Charter of Edward, together with the other Charters, which they had thereof: and afterward they did put the foresayd Prior in seise thereof, by the Church of Saint Buttolphes which is builded thereon, and is the head of that land: These things were thus done, before Bernard Prior of Dunstable, John Prior of Derland, Geoffrey Clinton Chamberlaine, and many other Clarkees and Laymen, French and English. Orgar le Prude (one of their Companie) was sent to king Henrie, beseeching him to confirm his gift, which the king gladly granted by his deede. Henrie king of England to R. B. of London, to the Shirifes, and Prouost, and to all his Barons, and faithfull people, French and English, of London, and Middlesex, greeting. Know ye mee to haue graunted, and confirmed to the Church and Canons of the holy Trinitie of London, the Soke of the English knighten Guilde, and the land which pertaineth thereunto, and the Church of S. Buttolph, as the men of the same Guilde haue giuen, and granted vnto them: and I will and straitly command, that they may hold the same well and honourably and freely, with sacke and soke, toll, and Theam, insfangthese, and all customs belonging to it, as the men of the same Guild in best sort had the same in the time of K. Edward, and as king
William my father, and brother did grant it to them by their writs. Witness A. the Queene, Geoffrey Clinton the Chancellor, and William of Clinton at Woodstocke. All these prescribed writings (saieth my booke) which sometime belonged to the Priorie of the holy Trinitie, are registred in the end of the booke of Remembrances, in the Guildhall of London, marked with the letter C. folio 134. The king sent also his Shiriffes to wit, Aubery de Vere, and Roger nephew to Hubert, which vpon his behalfe should inuest this church with the possessions hereof, which the said Shiriffes accomplished comming vpon the ground, Andrew Bucheri, and the forenamed witnesses, and other standing by: notwithstanding, Othewerun. Acolinillus. Otto, and Geoffrey Earle of Essex, Constables of the Tower by succession, withheld by force a portion of the said land, as I haue before delivered. The Prior and Chanons of the holy Trinitie, being thus seised of the said land and Soke of knighten Guilde, a part of the Suburbe without the wall, (but within the liberties of the Citie) the same Prior was for him, and his successors, admitted as one of the Aldermen of London, to gouverne the same land and Soke: according to the customes of the Citie, he did sit in Court and rode 1 with the Maior, and his Brethren the Aldermen, as one of them, in Scarlet, or other leuery, as they usd, vntill the yeare 1531, at the which time, the said Priory by the last Prior there was surrendred to king Henry the eight, in the 23. of his raigne, who gaue this Priorie to sir Thomas Audley, knight, Lord Chaunceller of England, and he pulled downe the Church. Sithens the which dissolution of that house, the sayde Ward of Portsoken hath beene gourned by a temporall man, one of the Aldermen of London, elected by the Citizens, as by the Aldermen of other wardes. Thus much for the out boundes of Chitten Guilde, or Portsoken Warde, and for the antiquitie and gournement thereof.

Now of the parts therein, this is specially to be noted. First the East part of the Tower standeth there, then an Hospittall of | Saint Katherins founded by Matilde the Queene, Page 125 wife to king Stephen, by licence of the prior and Couent of the holy Trinitie in London on whose ground she founded it.

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Helianor the Queene wife to king Edward the first, a second foundresse, appointed there to be a Maister, three brethren Chaplaines, and three Sisters, ten poore women, and sixe poore Clarkes, she gau to them the Mannor of Carlton in Wiltshire, and Vpchurch in Kent, &c. Queene Philip wife to king Edward the third 1351. founded a Chauntrie there, and gau to that Hospitall ten pound land by yeare: it was of late time called a free chappell, a colledge, and an Hospital for poore sisters. The Quire, which of late yeares was not much inferior to that of Paules, was dissolved by Doctor Wilson a late maister there, the brethren and sisters remaining: this house was valued at 315. pound, fourteeene shillings, two pence, being now of late yeres inclosed about, or pestered with small tenements, and homely cottages, hauing inhabitants, English and strangers, more in number then in some citie(s) in England. There lie buried in this church, the countesse of Huntington, countesse of the March in her time, 1429. John Holland Duke of Excester and Earle of Huntington 1447. and his two wiuies, in a fayre Tombe on the North side the Quire, Thomas Walsingham Esquire, and Thomas Ballarde Esquire by him, 1465. Thomas Flemming knight. 1466. &c.

On the East and by North of the Tower, lieth Eastsmithfield, and Tower hill, two plots of ground so called, without the wall of the citie, and East from them both was sometime a Monasterie called new Abbey, founded by king Edward the third, in the yeare 1359. upon occasion as followeth.

In the yeare 1348. the 23 of Edward the third, the first great pestilence in his time began, and increased so sore, that for want of roome in churchyarde to burie the dead of the citie, and of the suburbes, one John Corey clerke, procured of Nicholas prior of the holy Trinitie within Ealdgate, one Toft of ground neare vnto Eastsmithfield, for the burial of them that died, with condition that it might be called the Church yard of the holy Trinitie, which ground he caused by the aide of diuere deuout citizens to be inclosed with a wall of stone. Robert Elsing sonne of William Elsing, | gau five pound thereunto: and the same was dedicated by Ralph Stratford Bishop of London, where innumerable bodies of the dead were afterwarde buried, and a chappell built in the same
place, to the honour of God: to the which king Edward setting his eie (hauing before in a tempest on the sea, and perill of drowning, made a vow to build a Monasterie to the honour of God, and our Ladie of grace, if God would grant him grace to come safe to land) builded there a Monasterie, placing an Abbot, and Monkes of the Cistercian, or white order. The bounds of this plot of ground togethier with a decree for Tithes thereof, are expressed in the Charter, the effect whereof I haue set downe in another place, and haue to shew. This house, at the late general suppression was valued at 546. l. 10. d. yearely, it was surrendered in the yeare 1539. the 30. of Henrie the 8. since the which time, the said Monasterie being cleane pulled downe by sir Arthur Darcie knight, and other, of late time in place thereof is builded a large Storehouse for victuare, and conuenient Oues are builded there, for baking of Bisket to serue her Maiesties Shippes. The groundes adjoyning belonging to the said Abbey, are employed in building of small tenements.

For Tower hill, as the same is greatly diminished by building of tenements and garden plots, &c., so it is of late, to wit in the yeare of Christ 1593. on the North side thereof, and at the West ende of Hogstreete, beautified by certaine faire Almes houses, strongly builded of Bricke and timber, and couered with slate for the poore, by the Marchant Taylers of London, in place of some small cottages, giuen to them by Richard Hils sometime a master of that companie, 100. loades of timber for that vse being also giuen by Anthonie Radcliffe of the same societie, Alderman. In these Almes houses 14. charitable brethren of the said Marchant taylers yet liuing, haue placed 14. poore sole women, which receuyue each of them of their founder sixtene pence, or better, weekly, besides 8. l. 15. s. yearely, paide out of the common Treasurie of the same corporation for fewell.

From the west part of this Tower hill, towards Ealdgate, being a long continuall streete, amongst other smaller build-ings in that row, there was sometimes an Abbey of Nunnes of the order | of Saint Clare, called the Minories, founded by Page 127 Edmond Earle of Lancaster, Leycester and Darbie, brother to king Edward the first, in the yeare 1293. the length of which
Abbay conteyned 15. perches, and seuen foote, neare vnto the kings streete, or high way, &c. as appeareth by a deede dated 1303. a plague of pestilence being in this Citie, in the yeare 1515. there die in this house, of Nunnes professed, to the number of 27. besides other lay people, servants in their house. This house was valued to dispende 418. pounds, 8. s. 5. d. yearely, and was surrendered by Dame Elizabeth Saluage, the last Abbeyes there, vnto king Henry the 8. in the 30. of his raigne, the yeare of Christ 1539.

In place of this house of Nunnes, is now builded diuere faire and large storehouses, for armour, and habiliments of warre, with diuere worke houses seruing to the same purpose: there is a small parrish Church for inhabitants of the close, called S. Trinitie.

Neare adioyning to this Abbey on the South side thereof, was sometime a Farme belonging to the said Nunrie, at the which Farme I my selfe in my youth haue fetched many a halfe pennie worth of Milke, and neuer had lesse then three Ale pints for a half-pennie in the Sommer, nor lesse then one Ale quart for a halfe pennie in the Winter, alwayes hote from the Kine, as the same was milked and strained. One Trolop, and afterwardes Goodman, were the Farmers there, and had thirtie or fortie Kine to the paile. Goodmans sonne being heyre to his fathers purchase, let out the ground first for grazing of horse, and then for garden plots, and liued like a Gentleman thereby.

On the other side of that streete, lieth the ditch without the walles of the Citie, which of olde time was vsed to lie open, alwayes from time to time cleansed from filth and mud, as neede required, of great breadth, and so deepe, that diuers watering horses where they thought it shallowest, were drowned both horse and man. But now of later time, the same ditch is inclosed, and the banks thereof let out for Garden plots, Carpenters yarDES, Bowling Allies, and diuere houses thereon builded, whereby the Citie wall is hidden, the ditch filled vp, a small channell left, and that verie shallow.

From Ealdgate East, lyeth a large streete, and high way, | sometime replenished with few, but faire and comely buildings on the North side, whereof the first was the parrish Church of
Saint Buttolph, in a large Cemitarie, or Churchyard. This Church hath beene lately new builded at the speciall charges of the Priors of the holy Trinitie, patrones thereof, as it appeareth by the Armes of that house engraven on the stone worke. The Parishioners of this parish being of late yeares mightily increased, the Church is pestered with lostes and seates for them. Monumentes in this Church are few: Henrie Iorden founded a Chaunterie there, John Romeny, Ollarius, and Agnes his wife were buried there about 1408. Richard Chester Alderman, one of the Shiriffes 1484. Thomas Lord Darcie of the North, knight of the Garter, beheaded 1537. Sir Nicholas Carew of Bedington in Surrey, knight of the Garter, beheaded 1538. Sir Arthur Darcy youngest sonne to Thomas Lorde Darcie, deceased at the new Abbey on the Tower hill, was buried there. East from this Parrish Church there were certaine faire Innes for receipt of travellers repaying to the Citie, vp towards Hog-lane end, somewhat within the Barres, a marke shewing how farre the liberties of the Citie do extend.

This Hogge lane stretcheth North toward Saint Marie Spide without Bishopsgate, and within these fortie yeares, had on both sides flyre hedgerowes of Elme trees, with Bridges and easie stiles to passe ouer into the pleasant fieldes, very commodius for Citizens therein to walke, shoote, and otherwise to recreate and refresh their dulled spirites in the sweete and wholesome ayre, which is nowe within few yeares made a continuall building throughout, of Garden houses, and small Cottages: and the fields on either side be turned into Garden plottes, teynter yarde, Bowling Allyes, and such like, from Houndes ditch in the West, so farre as white Chappell, and further towards the East.

On the Southside of the high way from Ealdegate, were some few tenements thinly scattered, here & there, with many voyd spaces between them, vp to the Bars, but now that street is not only fully replenished with buildings outward, & also pestered with diuerse Allyes, on eyther side to the Barres, but to white Chappell | and beyond. Amongst the which late

1-1 John Romeny Olarie and Agnes his wife 1603; John Romany, Olarie and Agnes his wives 1633
Water conduit at Aldgate. buildings one memorable for the commoditie of that East part of this Cittie, is a fayre water Conduite, harde without the Gate, (at) the building whereof, in the yeare 1535. Sir John Allen being Maior, two fiftenees were granted by the Citizens for the making, and laying of Pypes to conuey water from Hackney to that place, and so that worke was finished.

Hounds ditch. From Aldgate Northwest to Bishopsgate, lieth the ditch of the Cittie, called Houndes ditch, for that in olde time when the same lay open, much filth (conueyed forth of the Cittie) especially dead Dogges were there layd or cast: wherefore of latter time a mudde wall was made inclosing the ditch, to keepe out the laying of such filth as had beene accustomed. Ouer against this mudde wall on the other side of the streete, was a fayre fielde, sometime belonging to the Priorie of the Trinitie, and since by Sir Thomas Audley giuen to Magdalen Colledge in Cambridge: this fielde (as all other about the citie) was inclosed, reserving open passage there into, for such as were disposed. Towards the street were some small cottages, of two stories high, and little garden plottes backe-warde, for poore bedred people, for in that streete dwelt none other, builded by some Prior of the holy Trinitie, to whom that ground belonged.

In my youth, I remember, deuout people as well men as women of this Cittie, were accustomed oftentimes, especially on Frydayes weekly to walke that way purposely there to bestow their charitable almes, euerie poore man or woman lying in their bed within their window, which was towards the streete open so low that every man might see them, a clean linnen cloth lying in their window, and a payre of Beades to shew that there lay a bedred body, vnable but to pray onely. This streete was first paued in the yeare 1503.

Brasse ordi-

nance cast in Hounds ditch.

About the latter raigne of Henrie the eight, three brethren that were Gunfounders surnamed Owens, gate ground there to build vpon, and to inclose for casting of Brasse Ordinance. These occupied part of the streete on the field side, and in short time diverse other also builded there, so that the poore bedred people | were wore out, and in place of their homely Cottages, such houses builded, as doe rather want roome then rent, which houses be for the most part possessed
by Brokers, sellers of olde apparell, and such like. The residue of the field was for the most part made into a Garden, by a Gardener named Cawesway, one that served the Markets with Hearbes and Rootes: and in the last yeare of King Edward the sixt, the same was parcelled into Gardens, wherein are now many fayre houses of pleasure builded.

On the ditch side of this streete, the muddie wall is also by little and little all taken downe, the Banke of the ditch being raised made leuell ground, and turned into Garden plottes, and Carpenters yardes, and many large houses are there builded, the filth of which houses, as also the earth cast out of their Vaultes, is turned into the ditch, by which meanes the ditch is filled vp, and both the ditch and wall so hidden, that they cannot bee seen of the passers by. This Portesoken warde hath an Alderman and his deputie, common Councillers sixe, Constables foure, Scauengers foure, for the Wardemote inquest eighteen, and a Beede. To the fiftenee it is cessed at foure pound ten shillings.

Tower streete warde.

THE first Warde in the East parte of this citty within the wall, is called Towerstreete warde, and extendeth along the riuer of Thames from the said Tower in the East, almost to Belingsgate in the West: One halfe of the Tower, the ditch on the West side, and bulwarkes adjoyning do stand within that parte, where the wall of the citty of old time went straight from the Posterne gate south to the riuer of Thames, before that the Tower was builded. From and without the Tower Tower hill. ditch West and by North, is the saide Tower hill, sometime a large plot of ground, now greatly streightned by incroach-mentes, (vnlawfully made and suffered) for Gardens and Houses, some on the Banke of the Tower ditch, whereby the Tower ditch is marred, but more neare vnto the Wall of the citty from the Posterne North till ouer against the principall fore gate of the Lord Lumleyes house, &c. but the Tower Warde goeth no further that way.

Upon this Hill is always readily prepared at the charges of the citty a large Scaffolde and Gallowes of Timber, for the execution of such Traytors or Transgressors, as are delivered
out of the Tower, or otherwise to the Shiriffes of London by writ there to be executed. I read that in the fift of King Edward the fourth a scaffold and gallowes was there set vp by other the Kinges Officers, and not of the Citties charges, whereupon the Mayor and his Brethren complaunyed, but were aunswered by the King that the Tower hill was of the libertie of the cittie: And whatsoeuer was done in that point, was not in derogation of the cities Liberties, and therefore commanded Proclamation to bee made, aswell within the Cittie as in the Suburbes, as followeth: For as much as the seauenth day of this present Moneth of Nouember, Gallowes were erect and set vppe besides our Tower of London, within the liberties and franchises of our cittie of London, in derogation and prejudice of the liberties and franchises of this cittie. | The king our soueraigne Lord would it bee certainly vnderstood that the erection and setting vp of the said gallowes was not done by his commaundement, wherefore the King our soueraign Lord willet that the erection and setting vp the said Gallowes bee not any president or example thereby hereafter to be taken, in hurt, prejudice or derogation of the franchises, liberties, & privileges of the said cittie, which hee at all times hath had & hath in his beneuolence, tender fauour and good grace, &c. 

_Apud Westminst. 9. die Novemb. Anno regni nostri quinto._

On the North side of this hill, is the saide Lord Lamleyes house, and on the west side divers houses lately builded, and other incrochmentes along south to Chicke lane on the east of Barking church, at the end whereof you haue Tower street stretching from the Tower hill, west to S. Margaret Pattens church Parsonage.

Now therefore to beginne at the East end of the streete, on the North side thereof is the fayre parish Church called Alhallowes Barking, which standeth in a large, but sometime farre larger, cemitory or Churchyearde. On the north side whereof was sometime builded a fayre Chappell, founded by king Richard the first, some haue written that his heart was buried there vnder the high Altar: this chappell was confirmed and augmented by King Edward the 1. Edward the fourth gave licence to his cosen John Earle of Worcester, to found there a Brotherhoode for a Maister and Brethren, and he gaue
to the Custos of that fraternity, which was Sir John Scot Knight, Thomas Colte, John Tate, and John Croke, the Priorie of Totingbecke, and auotion of the parriash Church of Streatham in the county of Surrey, with all the members and appurtenances, and a parte of the Priory of Okeborn in Wiltshire, both priors Aliens, and appoynted it to be called the kinges chappell or chantrie, In capella beatae Mariae de Barking.

King Richard the third new builded and founded therein a colledge of Priestes, &c. Hamond de Lega was buried in that chapple, Robert Tate Mayor of London, 1488. and other were there buried. This colledge was suppressed & pulled downe I. Rowse. in the yeare 1548. the second of king Edward the sixt, the grounde was employed as a Garden plot, during the reigns of King Edward, Queene Mary, and parte of Queene Elizabeth, till at length a large strong frame of Timber and bricke was set thereon, and imploied as a store house of Marchantes goodes brought from the sea, by Sir William Winter, &c.

Monumentes in the parriash church of Alhallowes Barking, not defaced, are these: Sir Thomas Studinham of Norwich Dioces, Knight, 1469. Thomas Gilbart Draper and Marchant of the Staple, 1483. John Bolt Marchant of the Staple, 1459. Sir John Stile Knight, Draper, 1500. William Thinne Esquier, one of the Clearkes of the Greene cloath, and Maister of the Houshold to K. Henry the eight, 1546. Humfrey Monmouth Draper, one of the Sherifffes, 1535. buried in the churchyearde. William Denham, one of the Sherifffes, 1534. Henry Howard Earle of Surrey beheaded 1546. Sir Richarde Deuereux sonne and Heyre to the Lord Ferrers of Chartley, Richard Browne Esquier, 1546. Phillip Dennis Esquier, 1556. Andrew Enueger Salter, William Robinson Mercer, Alderman 1552. William Armorer Clothworker, Esquier, Gounoure of the Pages of honor, or M. of the Heance men, seruant to Henry the eight, Edward the sixt and Queene Mary, buried 1560. Besides which there be diuers Tombes without inscription. John Crolys and Thomas Pike, Cittizens of London, founded a Chantery there 1388. By the West ende of this Parrish church and chappell, lyeth Sydon lane, now corruptly called Sidon lane. Sything lane, from Towerstreete vp North to Hart streete. In this Sidon lane diuers fayre and large houses are builded,
namely one by Sir John Allen, sometime Mayor of London, and of counsell vnto king Henry the eight: Sir Frances Walsingham Knight, Principal Secretary to the Queenes Maiestie that now is, was lodged there, and so was the Earle of Essex, &c. At the North West corner of this lane, standeth a proper parriah Church of Saint Olaue, which Church together with some houses adjoyning, and also others ouer against it in Hartstreeete, are of the saide Tower streete Warde. Monumentes in this parriah Church of Saint Olaue bee these: Richard Cely, and Robert Cely Felmongers, principall builders and benefactors of this Church: Dame Johan, wife to Sir John Zouch, 1439. John Clarentiaulx King of Armes, 1427. Thomas Sawle, | Sir Richard Haddon Mercer, Mayor, 1512. Thomas Burnell Mercer, 1548. Thomas Morley Gentleman, 1566. Sir John Radcliffe Knight, 1568. And Dame Anne his wife, 1585. Chapone a Florentine Gentleman, 1582. Sir Hamond Vaughan Knight, George Stoddard Marchant, &c.

Then haue yee out of Towerstreeete, also on the North side, one other lane, called Marte lane, which runneth vp towards the North, and is for the most parte of this Towerstree warde, which lane is about the thirde quarter thereof deuided, from Aldgate ward, by a chaine to bee drawn thwart the saide lane aboue the west ende of Harte streete. Cokedon hall, sometime at the South west end of Marte lane I reade of.

A third lane out of Towerstreeete on the North side is called Mincheon lane, so called of tenements there sometime pertaying to the Minchuns or Nunneres of Saint Helens in Bishopsgate streete: this lane is all of the saide Warde, except the corner house towards Fenchurch streete. In this lane of olde time dwelled diuers strangers borne of Genoa and those parts, these were commonly called Galley men, as men that came vppe in the Gallies, brought vp wines and other merchandises which they landed in Thames street, at a place called Galley key: they had a certaine coin of siluer amongst themselves which were halfe pence of Genoa, & were called Galley halfe pence: these halfe pence were forbidden in the thirteenth of Henry the fourth, and againe by Parliament in the fourth of Henry the fift, it was that if any person bring into this realme Galley halfe pence, suskinges or dodkins, hee
should be punished as a Theefe, and he that taketh or payeth such money, shall leese a hundred shillings, whereof the king shall haue the one halfe, and hee that will sue, the other halfe:
notwithstanding in my youth I haue seene them passe currant,
but with some difficulty, for that the english halfe pence were then, though
not so broade, somewhat thicker and stronger.

The Clothworkers hall is in this lane. Then at the west ende of Towerstreet haue ye a little turning towards the North to a fayre house sometime belonging to one named Griste, for he dwelled there in the yeare 1449. And Iacke Gristes house.

Cade captaine of the rebels in Kent, being by him in this his house feasted, when he had dined, like an vnkinde guest, robbed him of all that was there to be found worth the carriage. Next to this is one other fayre house, sometime builded by Angell Dune Grocer, Alderman of London, since possessed by sir John Champneis Alderman and Maior of London. He builded in this house an high Tower of Bricke, the first that ever I heard of in any private mans house to overlooke his neighbours in this Citie. But this delight of his eye was punished with blindnesse some yeares before his death: since that time sir Percewall Hart a jolly Courtier and knight, harbenger to the Queene, was lodged there, &c. From this house somewhat West is the Parish Church, and parsonage house of Saint Margarets Pattens, to the which Church and house on the North side, and as farre ouer against on the South, stretcheth the farthest west part of this warde.

And therefore to begin againe at the East ende of Tower-streete, on the South side haue ye Beare lane, wherein are many faire houses, and runneth downe to Thames street. The next is Sporiar lane, of old time so called, but since, and of later time named Water lane, because it runneth downe to the Water gate by the Custome house in Thames streete: then is there Hart lane for Harpe lane, which likewise runneth downe into Thames streete. In this Hart lane is the Bakers Hall, sometime the dwelling house of John Chicley Chamberlain of London, who was sonne to William Chicley, Alderman of London, brother to William Chicley, Archdeacon of Canterbury, nephew to Robert Chicley Maior of London, and to

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Henrie Chichley Archbishop of Canterburie. This Iohn Chichley, saith Iohn Lelyand, had 24. children. Sir Thomas Kirrioll of Kent, after he had bene long prisoner in France, married Elizabeth, one of the daughters of this Chichley, by whom he had this Chichleys house. This Elizabeth was secondly married to sir Ralfe Ashton, Knight Marshall: and thirdly, to sir Iohn Burchier, vnkle to the late Burchier Earle of Essex, but she never had childe. Edward Poynings made part with Burchier and Elizabeth to haue Ostenhanger in Kent, after their death, and entred into it, they liuing.

In Tower streete, betweene Hart lane, and Church lane, was a quadrant called Galley row, because Galley men dwelled there. Then haue ye two lanes out of Tower streete, both called Churchlanes, because one runneth downe by the East ende of Saint Dunstans Church, and the other by the west ende of the same: out of the west lane, turneth another lane, west toward S. Marie Hill, and is called Fowle lane, which is for the most part of Tower streete warde.

This Church of Saint Dunstone is called in the East, for difference from one other of the same name in the west: it is a fayre and large Church of an auncient building, and within a large Churchyarde: it hath a great parish of many rich Marchants, and other occupiers of divers trade, namely Saltars and Ironmongers.

Maior, 1568. Henry Herdson Skinner, Alderman, 1555. Sir James Garnado knight. William Harriot Draper, Maior, 1481. buried in a fayre Chappell by him builded, 1517. John Tate sonne to sir John Tate, in the same Chappell, in the North wall. Sir Christopher Draper Ironmonger, Maior, 1566. buried 1580, and many other worshipfull personages besides, whose monuments are altogether defaced. Now for the two Church lanes, they meeting on the Southside of this Church and Churchyarde, doe ioyne in one: and running downe to the Thames streete: the same is called Saint Dunstans hill, at the lower ende whereof the sayd Thames streete towards the west on both sides almost to Belins gate, but towards the East vp to the water gate, by the Bulwarke of the tower, is all of tower streete warde. In this streete on the Thames side are diuers large landing places called wharffes, or keyes, for Cranage vp of wares and Marchandise, as also for shipping of wares from thence to be transported. These wharffes and keyes commonly beare the names of their owners, and are therefore changeable. I reade in the 26. of Henrie the sixt that in the Parish of Saint Dunstone in the East a tenement called Passekes wharffe, & another called Horners key in Thames streete, were granted to William Harindon Esquire. I reade also that in the sixt of Richard the second, John Churchman Grocer, for the quiet of Marchants, did newly build a certaine house upon the key, called woole wharffe, in the Tower streete warde, in the Parish of Alhallowes Barking, betwixt the tenement of Paule Salisberrie, on the East part, and the lane called the water gate on the west, to serue for Tronage, or weighing of woolles in the Port of London: Whereupon the king graunted that during the life of the said John, the aforesayd Tronage should be held and kept in the said house, with easements there for the balances and weightes, and a counting place for the Customer, Controwlers, Clarkes and other Officers of the said Tronage, togither with ingresse and egresse to and from the same, euen as was had in other places, where the sayd Tronage was woont to be kept, and that the king should pay yearely to the said John during his life fortie shillings at the termes of S. Michael & Easter, by euem portions, by the handes of his Customer, without any
other payment to the said John, as in the Indenture thereof
more at large appeareth.

Neare vnto this Customers key towards the East, is the
sayd watergate, and west from it Porters key, then Galley key,
where the Gallies were used to vnladen, and land their mar-
chandizes, and wares: and that part of Thames streete was
therefore of some called Galley Row, but more commonly
petty Wales.

On the North side, as well as on the South of this Thames
streete, is many fayre houses large for stowage, builded for
Marchants, but towards the East end thereof, namely ouer
agaynst Galley key, Wooll key, and the Custome house, there
haue beene of olde time some large buildings of stone, the
ruines whereof doe yet remaine, but the first builders and
owners of them are wore out of memorie, wherfore the
common people affirm Julius Caesar to be the builder thereof,
as also of the Tower it selfe. But thereof I haue spoken
alreadie. Some are of another opinion and that a more likely,
that this great stone building was sometime the lodging
appointed for the Princes of Wales, when they repayed to
this Citie, and that therefore the street in that part is called
petty Wales, which name remaineth there most commonly
vntill this day: even as where the kinges of Scotland were
used to be lodged betwixt Charing crosse, and white hall, it is
likewise called Scotland: and where the Earles of Briton
were lodged without Aldersgate, the streete is called Britaine
streete, &c.

The said building might of olde time pertaine to the
Princes of Wales, as is aforesayd, but is since turned to
other vse.

It is before noted of Galley key, that the Gallyes of Italie,
& other partes did there discharge their wines and marchand-
dizes brought to this Citie. It is like therefore that the
Marchants and Owners procured the place to builde vpon for
their lodgings and storehouses, as the Marchants of the
Haunce of Almaine were licenced to haue an house called
Gilda Teutonicorum, the Guild hall of the Germanes. Also
the Marchants of Burdeaux were licenced to build at the
Vintry, strongly with stone, as may be yet seene and seemeth
olde, though often repayred: much more cause hath these
buildings in pettie Wales, though as lately builded, and partly
of the like stone brought from Cane in Normandie, to seeme
olde, which for many yeares, to wit, since the Gallies left their
course of landing there, hath fallen to ruine, and beene letten
out for stabling of horses, to Tipplers of Beere, and such like:
amongst others, one mother Mampudding (as they termed her)
for many yeares kept this house, or a great part thereof, for
victualing, and it seemeth that the builders of the hall of this
house were shipwrights, and not house Carpenters: for the
frame thereof (being but low) is raysed of certaine principall
postes of maime timber, fixed deepe in the ground, without
any groundsell, boorded close round about on the inside,
hauing none other wal from the ground to the roofe: those
Boordes not exceeding the length of a Clapboord, about an
inch thicke, every Boorde ledging ouer other, as in a Ship or
Gallie, nayled with Ship nayles called rugh, and clenche,
to wit, rugh nayles with broad round heades, and clenched on
the other side with square plates of iron: the roofe of this
hall is also wrought of the like boord, and nayled with rugh
and clench, and seemeth as it were a Gallie, the Keele turned
vpwards, and I observed that no worme or rottennesse is seene
to haue entred either boord or tymbre of that hall, and there-
fore, in mine opinion, of no great antiquitie.

I reade in 44. of Edward the third, that an Hospitall in the
Parish of Barking Church was founded by Robert Denton
Chaplen, for the sustentation of poore Priests, and other both
men and women, that were sicke of the Phrenzie, there to
remaine till they were perfectly whole, and restored to good
memorie. Also I reade that in the 6. of Henrie the fift, there
was in the Tower ward, a Messuage or great house, called
Cobhams Inne, and in the 37. of Henrie the sixt, a Messuage
in Thames streete, perteyning to Richard Longuile, &c. Some
of the ruines before spoken of, may seeme to be of the
foresayd Hospitall, belonging peraduenture to some Prior
Alien, and so suppressed amongst the rest, in the raigne of
Edward the third, or Henrie the fift, who suppressed them
all. Thus much for the boundes and antiquities of this warde,
wherein is noted the Tower of London, three Parish Churches,
the Custome house, and two Hals of Companies, to wit, the Clothworkers, and the Bakers. This ward hath an Alderman, his Deutie, common Counsellors eight, Constables thirteeue, Scauengers twelue, Wardmote men thirteeue, and a Beelde: it is taxed to the fifteeue at sixe and twentie pounds. |

Aldgate warde.

The second ward within the wall on the east part is called Aldgate ward, as taking name of the same Gate: the principall street of this warde beginneth at Aldgate, stretching west to sometime a fayre Well, where now a pumpe is placed: from thence the way being diuided into twain, the first & principall street, caled Aldgate street, runneth on the south side to Limestreet corner, and halfe that streete, downe on the left hand, is also of that warde. In the mid way on that South side, betwixt Aldgate and Limestreet, is Hart horne Alley, a way that goeth through into Fenchurch streete ouer against Northumberland house. Then haue ye the Bricklayers hall and an other Alley called Sprinkle Alley, now named Sugar-loafe Alley, of the like signe. Then is there a faire house, with diverse tenements neare adjoyning, sometime belonging to a late dissolved Priorie since possessed by Mistresse Cowallies, widow, and her heyres, by the gift of King Henry the eight, in reward of fine puddings (as it was commonly sayd) by hir made, wherewith she had presented him. Such was the princely liberalaty of those times. Of later time, Sir Nicholas Throgmorton knight, was lodged there. Then somewhat more West is Belzettars lane, so called of the first builder and owner thereof, now corruptly called Billitar lane, betwixt this Belzettars lane and Limestreete, was of later time a frame of three fayre houses, set vp in the yeare 1590. in place where before was a large Garden plot inclosed from the high streete with a Bricke wall, which wall being taken downe, and the ground digged deepe for Cellerage, there was found right vnder the sayd Bricke wall an other wall of stone, with a gate arched of stone, and Gates of Timber, to be closed in the midst towards the streete, the tymbre of the Gates was consumed, but the Hinges of yron still remayned on their staples.
on both the sides. Moreover in that wall were square windowes with bars of yron on either side the gate, this wall was vnder ground about two fathomes deepe, as I then esteemed it, and seemeth to bee the ruines of some house burned in the raigne of king Stephen, when the fire began in the house of one Alewarde neare London stone, and consumed East to Aldgate, whereby it appeareth how greatly the ground of this Citie hath beene in that place rysed.

On the North side, this principall street stretcheth to the west corner of Saint Andrewes Church, and then the ward turneth towards the North by S. Marie streeete, on the East side to Saint Augustines Church in the wall, and so by Buries markes again, or about by the wall to Aldgate.

The second way from Aldgate more towards the South from the pumpe aforesaid is called Fenchurch streeete, and is of Aldgate warde till ye come to Culuer Alley, on the west side of Ironmongers hall, where sometime was a lane which went out of Fenchurch streeete to the middest of Limesteete, but this lane was stopped vp, for suspition of theue that lurked there by night. Againe to Aldgate out of the principal streeete, euen by the gate and wall of the Citie, runneth a lane South to Crowched Friers, and then Woodrofe lane to the Tower hill, and out of this lane west, a streeete called Hartstreeete, which of that warde stretcheth to Sydon lane by Saint Olaves Church. One other lane more west from Aldgate goeth by Northumberland house toward the Crossed Friers: then haue ye on the same side the North end of Martlane, and Blanch Apleton,¹ where that ward endeth.

Thus much for the bounds: now for monuments, or places most ancient and notable: I am first to begin with the late dissolved Priorie of the holie Trinitie, called Christs Church, on the right hand within Aldgate. This Priorie was founded by Matild Queene, wife to Henrie the first, in the same place where Siredus sometime began to erect a Church in honour of the Crosse, and of Saint Marie Magdalen, of which the Deane and Chapter of Waltham were woont to receiue thirtie shillinges. The Queene was to acquite her Church thereof,

¹ Apleton] Chappleton, 1598: Arleton, 1603
and in exchange gaue vnto them a Mill. King Henrie her husband confirmed her gift. This Church was giuen to Norman, the first Canon regular in all England. The said Queene also gaue vnto the same Church, and those that serued God therein, the plot of Aldgate, and the Soke thereunto belonging, with all customes so free as she had helde the same, and 25. l. Blankes, which shee had of the Cittie of Excester: as appeareth by her deed, wherein she nameth the house Christes Church, and reporteth Aldgate to be of her Demaines, which she granteth, with two parts of the rent of the City of Excester. Norman tooke vpon him to be Prior of Christs Church, in the year of Christ 1108. in the parishes of Saint Marie Magdalen, S. Michael, S. Katherine, and the blessed Trinitie, which now was made but one Parish of the holy Trinitie, and was in old time of the holy Crosse, or holy Roode Parish. The Priorie was builded on a piece of ground in the Parish of Saint Katherine, towards Aldgate, which lieth in length betwixt the kings strete, by the which men go towards Aldgate, neare to the Chappell of Saint Michael towards the North, and containeth in length 83. Elles, halfe, quarter, and halfe quartern of the kings Iron Eln, and lieth in breeth, &c. The Soke and ward of Aldgate was then bounded as I haue before shewed, the Queene was a meane also that the land and English Knighten Guild was giuen vnto the Prior Norman. The honorable man Geoffrey de Clinton ¹ was a great helper therein, and obtained that the Chanons might inclose the way betwixt their Church and the wall of the citie, &c. This Priorie in processe of time became a very fayre and large church, rich in lands and ornaments, and passed all the Priories in the citie of London, or shire of Middlesex, the Prior whereof was an Alderman of London, to wit, of Portsoken ward.

I reade that Eustacius the 8. Prior, about the yeare 1264. because hee would not deale with temporall matters, instituted Theobald Fitz Iuonis Alderman of Portsoken warde vnder him, and that William Rising Prior of Christs Church was sworn Alderman of the said Portsoken warde, in the first of

¹ Clinton] Glinton 1598, 1603
Richard the second. These Priors haue sitten and ridden amongst the Aldermen of London, in liuery like vnto them, sauing that his habite was in shape of a spirituall person, as I my selfe haue seene in my chilhooode: at which time the Prior kept a most bountifull house of meate and drinke, both for rich and poore, aswell within the house, as at the gates, to al commers according to their estates. These were the monuments in this Church, sir Robert Turke, | and Dame Alice his wife, Iohn Tirel Esquire, Simon Kempe Esquire, Iames Manthorpe Esquire, Iohn Ascue Esquire, Thomas Fauset of Scalset Esquire, Iohn Kempe gentleman, Robert Chirwilde Esquire, Sir Iohn Heningham, and Dame Isabel his wife, Dame Agnes, wife first to Sir William Bardolph, and then to Sir Thomas Mortimer, Iohn Ashfield Esquire, Sir Iohn Dedham knight, Sir Ambrose Charcam, Ioan wife to Thomas Nuck Gentleman, Iohn Husse Esquire, Iohn Beringham Esquire, Thomas Goodwine Esquire, Ralph Walles Esquire, Dame Margaret daughter to Sir Ralph Cheuie, wife to Sir Iohn Barkeley, to Sir Thomas Barnes, and to Sir W. Bursire, William Roose, Simon Francis, Iohn Breton esquire, Helling Esquire, Iohn Malwen and his wife, Anthonie Wels son to John Wels, Nicholas de Aucsey and Margerie his wife, Anthonie son to John Milles, Baldwine son to king Stephen, & Mathilde daughter to king Stephen, wife to the Earle of Meulan\textsuperscript{1}, Henrie Fitzsalwine Maior of London, 1213. Geoffrey Mandeuble, 1215. and many other. But to conclude of this priorie, king Henrie the eight minding to reward Sir Thomas Audley, speaker of the Parliament against Cardinall Wolsey, as ye may reade in Hall, sent for the Prior, commending him for his hospitalitie, promised him preferment, as a man worthy of a far greater dignitie, which promise surely he performed, and compounded with him, though in what sort I neuer heard, so that the Priorie with the appurtenances was (surrendered) to the king, in the moneth of July, in the yeare 1531. the 23. of the said kings raigne. The Chanons were sent to other houses of the same order, and the priorie with the appurtenances king Henrie gae to sir Thomas Audley newly knighted, and after made Lord Chauncellor.

\textsuperscript{1} Meulan\textsuperscript{1} Millen, 1603

Priorie of the holy Trinitie surrendered & suppressed.
Sir Thomas Audley offered the great Church of this priorie, with a ring of nine Bels well tuned, whereof foure the greatest were since solde to the parish of Stebunkith, and the fiue lesser to the parish of Saint Stephen in Coleman streete, to the parishioners of Saint Katherine Christ Church, in exchaunge for their small parish church, minding to haue pulled it downe, and to haue builded there towards the street: But the parishioners hauing doubts in their heads of afterclappes, refused the offer. Then was the priorie church and steeple proffered to whomsoever would take it down, and carrie it from the ground, but no man would undertake the offer, whereupon Sir Thomas Audley was faine to bee at more charges, then could be made of the stones, timber, leade, yron, &c. For the workemen with great labour beginning at the toppe, loosed stone from stone, and threw them downe, whereby the most part of them were broken, and few remained whole, and those were solde verie cheape, for all the buildings then made about the Citie were of Bricke and Timber. At that time any man in the Cittie, might haue a Cart loade of hard stone for pawning brought to his doore for 6d. or 7d. with the carriage. The said Thomas Lord Audley builded and dwelt on this Priorie during his life, and died there in the yeare 1544. since the which time the said priorie came by marriage of the Lord Audleyes daughter and heyre, unto Thomas late Duke of Norfolke, and was then called the Dukes place.

The parish Church of S. Katherine standeth in the Cemitory of the late dissolved priorie of the holy Trinitie, and is therefore called S. Katherine Christ Church. This Church seemeth to be verie olde, since the building whereof the high streete hath beeene so often raised by pauements, that now men are faine to descend into the said church by diuere steps seuen in number. But the steeple, or Bell tower thereof hath beeene lately builded, to wit, about the yere 1504. For sir John Percinall Marchant taylor then deceasing, gaue money towards the building thereof. There bee the Monuments of Thomas Fleming knight of Rowles, in Essex, and Margaret his wife, 1464. Roger Marshall Esquire, Iane Horne, wife to Roger Marshall, William Multon, alias Bur-
deaux Heralde, John God Esquire, and Joan his wife, Beatrix
daughter to William Browne, Thomas Multon Esquire, sonne
to Burdeaux Herald, John Chitcroft Esquire, John Wake-
field Esquire, William Criswicke, Anne, and Sewle, daughters
to Ralph Shirley Esquire, sir John Rainsford knight of
Essex, Sir Nicholas Throkmorton chiefe Butler of England,
one of the Chamberlaines of the Exchequer, Ambassadour,
&c. 1570. and other. At the North west corner of this warde
in the said high streete, standeth the faire and beautifull
parish Church | of S. Andrew the Apostle, with an addition,

be knowne from other Churches of that name, of the
Knape or Vndershafft, and so called S. Andrew Vndershafft,
because that of old time, euerie yeare on May day in the
morning it was vsced, that an high or long shaft, or May-pole,
was set vp there, in the midst of the streete, before the south
doore of the sayd Church, which shaft when it was set on
ende, and fixed in the ground, was higher then the Church
steeple. Geoffrey Chaucer, writing of a vaine boaster, hath
these wordes meaning of the said shaft.

Right well aloft, and high ye beare your heade,
The weather cocke, with flying, as ye would kill,
When ye be stuffed, bet of wine then brede,
Then looke ye, when your wombe doth fill,
As ye would beare the great shaft of Cornhill,
Lord so merrily crowdeth then your creeke,
That all the streete may heare your body cloke.

This shaft was not raysed at any time since euill May day
(so called of an insurrection made by Prentises, and other
young persons against Aliens in the yeare 1517.) but the said
shaft was laid along ouer the doores, and vnder the Pentises
of one rowe of houses, and Alley gate, called of the shaft,
shaft Alley, (being of the possessions of Rochester bridge) in
the warde of Limestreette. It was there I say hanged on Iron
hooke many yeares, till the third of king Edward the sixt,
that one Sir Stephen, curat of S. Katherine Christs Church,
preaching at Paules Crosse, said there, that this shaft was
Shaft or May pole preached made an Idoll, by naming the Church of Saint Andrew, with
against at the addition of vnder that shaft: hee perswaded therefore that
Paules crosse.
the names of Churches might bee altered: also that the names of dayes in the weeke might be changed, the fish dayes to be kept any dayes, except Friday and Saturday, and the Lent any time, saue only betwixt Shrovetide and Easter: I haue oft times seene this man, forsaking the Pulpet of his said Parish Church, preach out of an high Elme tree in the midst of the Church yarde, and then entering the Church, forsaking the Alter, to haue sung his high Masse in English vpon a Tombe of | the deade towards the North. I heard his Sermon at Paules Crosse, and I saw the effect that followed: for in the after noone of that present Sunday, the neighbours, and Tenants to the sayde Bridge, ouer whose doores the saide Shaft had laine, after they had dined to make themselues strong, gathered more helpe, and with great labour raysiaing the Shaft from the hooks, whereon it had rested two and thirtie yeares, they sawed it in peeces, euerie man taking for his share so much as had laine ouer his doore and stall, the length of his house, and they of the Alley diuided amongst them so much as had layne ouer their Alley gate. Thus was this Idoll (as he tearmed it) mangled, and after burnt.

Soone after was there a Commotion of the Commons in Norfolke, Suffolke, Essex, and other shires, by meanes whereof streight orders being taken for the suppression of rumors, diuere persons were apprehended and executed by Marshall Law, amongst the which the Baylife of Romfort in Essex was one, a man verie well beloved: he was early in the Morning of Marie Magdalons day, then kept holy day, brought by the shirifes of London, and the knight Marshall, to the Well within Aldgate, there to be executed vpon a Jebit set vp that Morning, where being on the Ladder, he had words to this effect: Good people I am come hither to die, but know not for what offence except for words by me spoken yester night to Sir Stephen, Curate and Preacher of this parish, which were these: He asked me what newes in the Countrey, I answered heauie newes: why quoth he? it is sayde, quoth I, that many men be vp in Essex, but thanks be to God al is in good quiet about vs: and this was all as God be my Judge, &c. Vpon these wordes of the prisoner, sir Stephen to auoyde reproach of the people, left the Cittie, and was neuer heard of sinc
amongst them to my knowledge. I heard the wordes of the prisoner, for he was executed vpon the pauement of my doore, where I then kept house: Thus much by digression: now again to the parish church of S. Andrew Vndershift, for it still retaineth y name, which hath bee ne new builded by the parishioners there, since the yeare 1520. euery man putting to his helping hande, some with their purses, other with their bodies: Steuen Gennings marjchant Taylor, sometime Mayor of London, caused at his charges to bee builded the whole North side of the greate Middle Ile, both of the body and quier, as appeareth by his armes ouer euery pillar grauen, and also the North Ile, which hee roofed with timber and seeled, also the whole South side of the Church was glased, and the Pewes in the south Chappell made of his costes, as appeareth in euery Window, and vpon the said pewes. He deceased in the yeare 1524. and was buried in the Gray Fryers Church. John Kerkbie Marchant Taylor sometime one of the Shiriffes, John Garlaunde Marchant Taylor and Nicholas Lewison mercer, Executor to Garland, were greate benefactors to this worke: which was finished to the glasing in the yeare 1529. and fully finished 1532. Buried in this Church, Phillip Malmes one of the Shiriffes 1439. Sir Robert Dennie Knight, and after him Thomas Dennie his sonne in the yeare 1421. Thomas Stokes Gentleman, Grocer, 1496. In the new Church John Michell\(^1\) Marchant Taylor, 1537. William Draper Esquier, 1537. Isabell and Margaret his wifes, Nicholas Lewison Mercer one of the Shiriffes, 1534. John Gerrarde Woolman, Merchant of the Staple 1546. Henry Man Doctor of Diuinity, Bishopp of Man, 1556. Stephen Kyrton marchant Taylor, Alderman 1553. David Woodroffe Haberdasher, one of the Shiriffes, 1554. Stephen Woodroffe his sonne gave 100. li. in money, for the which the poore of that parish receiue 2.s. in bread weekly for euer. Sir Thomas Offley marchant taylor, Mayor 1556. he bequeathed the one halfe of all his goodes to charitable actions, but the parrish receyued little benefite thereby. Thomas Starkey Skinner one of the Shiriffes 1578. Hugh Offley Lethersellar one of the Shiriffes, 1588. William Hanbury, Baker.

\(^1\) Michell 1598; Nichell 1603

\[\text{Stephen woodroffe the best benefactor to the poore in that parrish.}\]
Now downe S. Mary streete by the west end of the church towards the North, stand divers fayre houses for Marchantes, and other: namely one faire greate house, builded by Sir William Pickering the father, possessed by Sir William his sonne and since by Sir Edward Wootton of Kent. North from this place is the Fletchers Hall, and so downe to the corner of that streete, ouer against London wall, and again eastwardes to a faire house | lately new builded, partly by M. Robert Beale one of the Clearks of the Counsell.

Then come you to the Papey, a proper house, wherein sometime was kept a fraternity or brotherhood of S. Charity, and S. John Evangelist, called the Papey, for poore impotent Priestes, (for in some language Priestes are called Papes) founded in the yeare 1430. by William Oliuer, William Barnabie and Iohn Stafford Chaplens, or Chauntrie Priestes, conducts, and other brethren and sisters, that should bee admitted into the Church of S. Augustine Papey in the Wall, the Brethren of this house becoming lame, or otherwise into greate pouerty, were here relieued, as to haue chambers, with certaine allowance of bread, drinke, and cole, and one olde man and his wife to see them serued, and to keepe the house cleane. This brotherhoode amongst others was suppressed in the raigne of Edward the sixt, since the which time in this house hath beene lodged M. Moris of Essex, Sir Francis Walsingham principall secretarie to her Maiestie, Maister Barret of Essex, &c.

Then next is one great house large of roomes, fayre courts and garden plottes, sometimes pertainyng to the Bassets, since that to the Abbots of Bury in Suffolke, and therefore called Buries Markes, corruptly Beuis markes, and since the dissolution of the Abbey of Bury to Thomas Henage the father, and to Sir Thomas his son. Then next vnto it is the before spoken Priorie of the holy Trinity, to wit, the west and north part thereof, which stretcheth vp to Ealdgate, where we first begun.

Now in the second way from Ealdgate more towarde the south from the Well or Pumpe aforesaid, lyeth Fenne Church streete, on the right hand whereof somewhat west from the south end of Belzetters lane, is the Ironmongers Hall: which Company was incorporated in the thirde of Edward the
fourth: Richard Fleming was their first Maister, Nicholas Marshall & Richard Coxe were Custos or Wardens. And on the lefte hand or South side, euene by the gate and Wall of the City runneth downe a lane to the Tower Hill, the south parte whereof is called Woodroffe lane, and out of this lane toward the West, a streete called Hart streete. In this streete at the South east corner thereof sometime stooode one house of Crouched or (crossed) Fryers, founded by Raph Hosiar, and William Sabernes, about the yeare 1298. Stephen the 10. Prior of the Holy Trinity in London, granted three tenementes for xiii.s. viii.d. by the yeare, vnto the saide Raph Hosiar, and William Sabernes, who afterwarde became Fryers of S. Crosse, Adam was the first Prior of that house. These Fryers founded their house in place of certaine Tenementes purchased of Richard Wimbush the 12. Prior of the Holy Trinity, in the yeare 1319. which was confirmed by Edward the thirde, the seuaenteenth of his raigne, valued at 52. li. 13.s. 4d. surrendred the twelfth of November, the 30. of Henry the eight. In this house was buried Maister Iohn Tirres, Nicholas the sonne of William Kyriell Esquier, Sir Thomas Mollington ¹ Baron of Wemme, and Dame Elizabeth his wife, daughter and heyre of William Botclor Baron of Wemme, Robert Mollington ¹ Esquier, and Elizabeth his wife, daughter to Ferrers of Ouersley, Henry Louell, sonneto William Lord Louell, Dame Isabel wife to William Edwarde Mayor of London, 1471. William Narborough, & Dame Elizabeth his wife, William Narbrough, and Dame Beatrix his wife, William Brosked Esquier, William Bowes, Lionel Mollington Esquier, son of Robert Mollington, Nicholas Couderow, and Elizabeth his wife, Sir Iohn Stratford Knight, Sir Thomas Assedey, Knight, Clearke of the Crowne, Submarshal of England, and Justice of the shire of Middlesex, John Rest Grocer, Mayor of London, 1516. Sir Iohn Skennington Knight, merchant taylor, Sheriffe 1520. Sir Iohn Milborne Draper, Mayor in the yeare 1521. was buried there, but removed since to Saint Edmondes in Lombard streete, Sir Rice Grisftk beheaded on the Tower hill, 1531.

¹ Mollington and Mollington are printed indiscriminately in 1598, 1603, 1633
In place of this church is now a carpenters yeard, a Tennis court and such like: the Fryers hall was made a glasse house, or house wherein was made glasse of divers sortes to drinke in, which house in the yeare 1575, on the 4. of September brast out into a terrible fire, where being practised all meanes possible to quench, notwithstanding as ye same house in a small time before, had consumed a great quantite of wood by making of glasses, now it selfe hauing within it about 40000. Billets of woode was all consumed to the stone wals, which nevertheless greatly hindered the fire from spreading any further.

Adioynge vnto this Fryers Church, by the East ende thereof in Wodrofe lane towards the Tower hill, are certayne proper almes houses, 14. in number, builded of Bricke and timber, founded by Sir John Milborne Draper, sometime Mayor, 1521. wherein be placed xiii. poore men and their wiuies, if they haue wiuies: these haue their dwellinges rent free, and ii.s. iii.d. the peece: the first day of every moneth for euer. One also is to haue his house ouer the gate, and iii.s. eueri moneth: more he appoynted eueri sunday for euer 13. peny loaues of white bread to bee giuen in the parrish Church of Saint Edmonde in Lombarde-streete to 13. poor people of that parish, and the like 13. loaues to be giuen in the parrish Church of S. Michaeell vpon Cornhill, and in eyther parrish eueri yeare one loade of Chare coale, of thirty sackes in the loade, and this gifte to be continued for euer: for performance whereof, by the Maister and Wardens of the Drapers in London, he assured vnto them and their successors 23. messuages and tenementes, and 18. garden plottes in the parish of Saint Olaue in Hart street, with prouiso that if they perfornme not those poyntes aboue mentioned the saide Tenementes and Gardens to remayne to the Mayor and Commonaltie of the Cittie of London.

Next to these Almes houses is the Lord Lumleies house, builded in the time of king Henry the eight, by Sir Thomas Wiat the father, vpon one plotte of ground of late pertayning to the foresaid Crossed Fryers, where part of their house stoode: And this is the farthest parte of Ealdgate Warde towards the south, and ioyneth to the Tower hill. The
other side of that lane, ouer against the Lord Lumleyes house, on the wall side of the Citty is now for the most parte (or altogether) builded euene to Ealdgate.

Then haue yee on the south side of Fenchurch streete, ouer against the Well or Pumpe amongst other fayre and large builded houses, one that sometime belonged to the Prior of Monte Iones | or Monasterie Cornute, a Cell to Monte Iones Page 152 beyonde the seas, in Essex: it was the Priors Inne, when he repayred to this Cittie. Then a lane that leadeth downe by Northumberland house, towards the crossed Friers, as is afore shewed.

This Northumberland house in the parish of saint Katherine Colman belonged to Henrie Percie Earle of Northumberland, in the three & thirtie of Henrie the sixt, but of late being left by the Earles, the Gardens thereof were made into bowling Alleys, and other parts into Dicing houses, common to all commers for their money, there to bowle and hazard, but now of late so many bowling Allies, and other houses for vnlawfull gaming, hath beene raised in other parts of the Citie and suburbs, that this their ancient and onely patron of misrule, is left and forsaken of her Gamesters, and therefore turned into a number of great rents, small cottages, for strangers and others.

At the east\(^1\) end of this lane, in the way from Aldgate toward the Crossed Friers, of old time were certaine tene- ments called the poore Iurie, of Iewes dwelling there.

Next vnto this Northumberland house, is the parish Church of saint Katherine called Coleman, which addition of Coleman was taken of a great Haw yard, or Garden, of olde time called Coleman haw, in the parish of the Trinitie, now called Christs Church, and in the parish of saint Katherine, and all Saints called Coleman Church.

Then haue ye Blanch apleton, whereof I reade in the thirteenth of Edward the first, that a lane behinde the same Blanch-aleton, was graunted by the king to be inclosed and shut vp. This Blanch aleton was a manor belonging to Sir Thomas Roos of Hamelake knight, the seuenth of Richard the second, standing at the Northeast corner of Mart lane, so Mart lane.

\(^1\) east\] west 1598
called of a Priuiledge sometime enjoyed to keepe a mart there, long since discontinued, and therefore forgotten, so as nothing remaineth for memorie, but the name of Mart lane, and that corruptly tearmed Marke lane. I read that in the third of Edward the fourth, all Basket makers, Wiar drawers, and other forreyners, were permitted to haue shops in this mannor of Blanch appleton, and not else where within this Citie or suburbs thereof, and this also being the farthest west part of this ward, on that southside I leaue it, with three parish Churches, saint Katherine Christ church, saint Andrew Vndershaft, and saint Katherine Coleman's, and thre hawles of companies, the Bricklayers hall, the Fletchers hall, and the Ironmongers hall. It hath an Alderman, his Deputie, common counsellers six, Constables six, Scauengers nine, Wardmote men for inquest eightene, and a Beedle. It is taxed to the fifteene in London at five pound.

Limestreete warde.

The next is Limestreete warde, and taketh the name of Limestreete, of making or selling of Lime there (as is supposed). The East side of this Limestreete, from the North corner thereof to the midst, is of Aldgate warde, as is aforesaid: the west side, for the most part from the said north corner, southward, is of this Limestreete ward: the southend on both sides is of Langborne ward: the bodie of this Limestreete ward is of the high streete called Cornehill streeete, which stretcheth from Limestreete on the southside, to the west corner of Leaden hall: and on the north side from the southwest corner of Saint Marie streete, to another corner ouer against Leadenhall.

Now for saint Mary street, the west side therof is of this Limestreete warde, and also the streete which runneth by the north ende of this saint Marie streeete, on both sides, from thence west to an house called the Wrestlers, a signe so called, almost to Bishops gate. And these are the bounds of this small ward.

Monuments or places notable in this ward be these: In Limestreete are diuere fayre houses for marchants and
others: there was sometime a mansion house of the kings, An house in called the kings Artirce whereof I find record in the 14. of Edward the first, but now growne out of knowledge. I reade also of another great house in the west side of Limestreete, hauing a Chappell on the south, and a Garden on the west, then belonging to the Lord Neuill, which | garden is now Page 153 called the Greene yard of the Leaden hall. This house in the ninth of Richard the second, pertained to sir Simon Burley and sir John Burley his brother, and of late the said house was taken downe, and the forefront thereof new builded of timber by Hugh Offley, Alderman. At the Northwest corner of Limestreet was of old time one great Messuage called Benbriges Inne, Ralph Holland Draper, about the year 1452. gae it to John Gill, maister, and to the Wardens, and Fra- ternitie of Tailers and Linnen Armorers of saint John Baptist in London, and to their successors for euer. They did set vp in place thereof a fayre large frame of timber, containing in the high street one great house, and before it to the corner of Limestreet, three other tenements, the corner house being the largest, and then downe Limestreete diuers proper tene- ments. All which the Marchant Taylers in the raigne of Edward the sixt sold to Stephen Kirton Marchant Tayler and Alderman, he gae with his daughter Grisild, to Nicholas Woodroffe the saide great house, with two tenements before it, in liew of a hundred pound, and made it vp in money 366. pound, 13. shillings, 4. pence. This worshipfull man, and the Gentlewoman his widow after him, kept those houses downe Limestreet in good reparations, neuer put out but one tennant, tooke no fines, nor raysed rents of them, which was ten shillings the peece yerely: But whether that fauour did ouerliue her funerall, the Tenants now can best declare the contrarie.

Next vnto this on the high streete, was the Lord Sowches Messuage or tenement, and other. In place whereof Richard Wethell1, Marchant Tayler, builded a fayre house, with an high Tower, the seconde in number, and first of tymber, that euer I learned to haue beene builded to ouerlooke neighbours in this Citie.

1 Wethell] Whethill 1598
This Richard then a young man, became in short time so tormented with goutes in his ioynts, of the hands and legges, that he could nether feede him selfe, nor goe further then he was led, much lesse was he able to climbe, and take the pleasure of the height of his Tower.

Then is there another faire house builded by Stephen Kirton, Alderman: Alderman Lee doth now possesse it, and againe new | buildeth it.¹

Then is there a fayre house of olde time called the greene gate, by which name one Michael pistoy Lumbard held it, with a tenement and nine shops, in the raigne of Richard the second, who in the 15. of his raigne gaue it to Roger Crophull, and Thomas Bromester, Esquires, by the name of the Greene gate, in the parish of S. Andrew vpon Cornhill, in Limestreeete warde: since the which time Philip Malpas, sometime Alderman and one of the Shiriffes, dwelled therein, and was there robbed and spoyled of his goods to a great value, by Jacke Cade, and other Rebels in the yeare 1449.

Afterwards in the raigne of Henrie the seuenth, it was seased into the kings hands, and then granted, first vnto John Alston, after that vnto William de la Riners, and since by Henrie the 8. to John Mutas (a Picarde) or Frenchman, who dwelled there, and harbored in his house many Frenchmen, that kalendred wolstedes, and did other things contrarie to the Franchises of the Citizens: wherefore on euill May day, which was in the yeare 1517, the Prentizes and other spoyled his house: and if they could haue found Mutas, they would haue stricken off his heade. Sir Peter Mutas, sonne to the said John Mutas, solde this house to David Woodroffe Alderman, whose sonne Sir Nicholas Woodroffe Alderman, sold it ouer to John Moore Alderman, that now possesseth it.

Next is a house called the Leaden portch, lately diuided into two tenements, whereof one is a Tauerne, and then one other house for a Marchant, likewise called the Leaden portch: but now turned to a Cookes house. Next is a faire house and a large, wherein diuerse Maioralities haue beeene kept, whereof twaine in my remembrance: to wit, Sir William Bowyvar, and Sir Henry Huberthorne.

¹ builded it 1633
The next is Leaden Hall, of which I read, that in the yeare 1309. it belonged to Sir Hugh Nevill knight, and that the Ladie Alice his widow made a feoiment thereof, by the name of Leaden hall, with the aduousions of the Church of S. Peter vpon Cornhill, and other churches to Richard Earle of Arundell and Surrey, 1362. More, in the yeare 1380. Alice Nevill, widow | to Sir John Nevill, knight of Essex, confirmed to Page 155 Thomas Cogshall and others the said Mannor of Leaden hall, the aduousions, &c. In the yeare 1384. Humfrey de Bohun, Earle of Hereford, had the said Mannor. And in the yeare 1408. Robert Rikeden of Essex, and Margaret his wife, confirmed to Richard Whittington and other Citizens of London, the said Mannor of Leaden hall, with the Appurtenances, the Aduousions of S. Peters Church, Saint Margarets Pattens, &c. And in the yeare 1411 the said Whittington and other confirmed the same to the Maior and Commination of London, whereby it came to the possession of the Citie. Then in the yeare 1443. the 21. of Henrie the sixt, John Hatherley Maior, purchased licence of the said King, to take vp. 200. fodder of Leade, for the building of water Conduits, a common Granarie, and the crosse in west Cheape more richly for honour of the Citie. In the yeare next following, the Parson and parish of Saint Dunston in the east of London, seeing the famous and mightie man (for the wordes bee in the graunt: cum nobilis & potens vir.) Simon Eyre, Citizen of London, among other his workes of pietie, effectually determined to erect and build a certaine Granarie vpon the soile of the same Citie at Leaden hall of his owne charges, for the common vitility of the saide Citie, to the amplifying and enlarging of the sayde Granarie, granted to Henrie Frowicke then Maior, the Aldermen, and Commination and their successors for euer, all their Tenements, with the appurtenances, sometime called the Horsemill in Grasse streete, for the annuall rent of foure pound &c. Also certaine Evidences of an Alley and Tenements pertaining to the Horsemill, adjoyning to the sayd Leaden hall in Grasse streete, giuen by William Kingstone Fishmonger, vnto the parish church of S. Peter vpon Cornehill, doe specifie the sayd Granarie to be builded by the sayde honourable and famous Marchant Symon Eyre, sometime an Upholster, and then a Licence to take vp Lead to the building vp of common Granarie.
Draper, in the yeare 1419. He builded it of squared stone, in forme as now it sheweth, with a fayre and large chappell in the East side of the Quadrant, ouer the porch of which hee caused to be written, *Dextra Domini exaltavit me*, The Lords right hand exalted me. Within the sayde Church on the North wall was written *Honorandus famous marctor Simon Eyre | huius operis, &c.* In English thus. The honourable and famous Marchant, *Simon Eyre* founder of this worke, once Maior of this Citie, Citizen and Draper of the same, departed out of this life, the 18. day of September, the yeare from the incarnation of Christ 1459. and the 38. yeare of the raigne of king H. the sixt. He was buried in the parish Church of Saint *Mary Wolnoth* in Lombard streete: he gaue by his Testament, which I haue read, to be distributed to all prisons in London, or within a mile of that Citie, somewhat to reliefe them. More, hee gaue 2000. Markes vpon a condition, which not performed, was then to bee distributed to Maides marriages, and other deeds of charitie: he also gaue 3000. markes to the Drapers, vpon condition they should within one yeare after his decease, establish perpetually a maister or warden, five secular priests, sixe clarkes, and two queristers, to sing dayly diuine seruice by note for euer, in his chappell of the Leaden hall: also one Maister with an Usher for Grammar, one master for writing, and the third for song, with housing there newly builded for them for euer, the Master to haue for his Salarie ten pound: and euerie other priest eight pound, euerie other Clarke five pound six shillings eight pence, and euerie other chorister, five marks: and if the Drapers refused this to do, within one yeare after his decease, then the three thousand Markes to remaine to the Prior and couent of *Christs Church* in London, with condition to establish as is aforesayd, within two yeares after his decease: and if they refused, then the three thousand Markes to be disposed by his Executors as they best could devise in works of charitie: thus much for his Testament, not performed by establishing of diuine seruice in his chappell, or free schooles for schollers, neither how the stocke of 3000. Marks, or rather five thousand Marks was employed by his Executors, could I euer learne: he left issue *Thomas*, who had issue, *Thomas*, &c.
True it is that in one yeare 1464. the third of Edward the fourth, it was agreed by the Mayor, Aldermen and Com-minaltie of London, that notwithstanding the Kings letters Patentes, lately before graunted vnto them touching the Tronage or Weighing of Wares to bee holden at the Leaden Hall, yet sute should be made to the king for new letters pattentes to be granted to the Mayor of the Staple for the Tronage of wols to be holden there, & order to be taken by the discretion of Thomas Cooke then Maior, the counsaile of the Citie, Jeffrey Filding then Maior of the Staple at Westminister, and of the kings Councell, what should bee payd to the Maior and Aldermen of the Citie, for the laying and housing of the Woolles there, that so they might bee brought forth and weighed, &c.

Touching the Chappell there, I find that in the yeare 1466. by licence obtained of king Edward the fourth, in the sixt of his raigne, a Fraternity of the Trinitie of 60. priests (besides other brethren, and sisters) in the same Chappell was founded by William Rouse, John Risbie, & Thomas Ashby priests, some of the which 60. priests, every market day in the fore noone, did celebrate divine service there, to such Market people as repayred to prayer, and once euery yeare they met all togither, and had solemn service, with Procession of all the Brethren and Sisters. This foundation was in the yere 1512. by a common councell confirmed to the 60. Trinitie priests, and to their successors, at the will of the Maior and Cominaltie.

In the yeare 1484. a great fire happened vpon this Leaden Hall, by what casualtie I know not, but much houeing was there destroyed, with all the stockes for Guns, and other provision belonging to the Citie, which was a great losse, and no lesse charge to be repayred by them.

In the yeare 1503. the eighteenth of Henrie the seuenth, Rich. Arnold. a request was made by the Commons of the Citie, concerning the vsage of the said Leaden hall, in forme as followeth.

Please it the Lord Maior, Aldermen, & common councel, to enact that all Frenchmen, bringing Canuas, Linnen cloth, and other wares to be sold, and all Forreins bringing Wolstedes, Sayes, Staimus,\textsuperscript{1} Kiuerings, Nailes, Iron worke, or any other Linnen cloth.

\textsuperscript{1} Stamins] 1633; Staimus 1598, 1603
wares, and also all maner Forreins bringing Lead to the Citie to be sold, shall bring all such their wares aforesaid to the open Market of the Leaden hall, there and no where else to be shewed, solde and vtted, like as of olde time it hath beene vsed, vpon paine of forfeutre of all the sayd wares, shewed or sold in any other place then aforesayd, the shew of the said wares to be made three dayes in the wecke, that is to say Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday: it is also thought reason-able that the common Beam be kept from hencefoorth in the Leaden Hall, and the Farmer to pay therefore reasonable rent to the Chamber: for better it is that the Chamber haue aduauntage thereby, then a forreine person: and also the said Leaden hall, which is more chargeable now by halfe then profitable, shall better beare out the charges thereof: also the common Beame for wooll at Leaden hall may pay yearly a rent to the Chamber of London, toward suppotration and charges of the same place: for reason it is, that a common office occupied vpon a common ground, beare a charge to the vse of the Comminaltie: also that Forreins bringing woolls, fels, or any other Marchandizes or wares to Leaden hall, to be kept there for the sale and Market, may pay more largely for the keeping of their goods, then free men.’ Thus much for the request of the Commons at this time.

Now to set downe some proosfe that the said hall hath beene imploied and used as a Granarie for corne and graine (as the same was first appoynted) leaving all former examples, this one may suffice: Roger Ashely Maior of London, in the yeare 1512. the third of Henrie the eight, when the said Maior entered the Maioralitie, there was not found one hundred quarters of wheate in all the Garners of the Citie, either within the liberties, or neare adjoyning: through the which scarcitie, when the Carts of Stratford came laden with bread to the Citie (as they had beene accustomed) there was such presse about them, that one man was readie to destroy an other, in striuing to bee serued for their money: but this scarcitie lasted not long: for the Maior in short time made such prousion of Wheate, that the Bakers both of London, and of Stratford were wearie of taking it vp, and were forced to take much more then they would, and for the rest the Maior laid
out the money, and stored it vp in Leaden hall, and other garners of the Citie. This Maior also kept the Market so well, that hee would be at the Leaden hall by foure a clocke in the Sommers mornings, and from thence he went to other markets, to the great comfort of the Citizens.

I reade also that in the yeare 1528. the 20. of Henrie the eight, Surueyers were appoynted to view the Garners of the Citie, namely the Bridgehouse, and the Leaden hall, how they were stored of Graine for the seruice of the Citie. And because I haue herebefore spoken of the bread Carts comming from Stratford at the Bow, ye shall vnderstand that of olde time the Bakers of breade at Stratford, were allowed to bring dayly (except the Sabbaoth and principall Feast(s)) diuere long Cartes laden with bread, the same being two ounces in the pennie wheate loafe heauier then the penny wheate loafe baked in the Citie, the same to be solde in Cheape, three or foure Cartes standing there, betwenee Gutherans lane, and Fausters lane ende, one carte on Cornhill, by the conduit, and one other in Grasse streete. And I haue reade that in the fourth yere of Edward the second, Richard Reffeham, being Maior, a Baker named Iohn of Stratforde, for making Bread lesser then the Assise, was with a fooles whoode on his head, and loaues of bread about his necke, drawne on a Hurdle through the streets of this Citie: Moreouer in the 44. of Edward the third Iohn Chichester being Maior of London, I read in the visions of Pierce Plowman, a booke so called, as followeth. 'There was a careful commune, when no Cart came to towne with baked bread from Stratford: tho gan beggers wepe, and workemen were agast, a little this will be thought long in the date of our Dirte, in a drie Auerell a thousand and three hundred, twice thirtie and ten, &c.' I reade also in the 20. of Henrie the eight, Sir James Spencer being Maior, six Bakers of Stratford were merced in the Guild hall of London, for baking vnder the size appoynted. These Bakers of Stratford left seruing of this citie, I knowe not vpon what occasion, about 30. yeares since.

In the yeare 1519, a petition was exhibited by the commons to the common councell, and was by them allowed, concerning the Leaden hall, howe they would haue it vsed,
viz. 'Meekely beseeching sheweth vnto your good Lordship, and Maisterships, diuerse Citizens of this Cittie, which vnder correction thinke, that the great place called the Leaden hall, should nor ought not to be letten to farme, to any person or persons, and in especiall to any fellowship or companie incorpor-  
ate, to haue and hold the same hall for tearme of yeares, for such inconueniences as thereby may ensue, and come to the hurt of the common weale of the said Citie, in time to come, as some what more largely may appeare in the Articles following.

'First, if any assembly, or hastie gathering of the commons of the said Citie for suppressing or subdued of misruled people within the saide Citie, hereafter shall happen to be called or commanded by the Maior, Aldermen, and other gouernors and counsellors of the said Citie for the time being, there is none so conuenient meete and necessarie a place to assemble them in, within the saide citie, as the saide Leaden hall, both for largenes of roome, and for their sure defence in time of their counselling togither about the premises. Also in that place hath been vsed the Artillerie, Guns, and other armors of the said citie, to be safelie kept in a readines for the safegard, wealth, and defence of the said citie, to bee had and occupied at times when neede required. As also the store of tymber for the necessarie reparations of the tenements belonging to the chamber of the said citie, there commonly hath been kept. Item if any triumph or noblenesse were to be done, or shewed by the communaltie of the citie for the honour of our soueraigne Lord the King, and realme, and for the worship of the said Citie, the saide Leaden hall is most meete and conuenient place to prepare and order the said triumph therein, and from thence to issue forth to the places therefore appoynted. Item, at any largesse or dole of any money made vnto the poore people of this Citie, it hath beene vsed to bee done and giuen in the said Leaden hall, for that the saide place is most meete therefore. Item, the honourable father, that was maker of the said hall, had a speciall will, intent and minde, that (as it is commonly said) the Market men and women that came to the Citie with victuals and other things, should haue their free standing within the said Leaden Hall
in wet weather, to keepe themselves and their wares drie, and thereby to encourage them, and all other to haue the better will and desire the more plenteously to resort to the said Cittie, to victuall the same. And if the saide Hall should be letten to farme, the will of the said honourable father should never be fulfilled nor take effect. Item, if the said place, which is thechiefe fortresse and most necessarie place within all the Cittie, for the tuition and safeguard of the same, should bee letten to farme out of the handes of the chiefe heads of the same Cittie, and especially | to an other bodie politique, it might at length by likelihood be occasion of discord and debate betweene the saide bodies politique, which God defend.

‘For these and many other great and reasonable causes, which hereafter shall be shewed to this honorable Court, your said beseechers thinke it much necessarie, that the said hal be stil in the hands of this Cittie, and to be surely kept by sad and discreet officers, in such wise, that it may alway be readie to be vsed and occupied for the common weale of the said Cittie when need shall require, and in no wise to bee letten to any bodie politique.’ Thus much for the petition.

About the yeare 1534. great meanes was made about the Leaden Hall to haue the same made a Bursse for the assemblie of marchants, as they had been accustomed in Lombard-street, many common counsellers were called to that ende: but in the yeare 1535. John Champneis being Maior, it was fully concluded that the Bursse should remaine in Lombard streete, as afore, and Leaden hall no more to be spoken of concerning that matter.

The use of Leaden hall in my youth was thus: In a part of the North quadrant on the East side of the North gate, was the common beames for weighing of wooll, and other wares, as had beene accustomed: on the west side the gate was the scales to way meale: the other three sides were reserved for the most part to the making and resting of the pageants shewed at Midsommer in the watch: the remnant of the sides and quadrants were imploied for the stowage of wooll sackes, but not closed vp: the lofts aboue were victualls and the people to stand drie.
partly used by the painters in working for the decking of pageants and other devises, for beautifying of the watch and watchmen, the residue of the lofts were letten out to Marchants, the wool winders and packers therein to wind and packe their wools. And thus much for Leaden hall may suffice.

Now on the North of Limestreete warde in the high street are diverse faire houses for Marchants, and proper tenements for artificers, with an Alley also called Shaft alley, of the shaft or Maypole sometime resting over the gate thereof, as I haue declared in Aldgate warde. In the yeare 1576. partly at the charges of the parish of saint Andrew, and partly at the charges of the chamber of London, a water pome was raised in the high street of Limestreeete warde, neare vnto Limestreet corner: for the placing of the which pome, hauing broken vp the ground they were forced to digge more then two fadome deeppe before they came to any maine ground, where they found a hart made of Britain, or rather Roman Tile, euery Tile halfe yarde square, and about two inches thick: they found Coale lying there also (for that lying whole will neuer consume) then digging one fadome into the maine, they found water sufficient, made their prall, and set vp the pumpe, which pumpe with oft repayring and great charges to the Parish, continued not foure and twenty yeares, but being rotted, was taken vp, and a new set in place, in the yeare 1600. Thus much for the high streete.

In S. Marie street had ye of olde time a Parish Church of S. Marie the virgine, Saint Vrsula, and the 11000. virgins, which Church was commonly called S. Marie at the Axe, of the signe of an Axe, ouer against the East end thereof, or S. Marie Pellipar, of a plot of ground lying on the North side thereof, pertayning to the Skinners in London. This parish about the yeare 1565. was vnited to the Parish Church of S. Andrew Vundershaft, and so was S. Mary at the Axe suppressed, and letten out to bee a warehouse for a Marchant. Against the east end of this Church, was some time a faire wall, now turned to a pumpe. Also against the north end of this S. Mary street, was sometime one other parish church of S. Augustine, called S. Augustine in the wall, for that it
stood adjoyning to the wall of the Citie, and otherwise called S. Augustins Papey, or the poore, as I haue read in the raigne of Ed. the 3. About the yeare 1430 in the raigne of Henrie the sixt, the same church was allowed to the brethren of the Papey, the house of poore priests, whereof I haue spoken in Aldgate warde. The Parishioners of this Church were appointed to the Parish church of S. Austine in the wall of S. Augustin, being suppressed, the church of S. Augustin was pulled downe, and in place thereof one Grey a Potheacarie builded a stable, a hayloft, &c. It is now a dwelling house. Those two parish churches both lying in the ward of Lime-street, being thus suppressed, there is not any one parish church or place for divine service in that warde, but the inhabitantes thereof repaire to S. Peter in Cornhill warde, S. Andrew in Allegate warde, Alhallowes in the wall in Broadstreet ward, and some to S. Denis in Langborne warde.

Now because of late there hath beene some question, to what Warde this Church of S. Augustine Papey should of right belong, for the same hath beene challenged by them of Allegate Warde, and without reason taken into Bishopsgate Warde from Limestreeete Warde, I am somewhat to touch it. About 30. yeares since the Chamber of London granted a lease of ground (in these wordes) lying neare London wall in the ward of Limestreet, from the west of the said church or chappell of S. Augustine Papey towards Bishopsgate, &c. On the which plat of grounde the lease¹ builded three faire tenementes, and placed tennantes² there: these were charged to beare scot and lot, and some of them to beare office in Limestreeete warde: all which they did willingly without grudging. And when any suspected or disorderd persons were by the Landlord placed there, the officers of Limestreeete warde fetched them out of their houses, committed them to Warde, procured their due punishments, and banished them from thence: whereby in short time that place was reformed, & brought into good order, which thing being noted by

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¹ leasee 1633
² tennantes 1598; tenementes 1603
them of Allegate Warde, they mowed their Alderman Sir Thomas Offley to call in those houses to be of his Ward, but I my selfe shewing a faire ledgier booke sometime pertainyng to the late dissolved Priorie of the holy Trinity within Allegate, wherein were set down the iust boundes of Allegate warde, before Sir Thomas Offley, Sir Rowland Heyward, the common Counsell and Wardemote inquest of the saide Limestreete ward, Sir Thomas Offley gauue ouer his challenge: and so that matter rested in good quiet, vntill the yeare 1579. that Sir Richard Pype being Mayor, and Alderman of Bishopsgate warde challenged those houses to bee of his Warde, whereunto (without reason shewed) Sir Rowland Heyward yeelded: and thus is that side of the streete from the North corner of S. Mary streete almost to Bishopsgate (wherein is one plot of grounde letten by the Chamberlaine of London to the parrish of S. Martins Oteswicht, to be a churchyeard, or burying place for the dead of that parish, &c. vnjustly drawne and withholden from the warde of Limestreet. Divers other prooves I could set down, but this one following may suffice. The Mayor and Aldermen of London made a graunt to the fraternity of Papie, in these words: Be it remembred, that where now of late the master and wardens of the fraternity of the Papie, haue made a bricke wall, closing in the chappell of Saint Augustine called Papie chappell, situate in the parrish of All-Saintes in the wall, in the warde of Limestreete of the Cittie of London: from the southeast corner of the which bricke wall, is a skunchon of xxii. foote of assise from the said corner Eastward. And from the same skunchon there to a messuage of 55. foote & a halfe westward, the said skunchon breaketh out of line right southward betwixt the measures aforesaid, iii. foot, and five inches of assise, vpon the common ground of the city aforesaid, Raph Verney Mayor, and the Aldermen of the same citie, the xxii. day of October, the sixt yeare of Edward the fourth, graunted to John Hod Priest, master John Bolte, and Thomas Pachet priests, wardens of the fraternity of Papie aforesaid, and to their successors for euer, &c. yeelding iii.d. sterling yearly at Michaelmas, and this is, sayeth my booke, inrolled in the Guildhall of London: which is a sufficient
prooфе the same plot of ground to be of Limestreete warde and neuer otherwise accounted or challenged.

On the south side of this streete stretching west from S. Mary streete towards Bishopsgate streete, there was of olde time one large messuage builded of stone and timber, in the parish of S. Augustine in the wall, now in the parrish of Alhallowes in the same wall, belonging to the Earle of Oxeford, for Richard de Vere Earle of Oxeford possessed it in the 4. of Henry the fift, but in processe of time the landes of the Earle fell to femals, amongst the which one being married to Wingfelde of Suffolke, this house with the appurtenances fell to his lot, and was by his heire Sir Robert Wingfield sold to M. Edward Cooke, at this time the Queenes Attornay Generall. This house being greatly ruinated of late time, for the most part hath beene letten out to Powlters, for stabling of horses and stowage of Poultrie, but now lately new builded into a number of small tenements, letten out to strangers, and other meane people.

One note more of this Warde, and so an end. I finde of Recorde, that in the yeare 1371. the 45. of Edward the thirde, a great subsidie of 100000. pounde was graunted towards the Kinges warres in France, whereof the Cleargie paid 50000. pounde, and the laitie 50000. pound, to be leuitied to 39. shires of England, containing parishes 8600. of euery parrish 5. pounde xvi.s. the greater to helpe the lesser: this Cittie (as one of the shires) then containing 24. Wardes, and in them 110. parishes, was therefore assessed to 635.li. 12.s. whereof Limestreete ward did beare 34. shillinges and no more, so small a Warde it was and so accounted, as having no one whole parrish therein, but small portions onely of two parrishes in that warde. This warde hath an Alderman, his Deputie, common counsellors 4. Constables 4. Scavengers 2. Wardemote inquest 16. and a Beadle, and is taxed to the fifteene at i.li. 19.s. ii.d. ob.q.

Bishopsgate Warde

THE next is Bishopsgate warde, whereof a parte is without the gate and of the suburbes from the barres, by S. Maryt Warde.
Spittle, to Bishopsgate, and a part of Hounds ditch, almost halfe thereof, also without the wall is of the same Warde. Then within the gate is Bishopsgate streete, so called of the gate, to a Pumpe, where sometime was a fayre wel with two buckets by the East ende of the parrish Church of S. Martin Otoswich, and then winding by the West corner of Leaden hall down Grasse street to the corner ouer against Grasse Church, and this is the boundes of that Warde.

Monumentes most to bee noted, are these: the Parrish church of S. Buttolph without Bishopsgate in a fayre Church-yeard, adioyning to the Town Ditch vpon the very banke thereof, but of olde time inclosed with a comely wall of bricke, lately repayred by Sir William Allen Mayor, in the yeare 1571. because he was borne in that parrish, where also he was buried: an Ancris by Bishopsgate receyued 40. s. the yeare of the Shiriffes of London.

Now without this Churchyearde wall is a causeye leading to a quadrant, called Petty Fraunce, of Frenchmen dwelling there, and to other dwelling houses, lately builded on the banke of the saide ditch by some Cittizens of London, that more regarded their owne private gaine, then the common good of the Cittie: for by meanes of this causeye raysed on the banke, and soylage of houses, with other filthines cast into the ditch, the same is now forced to a narrow channel, and almost filled vp with vnscourie things, to the daunger of impoysoning the whole Cittie.

Next vnto the parrish church of S. Buttolph, is a fayre Inne for receipt of Trauellers: then an Hospitall of S. Mary of Bethleam, founded by Simon Fitz Mary one of the Sheriffes of London in the yeare 1249. He founded it to haue beene a Priorie of Cannons with brethren and sisters, and king Edward the thirde granted a protection, which I haue seene, for the brethren Milicæ beate Marïæ de Bethlem, within the Citty of London, the 14. yeare of his raigne. It was an Hospitall for distracted people, Stephen Geminges Marchant Taylor gaue 40. li. toward purchase of the patronage by his Testament 1523. the Mayor and Communality purchased the patronage thereof with all the landes and tenementes thereunto belonging, in the yeare 1546. the same yeare King Henry
the eight gauz this Hospitall vnto the Cittie: the Church and Chappell whereof were taken downe in the raigne of Queene Elisabeth, and houses builded there, by the Gounvours of Christes Hospitall in London. In this place people that bee distrait in wits, are by the suite of their friendes receyued and kept as afoe, but not without charges to their bringers in. In the yeare 1569. Sir Thomas Roe Marchant Taylor, Mayor, caused to bee enclosed with a Wall of bricke, about one acre of ground, being part of the said Hospitall of Bethelem, to wit on the banke of deepe ditch so called, parting the saide Hospitall of Bethelem from the More field: this he did for buriall, and ease of such parrishes in London, as wanted ground convenient within their parrishes. The Lady his wife was there buried (by whose perswasion he inclosed it) but himselfe borne in London was buried in the parrish church of Hackney.

From this hospitall Northwarde vpon the streetes side many houses haue beene builded with Alleys backward of late time too much pesterd with people (a great cause of infection) vp to the barres.

The other side of this high streete from Bishopsgate & Hounds ditch, the first building, a large Inne for receipt of travellers, and is called the Dolphin of such a signe. In the yeare 1513. Margaret Ricrof widow, gaue this house, with the Gardens, and appurtenances, vnto William Gam, R. Clye, their wifes, her daughters, and to their heyrnes, with condition, they yearly to giue to the warden or govenour of the gray Friers Church within Newgate fortie shillings, to find a student of Diuinitie in the Universitie for ever. Then is there a faire house of late builded by John Powlet. Next to that, a farre Fishers Folly, more large and beautifull house with Gardens of pleasure, bowling Alleys, and such like, builded by Jasper Fisher, free of the Goldsmiths, late one of the six Clarks of the Chauncerie, and a Justice of peace. It hath since for a time beene the Earle of Oxfords place. The Queenes Maiestie Elisabeth hath lodged there. It now belongeth to Sir Roger Manars. This house being so large and sumptuously builded by a man of no greater calling, possessions or wealth, (for he was in-
debted to many) was mockingly called Fishers folly, and a Rithme was made of it, and other the like, in this manner.

Kirkebyes Castell, and Fishers Follie, Spinilas pleasure, and Megses glorie.

And so of other like buildings about the Cittie, by Citizens, men haue not letted to speake their pleasure.

From Fishers Follie vp to the west end of Berwards lane, of olde time so called, but now Hogge lane, because it meeteth with Hogge lane, which commeth from the Barres without Aldgate, as is afore shewed, is a continuall building of tene-
ments, with Alleys of Cottages, pestered, &c. Then is there a large close called Tasell close sometime, for that there were Tasels planted for the use of Clothworkers: since letten to the Crosse-bow-makers, wherein they vused to shoote for games at the Popingeay: now the same being inclosed with a bricke wall, serueth to be an Artillerieyard, whereunto the Gunners of the Tower doe weekly | repaire, namely euerie Thursday, and there leuelling certaine Brasse pieces of great Artillerie against a But of earth, made for that purpose, they dis-
charge them for their exercise. Then haue ye the late dissolved Priorie and Hospital, commonly called Saint Marie Spittle, founded by Walter Brune, and Rosia his wife, for Canons regular, Walter Archdeacon of London laid the first stone, in the yeare 1197. William of Saint Marie Church then Bishop of London, dedicated to the honour of Iesus Christ, and his Mother the perpetuall virgin Marie, by the name of Donus Dei, and Beatae Mariae, extra Bishopsgate, in the Parish of S. Buttolph, the bounds whereof, as appeareth by composition betwixt the person, and Prior of the said Hos-
pittal concerning tithes, beginneth at Berwards lane toward the South, and extendeth in breadth to the parish of Saint Leonard of Soresditch towards the North, and in length, from the Kings streete on the west to the Bishops of Londons field, called Lollesworth on the East. The Prior of this Saint Marie Spittle, for the emortising and propriation of the Priorie of Bikenacar in Essex to his said house of Saint Marie Spittle, gaue to Henrie the seventh 400. pounds in the 22. of his raigne. This Hospital, surrendered to Henrie the eight,
was valued to dispend 478. pounds, wherein was found, besides
ornaments of the Church, and other goods pertaining to the
Hospitall, 180. beds well furnished, for receipt of the poore.
For it was an Hospitall of great reliefe. Sir Henrie Plesington
knight was buried there, 1452.

In place of this Hospitall, and neare adjoyning, are now
many faire houses builted, for receipt and lodging of worship-
full persons. A part of the large Church yeard pertaining to
this Hospitall, and seuered from the rest with a Bricke wall,
yet remaineth as of olde time, with a Pulpit Crosse therein,
somewhat like to that in Paules Church yard. And against
the said Pulpet on the Southside, before the chernell and
Chappell of Saint Edmond the Bishop, and Marie Magdalen,
which chappell was founded about the yeare 1391. by William
Euesham Citizen and Peperer of London, who was there
buried, remaineth also one faire builded house in two stories in
height for the Maior, and other honourable persons, with the
Aldermen and Shiriffes to sit in, there | to heare the Sermons
preached in the Easter holydayes. In the loft ouer them
stood the Bishop of London, and other Prelates, now the
ladies, and Aldermens wiuies doe there stand at a fayre
window, or sit at their pleasure. And here is to be noted,
that time out of minde, it hath beene a laudable custome, that
on good Friday in the after noone, some especiall learned
man, by appoyntment of the Prelats, hath preached a Sermon
at Paules crosse, treating of Christs passion : and vpon the
three next Easter Holydayes, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednes-
day, the like learned men, by the like appoyntment, haue used
to preach on the forenoones at the sayde Spittle, to perswade
the Article of Christs resurrection : and then on low Sunday,
one other learned man at Paules Crosse, to make rehearsall
of those foure former Sermons, either commending or reprou
them, as to him by judgement of the learned Diuines was
thought conuenient. And that done, he was to make a
sermon of his owne studie, which in all were fiue sermons in
one. At these sermons so seuerally preached, the Maior,
with his brethren the Aldermen were accustomed to bee
present in their Violets at Paules on good Fryday, and in
their Scarlets at the Spittle in the Holidayes, except Wednes-
day in violet, and the Maior with his brethren, on low sunday in scarlet, at Paules Crosse, continued vntill this day.

Touching the antiquitie of this custome, I finde that in the yeare 1398. king Richard hauing procured from Rome, confirmation of such statutes, and ordinances, as were made in the Parliament, begun at Westminster, and ended at Shrewsburie, hee caused the same confirmation to be read and pronounced at Paules Crosse, and at saint Marie spittle in the sermons before all the people. Philip Malpas one of the shiriffes in the yeare 1439. gaue 20. shillings by the yeare to the three preachers at the Spittle: Stephen Forster Maior, in the yeare 1454. gaue fortie pounds to the preachers at Paules crosse & Spittle. I finde also that the afore said house, wherein the Maior and Aldermen do sit at the Spittle, was builded for that purpose of the goods, & by the Executors of Richard Rawson Alderman, & Isabell his wife, in the yeare 1488. In the year 1594. this Pulpit being old, was taken down, and a new set vp, the Preachers face turned towards the south, which was before toward the west, also a large house on the east side of the said Pulpit, was then builded for the governors and children of Christes Hospittall to sit in: and this was done of the goods of William Elkens Alderman, late deceased, but within the first yeare, the same house decaying, and like to haue fallen, was againe with great cost repayed at the Cities charge. On the East side of this Churchyard lieth a large field, of olde time called Lolesworth, now Spittle field, which about the yeare 1576. was broken vp for Clay to make Bricke, in the digging whereof many earthen pots called Vrns, were found full of Ashes, and burnt bones of men, to wit, of the Romanes that inhabited here: for it was the custome of the Romanes to burne their dead, to put their Ashes in an Vrna, and then burie the same with certaine ceremonies, in some field appoynted for that purpose, neare vnfo their Citie: everie of these pots had in them with the Ashes of the dead, one peece of Copper mony, with the inscription of the Emperour then reigning: some of them were of Claudius, some of Vespasian, some of Nero, of Anthonius Pius, of Traianus, and others: besides those Vrnas, many other pots were there found, made of a white earth with long necks, and handels, like to our
stone Jugges: these were emptie, but seemed to be buried full of some liquid matter long since consumed and soaked through: for there were found diuerse vials and other fashioned Glasses, some most cunningly wrought, such as I haue not seene the like, and some of Christall, all which had water in them, nothing differing in clearnesse, taste, or sauour from common spring water, what so euer it was at the first: some of these Glasses had Oyle in them verie thicke, and earthie in sauour, some were supposed to haue balme in them, but had lost the vertue: many of those pots and glasses were broken in cutting of the clay, so that few were taken vp whole. There were also found diuerse dishes and cups of a fine red coloured earth, which shewed outwardly such a shining smoothnesse, as if they had beeone of Currall¹, those had in the bottomes Romane letters printed, there were also lampes of white earth and red, artificially wrought with diuerse antiques about them, some three or foure. Images made of white earth, about a span long each of them: one I remember was of Pallas, the rest I haue forgotten. I my selfe haue reserved amongst diuerse of those antiquities there, one Vrna, with the Ashes and bones, and one pot of white earth very small, not exceeding the quantitie of a quarter of a wine pint, made in shape of a Hare, squatted vpon her legs, and betweene her eares is the mouth of the pot. There hath also beene found in the same field diuers coffins of stone, containing the bones of men: these I suppose to bee the burials of some especiall persons, in time of the Brytons, or Saxons, after that the Romanes had left to gouerne here. Moreover there were also found the sculls and bones of men without coffins, or rather whose coffins (being of great timber) were consumed. Diuerse great nailes of Iron were there found, such as are used in the wheeles of shod Carts, being each of them as bigge as a mans finger, and a quarter of a yard long, the heades two inches ouer, those nailes were more wondred at then the rest of thinges there found, and many opinions of men were there vttred of them, namely that the men there buried were murdered by driuing those nailes into their heads, a thing vnlikely, for a smaller naile would more

¹ Currall] 1598; currell 1603
aptly serve to so bad a purpose, and a more secret place would lightly be employed for their burial. But to set downe what I haue obserued concerning this matter, I there behelde the bones of a man lying (as I noted) the heade North, the feete South, and round about him, as thwart his head, along both his sides, and thwart his feete, such nailes were found, wherefore I conjectured them to be the nailes of his coffin, which had beene a trough cut out of some great tree, and the same couered with a planke, of a great thickness, fastned with such nailes, and therefore I caused some of the nailes to bee reached vp to mee, and found vnder the broad heads of them, the olde wood, skant turned into earth, but still retaining both the graine, and proper colour: of these nailes with the wood vnder the head thereof, I reserved one, as also the nether iaw bone of the man, the teeth being great, sound, and fixed, which amongst other many monuments there found, I haue yet to shew, but the nayle lying drie, is by scaling greatly wasted. And thus much for this part of Bishopsgate warde, without the gate: for I haue in another place spoken of the gate, and therefore I am to speake of that other parte of this warde, which lieth within the gate.

And first to begin on the left hand of Bishopsgate street, from the gate ye haue certaine Tenements of olde time pertaining to a brotherhood of S. Nicholas, granted to the Parish Clarkes of London, for two Chaplens to be kept in the Chapple of S. Marie Magdalen neare vnto the Guild hall of London, in the 27. of Henrie the sixt. The first of these houses towards the North, and against the wall of the Citie, was sometime a large Inne or Court called the Wrestlers, of such a signe, and the last in the high streete towards the South, was sometime also a fayre Inne called the Angell, of such a signe. Amongst these said Tenements was on the same streete side a fayre Entrie or Court to the common hall of the saide Parish Clarkes, with proper Almeshouses seauen in number adjoyning, for poore Parish Clarkes, and their wives, their widowes, such as were in great yeares not able to labour. One of these by the sayd Brotherhoode of Parish Clarkes was

1 fast fixed] 1598; fixe 1603
allowed sixteene pence the weeke, the other s ix e had each of them nine pence the weeke, according to the pattent thereof granted. This Brotherhoode amongst other being suppressed: In the raigne of Edward the sixt, the said Hall with the other buildings there, was giuen to sir Robert Chester, a knight of Cambridge shire, against whome the Parish Clarkes commencing sute, in the raigne of Queene Marie, and being like to haue preuayled, the saide Sir Robert Chester pulled downe the Hall, sold the timber, stone, and lead, and thereupon the sute was ended. The Almeshouses remaine in the Queenes handes, and people are their placed, such as can make best friendes: some of them taking the pension appoynted, haue let forth their houses for great rent, giving occasion to the Parson of the Parish to chalenge tythes of the poore, &c.

Next vnto this is the small Parish Church of Saint Ethelburge virgin, and from thence some small distance is a large court called little S. Helens, because it pertained to the Nuns of Saint Helens, and was their house: there are seuen Almes roomes or houses for the poore, belonging to the companie of Leathersellers. Then some what more West is another Court with a winding lane, which commeth out agaynst the west ende of Saint Andrew Vndershaft Church. In this court standeth the church of S. Helen, sometime a Priorie of blacke Nuns, and in the same a parish Church of Saint Helen.

This Priorie was founded before the raigne of Henrie the third. William Basing Deane of paules was the first founder, and was there buried, and William Basing one of the Shiriffes of London, in the second yeare of Edward the second, was holden also to be a founder, or rather an helper there: this Priorie being valued at 314. pound two shillings sixe pence, was surrendred the 25. of Noouember, the thirtie of Henrie the eight, the whole Church, the partition betwixt the Nuns Church, and Parish Church being taken downe, remaineth now to the Parish, and is a faire Parish Church, but wanteth such a steeple as Sir Thomas Gresham promised to haue builded, in recompence of ground in their Church filled vp with his monument. The Nuns hall and other housing thereunto appertaining, was since purchased by the Companie of the Lathersellers, and is their common Hall: which hall.
companie was incorporate in the 21. yeare of Richard the second.


Then haue ye one great house called Crosby place, because the same was builded by sir John Crosby Grocer, and Woolman, in place of certaine\(^1\) Tenements, with their appurtenances letten to him by Alice Ashfed Prioresse of saint Helens, and the Couent for ninetie nine\(^2\) yeares, from the yeare 1466. vnto the yeare 1565, for the annuall rent of eleuen pound sixe shillings 8. pence. This house he builded of stone and timber, verie large and beautifull, and the highest at that time in London: he was one of the Shiriffs, and an Alderman in the yeare

\(^1\) certaine\(^2\) nine\(^3\) neene
1470, knighted by Edward the fourth, in the yere 1471, and deceased in the yeare 1475 so short a time enjoyed hee that his large and sumptuous building. He was buried in saint Helens, the Parish Church, a fayre monument of him and his Ladie is rysed there: he gau towards the reforming of that Church fiue hundred Markes, which was bestowed with the better, as appeareth by his Armes, both in the stone worke, roofe of timber, and glasing. I holde it a fable saide of him, to bee named Crosbie, of being found by a crosse, for I haue read of other to haue that name of Crosbie before him, namely, in the yeare 1406. the seuenth of Henrie the fourth, the sayde King gaue to his servaunt John Crosbie, the wardship of Ioan daughter and sole heyre to John Iordaine Fishmonger, &c. This Crosbie might bee the Father, or Grandfather to sir John Crosbie.

Richard Duke of Glocester, and Lord Protector, afterward king by the name of Richard the third, was lodged in this house: since the which time among other, Anthonie Bonvive a rich Marchant of Italie dwelled there, after him Germain Cioll: then William Bond Alderman increased this house in height with building of a Turret on the top thereof: hee deceased in the yeare 1576, and was buried in saint Helens Church: divers Ambassa|dors haue beene lodged there, namely in the yeare 1586. Henrie Ramelius Chauncellor of Denmarke, Ambassadour vnto the Queenes Maiestie of England from Fredericke the seconde, the King of Denmarke: an Ambassa| dor of France, &c. sir John Spencer Alderman lately purchased this house, made great reparations, kept his Maioralitie there, and since builded a most large warehouse neare therevnto.

From this Crosbie place vp to Leaden hall corner, and so downe Grasestreete, amongst other tenements, are diuere faire and large builded houses for Marchants, and such like.

Now for the other side of this warde, namely the right hande, hard by within the gate is one faire water Conduite, which Thomas Knesworth Maior, in the yere 1505. founded, he gaue 60l. the rest was furnished at the common charges of the Citie. This Conduit hath since beene taken downe, and new builded. David Woodroofe Alderman gaue twentie poundes towards the conuayance of more water therevnto.
From this Conduit haue ye amongst many faire Tenements, diuere fayre Innes, large for receipt of travellers, and some houses for men of worship, namely one most spacios of all other thereabout, builded of Bricke and Timber, by sir Thomas Gresham, knight, who deceas’d in the yeare 1579. and was buried in saint Helens church, vnder a faire Monument by him prepared in his life. He appoynted by his Testament, this house to be made a Colledge of Readers as before is said in the Chapter of schooles and houses of learning.

Somewhat west from this house is one other very faire house, wherein sir William Hollies kept his Maioraltie, and was buried in the Parish church of saint Helen. Sir Andrew Iud also kept his Maioraltie there, and was buried at saint Helens: hee builded Almshouses for six poore Almes people neare to the saide Parish Church, and gaue lands to the Skinners, out of the which they are to giue 4. shillings every weeke, to the six poore Almes people, eight pence the piece, and fiue and twentie shillings foure pence the yere in coales amongst them for ever.

Alice Smith of London widdow, late wife of Thomas Smith of the same Cittie Esquier, and Customer of the Porte of London, in her last Will and Testament bequeathed landes to the valew of fifteen poundes by the yeare for ever, to the Company of Skinners, for the augmenting of the pensions of certaine poor, inhabiting in 8. Almes houses, erected by Sir Andrew Iud knight her father, in the parrish of great S. Helens in Bishopsgate streete in London, shee hath also giuen in her saide last will and Testament in other charitable vses, as to the Hospitals and to the poore of other Parrishes and good preachers, the some of 300.li. As also to the poore schollers in the 2. Uniurersities of Oxford and Cambridge, the sum of 200.li. of which her last Will and Testament shee made her sons Thomas Smith late Shiriffe of London, and Richard and Robert Smith her Executors, who haue performed the same according to her godly and charitable mind.

Then in the very west corner ouer against the East ende of saint Martins Oteswich church (from whence the street windeth towards the south) you had of olde time a faire well with two bucketers so fastned, that the drawing vp of the one, let
downe the other, but now of late that well is turned into a pumpe.

From this to the corner ouer against the Leaden hall, and so downe Grasse streete, are many faire houses for Marchants, and artificers, and many fayre Innes for travellers, euen to the corner where that ward endeth, ouer against Grasse church: and thus much for this Bishops gate warde shall suffice: which hath an Alderman, two Deputies, one without the gate, another within, common counsellers six, Constables seuen, Scauengers seuen, for Wardmote inquest thirteene, and a Beede: it is taxed to the fifteene at thirteene pound.

Brodestreete warde

The next is Brodestreete warde, which beginneth within Bishopsgate, from the water conduit westward on both the sides of the streete, by Alhallowes church to an Iron grate on the channell which runneth into the water course of Walbrooke before ye come to the Posterne called Mooregate: and this is the farthest west part of that ward. Then haue ye Brodestreete, whereof the ward taketh name, which stretcheth out of the former street, from the East corner of Alhallowes churchyard, somewhat South to the parish Church of saint Peter the Poore on both sides, and then by the southgate of the Augustine Friers west, downe Throkmorton streete by the Drapers hall into Lothburie, to another grate of Iron ouer the channell there, whereby the water runneth into the course of Walbrooke, vnder the East end of saint Margarets Church, certaine posts of timber are there set vp: and this is also the farthest west part of this ward, in the said street. Out of the which streete runneth vp Bartholomew lane south to the north side of the Exchange, then more East out of the former street from ouer against the Friers Augustines church south gate, runneth vp another part of Brodestreete, south to a Pumpe ouer against Saint Bennets church. Then haue ye one other streete called Three needle streete, beginning at the Well with two buckets, by saint Martins Otoswich Church wall. This streete runneth downe on both sides to Finkes lane, and halfe way vp that lane, to a gate of a Marchants house on the West
side, but not so farre on the East, then the foresaid streete, from this Finkes lane runneth downe by the Royall Exchange to the Stockes, and to a place formerly called Scalding house, or Scalding wicke, but now Scalding Alley, by the west side whereof vnder the parish Church of saint Mildred runneth the course of Walbrooke; and these bee the bounds of this warde. Speciall monuments therein are these. First the parish church of Alhallowes in the wall, so called of standing close to the wal of the Citie, in which haue beene buried Thomas Durerr Esquire, and Margaret his wife, Robert Beele Esquire 1601. On the other side of that streete, amongst many proper houses possessed for the most part by Curriers is the Carpenters hall, which companie was incorporated in the 17. yeare of king Edward the fourth.

Then East from the Curriers rowe, is a long and high wall of stone, inclosing the north side of a large Garden adioynyng to as large an house, builed in the raigne of king Henrie the eight, and of Edward the sixt, by sir William Powlet, Lord Treasurer of England: through this Garden, which of olde time consisted of diuerse parts, now united, was sometimes a faire foote way, leading by the west end of the Augustine Friers church straight North, and opened somewhat West from Alhallowes Church against London wall towards Moregate, which footeway had gates at either end locked vp evry night, but now the same way being taken into those Gardens, the gates are closed vp with stone, whereby the people are forced to go about by saint Peters church, and the East end of the said Friers Church, and all the saide great place and Garden of sir William Powlet to London wall, and so to Moregate.

This great house adioynyng to the Garden aforesaid, stretcheth to the North corner of Brodestreete, and then turneth vp Brodestreete all that side to and beyond the East end of the saide Friers church. It was builded by the said Lord Treasurer in place of Augustine Friers house, cloyster, and gardens, &c. The Friers Church he pulled not downe, but the West end thereof inclosed from the steeple, and Quier, was in the yeare 1550. graunted to the Dutch Nation in London, to be their preaching place: the other part, namely
the steeple, Quier and side Isles to the Quier adjoyning, he reserued to housholde vses, as for stowage of corne, coale, and other things, his sonne and heyre Marques of Winchester sold the Monuments of noble men there buried in great number, the pauing stone, and whatsoever (which cost many thousands) for one hundred pound, and in place thereof made fayre stabling for horses. He caused the Leade to be taken from the roofes, and laid tile in place, which exchange prooved not so profitable as he looked for, but rather to his disaduantage.

On the East side of this Brodestreete amongst other buildings, on the backe part of Gresham house, which is in Bishops gate streete, be placed eight proper almes houses, builded of Bricke and timber by sir Thomas Gresham knight, for eight Almes men, which be now there placed rent free, and receive each of them by his gift sixe pounde, thirteene shillinges foure pence yearely for euer.

Next vnto Paulet house, is the Parish Church of saint Peter the Poore, so called for a difference from other of that name, sometime peraduenture a poore Parish, but at this present there be many fayre houses, possessed by rich marchants and other. Buried in this Church, Richard Fitzwilliams Marchant Tayler, 1520. sir William Roch Maior, 1540. Martin Calthrope Maior, 1588.

Then next haue ye the Augustin Friers Church, and Church yard, the entring there vnto, by a southgate, to the west Porch a large Church, hauing a most fine spired steeple, small, high, and streight, I haue not seene the like: founded by Humfrey Bohun Earle of Hereford and Essex, in the yeare 1253. Reginald Cobham gaue his messuage in London to the enlarging thereof, in the yeare 1344. Humfrey Bohun Earle of Hereford and Essex, reedified this Church in the yeare 1354. whose bodie was there buried in the Quier. The small spired steeple of this Church was ouerthrown by tempest of wind, in the yeare 1362. but was raised of new as now it standeth to the beautifying of the Citie. This I house was valued at 57. pound, and was surrendred the 12. of Nouember the thirtieth of Henry the eight.

There lye buried in this Fryers church, amongst others,
Edmond first sonne to Ioan, mother to king Richard the seconde, Guy de Mercke Earle of S. Paule, Lucie Countes of Kent, and one of the Heyres of Barnabie Lorde of Millaine, with an Epitaph, Dame Ide wife to Sir Thomas West, Dame Margaret West, Stephen Lindericle Esquier, Sir Humfrey Bohun Earle of Hereford and Essex, Lord of Brekenake, Richard the great Earle of Arundell, Surrey and Warren, beheaded, 1397. Sir Edward Arundell, and Dame Elizabeth his wife, Sir Frauncis Atcourt, Earle of Pembroke, which married Alice sister to the Earle of Oxeford: Dame Lucie Knowles of Kent, Sir Peter Garinssers of France, the Lord John Vere Earle of Oxeford, beheaded on the Tower Hill, 1463. Aubry de Vere sonne and heire to the Earle of Oxeford, Sir Thomas Tudnam Knight, William Bourser, Lord Fitz Warren, Sir Thomas de la Lande Knight, Dame Ioan Noris the Ladie of Bedorde, Anne daughter to John Vicount Welles, Walter Neuell Esquier, Sir John Manners Knight, the wife of Sir David Cradocke Knight, the mother to the Lord Spencers wife, Sir Bartlemew Rodlegate, Iohn sonne to Sir John Wingfield, Sir Walter Meues, Robert Newenton Esquier, Philip Spencer sonne to Sir Hugh Spencer, Dame Isabell daughter to Sir Hugh. The Lorde Barons slaine at Barnet field, buried there, 1471. In the body of the church, Dame Iulian wife to Sir Richard Lacie, Sir Thomas Courtney sonne to the Earle of Deuonshire, and by him his sister, wedded to Cheuerstone, the Daughter of the Lorde Beamont, two sonnes of Sir Thomas Morley to wit William and Raph, Sir William Talmage Knight, Nicholas Blondell Esquier, Sir Richard Chamberlainne, Iohn Halton Gentleman, Sir Iohn Gifford Knight, Thomas Manningham Esquier, Sir William Kenude Knight, Sir William sonne to Sir Thomas Terill, Iohn Surell Gentleman. In the East Wing Margaret Barentin Gentlewoman, Iohn Spicer Esquier, and Letis his wife, Iohn le Percers Esquier, Roger Chibary Esquier, Peter Morens | Esquier, Thomas sonne to Sir William Beckland, Iames Cuthing Esquier, Iohn Chornet Esquier, William Kenley Esquier, Margery wife to Thomas Band and daughter to Iohn Huch, the Lorde William Marques of Barkeley and Earle of Nottingham, and Dame Icane his wife. In the West Wing Sir Iohn Tirrill, and

On the south side and at the West end of this Church, many fayre houses are builded, namely in Throgmorton streete, one very large and spacious, builded in the place of olde and small Tenementes by Thomas Cromwell Maister of the kings Iewell house, after that Maister of the Rols, then Lord Cromwell knight, Lord priuie seale, Vicker Generall, Earle of Essex, high Chamberlaine of England, &c. This house being finished, and hauing some reasonable plot of ground left for a Garden, hee caused the pales of the Gardens adioyning to the northe parte thereof on a sodaine to bee taken downe, 22. foot to bee measured forth right into the north of euery mans ground, a line there to bee drawne, a trench to be cast, a foundation laid, and a high bricke Wall to bee builded. My Father had a Garden there, and an house standing close to his south pale, this house they lowsed from the ground, & bare upon Rowlers into my Fathers Garden 22. foot, ere my Father heard thereof, no warning was giuen him, nor other an|swere, when hee spake to the surveyers of that worke, but that their Mayster sir Thomas commaundd them so to doe, no man durst go to argue the matter, but each man lost his land, and my Father payde his whole rent, which was vi.s. viii.d. the yeare, for that halfe which was left. Thus much of mine owne knowledge haue I thought good to note, that the suddaine rising of some men, causeth them to forget themselues.
The Company of the Drapers in London bought this house, and now the same is their common Hall, this Company obtayned of king Henry the sixt, in the seauenteenth of his raigne to bee incorporate, John Gidney was chosen to bee their first Maister, and the foure Wardens were, I. Wotton, I. Darbie, Robert Breton, and T. Cooke. The Armes graunted to the said Company by sir William Bridges Knight, first Gartier king at Armes in Blason are thus: Three sunne Beames issuing out of three crowdes of flame, crowned with three Crownes imperials of gold, vpon a shield azure. From this hall on the same side down to the grates and course of Walbrook haue ye diuers faire houses for marchantes and other, from the which grates backe againe on the other side is Lethbury, so called in Record of Edward the third, the 38. yeare, and now corruptly called Lothbury, are candlesticke founders placed, till yee come to Bartholomew lane, so called of S. Bartholomewes church, at the southeast corner thereof. In this lane also are diuers faire builded houses on both sides, and so likewise haue ye in the other street, which stretcheth from the Fryers Augustins south gate, to the corner over against S. Bennets Church. In this street amongst other fayre buildings the most ancient was of old time an house pertayning to the Abbot of S. Albans, John Catcher Alderman now dwelleth there: then is the free schoole pertayning to the late dissolved Hospitall of saint Anthony, whereof more shall bee shewed in an other place, and so vppe to Three Needle streete. On the south parte of which streete, beginning at the East, by the Well with two Buckets, now turned to a Pumpe, is the Parrish Church of saint Martin called Oteswich, of Martin de Oteswich, Nicholas de Oteswich, William Oteswich, & John Oteswich founders thereof. There bee monumentes in this Church, of William Constantine Alderman, and Emme his wife, Katherine wife to Benedick Augustine, Sir William Drifield knight, John Oteswich and his wife vnder a fayre monument on the south side, John Churchman one of the Shiriffes, in the yeare 1385. Richard Naylor Taylor, Alderman, 1483. James Falleron, John Melchborne,

1 Lethbury] 1598; Lothbury 1603
Thomas Hey and Ellen his wife, William Clitherow & Margaret his wife, Oliuer and William sons to John Woodroffe esquier, Hugh Pemberton Taylor, Alderman, 1500. & Katherine his wife, Mathew Pemberton Merchant Taylor about 1514. he gaue 50. pound to the repayring of S. Lawrence Chappel. The aforesaid John Churchman for William and John Oteswich by licence of Henry the fourth, the 6. of his raigne gaue the aduowson or Patronage of this church, foure messuages, & 17. shops with the appurtenances in the parrish of S. Martins Oteswich, &c. to the Maister and Wardens of Taylors and linnen armorers, keepers of the Guild and fraternity of S. John Baptist in London, and to their successors in perpetuall almes, to bee employed on the poore Brethren and sisters, whereupon adjoyning vnto the West end of this parish church, the said maister & wardenes builded about a proper quadrant or squared court, seauen almeshouses, wherein they placed seauen almes men of that company, and their wiues (if they had wiues) each of these 7. of old time had xiiiid. the weeke, but now of later time their stipend by the said maister and Wardens hath bene augmented to the summe of xxvi.s. the quarter, which is v. pound iii.s. the yeare to each of them, besides coales: more, to each of them xx.s. the yeare by gift of Walter Fisk sometime mayster of that Company and Taylor to her Maiestie.

Some small distance from thence is the Merchant Taylors hal pertyning to the Guilde and fraternity of S. John Baptist, time out of mind called of Taylors and linnen armorers of London, for I find that King Edward the first in the 28 of his raigne confirmed this Guild by the name of Taylors and linnen armorers, and also gaue to the brethren thereof authority every yeare at midsommer to hold a feast, and to choose vnto them a gouernour, or Mayster with wardens: whereupon the same yeare 1300. on the feast day of the natuittie of Saint John Baptist, they chose Henry de Ryall to be their pilgrim, for the maister of this mistelrie (as one that travellled for the whole companie) was then so called vntil the 11. of Richard the second: and the foure wardens were then called Purueyors of almes, (now called quarterage) of the said fraternitie. This Marchant Taylors hall sometime pertaining
to a worshipful gentleman named Edmond Crepin, Dominus Creping after some Record, he in the yere of Christ 1331 the sixt of Edward the third, for a certaine summe of money to him paid, made his grant thereof by the name of his principal messuage in the wardes of Cornewhill and Brodestreete, which sir Oliver Ingham knight did then hold, to John of Yakley the kinges Paulion maker. This was called the new hal, or Taylers Inne, for a difference from their olde hall, which was aboute the backe side of the red Lion in Basing lane, and in the ward of Cordwayner streete.

The 21. of Edward the fourth, Thomas Holme, alias Claren- ciaulx king of Armes for the south part of England, granted by his pattents to the said fraternitie and guild of Saint John baptist, of Taylers and linnen Armourers, to beare in a field siller, a Paulion betwene two mantels imperial, purple, garnished with gold, in a chiefe Azure an holy Lambe, set within a sunne, the creast vpon the helme, a paulion purple garnished with gold, &c. After this king Henrie the seventh, being himselfe a brother of this fraternitie, or Guild of Saint John Baptist, of Taylers or linnen Armourers (as diuerse other his predecessors kings before him had beeone, to wit, Richard the thirde, Edward the fourth, Henrie the sixt, Henrie the fift, Henrie the fourth, and Richard the second). And for that diuerse of that fraternitie had time out of minde beeone great marchants, and had frequented all sortes of marchandises into most parts of the worlde, to the honour of the kinges realme, and to the great profite of his subjectes, & of his progenitors, and the men of the said misterie during the time aforesaid, had exercised the buying and selling of all wares and marchandises, especially of woollen cloth, as well in grosse, as by retaille, throughout all this realme of England, and chiefly within the said Citie, therefore he of his especiall grace did change, transferre, and translate the Guilde aforesaid, and did incorporate them into the name of the master and Wardens of the Marchant Taylers of the fraternitie of Saint John Baptist, in the Citie of London.

Some distance West from this the Marchant Taylers hall is Finkes lane, so called of Robert Finke, and Robert Finke his sonne, James Finke, and Rosamond Finke. Robert Finke the
elder new builded the parish Church of Saint Bennet commonly called Fink of the founder, his tenements were both of S. Bennets parish, and saint Martins Oteswich parish: the one halfe of this Finke lane is of Brodestreee warde, to wit, on the West side vp to the great and principall house wherein the saide Finke dwelled: but on the other side, namely the East, not so much towards Cornhill. Then without this lane in the foresaid Three needle streete, is the said parish Church of S. Bennet, a proper Church, in which are these monuments of the dead. Robert Simson, and Elizabeth his wife, Roger Strange Esquire, Treresse, William Coolby, John Frey, Thomas Briar Plummar, 1410, &c.

Some distance west is the Royall Exchaunge, whereof more shall be spoken in the warde of Cornhill, and so downe to the little Conduit, called the pissing Conduit, by the Stockes Market, and this is the southside of Three needle streete.

On the northside of this street from ouer against the East corner of S. Martins Oteswich Church haue yee diuere faire and large houses til you come to the hospital of S. Anthonie, sometime a Cell to saint Anthonies of Vienna. For I reade that King Henrie the third granted to the brotherhood of saint Anthonie of Vienna, a place amongst the Iewes, which was sometime their Sinagogue, and had beene builded by them about the yeare 1231, but the Christians obtained of the king, that it should be dedicated to our blessed Ladie, and since, an hospitall being there builded, was called saint Anthonies in London: it was founded in the parish of saint Bennet Finke, for a Master, two Priests, one schoolemaster and 12. poore men: after which foundation, amongst other things was giuen to this Hospitall one messuage and Garden, whereon was builded the faire large free schoole, and one other parcell of ground containing 37. foote in length, and 18. foote in breadth, whereon was builded the Almes houses of hard stone and timber, in the raigne of Henrie the 6. which said Henrie the 6. in the 20. of his raigne, gaue vnto John Carpentar, doctor of Diuinitie master of saint Anthonies Hospitall, and to his brethren, and their successors for euer, his Mannor of Poinington, with the appurtenances, with certaine pencers and portions of Milburne, Burnworth, Charlton, and vp Wim-
borne, in the Countie of Southampton, towards the main-
tenance of fve schollers in the Universitie of Oxford, to be 
brought vp in the facultie of Artes, after the rate of ten pence 
the weeke for euerie scholler: so that the sayde schollers be 
first instructed in the rudiments of Grammar at the Colledge 
of Eaton, founded by the said king.

In the yeare 1474. Edward the fourth granted to William 
Say, Batchler of Diuinitie, maister of the said Hospital, to 
hauue Priests, Clarkes, schollers, poore men, and brethren 
of the same, Clarkes, or lay men, Queresters, Procters, messengers, 
seruants in househould, and other things whatsoeuer, like as the 
Prior, and Couent of saint Anthonies of Vienna, &c. Hee 
also annexed, vnited, and appropriated the said Hospital, vnto 
the Collegiate Church of saint George in Windsore.

The Procters of this house were to collect the beneuolence 
of charitable persons, towards the building and supporting 
thereof. And amongst other things observeed in my youth, I 
remember that the Officers charged with oversight of the Markets 
in this Citie, did divers times take from the Market people pigs 
sterued, or otherwise vnholome for man's sustenance, these they 
slit in the eare: one of the Proctors for saint Anthonies tyed 
a Bell about the necke, and let it feede on the Dunguehils, no 
man would hurt, or take them vp, but if any gaued to them 
bread, or other feeding, such would they know, watch for, and 
dayly follow, whining till they had some what giuen them: 
whereupon was rysed a prouerbe, such a one will follow such 
a one, and whine as it were an Anthonie pig: but if such a pig 
grew to be fat, & came to good liking (as oft times they did) 
then the Proctor would take him vp to the use of the 
Hospital.

In the yeare 1499, sir John Tate, sometime Alebrewer, then 
a Mercer, caused his Brewhouse called the swan neere adjoyning 
to the sayd free Chappell, Colledge, or Hospital of saint 
Anthonie, to be taken downe for the enlarging of the Church, 
which was then newly builded, toward the building whereof 
the said Tate gaued great summes of money, and finished it 
in the yeare 1501. Sir John Tate deceased 1514. and was 
there buried vnder a fayre monument by him prepared, 
Doctor Tayler maister of the Rols, and other.
Walter Champion Draper, one of the Shiriffes of London 1529. was buried there, and gaue to the Beadmen twentie pound. The landes by yeare of this Hospittall were valued in the 37. yeare of Henrie the eight to bee fiftie five pound, sixe shillings eight pence.

One Johnson (a Schoolemaster of the famous freescoole there) became a Prebend of Windsor, and then by little and little followed the spoyle of this Hospittall: he first dissolued the Quire, conueyed the plate and ornaments, then the belts, and lastly put out the Almes men from their houses, appointing them portions of twelue pence the weeke to each (but now I heare of no such matter performed) their houses with other be letten out for rent, and the Church is a preaching place for the French nation.

This Schoole was commaundd in the raigne of Henry the sixt, and sitence also 1 aboue other, but now decayed, and come to nothing, by taking that from it what therunto belonged.

Next is the parish Church of Saint Bartholomew, at the end of Bartlemew lane. Thomas Pike Alderman, with the assistance of Nicholas Yoo, one of the Shiriffes of London, about the yeare 1438. new builded this Church, Sir John Fray knight was buried there, Margerie his daughter and heyre, wife to sir John Lepington knight, founded there a Chauntery the 21. of Edward the fourth. Alderban a Gascoyne was buried there: sir Wil. Capell Maior, 1509. added vnto this Church a proper chappell on the South side thereof, and was buried there: sir Giles Cappell was also buried there: James Wilford Tayler, one of the shiriffes 1499. appoynted by his Testament a Doctor of Diuinitie euerie good Fryday for euer, to preach there a Sermon of Christes passion, from 6. of the clocke, till 8. before noone, in the said church. Io. Wilford marchant tailer, Alderman, 1544. sir James Wilford, 1550. sir George Barne Maior, 1552. John Dent, Miles Cowerdale Bi. of Excester, Thomas Dancer & Anne his wife.

Then lower downe towards the Stocks Market, is the parish Church of Saint Christopher, but reedified of new: for Richard

1 also] 1598
Shore one of the sirschifles 1506. gaue money towards the building of the steeple. There lie buried Richard Sherington, 1392. who gaue landes to that Church, the Ladie Margaret Norford 1406. John Clauering 1421, who gaue lands thereunto, John Gidney 1 Draper, Maior, 1427. This Gidney 1 in the yeare 1444. wedded the widdow of Robert Large late Maior, which widdow had taken the Mantell and ring, and the vow to liue chast to God tearme of her life, for the breach whereof, the marriage done they were troubled by the Church, and put to penance, both he and she. William Hampton Maior, 1472. was a great benefactor, and glased some of the church windowes. sir William Martin Maior, 1492. Roger Achley Maior, 1511. hee dwelt in Cornehill warde, in a house belonging to Cobham Colledge, rented by the yeare 26. shillings, 8. pence, Robert Thorne Marchant Tayler, a Batchler, 1532. he gaue by his Testament in charitie, more then 4445. pounds: John Norryholme, Raph Batte, Alice Perciwall, Iane Drew, William Borresbie, John Broke, Richard Sutton, William Batte, James Well, Henrie Beacher Alderman, 1570.

West from this Church haue ye Skalding Alley, of old time called Scalding house, or Scalding wike, because that ground for the most part was then imploied by Poulterers that dwelled in the high streete, from the Stocks market to the great Conduit. Their poultrie which they sold at their stalles were scalded there, the street doth yet beare the name of the Poultrie, and the Poulterers are but lately departed from thence into other streets, as into Grasse street, and the ends of saint Nicholas flesh shambles. This Skalding Wike is the farthest west part of Brodestreete warde, and is by the water called Walbrooke parted from Cheap ward: this Brodestreete warde hath an Alderman, with his Deputie, common Counsellors ten, Constables ten, Scauengers eight, Wardmote inquest thirteene, and a Beedle. It is taxed to the fiftene, in London at seuen and twentie pound, and accounted in the Exchequer after twentie five pound.  

1 Gidney] 1598; Godnay 1603
Cornehill warde

The next warde towards the south, is Cornehill warde, so Cornehill ward. called of a corne Market, time out of minde there holden, and is a part of the principall high streeete, beginning at the west end of Leaden hall, stretching downe west on both the sides by the south end of Finks lane, on the right hand, and by the North ende of Birchouers lane, on the left part, of which lanes, to wit, to the middle of them, is of this warde, and so downe to the Stockes market, and this is the bounds. The vpper or East part of this warde, and also a part of Limestreeete warde, hath beene (as I saide) a market place, especially for Corne, and since for all kinds of victuals, as is partly shewed in Limestreeete warde. It appeareth of record, that in the yeare 1522, the Rippers of Rye and other places solde their fresh fish in Leaden hall Market, vpon Cornehill, but forraine Butchers were not admitted there to sell flesh, till the yeare 1533, and it was enacted that Butchers should sell their beeфе not aboue a halfe pennie the pound, and mutton halffepennie halfe farthing: which act being desnued for the great commoditie of the Realme (as it was then thought,) hath since proued faire other ways, for before that time a fat Ox was solde at London, for sixe and twentie shillings eight pence, at the most, a fat Weather for three shillings foure pence, a fat Calfe the like price, a fat Lambe for twelue pence, peeces of beeфе weighed two pounds and a halfe, at the least, yea three pounds or better, for a pennie on euerie Butchers stall in this Citie: and of those peeces of beeфе thirteene or fourteene for twelue pence, fat Mutton for eighete pence the quarter, and one hundred weight of beeфе for foure shillings eight pence, at the dearest. What the price is now, I need not to set downe, many men thought the same act to rise in price, by meane that Grasiers knewe or supposed what weight euery their beastses contained, and so raising their price thereafter, the Butcher could be no gayner, but by likewise raying his price. The number of Butchers then in the Citie and suburbs, was accounted | sixe score, of which euerie one killed 6. Oxen a peece weekly, which is in fortie sixe weekes. 3120. Oxen, or 720. Oxen
weekly. The foreign Butchers for a long time stood in the high street of Limestreeete warde on the north side, twice every weeke, viz. Wednesday, and Saturday, and were some gaine to the tenants before whose doores they stood, and into whose houses they set their blockes and stalles, but that advantage being espied, they were taken into Leden hall, there to pay for their standing to the Chamber of London. This much for the Market vpon Cornhill.

The chiefe ornaments in Cornhill warde are these. First at the East ende thereof, in the middle of the high streete, and at the parting of foure wayes, haue ye a water standard, placed in the yeare 1582. in maner following. A certayne German named Peter Morris, hauing made an artificial Forcier for that purpose, conueyed Thames water in Pipes of Leade, ouer the steeple of Saint Magnus Church, at the north end of London bridge, and from thence into diverse mens houses in Thames street, new fish streete, and Grasse streete, vp to the northwest corner of Leden hall, the highest ground of all the Citie, where the waste of the maine pipe rising into this standarde, (prouided at the charges of the Citie) with foure spoutes did at euer tyde runne (according to covenant) foure wayes, plentifully servyng to the commoditie of the inhabitants neare adioynynge in their houses, and also cleansed the Chanels of the streete towarde Bishopsgate, Aldgate, the bridge, and the Stocks Market, but now no such matter, through whose default I know not.

Then haue ye a faire Conduit, of sweete water, castellated in the middest of that warde and street. This Conduit was first builde of stone, in the yeare 1282. by Henry Walles, Maior of London, to be a prison for night walkers, and other suspicious persons, and was called the Tunne vpon Cornhill, because the same was builde somewhat in fashion of a Tunne standing on the one ende.

To this prison the night watches of this Citie committed not onely night walkers, but also other persons, as well spirituall as temporall, whom they suspected of incontinencie, and punished them according to the customs of this Citie, but complaint thereof being made, about the yeare of Christ 1297. king Edward the first writeth to his Citizens thus.
Edward by the grace of God, &c. Whereas Richard Grauene-
end Bishop of London, hath shewed vnto vs, that by the
great Charter of England, the Church hath a pruiledge, that
no Clarke should be imprisoned by a lay man without our
commandement, and breach of peace, which notwithstanding
some Citizens of London vpon meere spite doe enter in their
watches into Clarkes chambers, and like fellons carrie them
to the Tunne, which Henrie le Walleyes sometime Maior built for
night walkers, wherefore we will that this our commandement
be proclaymed in a full hoystings, and that no watch hereafter
erenter into any Clarkes Chamber, vnder the forfeyt of 20. pound.
Dated at Carlile the 18. of March, the 25. of our raigne.

More, I reade that about the yeare of Christ 1299. the 27.
of Edward the first, certaine principall Citizens of London,
to wit, T. Romane, Richard Gloucester, Nicholas Faringdon,
Adam Helinghurie, T. Saly, John Dunstable, Richard Ashwy,
John Wade and William Stortford, brake vp this prison
called the Tunne, and tooke out certaine prisoners, for the
which they were sharply punished by long imprisonment, and
great fines. It cost the Citizens (as some haue written) more
then 20000. markes, which they were amerced in, before
William de March Treasurer of the kings Exchequer, to
purchase the kings favoure, and confirmation of their liberties.

Also that in the yeare 1383. the seuenth of Richard the 2. Th. Walsing.
the Citizens of London, taking vpon them the rights that
belonged to their Bishops, first imprisoned such women as
were taken in fornication or aduouterie, in the saide Tunne,
and after bringing them forth to the sight of the worlde, they
caused their heads to be shauen, after the maner of theeves,
whom they named appellators, and so to be led about the
Citie in sight of all the inhabitants, with Trumpets and pipes
sounding before them, that their persons might be the more
largely knowne, neither did they spare such kinde of men
a whit the more, but vsed them as hardly, saying, they
abhorred not onely the negligence of their Prelates, but also
detested their auarice, that studying for mony, omitted the
punishment limitted by law, and permitted those that were
found guiltie, to liue fauvourably in their sinne. Wherefore

1 by their fines 1633
they would themselves, they sayd, purge their Citie from such filthinesse, least through God's vengeance, either the pestilence or sworde should happen to them, or that the earth should swallow them. Last of all to be noted, I reade in the charge of the Wardmote inquest in euerie warde of this Citie, these wordes. If there be any priest in service within the warde, which before time hath beeene set in the Tunne in Cornehill for his dishonestie, and hath forsworne the Citie, all such shall be presented. Thus much for the Tunne in Cornehill haue I read. Now for the punishment of Priests in my youth, one note and no more. John Atwood Draper, dwelling in the parish of Saint Michael vpon Cornehill, directly against the Church, hauing a proper woman to his wife, such a one as seemed the holyest amongst a thousand, had also a lustie Chauntrie priest, of the sayd parish Church, repayring to his house, with the which Priest, the said Atwood would sometimes after supper play a game at Tables for a pint of Ale: it chanced on a time, hauing haste of worke, and his game proying long, hee left his wife to play it out, and went downe to his shop, but returning to fetch a Pressing iron he found such play to his misliking, that he forced the Priest to leape out at a window, ouer the Penthouse into the streete, and so to run to his lodging in the Churchyard. Atwood and his wife were soone reconciled, so that he would not suffer her to be called in question, but the Priest being apprehended, and committed, I saw his punishment to be thus: he was on three Market dayes conueyed through the high streete and Markets of the Citie with a Paper on his head, wherein was written his trespass: The first day hee rode in a Carry, the second on a horse, his face to the horse taile, the third, led betwixt twaine, and euery day rung with Basons, and proclamations made of his fact at euery turning of the streets, and also before John Atwods stall, and the Church doore of his Seruice, where he lost his Chauntrie of 20, nobles the yeare, and was banished the Citie for euer.

By the west side of the foresayd prison then called the Tunne, was a faire Well of spring water, curbed round with hard stone: but in the yeare 1401. the said prison house

1 that] that 1603
called the Tunne, was made a Cesterne for sweet water, conveyed by pipes of lead from Tiborne, and was from thenceforth called the Conduit vpon Cornhill. Then was the well planked ouer, and a strong prison made of Timber called a Cage, with a paire of stockes therein set vpon it, and this was for night walkers. On the top of which Cage was placed a Pillorie, for the punishment of Bakers offending in the assise of bread, for Millers stealing of corne at the Mill, for bawdes, scoulds, and other offenders. As in the yeare 1468, the 7. of Ed. the 4. diuere persons being common Iurors, such as at assises were forsworne for rewards, or fauour of parties, were iudged to ride from Newgate to the pillorie in Cornhill, with Miters of paper on their heads, there to stand, and from thence againe to Newgate, and this judgement was given by the Maior of London. In the yeare 1509. the first of Henrie the 8. Darby, Smith, and Simson, ringleaders of false inquests in London, rode about the Citie with their faces to the horse tailes, and papers on their heads, & were set on the pillorie in Cornhill, and after brought againe to Newgate, where they died for very shame, saith Robert Fabian. A ring leader of inquests, as I take it, is he that making a gainefull occupation thereof, will appeare on Nisi Prius's 1 or he be warned, or procure himselfe to be warned, to come on by a tailes. He wil also procure himselfe to being foreman, when he can, and take vpon him to ouerrule the rest to his opinion, such a one shall be laboured by plaintikes and defendants, not without promise of rewards, and therefore to be suspected of a bad conscience. I would wish a more carefull choyse of Iurors to be had, for I haue knowne a man carted, rung with basons, and banished out of Bishopsgate ward, and afterward in Aldgate ward admitted to be Constable, a grand Iuryman, and foreman of their Wardmote inquest, what I know of the like, or worse men, preferred 2 to the like offices, I forbeare to write, but wish to be reformed.

The foresaid Conduit vpon Cornhill was in the yeare 1475. inlarged by Robert Drope, Draper, Maior, that then dwelt in that warde, he increased the Cesterne of this conduit with an East end of stone, and castellated it in comely maner.

1 Nisi Prius's 1633; Iseprises 1603  2 preferred: proffered 1603

A faire well in Cornhill. The tun vpon Cornhill made a Conduit of sweet water. Cage, stocks & pillorie in Cornhill. Bakers, millers, bawds, scoulds, and common iurors for rewards, punished on the pillorie.
In the yeare 1546, sir Martin Bowes Maior, dwelling in Lombarde streete, and hauing his backe gate opening into Cornhill against the said conduit, minded to haue enlarged the cesterne therof with a west end, like as Robert Droe before had done toward the East: view and measure of the plot was taken for this worke, but the pillorie & cage being removed, they found the ground planked, and the well aforesaid wore out of memorie, which well they resuied and restored to vse, it is since made a pumpe, they set the Pillorie somewhat West from the Well, and so this worke ceased.

On the North side of this streete, from the East vnto the West haue ye diuerse faire houses for marchants and other, amongst the which one large house is called the Wey house, where marchandizes brought from beyond the Seas, are to be weighed at the kings beame. This house hath a maister, and vnder him foure maister Porters, with Porters vnder them: they haue a strong cart, and foure great horses, to draw and carrie the wares from the Marchants houses to the Beame, and backe againe: Sir Thomas Louell knight builded this house, with a faire front of Tenements towards the streete, all which hee gaue to the Grocers of London, himselfe being free of the Citie, and a brother of that companie.

Then haue ye the said Finkes lane, the south end of which lane on both sides is in Cornhill warde.

Then next is the Royall Exchange, erected in the yeare 1566. after this order, vz. certayne houses vpon Cornhill, and the like vpon the backe thereof, in the warde of Brodestreeete, with three Allies, the first called Swan Allie, opening into Cornhill, and second new Alley, passing throughout of Cornhill into Brodestreeete warde, ouer against Saint Bartholomew lane, the third Saint Christopheres Alley, opening into Brodestreeete warde, and into Saint Christopheres parish, containing in all fourscore households: were first purchased by the Citizens of London, for more then 3532. pound, and were solde for 478. pound, to such persons as should take them downe and carrie them thence, also the ground or plot was made plaine at the charges of the Citie, and then possession thereof was by certayne Aldermen, in name of the whole Citizens, giuen to sir Thomas Gresham knight, Agent to the Queenes High-
nesse, thereupon to build a Bursse, or place for marchants to assemble in, at his owne proper charges: and hee on the seventh of Iune laying the first stone of the foundation, being Bricke, accompanied with some Aldermen, euery of them laid a piece of Golde, which the workemen tooke vp, and forthwith followed vpon the same with such diligence, that by the moneth of Nouember, in the yeare 1567, the same was couered with slate, and shortly after fully finished.

In the yeare 1570. on the 23. of Januarie, the Queene Maiestie, attended with her Nobilitie, came from her house at the Strand called Sommerset house, and entered the citie by Temple Barre, through Fleetstreete, Cheape, and so by the North side of the Bursse through threeneedle streete, to sir Thomas Greshams in Bishopsgate streete, where she dined. After dinner, her Maiestie returning through Cornhill, entered the Bursse on the southside, and after that she had viewed euery part therof aboue the ground, especially the Pawne, which was richly furnished with all sorts of the finest wares in the Citie: shee caused the same Bursse by an Herauld and a Trumpet, to be proclaimed the Royal Exchange, and so to be called from thenceforth, and not otherwise.

Next adjoyning to this Royall Exchange remaineth one part of a large stone house, and is now called the Castell of such a signe, at a Tauerne doore there is a passage through out of Cornhill into Three needle streete, the other part of the said stone house was taken downe for enlarging the Royall exchange: this stone house was said of some to haue bee a Church, whereof it had no proportion, of others, a Iewes house, as though none but Iewes had dwelt in stone houses, but that opinion is without warrant: for besides the strong building of stone houses against the invasion of Theues in the night when no watches were kept, in the first yeare of Richard the first, to preuent the casualties of fire, which often had happened in the Citie, when the houses were builded of Timber, and couered with Reed, or Straw, Henry FitzAlewine being Maior, it was decreed that from henceforth no man should build within the Citie but of stone, vntill a certaine height, and to couer the same building with slate, or burnt tile, and this was the verie cause of such stone buildings,
whereof many haue remained till our time, that for winning of ground they haue bin taken down and in place of some one of them being low, as but two stories aboue the ground, many houses of four or five stories high are placed.

From this stone house down to the Stockes, are divers large houses especially for height, for marchants and Artificers.

On the south side of this high streete is the Parish church of S. Peter vpon Cornhill, which seemeth to be of an ancient building, but not so ancient as same reporteth, for it hath been lately repayed, if not all new builted, except the steeple, which is ancient: the roofe of this Church, and glasing was finished in the raigne of E. the fourth, as appearr-

thy by armes of Noble men, and Aldermen of London then liuing: there remayneth in this Church a table wherein it is written, I know not by what authority, but of a late hand, that king Lucius founded the same church to be an Arch-

bishops sea Metropolitane, & chief church of his kingdom, & that it so endured the space of 400. years, vnto the coming of Augustin the Monk.

Joceline of Furnes writeth that Thean the first Archbishoppe of London in the raigne of Lucius, buildead the said Church by the aide of Ciran chiefe Butler to king Lucius, and also that Elianus the second Archbishop buildead a Library to the same adioyning, and convurted many of the Druides, learned men in the Pagan law, to Christianity. True it is that a Library there was pertaining to this Parrish Church, of olde time buildead of stone, and of late repayed with bricke by the executors of Sir John Crosby Alderman, as his Armes on the south end doth witnes.

This Library hath beene of late time, to wit, within these fifty yeares well furnishe of booke: John Leyland viewed and commended them, but now those booke be gone, and the place is occupied by a Schoolemaister, and his Usher, over a number of schollers learning their Grammar rules, &c. Notwithstanding before that time, a Grammer schoole had beene kept in this Parrish as appeareth in the yeare 1425. I read that John Whitby was rector & John Stewar st school-

maister there: and in the 25. of H. the 6. it was enacted by Parliament, that foure Grammar schooles in London, should
bee maintained, viz. In the parishes of Allhallowes in Thames streete. Saint Andrew in Oldbourne. S. Peters vpon Cornehill. and Saint Thomas of Acars.

Monumentes of the dead in this Church defaced. I reade that Hugh Waltham, Nicholas Pricot, Mercer, Alderman, Richard Manhall, 1503. William Kingston, Fishmonger, gau his tenementes called the Horse mill in Grasse street to this church, and was there buried about the yeare 1298. John Vnisbrugh, Poulter, 1410, John Lawe. Also Peter Mason Taylor, gau to this Church seauen pound starling yearely for euer, out of his Tenementes in Colechurch parrish, and deceased about the yeare 1416. John Foxton founded a Chauntrie there. A Brotherhode of Saint Peter was in this Church established by Henry the fourth, the fourth of his raigne. William Brampton and William Askham, Fishmongers and Aldermen, were chiefe procurers thereof for the Fishmongers. Of late buried there Sir William Bowier Mayor 1543. Sir Henry Hubertbore Mayor, 1546. Sir Christopher Morice Maister Gunner of England to king Henry the eight, Edward Elbrington Esquier, chief Butler to E. the 6. Thomas Gardener Grocer, & Iustice Smith and other. Then haue ye the parish Church of S. Michaeell Tharchangel, for the antiquity wherof I find that Alnothus the Priest gau it to the Abbot and Couent of Eouesham,1 Reynold Abbot, & the Couent there did grant the same to Sparling the Priest in all measures as he and his Predecessors before had held it, to the which Sparling also they granted all their landes which they there had, except certaine landes which Orgar le Prowode held of them, and payde two shillinges yearely, for the which granted, the sayde Sparling should yearely pay one Marke of rent to the sayde Abbot of Eouesham, and finde him and his lodging salt, water, and fier, when hee came to London, this was granted 1133. about the 34. of Henry the first. Thus much for antiquity, of later time I find that Elisabeth Peake, widdow, gau the patronage or gift of this benefice to the Drapers in London, shee lyeth buried in the Belfrey, 1518. her monument yet remayneth. This hath beene a fayre and bewtiful

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1 Eouesham] i. e. Evesham: Covesham edd.
Church, but of late yeares since the surrender of their landes to Edward the sixt, greatly blemished by the building of lower Tenementes on the North side thereof towards the highstreete, in place of a greene Churchyeard, whereby the Church is darkened and other wayes annoyed. The fayre new steeple or Bell Tower of this Church was begunne to bee builded in the yeare 1421. which being finished, and a fayre ring of five Belles therein placed, a sixt Bell was added and giuen by John Whitwell, Isabell his wife, and William Rus Alderman and Goldsmith, about the yeare 1430. which Bell named Rus, nightly at eight of the Clocke, and otherwise for Knelles, and in Peales, rung by one man, for the space of 160. yeares, of late ouerhayled by foure or five at once, hath beene thrice broken, and new cast within the space of ten yeares, to the charges of that Parrish, more then 100. Markes. And here a Note of this Steeple, as I haue oft heard my Father report, upon S. Iames night, certaine men in the loft next vnder the Belles, ringing of a Peale, a Tempest of lightning and Thunder did arise, an vgle shapen sight appeared to them, comming in at the south window, and lighted on the North, for feare whereof, they all fell downe, and lay as dead for the time, letting the Belles ring and cease of their owne accord: when the ringers came to themselues, they founde certaine stones of the North Window to bee raysed and scrat, as if they had been so much butter, printed with a Lyons clawe, the same stones were fastened there againe, and so remayne till this day. I haue seen them oft, and haue put a feather or small sticke into the holes, where the Clawes had entered three or foure inches deepe. At the same time certaine maine timber postes at Queene Hith were scrat and cleft from the toppe to the botomme, and the Pulpit Crosse in Powles Churchyearde was likewise scrat, cleft, and ouer turned, one of the Ringers liued in my youth, whom I haue oft heard to verifie the same to bee true: but to returne, William Rus was a speciall Benefactor to this Church, his Armes yet remayne in the Windowes. William Comerton, Symon Smith, Walter Belengham were buried there, and founded Chauenturies there, John Grace 1439. Robert Drope Mayor, buried on the North side the Quier vnder a fayre Tombe of Grey Marble, 1485. hee gae to poore
maides marriages of that parrish twenty pound, to poore of that Warde ten pound, shirtes and smockes 300. and gownes of broade cloath 100. &c. | Iane his wife, matching with Edward Page 198

Gray, Vicecount Lisle, was buried by her first husband 1500. she gaue ninetie pound in money to the beautifying of that Church, and her great messuage with the appurtenance, which was by her Executors W. Caple and other 1517. the ninth of Henry the eight, assured to John Wardroper, Parson, T. Clearke, W. Dixson, and John Murdon Wardens of the saide Church, and theyr successors for euer, they to keepe yearely for her an obite, or aniversary, to bee spent on the poore, and otherwise, in all three pound, the rest of the profites to bee employed in reparation of the church. In the 34. yeare of Henry the eight Edward Stephan Parson, T. Spencer, P. Gunter and G. Crouch, Churchwardens, graunted to T. Lodge, a lease for 60 yeares of the saide great messuage, with the appurtenance, which were called the Ladie Lisles landes, for the rent of eight pound, thirteene shillinges, foure pence the yeare, the Parishioners since gaue it vppe as Chauntery land, and wronged themselves, also the saide Robert Drope and Lady Lisle (notwithstanding their liberality to that Church and Parrish) their Tombe is pulled downe, no monument remayneth of them. Peter Hawton late Alderman is laid in their vaulte, 1596. Robert Fabian Alderman that wrote and published a Cronicle of England, & of France, was buried there, 1511. with this Epitaph.

Like as the day his course doth consume,
And the new morrow springeth againe as fast,
So man and woman by natures custome,
This life to passe, at last in earth are cast,
In ioy, and sorrow which here their time do wast,
Neuer in one state, but in course Transitory,
So full of change, is of this world the glory.

His monument is gone: Richard Garnam, 1527. buried there, Edmond Trindle, & Robert Smith, William Dickson and Margaret his wife, buryed in the Cloyster vnder a fayre Tombe now defaced, Thomas Stow my Grandfather, about

1 G. Crouch] 1603.; E. Grouch 1633
the yeare 1526. and Thomas Stow my father, 1559. John Tolus Alderman 1548. he gaue to John Willowby Parson of that Church, to Thomas Lodge, G. Hind, P. Bolde, churchwardens, and to their successors towards the reparation of that Church, and reliefe of the poore for euer, his tenement with the appurtenances in the parish of Saint Michael, which hee had lately purchased of Alvery Randolph of Badesmeere in Kent: but the Parish neuer had the gift, nor heard thereof by the space of 40. yeares after, such was the conscience of G. Barne, and other the executors to conceale it to themselves, and such is the negligence of the Parishioners that (being informed thereof) make no claime thereunto. Philip Gonter that was Alderman for a time, and gaue foure hundred pound to be discharged thereof, was buried in the cloyster, about the yeare 1582. and Anne his wife, &c. Thomas Houghton father to the said Peter Houghton, Francis Beneson, and William Towerson.

This parish church hath on the southside thereof a proper cloister, and a fayre Church yard, with a Pulpit crosse, not much vnlike to that in Paules churchyard. Sir John Rudstone, Maior, caused the same Pulpit crosse, in his life time to bee builded, the Church yarde to bee inlarged by ground purchased of the next parish, and also proper houses to be raysed, for lodging of Quire men, such as at that time were assistants to diuine seruice, then dayly sung by noate, in that church. The said John Rudstone deceased, 1531. and was buried in a vault vnnder the Pulpit crosse: hee appoynted Sermons to be preached there, not now performed: his Tombe before the pulpit crosse is taken thence, with the Tombe of Richard Vaxley Doctor of Phisicke to king Henrie the eight, and other. The Quire of that Church dissolved, the lodgings of Quire-men were by the graue fathers of that time charitably appoynted for receipt of auncient decayed parishioners, namely widowes, such as were not able to beare the charge of greater rents abroade, which blessed worke of harbouring the harbourlesse, is promised to be rewarded in the kingdome of heauen.

Then haue ye Burcheouer lane, so called of Birchouer, the first builder and owner thereof, now corruptly called Birchin
lane, the North halfe whereof is of the said Cornehill warde, the other part is of Langborne warde.

This lane, and the high streete neare adjoyning, hath beene inhabited for the most part with wealthie Drapers, from Birchouers lane on that side the streete downe to the Stockes, in the raigne of Henrie the sixt, had yee for the most part dwelling Fripperers or Vpholders, that solde olde apparell and housholde stuffe.

I haue read of a Countrey man, that then hauing lost his hood in Westminster hall, found the same in Cornehill hanged out to be solde, which he chalenged, but was forced to buy, or goe without it, for their stall (they said) was their Market. At that time also the Wine drawer of the Popes head Tauerne (standing without the doore in the high streete) tooke the same man by the sleeue, and said, sir will you drinke a pinte of wine, whereunto hee aunsuered, a pennie spend I may, and so drunke his pinte, for bread nothing did he pay, for that was allowed free.

This Popes head Tauerne, with other houses adjoyning, strongly builded of stone, hath of olde time beene all in one, pertaining to some great estate, or rather to the king of this Realme, as may be supposed both by the largenesse thereof, and by the armes, to wit, three Leopards passant, gardant, which was the whole armes of England before the raigne of Edward the thirde, that quartered them with the Armes of Fraunce, three Flower de Luces.

These Armes of England supported betweene two Angels, are faire and largely grauen in stone on the fore front towards the high street, ouer the doore or stall of one great house, lately for many years possessed by M. Philip Gunter. The Popes heade Tauerne is on the backe part thereof towards the south, as also one other house called the stone house in Lombard streete. Some say this was king Johns house, which might be so, for I finde in a written copie of Mathew Paris his historie, that in the yere 1232. Henrie the third sent Hubert de Burgho Earle of Kent, to Cornehill in London, there to answere all matters obiected against him, where he wisely acquitted himselfe. The Popes head Tauern hath a foote way through, from Cornehill into Lombard streete.
And downe lower on the high streete of Cornehill, is there one other way through by the Cardinals Hat Tauerne, into Lombard street. And so let this suffice for Cornehill warde. In which be Gouernors, an Alderman, his Deputie, common Counsellors foure, or sixe, Constables foure, Scauengers foure, Wardmote inquest sixteene, and a Beedle: it is charged to the fifteene at sixeene pound.

Langborne warde, and Fennie about.

LANGBORNE warde, so called of a long borne of sweete water, which of olde time breaking out into Fenchurch streete, ranne downe the same streete, and Lombard street, to the West end of S. Mary Woolnothes Church, where turning south, and breaking into smal shares, rils or streams, it left the name of Share borne lane, or South borne lane (as I haue read) because it ran south to the Riuier of Thames. This Warde beginneth at the West ende of Aldgate warde, in Fenne church streete, by the Ironmongers hall, which is on the North side of that streete, at a place called Culuer alley, where sometime was a lane, through the which men went into Limestreeete, but that being long since stopped vp for suspition of theeues, that lurked there by night, as is shewed in Limestreeete warde, there is now this said alley, a tennis court, &c.

Fenne-church streete tooke that name of a Fennie or Moorish ground, so made by means of this borne which passed through it, and threfore vntill this day in the Guildhall of this citie, that ward is called by the name of Langborne, and fennie about and not otherwise: yet others be of opinion that it tooke that name of Faenum, that is hey solde there, as Grasse street tooke the name of Grasse or hearbes there solde.

In the midst of this streete standeth a small parish Church called S. Gabriel Fenchurch, corruptly Fan church.

Helming Legget Esquire, by license of Edward the third, in the 49. of his raigne, gaue one tenement, with a curtelarge thereto belonging, and a Garden with an entrie thereto leading vnto sir John Hariot parson of Fenchurch, and to his suc-

\[sic \, 1598, \, 1603, \, 1633\]
cessors for ever, the house to be a Parsonage house, the garden to be a churchyard, or burying place for the parish.

Then haue ye Lombardstreete, so called of the Longobards, and other Marchants, strangers of diverse nations assembling there twise every day, of what originall, or continuance, I haue not read of record, more then that Edward the second, in the 12. of his raigne, confirmed a messuage, sometime belonging to Robert Turke, abutting on Lombard streete toward the South, and toward Cornhill on the North, for the Marchants of Florence, which proueth that street to haue had the name of Lombard street before the raigne of Edward the second. The meeting of which Marchants and others, there continued until the 22. of December, in the yeare, 1568. on the which day, the said Marchants began to make their meetings at the Bursse, a place then new builded for that purpose in the warde of Cornhill, and was since by her Maiestie, Queene Elisabeth, named the Royall Exchange.

On the North side of this Warde, is Limestreete, one halfe Limestreet. whereof on both the sides is of this Langborne Warde, and therein on the West side, is the Pewterers Hall, which company were admitted to bee a brotherhoode, in the 13. of Edward the fourth.

At the Southwest corner of Limestreete, standeth a faire Parish Church of Saint Dionys called Backe church, lately new builded in the raigne of Henrie the sixt, John Bugge Esquire was a great benefactor to that worke, as appeareth by his armes three water Budgets, and his crest a Morians head, grauen in the stone work of the Quire, the upper end on the north side, where he was buried. Also John Darby Alderman, added thereunto a faire Isle or Chapple on the Southside, and was there buried, about the yeare 1466. He gaue (besides sundrie ornaments) his dwelling house and others vnto the said church. The Ladie Wich widow to Hugh Wich, sometimes Maior of London, was there buried, and gaue lands for Sermons, &c. John Master Gentleman, was by his children buried there, 1444. Thomas Britaine, Henrie Trauers of Maidstone in Kent Marchant, 1501. John Bond about 1504. Robert Paget marchant Tayler, one of the Shiriffes 1536. Sir Thomas Curteis Pewterer, then Fish-

Then by the four corners (so called of Fen church streete in the East, Bridgestreete on the South, Grasse streete on the North and Lombard streete on the West.) In Lombard streete is one faire Parish church, called Alhallowes Grasse church in Lombard streete, I do so reade it in Euidences of Record, for that the Grasse Market went downe that way, when that streete was farre broder then now it is, being streightened by incrochments.

This Church was lately new builded. John Warner armorer, and then Grocer, Shiriffe, 1494. builded the south Ile, his sonne Robert Warner Esquire finished it, in the yere 1516. The Pewterers were benefactors towards the north Isle, &c. The Steeple or Bell tower thereof was finished in the yeare 1544. about the thirtie and sixt of Henrie the eight. The faire stone porch of this church was brought from the late dissolved Priorie of S. John of Ierusalem by Smithfield, so was the frame for their belles, but the belles being bought, were neuer brought thither, by reason that one old Warner Draper, of that Parish deceasing, his sonne Marke Warner would not perfome what his father had begunne, and appoynted, so that faire steeple hath but one Bell, as Friers were wont to use. The monuments of this church be these. The said Warners, and John Walden Draper. Next is a common Osterie for travellers, called the George, of such a signe. This is said to haue perteyned to the Earle Ferrers, and was his London lodging in Lombard streete, and that in the yeare, 1175. a brother of the said Earle, being there priuily slaine in the night, was there throwne downe into the dirtie streete, as I haue afore shewed in the Chapter of night watches.

Next to this is the parish church of S. Edmond the king and Martyr in Lombard streete, by the south corner of Birch-outer lane.

This Church is also called S. Edmond Grasse church, because the said Grasse Market came downe so low. The monuments in this Church are these: Sir John Milborne, Draper, Maior, deceased 1535. buried there by Dame Joan and Dame Mar-
garret his wiues, vnder a tombe of Touch, Humfrey Heyford, Goldsmith, Maior, 1477, Sir William Chester, Draper, Maior, 1560, with his wiues, amongst his predecessors, Sir George Barne, Maior, 1536, Matilde at Vine¹ founded a Chaunterie there, &c.

From this Church downe Lombard streete, by Birchouers lane (the one halfe of which lane is of this warde) and so downe, be diuere faire houses, namely one with a verie faire forefront towards the streete, builded by sir Martin Bowes Goldsmith since Maior of London, and then one other, sometime belonging to William de la Pole Knight banaret, and yet the Kings marchant in the 14. of Edward the third, and after him to Michael de la Pole Earle of Suffolke, in the 14. of Richard the second, and was his Marchants house, and so downe toward the Stocks Market, lacking but some three houses thereof.

The Southside of this Ward beginneth in the East, at the chaine to be drawne thwart Mart lane, vp into Fen church street, and so West, by the North end of Minchen lane to S. Margarets Pattens street, or Roode lane, and down that street to the midway towards S. Margarets Church: then by Philpot lane, (so called of sir John Philpot that dwelled there, and was owner thereof) and downe that lane some sixe or eight houses on each side, is all of this warde.

Then by Grasse Church corner into Lombard streete, to S. Clemens lane, and downe the same to S. Clemens church: S. Clemens then downe S. Nicholas lane, and downe the same to Saint Nicholas church, and the same Church is of this ward. Then to Abchurch lane, and downe some small portion thereof: then down Sherborne lane, a part thereof, and a part of Bearebinder lane bee of this | warde: and then downe Lombardstreete to the signe of the Angell almost to the corner ouer against the Stockes market.

On the Southside of this ward, somewhat within Mart lane, haue yee the Parish Church of Alhallowes, commonly called Stane Church (as may bee supposed) for a difference from other Churches of that name in this Citie which of old time

¹ at Vine, om. 1633
were buildd of timber, and since were buildd of stone. In this church have beene diuere faire monuments of the dead, namely of John Costin, Girdler, a great benefactor: he deceased, 1244. His name remaineth painted in the church roofe: if it had beene set in Brasse, it would haue beene fetched downe. He gaue out of certaine tenements to the poore of that parish, an hundred quarters of Charcoales yearly for ever. Sir Robert Test knight of the holy Sepulchre, and Dame Joan his wife, about 1486. Robert Stone, sir John Steward, and Dame Alice his wife, John Bostocke Esquire, Christopher Holt, sir Richard Tate knight, Ambassador to king Henrie the eight, buried there, 1554. His monument remaineth yet, the rest being all pulled downe, and swept out of the Church, the Church wardens were forced to make a large account, 12. shillings that yeare for Broomes, besides the carriage away of stone, and brasse of their owne charge. And here I am to note, that being informed of the Writhsleys to be buried there, I haue since found them and other to be buried at S. Giles without Cripplegate, where I minde to leaue them.

By this Church sometime passed a lane, called Cradocks lane, from Mart lane, winding by the North side of the said Church into Fen church streete, the which lane being streightned by incrochments, is now called Church alley.

Then is the Parish church of Saint Nicholas Acon, or Hacon, (for so haue I read it in Recordes) in Lombardstreete. Sir John Bridges Draper, Maior 1520, newly repayred this church, and imbattailed it, and was there buried: Francis Boyer Grocer, one of the Shirifles, was buried there 1580. with other of the Boyers. So was Julian, wife to John Lambart Alderman. Then is there in the high streete a proper parish Church of Saint Marie Woolnoth, of the Natuittie, the reason of which name I haue not yet learned. This Church is lately new buildd, Sir Hugh Brice | Goldsmith, Maior in the first yeare of Henrie the seuenth, keeper of the kings Exchange at London, and one of the gouernors of the kings Mint in the Tower of London, vnder William L. Hastings, the fifth of Edward the fourth, deceased 1496. He buildd in this church a Chappell, called the charnell, as also part of the bodie of the Church and of the Steeple, and gaue money towarde the
finishing thereof, besides the stone which he had prepared: hee was buried in the bodie of the Church, Guy Brice or Boys was buried there, Dame Ioan wife to sir William Peach, Thomas Nocket Draper, 1396. he founded a Chanterie there, Simon Eyre 1459. he gaue the Tauerne called the Cardinals Hat in Lombardstreeete, with a tenement annexed on the East part of the Tauerne, and a mansion behind the East tenement, together with an Alley from Lombard streete to Cornhill, with the appurtenances, all which were by him new builded, toward a brotherhood of our Ladie in S. Marie Woolnoths church. John Moager Peweter, and Emme his wife in saint Johns Chappell: Sir John Perciwall Marchant taylor, Maior, about 1504, Thomas Rock, and Andrew Michael Vinteners, and Ioan their wife: William Hilton Marchant taylor, and taylor to king Henrie the eight, was buried there, 1519. Vnder the Chappell of S. George, which Chappell was builded by George Lufken, sometime taylor to the Prince. Robert Amades Goldsmith, master of the Kings jewels, Sir Martin Bowes Maior, buried about 1569. he gaue lands for the discharge of that Langborn ward, of all fifteenes to be granted to the king by Parliament: George Hasken, sir Thomas Ramsey late Maior, &c. Thus haue ye seuen Parish Churches in this ward, one Hall of a companie, diverse faire houses for marchants, and other monuments none. It hath an Alderman, his Deputie, common Counsellors 8. Constables 15, Scauengers 9. men of the Wardmote inquest 17. and a Beedle. It is taxed to the fifteene in the Exchequer at 20l. 9s. 8d. 

Billingsgate warede

BILLINGSGATE WARD, beginneth at the west ende of Towerstreeete warede in Thames streete about Smarts Key, and runneth downe along that streete on the southside to saint Magnus Church at the Bridge foote, and on the North side of the said Thames street, from ouer against Smarts Key, till ouer against the north west corner of saint Magnus Church aforesayd: on this north side of Thames streete is saint Marie Hill lane, vp to saint Margarets Church, and then part of
saint Margaret's Pattens streete, at the ende of saint Marie hill lane: Next out of Thames streete is Lucas lane, and then Buttolph lane, and at the North end thereof Philpot lane, then is Rother lane, of olde time so called, and thwart the same lane is little Eastcheape, and these be the bounds of Billingsgate warde. Touching the principall ornaments within this ward. On the south side of Thames streete, beginning at the East ende thereof, there is first the saide Smarts Key, so called of one Smart sometime owner thereof, the next is Belingsgate whereof the whole warde taketh name, the which (leauing out of the fable thereof, saigning it to be builde by King Beline a Briton, long before the incarnation of Christ) is at this present a large Watergate, Port or Harbrough for shippes and boats, commonly arriuing there with fish, both fresh and salt, shell fishes, salt, Orenge, Onions, and other fruits and rootes, wheate, Rie, and graine of diuers sorts for service of the Citie, and the parts of this Realme adjoyning. This gate is now more frequented than of olde time, when the Queenes Hith was vused, as being appointed by the Kings of this Realme, to be the speciall or onely port for taking vp of all such kind of marchandises brought to this Citie by strangers and Forrenners, and the draw bridge of timber at London bridge was then to be raised or drawne vp for passage of ships with tops thither.

Touching the auncient customes of Belingsgate in the raigne of Edward the third, euerie great ship landing there, payd for standage two pence, euerie little ship with Orelockes a penny, the lesser boate called a Battle a halfe penny: of two quarters of corne measured, the king was to haue one farthing, of a Combe of corne a pennie, of euerie weight going out of the Citie a halfe pennie, of two quarters of sea coale measured a farthing, and of euerie Tunne of Ale going out of England beyond the seas, by Marchant strangers foure pence, of euerie thousand Herring a farthing, except the franchises, &c.

Next to this is Sommers key, which likewise tooke that name of one Sommer dwelling there, as did Lion key of one Lion owner thereof, and since of the signe of a Lion.

Then is there a faire Wharfe or Key, called Buttolphes gate, by that name so called in the times of William the Conqueror,
and of Edward the Confessor, as I haue shewed alreadie in
the description of the Gates.

Next is the parish Church of Saint Buttolphs, a proper
church, and hath had many fayre monuments therein, now
defaced and gone: notwithstanding I find by Testimonies
abroad, that these were buried there, to wit, Roger Coggar,
1384. Andrew Pikeman, and Ioan his wife, 1391. Nicholas
James Ironmonger, one of the Shiriffes, 1423. William Rain-
well, Fishmonger, and John Rainwell his sonne, Fishmonger,
Maior, 1426. and deceasing 1445. buried there with this
Epitaph.

\textit{Citizens of London, call to your remembrance,}
The famous John Rainwell, sometime your Maior,
Of the Staple of Callis, so was his chance.
Here lieth now his Corps, his soule bright and faire,
Is taken to heauens blisse, thereof is no dispaire.
His acts beare witnes, by matters of recorde,
How charitable he was, and of what accorde,
No man hath bene so beneficall as hee,
Vnsto the Citie in giuing liberallie, &c.

He gaue a stone house to bee a Reuestrie to that Church for |
euer: more, he gaue landes and Tenements to the vse of the
Comminaltie, that the Maior and Chamberlaine should satisfie
vnto the discharge of all persons, inhabiting the wards of
Belingsgate, Downegate, and Aldgate, as oft as it shall happen
any fittene, by Parliament of the king to be graunted, also
to the Exchequer in discharge of the Shiriffes, ten pound
yearly, which the shiriffes vsed to pay for the Farme of
Southwarke, so that all men of the Realme, comming or
passing with carriage, should be free quitte and discharged
of all Toll and other payments, afore time claimed by the
shiriffes. Further, that the Maior and Chamberlaine shall
pay yearly to the shiriffes eight pound, so that the said
shiriffes take no maner Toll or money of any person of this
Realme, for their goodes, Marchandizes, victuals, and carriages
for their passages at the great gate of the Bridge of the Citie,
nor at the gate called the draw Bridge, &c. The ouerplus of
money comming of the said lands and Tenements, deuised
into euene portions, the one part to bee imployed to instore the Grayners of the Citie with Wheate for the releefe of the poore Comminaltie, and the other moytie to cleare and clense the shelues, and other stopages of the riuier of Thames, &c.

Stephen Forstar Fishmonger, Maior in the yeare 1454. and Dame Agnes his wife, lie buried there. William Bacon Haberdasher, one of the Shiriffes, 1480. was there buried, besides many other persons of good worship, whose monuments are al destroyed by bad and greedy men of spoyle.

This parish of saint Buttolph is no great thing, notwithstanding diverse strangers are there harboured, as may appeare by a presentment, not many yeres since made, of strangers inhabitants in the warde of Billingsgate in these wordes. In Billingsgate warde were one and fiftie households of strangers, whereof thirtie of these householdes inhabited in the parish of saint Buttolph in the chiefe and principall houses, where they giue twentie pounde the yeare for a house lately letten for foure markes: the nearer they dwell to the water side, the more they giue for houses, and within thirtie yeares before there was not in the whole warde aboue three Nederlanders, at which time there was within the said parish leuied for the helpe of the poore, seaunen and twentie pound by the yeare, but since they came so plentifully thither, there cannot bee gathered aboue eleuen pound, for the stranger will not contribute to such charges as other Citizens doe. Thus much for that south side of this warde.

On the North side is Bosse Alley, so called of a Bosse of spring water continually running; which standeth by Billingsgate, against this Alley, and was sometimes made by the Executors of Richard Whittington.

Then is saint Marie hill lane, which runneth vp North from Billingsgate, to the end of S. Margaret Pattens, commonly called Roodelane, and the greatest halfe of that lane is also of Belingsgate warde. In this saint Marie hill lane is the faire parish church of saint Mary called on the hill, because of the ascent from Billingsgate.

This Church hath beene lately builded, as may appeare by this that followeth. Richard Hackney one of the shiriffes in the yeare 1322. and Alice his wife were there buried, as Robert
Fabian writeth, saying thus. In the yeare 1497. in the moneth of Aprill, as Labourers digged for the foundation of a wall, within the Church of saint Marie hill neare vnto Belingsgate, they found a coffin of rotten timber, and therein the Corps of a woman whole of skinne, and of bones vndesuered, and the ioyntes of her armes plyable, without breaking of the skinne, vpon whose sepulchre this was engrauen, Here lieth the bodies of Richard Hackney Fishmonger, and Alice his wife. The which Richard was shiriffe in the fifteenth of Edward the second, her bodie was kept aboue grounde three or foure dayes without noysance, but then it waxed vnscourie, and so was againe buried. John Mordant stockefishmonger was buryed there, 1387. Nicholas Exton Fishmonger, Maior, 1387, William Cambridge Maior, 1420. Richard Goslin shiriffe, 1422. William Phillip Sergeant at Armes, 1473. Robert Reuell one of the shirifles, 1490. gaue liberally towards the new building of this Church, and steeple, and was there buried, William Remington Maior, 1500. sir Thomas Blanke, Maior, 1582, William Holstocke Esquire, Controller of the Queenes\(^1\) shippes, sir Cutbert Buckle Maior, 1594. |

This lane on both sides is furnished with many fayre houses for Marchantes, and hath at the North end thereof, one other lane called S. Margaret Pattens, because of olde time Pattens were there usualy made and sold: but of latter time this is called Roode lane, of a Roode there placed, in the Churchyard of Saint Margaret, whilst the olde Church was taken downe, and againe newly builded, during which time the oblations made to this Roode, were imployd towards building of the Church, but in the yeare 1538. about the 23. of May in the morning the sayde Roode was found to haue beene in the night preceding\(^3\) (by people vknown) broken all to peeces, together with the Tabernacle, wherein it had beene placed. Also on the 27. of the same moneth, in the same parish amongst the Basketmakers, a great and sudden fire happened in the night season, which within the space of three howres consumed more then a dozen houses, & nine

1 Queenes] kings 1598, 1603
2 Pattens] Patents 1598; patentes 1603
3 preceding] proceeding 1598, 1603
persons were burnt to death there, and thus ceased that worke of this Church, being at that time nigh finished to the steeple.

The lane on both sides beyond the same church to the midway towards Finchurch street, is of Bellingsgate ware.

Then againe out of Thames streete, by the west end of Saint Mary hill Church, runneth vp one other Lane, of old time called Roape Lane, since called Lucas lane, of one Lucas owner of some part thereof, and now corruptly called Loue Lane, it runneth vp by the east end of a parish church of saint Andrew Hubbert, or Saint Andrew in East Cheape: This Church and all the whole Lane called Lucas lane is of this Belinsegate Warde.

Then haue yee one other lane out of Thames streete, called Buttolph Lane, because it riseth ouer against the Parrish Church of S. Buttolph, and runneth vp North by the east end of S. Georges Church, to the West end of S. Androwes church, and to the south end of Philpot lane.


Then haue yee one other lane called Rother Lane, or Red Rose Lane, of such a signe there, now commonly called

1 South Ockendon: Southuckenton 1603
Pudding Lane, because the Butchers of Eastcheape haue their skalding House for Hoggges there, and their puddinges with other filth of Beastes, are voided downe that way to theyr dung boates on the Thames.

This Lane stretcheth from Thames streete to little Easte Cheape chiefly inhabited by Basketmakers, Turners and Butchers, and is all of Billingsgate Warde. The Garland in little East Cheape, sometime a Brehouse, with a Garden on the backside, adjoyning to the Garden of Sir John Philpot, was the chiefe house in this East Cheape, it is now diuided into sundry small tenements, &c.

This Warde hath an Alderman and his Deputie, common Counsellors (seuen) ¹, Constables eleuen, Scauengers sice, for the Wardmote inquest foureteene and a Beadle, it is taxed to the fifteen in London at 32. pound, and in the Exchequer at one and thirty pound, ten shillings.

Bridge warde within

BRIDGeward within, so called of London Bridge, which Bridge is a principall part of that Ward, and beginneth at the stulpes on the South end by Southwarke, runneth along the Bridge, and North vp Bridgestreete, commonly called (of the Fishmarket) New Fishstreete, from Fishstreete hil, vp Grasse streete, to the North corner of Grasse church, all the Bridge is replenished on both the sides with large, fayre and beautifull buildinges, inhabitants for the most part rich marchantes, and other wealthy Cittizens, Mercers and Haberdashers.

In new Fishstreete bee Fishmongers and fayre Tauernes on Fishstreete hill and Grassestreete, men of diuere trades, Grocers and Haberdashers.

In Grassestreete haue yee one fayre Conduit of sweete water castellated with crest and vent, made by the appoyntment of Thomas Hill Mayor, 1484. who gaue by his testament one hundred markes, towards the conuayance of water to this place. It was begun by his Executors in the yeare 1491. and finished of his goods whatsoeuer it cost.

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On the East side of this Bridge warde, haue yee the fayre Parrish Church of S. Magnus, in the which church haue beene buried many men of good Worship, whose monumentes are now for the most part utterly defaced. I find John Blund Mayor, 1307. Henry Yenele Freemason to E. 3 Richard the 2. & Henry the 4. who deceased 1400. his Monument yet remayneth. William Brampton, John Michell Mayor, 1436. John French, Baker, Yeoman of the Crowne to Henry the 7. 1510. Roberte Clarke Fishmonger 1521. Richard Turke one of the Shiriffs 1549. William Steede Alderman, Richard Morgan Knight, chiefe Iustice of the common pleas, 1556. Mauritius Griffeth Bishoppe of Rochester, 1559. Robert Blanch Girdler 1567. Robert Belgroune Girdler, William Brame, John Couper Fishmonger, Alderman, who was put by his turn of Moortalie, 1584. Sir William Garrard Haberdasher, Mayor 1555. a graue, sober, wise and discreete Citizen, equall with the best, and inferior to none of our time, deceased 1571. in the parish of S. Christopher, but was buried in this Church of Saint Magnus as in the parish where he was borne, a fayre monument is there rayesed on him: Robert Harding Salter, one of the Shiriffs 1568. Simon Low Marchant Taylor, Esquier, &c.

Then is the parriash Church of S. Margaret on Fishstreete hill, a proper Church, but monumentes it hath none: a foot way passeth by the south side of this Church, from Fishstreete hill into Rother lane.

Vp higher on this hill, is the parriash Church of Saint Leonard Milke Churche, so termed of one William Melker, an especiall builder thereof, but commonly called Saint Leonardes in East Cheape, because it standeth at East Cheape corner. Monumentes there bee of the Doggets, namely, Walter Dogget Vintner, one of the Shiriffes, 1380. John Dogget Vintner and Allice his wife, about 1456. this John Dogget gaue lands to that Church, William Dogget, &c.

This Church, and from thence into little East Cheape to the east end of the saide Church, is of the Bridge Warde.

Then higher in Grasse streete is the parriash Church of

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1 Bridge warde within]: pp. 214–7 in error Billingsgate warde 1603
2 pleas] place 1598, 1603
Saint Bennet, called Grasse Church, of the Herbe market there kept: this Church also is of the Bridge Warde, and the farthest North end thereof: some Monumentes remayne there vndecayed, as of John Harding Saltar, 1576. John Sturgeon Haberdasher, Chamberlaine of London, Philip Cusken Florentine, a famous marchant, 1600.

The Customes of Grasse church market, in the raigne of Edward the third, as I haue reade in a Booke of Customes, were these: Every Forren Cart laden with corne, or Maulte, comming thether to bee sold, was to paye one halfe peny, every Forren cart bringing cheese two pence, every cart of corne & cheese together, (if the cheese be more worth then the corne) two pence, and if the corne bee more worth then the cheese, it was to paye a halfe peny, of two horses laden with corne or malte, the Bayliffe had one Farthing, the cart of the Franchise of the temple and | of Saint Martins le grand, payed a Farthing: the cart of the Hospittall of Saint Iohn of Ierusalem paid nothing for their proper goods, and if the corne were brought by Marchants to sel againe, the load paid a halfepennie, &c.

On the west side of this ward, at the north end of London bridge is a part of Thames streete, which is also of this warde, to wit, so much as of old time was called Stockefishmonger Row, of the stockefishmongers dwelling there, downe west to a water gate, of old time called Ebgate, since Ebgate lane, and now the olde swan, which is a common stayre on the Thames, but the passage is very narrow by meanes of encroachments. On the South side of Thames streete, about the midway betwixt the bridge foote, and Ebgate lane, standeth the Fishmongers hall, and diverse other fair houses for marchants.

These Fishmongers were sometimes of two seuerall companies, to wit, Stockefishmongers, and Saltfishmongers, of whose antiquitie I reade, that by the name of Fishmongers of London, they were for forestalling, &c. contrarie to the lawes and constitutions of the Citie, fined to the king at 500. markes, the 18. of king Edward the first. More, that the said Fishmongers, hearing of the great victorie obtained by the same king against the Scots, in the 26. of his raigne, made...
A triumphant shew made by the fishmongers for victorie of the king.

Fishmongers had six halles in London.
Fishmongers sixe of them Maiors in 24. yeares.

Fishmongers for their grettings enuied of the other companys.

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Nicholas Exton for the Fishmongers caueth the kings protection.

John Cauendish caueth the peace against the Chancellor, chalengeh him for taking of a bribe. Fishmongers by Parliament restored to their liberties.

A triumphant and solemne shew through the Citie, with diverse Pageants, and more then 1000. horsemen, &c. as in the Chapter of sports and pastimes. These two companies of Stockefishmongers and Saltfishmongers, of old time had their seuerall Halles, to wit, in Thames streete twaine, in newe Fishstreete twaine, and in olde Fishstreete twaine: in each place one for either companie, in all sixe seuerall halles, the companie was so great, as I haue read, and can proove by Recordes. These Fishmongers hauiing beene 1oIly Citizens, and sixe Maiors of their companie in the space of 24. yeares, to wit, Walter Turke, 1350. John Lofkin, 1359. John Wroth, 1361. John Peche, 1362. Simon Morden, 1369. and William Walworth, 1374. It followed that in the yeare 1382. through the counsell of John Northampton Draper then being Maior, William Essex, John More Mercer, and Richard Northburie, the sayde Fishmongers were greatly troubled, hindered of their libertyes, & almost destroyed by congregations made against them, so that in a Parliament at London the controuersie depending betweene the Maior and Aldermen of London, and the Fishmongers there, Nicholas Exton speaker for the Fishmongers, prayeth the king to receiue him and his companie into his protection, for seare of corporall hurt. Wherevpon it was commanded, either part to keepe the peace, on paine of loosing all they had. Herevpon a Fishmonger starting vp, replied that the complaint brought against them by the moouers, &c. was but matter of malice, for that the Fishmongers in the raigne of Edward the third, being chiefe officers of the Citie, had for their misdemeaners then done, committed the chiefe exhibitors of those petitions to prison. In this parliament, the Fishmongers by the kings Chartar patents were restored to their libertyes: notwithstanding in the yere next following, to wit, 1383. John Cauendish Fishmonger, caueth the peace against the Chauncellor of England, which was granted, and he put in sureties, the Earles of Stafford and Salisbury, Cauendish chalengeh the Chauncellor for taking of a bribe of ten pound for fauour of his case, which the Chauncellor by oath upon the Sacrament auoydeth. In further triall it was found that the Chauncellors man without his maisters priuittie had taken it. Whereupon Cauendish was
adijudged to prison, and to pay the Chauncellor 1000. Markes for slandering him.

After this many of the Nobles assembled at Reding, to suppress the seditious sturs of the said John Northampton or Combarton, late Maior, that had attempted great and heyinous interprises, of which he was conviuct, and when he stooode mute, nor would vter one worde, it was decreed, that hee should be committed to perpetuall prison, his goods confiscate to the kings vse, and that he should not come within one hundred miles of London during his life. He was therefore sent to the Castell of Tintegall in the confines of Cornewall, and in the meane space the kings servants spoyled his goodes. John More, Richard Northber, and other, were likewise there conviuct, and condemned to perpetuall prison, and their goods confiscate, for certaine congregations by them made against the Fishmongers in the Citie of London, as is aforesayd, but they obtained and had the kings pardon, in the 14. of his raigne as appeareth of Record, and thus was all these troubles quieted. Those Stockfishmongers, & Saltfishmongers, were vnited in the year 1536, the 28. of Henrie the eight, their hal to be but one, in the house giuen vnto them by sir John Cornwalle, Lord Fanhope, and of Amphull, in the parish of saint Michael in Crooked lane, in the raigne of Henrie the sixt. Thus much haue I thought good to note of the Fishmongers, men ignorant of their Antiquities, not able to shew a reason why, or when they were ioyned in amitie with the Goldsmiths, do giue part of their armes, &c. Neither to say ought of sir William Walworth, the glorie of their companie, more then that he slue Jacke Straw, which is a meere fable, for the said Straw was after ouerthrown of the Rebels, taken, and by judgement of the Maior beheaded, whose confession at the Gallowes is extant in my Annales, where also is set down the most valiant, and praise-worthie act of William Walworth, against the principall rebell Walter Tighlar. As in reproofe of Walworths monument in Saint Michaels Church I haue declared, and wished to be reformed there, as in other places.

On that south side of Thames streete, haue ye Drinkwater warfe, and Fish Wharfe in the parish of saint Magnus. On
the North side of Thames streete is Saint Martins lane, a part of which lane is also of this ward, to wit, on the one side to a well of water, and on the other side as farre vp as against the said well. Then is Saint Michaels lane, part whereof is also of this warde vp to a Well there, &c. Then at the vpper end of new fishstreeete, is a lane turning towards S. Michaels lane, and is called Crooked lane, of the croked windings thereof. Aboue this lanes end, vpon Fishstreet hill is one great house, for the most part builded of stone, which pertained sometime to Ed. the blacke prince, son to Ed. the 3. who was in his life time lodged there. It is now altered to a common hosterie, hauing the blacke bell for a signe: Aboue this house at the top of Fishstreet hil is a turning into great Eastcheape, and so to the corner of Lombardstreet, ouer against the northwest corner of Grasse church, & these be the whole bounds of this Bridgeward within: the which hath an Alderman, and his deputie, for the common counsell 16. Constables 15. Scauengers 6. for the wardmote inquest 16. & a Beede. It is taxed to the 15. in Lon. at 47.1.

Candlewicke street warde

CANDLEWICKE STREETE, or Candlewright streete warde, beginneth at the East end of great Eastcheape, it passeth west through Eastcheape to Candlewright streete, and through the same downe to the north ende of Suffolke lane, on the south side, and downe that lane by the west ende of saint Lawrence Churchyard, which is the farthest west part of that ward. The streete of great Eastcheape is so called of the Market there kept, in the East part of the Citie, as West Cheape is a Market so called of being in the West.

This Eastcheape is now a flesh Market of Butchers there dwelling, on both sides of the streete, it had sometime also Cookes mixed amongst the Butchers, and such other as solde victuals readie dressed of all sorts. For of olde time when friends did meet, and were disposed to be merrie, they went not to dine and suppe in Tauerns, but to the Cookes, where they called for meate what them liked, which they always
found ready dressed at a reasonable rate, as I haue before shewed.

In the yeare 1410. the II. of Henrie the fourth, vpon the euen of saint John Baptist, the kings sonnes, Thomas and John, being in Eastcheape at supper, (or rather at breakefast, for it was after the watch was broken vp, betwixt two and three of the clock after midnight) a great debate happened betwene their men, and other of the Court, which lasted one houre, till the Maior and Shiriffes with other Citizens appeased the same: for the which afterwards the said Maior, Aldermen and shiriffes, were called to answere before the King, his sonnes, and diuerse Lordes, being highly mooued against the Citie. At which time William Gascoyne chiefe Justice required the Maior and Aldermen, for the Citizens, to put them in the kings grace: whereunto they aunswered, that they had not offended, but (according to the law) had done | their best in stinting debate, and maintaining of the peace: vpon which aunswered the king remitted all his ire, and dismissed them. And to prooue this Eastcheape to bee a place replenished with Cookes, it may appeare by a song called London licepenie, made by Lidgate a Monke of Berrie, in the raigne of Henrie the fift, in the person of a Countrie man comming to London, and travellling through the same. In West Cheape (saith the song) hee was called on to buy fine lawne, Paris thread, cotton Vmble 1 and other linnin clothes, and such like (he speakeoth of no silks) in Cornhill to buy old apparell, and houshold stuffe, where he was forced to buy his owne hoode, which hee had lost in Westminster hall: in Candlewright streete Drapers profered him cheape cloath, in East cheape the Cookes cried hot ribbes of beeche rosted, pies well baked, and other victuals: there was clattering of Pewter pots, harpe, pipe, and sawtrie, yea by cocke, nay by cocke, for greater othes were spared: some sang of Ienken, and Iulian, &c. all which melodie liked well the passenger, but he wanted money to abide by it, and therefore gat him into Grauesend barge, & home into Kent. Candlewright (so called in olde Records of the Guildhall, of saint Marie Oueries, and other) or Candlewicke streete tooke

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1 Umble] 1603; umple 1598

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The kings sons beaten in Eastcheape, there was no tauerne then in Eastcheape.
that name (as may bee supposed) either of Chandlers, or makers of Candles, both of waxe and tallow: for Candlewright is a maker of Candles, or of Weeke which is the cotton or yarne thereof: or otherwise Wike, which is the place where they used to worke them, as Scalding wike by the stockes Market was called of the Poulters scalding and dressing their poultrie there: and in diverse Countries, Dayrie houses, or Cottages, wherein they make butter and cheese, are usually called Wickes. There dwelled also of old time divers Weauers of woollen clothes, brought in by Edward the third. For I reade that in the 44. of his raigne the Weauers brought out of Flandurers were appointed their meetings to be in the Church-yard of saint Laurence Poultney, and the Weauers of Brabant in the churchyard of saint Mary Sommerset. There were then in this citie weauers of diverse sorts, to wit, of Drapery or Taperie, and Naperie. These Weauers of Candlewright streett being in short time worn out, their place is now possessed by rich Drapers, sellers of woollen cloth, &c. On the north side of this | warde, at the west end of East cheape, haue yee saint Clements lane, a part whereof on both sides is of Candlewick streete ward, to wit, somewhat North beyond the parish Church of saint Clement in Eastcheape. This is a smal Church, void of monuments, other then of Francis Barnam Alderman, who deceased 1575, and of Benedicke Barnam his sonne, alderman also, 1598. William Chartney, and William Ouerie, founded a Chauanterie there. Next is saint Nicholas lane for the most part on both sides of this ward, almost to saint Nicholas church. Then is Abchurch lane, which is on both the sides, almost wholy of this ward, the parish Church there (called of saint Marie Abchurch, Apchurch, or Vpchurch as I haue read it) standeth somewhat neere vnto the south ende thereof, on a rising ground: it is a faire Church, Simon de Winchcomb founded a Chauanterie there, the 19. of Richard the second. John Littleton founded an other, and Thomas Hondon an other, & hath the monuments of I. Long Esquire of Bedfordshire, 1442. William Wikenson Alderman, 1519. William Iawdrell Tayler, 1440. sir James Havens Maior, 1574. sir Iohn Branch Maior, 1580. Iohn Miners, William Kettle, &c.
On the south side of this warde, beginning againe at the East, is saint *Michaels* lane, which lane is almost wholy of this warde, on both sides downe towards Thames streete, to a Well or Pumpe there. On the East side of this lane is Crooked lane aforesaid by saint *Michaels* Church, towards new Fish streete. One the most ancient house in this lane is called the leaden porch, and belonged sometime to sir *John Merston* knight, the first of *Edward* the fourth: It is now called the swan in Crooked lane, possessed of strangers, and selling of Rhenish wine. The parish church of this *S. Michaels* was sometime but a small and homely thing, standing upon part of that ground, wherein now standeth the parsonage house: and the ground there about was a filthie plot, by reason of the Butchers in Eastcheape, who made the same their Laystall. *William de Burgo* gaue two messuages to that Church in Candlewicke streete, 1317. *John Louken* stockfishmonger, foure times Maior, builded in the same ground this faire Church of saint *Michael*, and was there buried in the Quier, vnnder a faire | tombe with the Images of him and his wife in Alabaster: the said Church hath beene since increased with a new Quier and side chappells by sir *William Walworth* Stockfishmonger, Maior, sometime seruant to the saide *John Louken*: also the tombe of *Louken* was removed, and a flat stone of gray Marble garnished with plates of Copper laid on him, as it yet remaineth in the bodie of the Church: this *William Walworth* is reported to haue slaine *Jacke Straw*, but *Jacke Straw* being afterward taken, was first adiudged by the said Maior, and then executed by the losse of his head in Smithfield. True it is that this *William Walworth* being a man wise, learned, and of an incomparable manhood, arrested *Wat Tyler* a presumptuous rebell, vpon whom no man durst lay hand, whereby hee delivered the king and kingdome from most wicked tyrannie of traytors. The Maior arrested him on the head with a sounde blow, wherevpon *Wat Tyler* furiously stroke the Maior with his Dagger, but hurt him not, by reason he was well armed; the Maior haung receiued his stroke, drew his basiliard, and grievously wounded *Wat* in the necke, and withall gaue him a great blow on the head: in the which conflict, an Esquire of the kings house,
called John Cauendish, drew his sword, and wounded Wat
twisse or thrise euen to the death: and Wat spurring his
horse, cried to the commons to reuenge him: the horse bare
him about 80. foote from the place, and there hee fell downe
halfe dead, and by and by they which attended on the king
enuironed him about, so as he was not seene of his companie:
many of them thrust him in diuerse places of his bodie, and
drew him into the Hospitall of S. Bartholomew, from whence
againe the Maior caused him to be drawne into Smithfield
and there to be beheaded. In reward of this seruice, (the
people being dispersed) the king commaundeth the Maior to
put a Basenet on his heade, and the Maior requesting why
he shoule do, the king answered, he being much bound
vnto him, would make him knight: the Maior answered, that
hee was neither worthie nor able to take such estate vpon
him, for he was but a Marchant, and had to liue by his
Marchandise onely: notwithstanding, the king made him put
on his Basenet, and then with a sworde in both his hands he
strongly stroke him on the necke, as the manner was then,
and the same day he made three other Citizens knights for
his sake in the same place, to wit, John Philpot, Nicholas
Brember, and Robert Launde Aldermen. The king gaue
to the Maior 100. pound land by yeare, and to each of the
other 40. pound land yearely, to them and their heyres for
euer.

After this in the same yeare, the said sir William Walworth
founded in the said parish church of S. Michael, a Colledge
of a master and nine priests or Chaplens, and deceased 1385.
was there buried in the north Chappell by the Quier: but his
monument being amongst other by bad people defaced in the
raigne of Edward the sixt and againe since renuued by the
Fishmongers for lacke of knowledge, what before had bee
written in his Epitaph, they followed a fabulous booke, and
wrote Iacke Straw, instead of Wat Tilar, a great error meete
to be reformed there, and else where, and therefore haue I the
more at large discoursed of this matter.

It hath also beeene, and is now growne to a common opinion,
that in reward of this seruice done, by the said William
Walworth against the rebell, King Richard added to the
armes of this Citie, (which was argent, a plaine Crosse Gules) a sword or dagger, (for so they terme it) whereof I haue read no such recorde, but to the contrarie. I find that in the fourth yeare of Richard the second in a full assembly made in the vpper Chamber of the Guildhall, summoned by this William Walworth, then Maior, as well of Aldermen as of the common Counsell in euerie warde, for certaine affaires concerning the king, it was there by common consent agreed and ordained, that the olde Seale of the office of the Maioraltie of the citie being very smal, old, vnap, & vncomely for the honor of the citie, should be broken, and one other new should be had, which the said major commaund to be made artificially, and honourable for the exercise of the said office thereafter in place of the other: in which new Seale, besides the Images of Peter, & Paul, which of old were rudely engraven, there should be vnder the feet of the said Images, a shield of the armes of the saide Citie perfectly graued, with two Lions supporting the same with two sergeants of armes, \(^1\) an other part, \(^1\) one, and two tabernacles, in which aboue should stand two Angels, between whom aboue the said Images of Peter and Paul, shall bee set the glorious virgine: this being done, the old Seale of the Office was deliuered to Richard Odiham Chamberlaine, who brake it, and in place thereof, was deliuered the new seale to the said Maior to vse in his office of Maioraltie, as occasion should require. This new seale seemeth to bee made before William Walworth was knighted, for he is not here intituled Sir, as afterwards he was: and certain it is that the same new seale then made, is now in vse and none other in that office of the Maioraltie: which may suffice to aunswere the former fable, without shewing of any evidence sealed with the olde seale, which was the Crosse, and sword of Saint Paul, and not the dagger of William Walworth.

Now of other monuments in that Church, Simon Mordon Maior, 1368, was buried there, John Olney Maior 1446. Robert March Stockfishmonger gaues two pecies of ground to be a Churchyard: John Radwell Stockfishmonger, buried 1415. George Gouwe Esquire, son to Edward Gouwe Stockfish-

\(^1\) an other part 1603; in the other part 1633

Farewell my friends the tide abideth no man,
I am departed hence, and so shall ye.
But in this passage the best song that I can,
Is Requiem æternam, now Jesu grant it me,
When I have ended all mine adversitie,
Grant me in Paradise to have a mansion,
That shedst thy blood for my redemption.

John Finkell one of the Shiriffes, 1487. was knighted, and gaue 40.li. to this church, the one halfe for his monument.
John Pattesley Maior, 1441. Thomas Ewen Grocer, bare halfe the charges in building of the steeple, and was buried 1501. William Combes Gent. of Stoke by Gilford in Surrey, 1502. Sir John Brudge Maior, 1530. gaue 50. li. for a house called the Colledge in Crooked lane, he lieth buried in S. Nicholas Hacon. Walter Faireford, Robert Barre, Alexander Heyban, John Motte, Iohn Gramstone, Iohn Brampton, Iohn Wood, Stockfishmonger, 1531. Sir Henry Amcots Maior, 1548. &c. Hard by this Saint Michael's Church, on the south side thereof, in the yeare 1560. on the sifi of Julie through the shooting of a Gun, which brake in the house of one Adrian Arton a Dutchman, and set fire on a Firkin and Barrell of Gunpowder, foure houses were blowen vp, and diuerse other sore shattered, 11. men and women were slaine, and 16. so hurt and brused, that they hardly escaped with life.

West from this Saint Michaels lane, is Saint Martins Orgar lane, by Candlewicke street, which lane is on both sides down to a Well, replenished with faire and large houses for marchants, and it is of this ward : one of which houses was sometime called Beachamps Inne, as pertaining vnto them of that familie. Thomas Arundel, Archbishop of Canterbury, commonly for his time was loged there.

The parish Church of saint Martin Orgar is a small thing. William Crownmer Maior, builded a proper Chappell on the south side thereof, and was buried there, 1433. Iohn Mathew 1520, deceased 1530, Slow's MS.
Maior, 1490. Sir William Huet Maior, 1559, with his Ladie and daughter, wife to sir Edward Osburne, Raph Tabinham Alderman, Alice wife to Thomas Winslow, Thorudon, Benedicke Reding, Thomas Harding, James Smith, Richard Gainford Esquire, John Bold, &c. Then is there one other lane called saint Laurence, of the parish Church there. This lane, down to the south side of the churchyard, is of Candlewicke street ward. The parish church of saint Laurence was increased with a Chappell of Iesus by Thomas Cole, for a maister and Chapleine, the which Chappell and parish Church was made a Colledge of Iesus, and of Corpus Christi, for a maister and seuen Chapleins, by John Poulney maior, and was confirmed by Edward the third, the 20. of his raigne of him was this Church called S. Laurence Poulney in Candlewicke street, which Colledge was valued at 79.li. 17.s. xid. and was surrendred in the raigne of Edward the sixt. Robert Ratcliffe earle of Sussex, and Henry Ratcliffe earle of Sussex, were buried there, Alderman Beswicke was buried there, John Oliffe Alderman, Robert Browne and others. Thus much for this ward, and the antiquities thereof. It hath now an Alderman, his Deputie, common Counsellors 8. Constables 8. Scavengers 6. Wardmote inquest men 12, and a Beadle. It is taxed to the fifteene at xvi. pound.

Walbrooke warde

WALBROOKE warde beginneth at the West end of Candlewicke streete ward. It runneth downe Candlewicke street west towards Budge row. It hath on the northside thereof S. Swithens lane, so called of S. Swithens a parish Church by London stone: This lane is replenished on both the sides with faire builded houses, and is wholy of Walbrooke warde. The said parish Church of S. Swithen standeth at the south-west corner of this lane. Licence was procured to new build and encrease the said Church and steeple, in the yeare 1420. Sir John Hend Draper, Maior, was an especiall benefactor thereunto, as appeareth by his armes in the Glasse windowes

1 Osburne] Osborne 1598
even in the toppes of them, which is in a field siluer, a chiefe Azure, a Lion passant siluer, a Cheuron azure, three Escalops siluer: he lieth buried in the bodie of this Church, with a faire stone laid on him, but the plates and inscriptions are defaced. Roger Depham Alderman, Thomas Aylesborough, William Neue, and Matilde Caxton, founded Chaunteries, and were buried there, John Butler Draper, one of the Shiriffes, 1420. Raph Ioceline, Maior, a benefactor, buried in a fayre Tombe, William White Draper, one of the Shiriffes, 1482. and other.

On the north side of this Church and Churchyard, is one faire and large builded house, sometime pertayning to the prior of Tortington in Sussex, since to the Earles of Oxford, and now to sir John Hart Alderman: which house hath a faire Garden belonging thereunto, lying on the west side thereof. On the backside of two other faire houses in Walbrooke, in the raigne of Henrie the seuenth, sir Richard Empson knight, Chancellor of the Duchie of Lancaster, dwelled in the one of them, and Edmund Dudley | Esquire in the other: either of them had a doore of entercourse into this Garden, wherein they met and consulted of matters at their pleasures. In this Oxford place sir Ambrose Nicholas kept his Maioraltie, and since him the said sir John Hart.

On the south side of this high streete, neare vnto the channell is pitched vp right a great stone called London stone, fixed in the ground verie deepe, fastned with bars of iron, and otherwise so strongly set, that if Cartes do run against it through negligence, the wheeles be broken, and the stone it selfe vnshaken.

The cause why this stone was there set, the time when, or other memorie hereof, is none, but that the same hath long continued there is manifest, namely since (or rather before) the conquest: for in the ende of a faire written Gospell booke giuen to Christes Church in Canterburie, by Ethelstane king of the west Saxons, I find noted of landes or rents in London belonging to the sayd Church, whereof one parcell is described to lie neare unto London stone. Of later time we read that in the yeare of Christ 1135. the first of king Stephen, a fire which began in the house of one Ailward, neare vnto London stone consumed all East to Aldgate, in the which fire
the Priorie of the holy Trinitie was burnt, and West to S. Erkenwalds shrine in Paules Church: and these be the eldest notes that I reade thereof.

Some haue said this stone to be set, as a marke in the middle of the Citie within the walles: but in truth it standeth farre nearer vnto the riuier of Thames, then to the wall of the Citie: some others haue said the same to be set for the tendering and making of payment by debtors to their creditors, at their appoynted dayes and times, till of later time, payments were more usuallly made at the Font in Poules Church, and now most commonly at the Royall Exchange: some againe haue imagined the same to bee set vp by one John or Thomas Londonstone dwelling there agaynst, but more likely it is, that such men haue taken name of the stone, then the stone of them, as did John at Noke, Thomas at Stile, William at Wall, or at Well, &c.

Downe west from this parish church, and from London stone, haue ye Walbrooke corner: from whence runneth vp a streete, North to the Stockes, called Walbrooke, because it standeth on the east side of the same brooke by the banke thereof, and the whole warde taketh name of that streete. On the east side of this streete and at the north corner thereof is the Stockes market, which had this beginning. Aboute the yeare of Christ 1282. Henry Wales Mayor caused diuers houses in this Citty to bee builded towards the maintenance of London bridge: namely one void place neare vnto the parish Church called Woole Church, on the north side thereof, where sometime (the way being very large and broade) had stoode a payre of Stocks, for punishment of offenders, this Stocks market. building tooke name of these Stockes, and was appoynted by him to bee a market place for fish and flesh in the midst of the city, other houses hee builded in other places, as by the patent of Edward the first it doth appeare, dated the tenth of his raigne. After this in the yeare 1322. the 17. of Edward the second a decree was made by Hamond Chickwell Mayor, that none should sell fish or flesh out of the markets appoynted, to witte Bridge street, East Cheape, Olde Fishstreete, S. Nicholas shambles, and the saide Stockes vpon pain to forfeite such

1 Pontes 1598; Ponts 1603, 1613

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fish or flesh as were sold, for the first time, and the second
time to loose their freedom, which act was made by com-
mandement of the king under his letters patents dated at the
Tower the 17. of his raigne, and then was this stocks let to
farme for 46. pound, 13. shillinges, foure pence by yeare. This
Stockes market was againe begunne to bee builded in the
yeare 1410. in the ii. of Henry the fourth, and was finished in
the yeare next following. In the yeare 1507. the same was
rented 56. pound, 19. shillinges ten pence. And in the
yeare 1543. John Cotes being Mayor, there was in this Stockes
Market for Fishmongers 25. boordes or stalles, rented yearely
to thirty foure pound thirteene shillinges foure pence, there
was for Butchers 18. boordes or stalles, rented at one and
forty pound, sixteene shillinges foure pence, and there were
also chambers aboue, sixeteene rented at fiue pound, thirteene
shillinges foure pence, in all 82.li. 3.s.

Next vnto this Stocks is the parrish church of S. Mary Wool
church, so called of a Beam placed in the church yeard, which
was thereof called Wooll Church Haw, of the Tronage, or weigh-
ing of Wooll there vsed, and to verifie this, I find amongst
the customs of London, written in French, in the raigne of
Edward the second, a Chapter intituled Les Customes de
Wolchurch Haw, wherein is set downe what was there to bee
paide for every parcell of Wooll weighed. This Tronage or
Weighing of Woole till the sixt of Richarde the second was
there continued, John Churchman then builded the Custome
house vppon Wooll keye, to serve for the said Tronage, as is
before shewed in Towerstreee Warde: This church is reason-
able fayre and large, and was lately new builded, by licence
graunted in the 20. of Henry the sixt, with condition to bee
builded 15. foote from the Stockes market for sparing of light
to the same Stockes. The Parson of this church is to haue
foure markes the yeare for tith of the said Stockes, payde him
by the Maisters of the Bridge house, by a speciall decree made
the seconde of Henry the seuenth. John Wingar Grocer,
Mayor 1504. was a great helper to the building of this church,
and was there buried 1505. he gaue vnto it by his testament
two large Basons of siluer and twenty pound in money, also
Richard Shore Draper one of the Shiriffes 1505. was a great
Benefactor in his life, and by his testament gaued 20. pound to
make a porch at the West end thereof, and was there buried,
Richard Hatfield of Steplemorden in Cambridgeshire lyeth
intombed there, 1467. Edward Deoly Esquier 1467. John
Handford Grocer, made the Font of that church, very curiously
wrought, painted and guilded, and was there buried: John
Archer Fishmonger, 1487. Anne Cawode founded a Chauntrie
there, &c. From the Stockes market, and this parish Church
East vp into Lombarde streete, some foure or five houses on
a side, and also on the south side of Wooll Church, haue yee
Bearbinder lane, a parte whereof is of this Walbrooke Warde,
then downe lower in the streete called Walbrooke, is one other
fayre Church of Saint Stephen lateleie builied on the east side
thereof, for the olde Church stoode on the west side, in place
where now standeth the Parsonage house, & therefore so much
nearer the Brooke, euin on the Banke. Robert Chichley Mayor
in the yeare 1428. the sixt of Henry the sixt, gaued to this
parish of Saint Stephen one plot of grounde, containing 208.
foote and a halfe in length and sixtie sixe foote in bredth,
thereupon to builde their new church, and for their church yeard:
and in the seveth of Henry the sixt, the saide Robert one of
the founders laide the first stone for himselfe, the second for
William Stndon Mayor, with whose goodes the grounde
that the Church standeth on, and the housing with the grounde
of the churchyearde was bought by the said Chichley for two
hundred markes from the Grocers, which had beene letten be-
fore for sixe and twenty markes the yeare: Robert Whittingham
Draper laide the thirde stone, Henry Barton then Mayor, &c.
The sayde Chichley gaued more one hundred pound to the sayde
worke, and bare the charges of all the timber worke on the pro-
cession way, and layde the leade vpon it of his owne cost, he
also gaued all the timber for the rooffing of the two side Iles, and
paid for the carriage thereof. This church was finished in the
yeare 1439. the bredth thereof is sixtie seauen foote, and length
125. foote, the church yearde ninetie foote in length, and
thirty seauen in bredth, and more. Robert Whittingham
(made knight of the Bath) in the yeare 1432. purchased the
patronage of this church from John Duke of Bedford, vnckle
to Henry the sixte, and Edward the fourth, in the second of
his raigne, gaue it to Richard Lee then Mayor: There bee
monumentes in this church of Thomas Southwell first Parson
of this new church, who lyeth in the Quier, John Dunstable
Maister of Astronomie and Musicke, in the yeare 1453. Sir
Richard Lee Mayor, who gaue the saide Patronage to the
Grocers. Rowland Hill Mayor, 1549. Sir Thomas Pope first
Treasurer of the augmentations, with his wife Dame Margaret,
Sir John Cootes Mayor, 1542. Sir John Yorke Knight, Mar-
chaunt Taylor, 1549. Edward Lackman Shiriffe, 1564, Richarde
Achley, Grocer, Doctor Owyn Phisition to king Henrie the
eight, John Kirkbie Grocer, 1578, and others.

Lower downe from this parrish church bee diuers fayre
houses namely one, wherin of late Sir Richard Baker a knight
of Kent was lodged, and one wherein dwelled maister Thomas
Gore a marchant famous for Hospitality. On the West side
of this Walbrooke streete, ouer against the Stockes Market,
is a parte of the high streete, called the Poultrie, on the
south side west, till ouer against S. Mildredes Church, and
the Skalding Wike is of this Ward. Then downe againe
Walbrooke streete some small distance, is Buckles Bury, a
street so called of Buckle that sometime was owner thereof,
part of which streete, on both sides 3. or 4. houses to the
course of the Brooke is of this Warde, and so downe Wal-
brooke streete, to the South corner: from whence west downe
Budge Row, some small distance to an Alley and through
that Alley south by the west end of S. Johns Church vpon
Walbrooke, by the south side and east end of the same,
againe to Walbrooke corner. This parrish church is called
S. John vpon Walbrooke, because the west end thereof is
on the verie banke of Walbrooke, by Horshew Bridge, in
Horshew bridge streete. This Church was also lately new
builded: for aboute the yeare 1412. licence was graunted by
the Mayor and comminalty, to the Parson and Parrish, for
the enlarging thereof, with a pece of ground on the North
parte of the Quier, 21. foot in length, 17. foot in bredth, &
3. inches, and on the south side of the Quier one foote of
the common soyle. There be no monuments in this Church of
any accounte, onely I haue lerned William Combarton Skinner,
who gaue landes to that church, was there buried, 1410. and John Stone Taylor, one of the Shiriffes, 1464, was likewise buried there. On the south side of Walbrooke warde from Candlewicke streete, in the mid way betwixe London stone, and Walbrooke corner, is a little lane with a turnepike in the midstest therof, and in the same a proper parish church called S. Mary Bothaw, or Boatehaw, by the Erber: this church being neare vnto Downegate on the riuer of Thames, hath the addition of Boathaw, or Boat haw, of neare adioyning to an haw or yeard, wherein of old time boates were made, and landed from Downegate to bee mended, as may be supposed, for other reason I find none why it should bee so called. Within this Church, and the small Cloystrie adioyning, diuers Noblemen and persons of worshippe haue beene buried, as appeareth by Armes in the Windowes, the defaced Tombes, and printe of plates torn vp and carried away: there remayne onely of John West Esquire, buried in the yeare 1408. Page 231 Thomas Huyltey Esquire 1539. but his monument is defaced since, Lancelot Bathurst, &c. The Erbar is an ancient place The Erbar. so called, but not of Walbrooke warde, and therefore out of that lane, to Walbrooke corner, and then downe till ouer against the south corner of Saint Iohns Church vpon Walbrooke. And this is all that I can say of Walbrooke warde. It hath an Alderman, and his Deputie, common Counsellors eleuen, Constables nine, Scauengers sixe, for the Wardmote inquest thirteene, and a Beedle. It is taxed to the fiftene in London, to 33. pound, fife shillings.

Downegate warde

Downegate warde beginneth at the south end of Walbrooke warde, ouer against the East corner of Saint Iohns church vpon Walbrooke, and descendeth on both the sides to Downegate, on the Thames, and is so called of that downe going or descending thereunto: and of this Downgate the ward taketh name. This ward turneth into Thames streete westwarde, some ten houses on a side to the course of Walbrooke, but East in Thames streete on both sides to Ebgate lane, or old Swan, the lande side whereof hath many lanes
turning vp, as shall bee shewed when I come to them. But first to begin with the high street called Dowgate, at the upper ende thereof is a faire Conduit of Thames water, castellated, and made in the year 1568, at charges of the Citizens, and is called the Conduit vpon Dowgate. The descent of this streete is such that in the yeare 1574, on the fourth of September in the after noon there fel a storme of raine, where-through the channels suddenly arose, and ran with such a swift course towards the common shores, that a lad of 18. years old, minding to haue leapt over the channell near vnto the said Conduit, was taken with the streame, and carried from thence towards the Thames with such a violence, that no man with staues, or otherwise could stay him, till he came against a cart wheele, that stood in the said watergate, before which time he was drowned, and starke deade.

On the west side of this streete is the Tallow Chandlers hall, a proper house, which companie was incorporated in the second yeare of Edward the fourth.

Somewhat lower standeth the Skinners hall, a faire house, which was sometime called Copped hall by Dowgate, in the parish of Saint John vpon Walbrooke. In the 19. yeare of Edward the second, Raph Cobham possessed it with fiue shops, &c.

This companie of Skinners in London were incorporate by Ed. the 3. in the first of his raigne: they had two brother-hoods of Corpus Christi, viz. one at saint Marie Spittle, the other at saint Marie Bethlem without Bishops gate. Richard the second in the 18. of his raigne, graunted them to make their two Brotherhoodes one, by the name of the fraternitie of Corpus Christi, of Skinners, diuerse royall persons were named to be founders and brethren of this fraternitie, to wit, Kings 6. Dukes 9. Earles 2. Lordes 1. Kings, Edward the third, Richard the second, Henry the fourth, Henrie the fift, Henry the sixt, and Edward the fourth. This fraternitie had also once euery yere on Corpus Christi day after noone a Procession, passed through the principall streetes of the Citie, wherein was borne more then one hundred Torches of Waxe (costly garnished) burning light, and above two hundred Clearkes and Priests in Surplesses and Coapes, singing. After
the which were the shiriffes servants, the Clarkes of the Counters, Chaplains for the Shiriffes, the Maiors Sargeants, the counsell of the Citie, the Maior and Aldermen in scarlet, and then the Skinners in their best Liueryes. Thus much to stoppe the tongues of vntthankfull men, such as vse to aske, why haue yee not noted this, or that? and give no thankes for what is done. Then lower downe was a Colledge of Priestes, called Jesus Commons, a house well furnished with Brasse, Pewter, Naparie, Plate, &c. besides a faire Librarie well stored with bookes, all which of old time was giuen to a number of Priestes, that should keepe commons there, and as one left his place by death or otherwise, an other should be admitted into his roome, but this order within this thirtie years being discontinued, the sayde house was dissolved, and turned to Tenements.

Downe lower haue ye Elbow lane, and at the corner thereof was one great stone house, called Olde hall, it is now taken downe, and diuere faire houses of Timber placed there. This was sometime partaining to William de pont le arch, and by him giuen to the Priorie of S. Marie Overy in Southwarke, in the raigne of Henrie the first. In this Elbow lane is the Inholders hall, and other faire houses: this lane runneth west, and suddenly turneth south into Thames street, and therefore of that bending is called Elbow lane. On the East side of this Downgate streete, is the great olde house before spoken of, called the Erber, neare to the Church of saint Marie Bothaw, Geffrey Scrope helde it by the gift of Edward the third, in the l4. of his raigne: it belonged since to John Neuell Lord of Rabie, then to Richard Neuell earle of Warwicke, Neuell Earle of Salisburie was lodged there, 1457. then it came to George Duke of Clarence, and his heires males, by the gift of Edward the fourth, in the l4. of his raigne. It was lately new builید by sir Thomas Pullison Maior, and was afterward inhabited by sir Francis Drake that famous Mariner. Next to this great house, is a lane turning to Bush lane, (of olde time called Carter lane, of carts, and Carmen hauing stables there) and now called Chequer lane, or Chequer Alley, of an Inne called the Chequer.

In Thames streete, on the Thames side west from Downe-
Gate is Greenewitch lane of olde time so called, and now Frier lane, of such a signe there set vp. In this lane is the Ioyners hall, and other faire houses.

Then is Granthams lane so called of John Grantham some time Maior and owner thereof, whose house was very large and strong, builded of stone, as appeareth by gates arched yet remaying, Raph Dodner, first a Brewer, then a Mercer, Maior 1529, dwelled there, and kept his Maioraltie in that house, it is now a Brewhouse as it was afore.

Then is Dowgate whereof is spoken in another place. East from this Dow[n]gate is Cosin lane, named of one William Cosin that dwelled there, in the fourth of Richard the second, as diuers his predecessors, Father, Gran(d)father, &c. had done before him. William Cosin was one of the Shiriffes, in the yeare 1306. That house standeth at the south ende of the lane, hauing an olde and artificial coneyance of Thames water into it, and is now a Diehouse called Lambards messuage. Adjoining to that house, there was lately erected an engine, to conuey Thames water vnto Downgate Conduit aforesaid.

Next to this lane on the East, is the Steleyard (as they terme it) a place for marchants of Almaine, that vsed to bring hither, as well Wheat, Rie, and other graine, as Cables, Ropes, Masts, Pitch, Tar, Flaxe, Hempe, linnin cloth, Wainscots, Waxe, Steele, and other profitable Marchandizes: vnto these Marchants in the yeare 1259. Henry the third, at the request of his brother Richard earle of Cornewell, king of Almaine, granted that all and singular the marchants, hauing a house in the Citie of London, commonly called Guilde Aula Theutonicorum, should be maintained and vpholden through the whole Realme, by all such freedomes, and free vsages or liberties, as by the king and his noble progenitors time they had, and inioyed, &c. Edward the first renued and confirmed that charter of Liberties granted by his Father. And in the tenth yeare of the same Edward, Henrie Wales being Maior, a great controuersie did arise betweene the said Maior, and the marchants of the Haunce of Almaine, about the reparations of Bishopsgate, then likely to fall, for that the said marchants inioyed diuerser priviledges, in respect of maintaining the saide gate, which they now denied to repaire: for the
appeasing of which controversie the king sent his writ to the Treasurer and Barons of his Exchequer, commanding that they should make inquisition thereof, before whom the Merchants being called, when they were not able to discharge themselves, sith they enjoined the liberties to them granted for the same, a precept was sent to the Maior, and shiriffes, to distraine the said merchants to make reparations, namely Gerard Mawbe Alderman of the Haunce, Ralph de Cussarde a Citizen of Colen, Ludero de Deneuar, a Burges of Triuar, John of Aras, a Burges of Triuon, Bartram of Hamburdge, Godestalke of Hundondele, a Burges of Triuon, John de Dele a Burges of Munstar, then remaining in the said Citie of London: for themselves, and all other merchants of the Haunce, and so they granted | 210. markes sterling, to the Maior and Citizens, and vndertooke that they and their successors should from time to time repayre the said gate, and bare the third part of the charges in money, and men to defend it when neede were. And for this agreement, the said Maior and Citizens granted to the said Marchants their liberties which till of late they haue enjoined, as namely amongst other, that they might lay vp their graine which they brought into this realme, in Innes, and sell it in their Garners, by the space of fortie dayes after they had laid it vp: except by the Maior and Citizens they were expressly forbidden, because of dearte or other reasonable occasions. Also they might haue their Aldermen as they had bee accustomed, foreseeene alwayes that he were of the Citie, and presented to the Maior and Aldermen of the Citie, so oft as any should be chosen, and should take an oath before them to maintaine justice in their Courts, and to behaue themselves in their office according to law, and as it stooed with the customes of the Citie. Thus much for their prouisedges: whereby it appeareth, that they were great Marchants of corne brought out of the East parts hither, in so much that the occupiers of husbandry in this land were informed to complaine of them for bringing in such abundance, when the corne of this realme was at an easie price: wherupon it was ordained by Parliament, that no person should bring into any part of this Realme by way of Marchandise, Wheate, Rie or Barly, growing out of
the said Realme, when the quarter of wheate exceeded not
the price of 6. shillings 8. pence, Rie 4. s. the quarter, and
Barley 3. s. the quarter, vpon forfeitury the one halfe to the
king, the other halfe to the seassor thereof. These marchants
of Haunce had their Guild hall in Thames street in place
aforesaid, by the said Cosin lane. Their hall is large, builded
of stone, with three arched gates towards the street, the
middlemost whereof is farre bigger then the other, and is
seldom opened, the other two be mured vp, the same is now
called the old hall.

Of later time, to wit, in the sixt of Richard the second, they
hysred one house next adjoyning to their old hall, which som-
time belonged to Richard Lions a famous Lapidarie, one of
the Shiriffes of London, in the 49. of Edward the third, and
in the 4. of Richard the second, by the rebels of Kent,
drawne out of that house | and beheaded in west Cheape: this
also was a great house with a large wharfe on the Thames, and
the way thereunto was called Windgoose, or Wildgoose lane,
which is now called Windgoose Alley, for that the same Alley
is for the most part builded on by the Stilyard Marchants.

The Abbot of S. Albons had a messuage here with a Key
given to him in the 34. of Henrie the 6. Then is one other
great house which sometime pertained to John Rainwell
Stockfishmonger, Maior, and it was by him giuen to the Maior,
and communaltie to the ende that the profites thereof should
be disposed in dedes of pietie: which house in the 15. of
Edward the fourth, was confirmed vnto the sayd Marchants
in manner following, vz. ‘It is ordyned by our soueraigne
Lord and his Parliament, that the sayd Marchants of Almaine,
being of the companie called the Guildhall Teutonicorum (or
the Flemish Geld) that now bee or hereafter shall be, shall
have, hold and enjoy to them and their successors for euer,
the said place called the stele house, yeelding to the Maior
and communaltie an annuall rent of 70. pound, 3. shillings
foure pence, &c.’

In the yeare 1551. and the sixt of Edward the sixt, through
complaint of the English marchants, the libertie of the
Stilliard Marchants was seised into the kings hands, and so
it resteth.
Then is Church lane, at the west end of Alhallowes church called Alhallowes the more in Thames streete, for a difference from Alhallowes the lesse in the same street: it is also called Alhallowes ad faveum in the Ropery, because hay (was) sold neare thereunto at hay wharfe, and ropes of old time made and solde in the high street. This is a faire Church with a large cloyster on the south side thereof about their Churchyard, but foulely defaced and ruinate.

The church also hath had many faire monuments, but now defaced: there remaineth in the Quier some Plates on graue stones, namely of William Lichfield, Doctor of Diuinitie, who deceased the yeare 1448, hee was a great student, and compiled many booke both moral and diuine, in prose and in verse, namely one intituled the complaint of God vnto sinfull man. He made in his time 3083. Sermons, as appeared by his owne hand writing | and were found when hee was dead. 

One other plate there is of John Brickles Draper, who deceased in the yeare 1437. he was a great benefactor to that Church, and gau by his testament certaine tenements, to the reliefe of the poore, &c. Nicholas Louen and William Peston founded Chaunteries there.

At the East end of this Church goeth downe a lane called Hay wharfe lane, now lately a great Brewhouse, builded there by one Pot: Henrie Campion Esquire, a Beerebrewer vsed it, and Abraham his sonne now possesseth it. Then was there one other lane, sometime called Wolse gate, now out of vs, for the lower part therof vpon the bank of Thames is builded (vpon) by the late Earle of Shrewsburie, and the other end is builded on and stopped vp by the Chamberlaine of London. John Butler Draper, one of the Shiriffes, in the yeare 1420. dwelled there: he appoynted his house to be sold, & the price therof to be giuen to the poor: it was of Alhallowes parish the lesse. Then is there the said parish church of Alhallowes called the lesse, and by some Alhallowes on the cellers, for it standeth on vaults, it is said to be builded by sir John Poultenye, sometimes Maior. The Steeple and Quire of this Church standeth on an arched gate, being the entrie to a

\[1\] Woolseys Lane 1633
\[2\] vpon add. 1598
great house called Cold Harbrough: the Quire of late being fallen downe, is now againe at length in the yeare 1594, by the parishioners new builded. Touching this Cold Harbrough, I find that in the 13. of Edward the 2. sir John Abel knight, demised or let vnto Henrie Stow Draper, all that his capitall messuage called the Cold Harbrough, in the Parish of All Saints ad famum, and all the purtenances within the gate, with the key which Robert Hartford Citizen, sonne to William Hartford, had, and ought, and the foresaid Robert paid for it the rent of 33. shillings the yeare. This Robert Hartford being owner thereof, as also of other lands in Surrey, deceasing without issue male, left two daughters his co-heyres, to wit, I'donia, maried to sir Raph Bigot, and Maude maried to sir Stephen Cosenton knights, betwene whom the sayd house and lands were parted. After the which John Bigot sonne to the said sir Raph, and sir John Cosenton, did sell their moities of Cold Harbrough vnto John Poultyne, sonne of Adam Poultyne the 8. of Edward the third. This sir John Poultyne dwelling in this house, and being foure times Maior, the said house tooke the name of Poultyne's Inne. Notwithstanding this sir John Poultyne the 21. of Edward the 3. by his Charter gaue and confirmed to Humphrey de Bohune Earle of Hereford and Essex, his whole tenement called Cold Harbrough, with all the tenements and key adjoyning, and appurtenances sometime pertaining to Robert de Herford, on the way called Hay wharfe lane, &c. for one Rose at Midsommer, to him and to his heyres for all services, if the same were demaunded. This sir John Poultyne deceased 1349. and left issue by Margaret his wife, William Poultyne, who died without issue, and Margaret his mother was married to sir Nicholas Louell knight, &c. Philip S. Cleare gaue two messuages pertaining to this Cold Harbrough in the Roperie, towards the inlarging of the Parish church, and churchyard of All Saints, called the lesse, in the 20. of Richard the second.

In the yeare 1397. the 21. of Richard the second, John Holland Earle of Huntington was lodged there, and Richard the 2. his brother dined with him, it was then counted a right fayre and stately house, but in the next yeare following, I find that Edmond Earle of Cambridge was there lodged, notwith-
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standing the saide house still retained the name of Poultnye's Inne, in the raigne of Henrie the sixt, the 26. of his raigne. It belonged since to H. Holland duke of Excester, and he was lodged there in the yeare 1472. In the yeare 1483. Richard the third by his letters Patents granted and gaue to John Wriht, alias Garter, principall king of Armes of English men, and to the rest of the kings Heraulds and Purseuants of Armes, all that messuage with the appurtenances, called Cold Harber in the parish of All saints the little in London, and their successors for euer. Dated at Westminster y° 2. of March anno regni primo without fine or fee: how the said Heraulds departed therewith I haue not read, but in the raigne of Henrie the eight, the Bishop of Durhams house neare Charing crosse, being taken into the kings hand, Cuthbert Tunstal Bishop of Durham was lodged in this Cold Harber, since the which time it hath belonged to the Earles of Shrewsburie by com- position (as is supposed) from the said Cuthbert Tunstall. The last deceased Earle tooke it downe, and in place thereof builded a great number of smal tenements now letten out for great rents, to people of all sortes.

Then is the Diers Hall, which companie was made a brother- hood or Guild, in the fourth of Henrie the sixt, and appoynted to consist of a gardian or Warden, and a communaltie the 12. Edward the 4. Then bee there diuers large Brewhouses, and others, till you come to Ebgate lane, where that ward endeth in the East. On the North side of Thames street be diuers lanes also, the first is at the south end of Elbow lane before spoken of, west from Downegate, ouer against Greenwich lane: then be diuers fayre houses for Marchants and others all along that side. The next lane East from Downegate, is called Bush lane, which turneth vp to Candlewicke streete, and is of Downegate warde. Next is Suffolke lane, likewise turning vp to Candlewicke streete, in this lane is one notable Grammar schoole, founded in the yeare 1561. by the master, wardens, and assistants of the Marchant taylers in the parish of Saint Laurence Poultnye. Richard Hilles sometime master of that companie, hauing before giuen 500. pound towards the purchase of an house, called the Mannor of the Rose, sometime belonging to the Duke of Buckingham, wherein

The Manner of the Rose.
the said schoole is kept. Then is there one other lane which
turneth vp to saint Laurence hill, and to the southwest corner
of S. Laurence churchyard: then one other lane called Poultney
lane, that goeth vp of this ward to the southeast corner of
Saint Laurence churchyard, and so downe againe, and to the
west corner of S. Martin Orgar lane, and ouer against Ebgate
lane: and this is all of Downgate ward, the 13. in number
lying East from the water course of Walbrook, and hath not
any one house on the west side of the said brooke. It hath an
Alderman, his Deputie, common Counsellors nine, Constables
eight, Scouengers fiue, for the Wardmote inquest fourteeene, and
a Beadle, it is taxed to the fiftene eight and twentie pound.

Wards on the west side of Walbrooke, and
first of Vintry ward

NOW I am to speake of the other wardes, 12. in number, all
lying on the west side of the course of Walbrooke: and first of
the Vintry ward, so called of Vintners, and of the Vintrie, a parte
of the banke of the Riuere of Thames, where the marchants of
Burdeaux craned their wines out of Lighters, and other
vessels, & there landed and made sale of them within forty
dales after, vntil the 28. of Edward the first, at which time the
said marchants complained that they could not sell their wines,
paying poundage, neither hire houses or sellers to lay them in,
and it was redressed by vertue of the kings writ, directed to
the Maior and shiriffes of London, dated at Carlauercok (or
Carlile) since the which time many faire and large houses with
vaults and cellers for stowage of wines and lodging of the
Burdeaux marchants have been buidled in place, where before
time were Cookes houses: for Fitstephen in the raigne of
Henrie the 2. writeth that vpon the rivers side betweene the
wine in ships, and the wine to be sold in tauerns, was a com-
mon cookerie or Cookes row, &c. as in another place I haue
set downe: whereby it appeareth that in those dayes (and till
of late time) euery man liued by his professed trade, not any
one interrupting an other. The cookes dressed meate, and
sold no wine, and the Tauerners sold wine, but dressed no
meate for sale, &c.
This warde beginneth in the East, at the west end of Downegate ward, as the water course of Walbrooke parteth them, to wit at Granthams lane on the Thames side, and at Elbow lane on the land side: it runneth along in Thames streete west, some three houses beyond the olde Swanne a Brewhouse, and on the lande side some three houses west, beyond Saint Iames at Garlicke Hith. In brethd this ward stretcheth from the Vintry north to the wall of the West Gate of the Tower Royall: the other North part is of Cordwayner streete warde. Out of this Royall streete by the South gate of Tower Royall runneth a small streete, East to S. Johns vpon Walbrooke, which streete is called Horsheu bridge, of such a bridge sometime ouer the brooke there, which is now vaulted ouer. Then from the sayd south gate west, runneth one other streete, called Knight riders streete, by S. Thomas Apostles church, on the north side, and Wringwren lane, by the said Church, at the west end thereof, and to the East end of the Trinitie Church in the said Knightriders streete, where this ward endeth on that south side the street: but on the north side it runneth no farther then the corner against the new builided Tauerne, and other houses, in a plot of ground, where sometime stood Ormond place, yet haue yee one other lane lower downe in Royall streete, stretching from ouer against S. Michaels church, to, and by the North side of S. Iames church by Garlicke Hith, this is called Kerion lane, and thus much for the bounds of Vintrrie ward. Now on the Thames side west from Granthams lane, haue ye Herber lane, or Brikels lane, so called of John Brikels, sometime owner thereof.

Then is Simpsons lane, of one Simpson or Emperors head lane of such a signe: then the three Cranes lane, so called not onely of a signe of three Cranes at a Tauerne doore, but rather of three strong Cranes of Timber placed on the Vintrrie wharfe by the Thames side, to crane vp wines there, as is afore shewed: this lane was of old time, to wit, the 9. of Richard the 2. called the painted Tauerne lane, of the Tauerne being painted.

Then next ouer against S. Martins Church, is a large house builded of stone and timber, with vaults for the stowage of wines, and is called the Vintrrie. There dwelled John
Gisers Vintner, Maior of London, and Constable of the Tower, and then was Henry Picard, Vintner, Maior. In this house Henrie Picard feasted some foure kings in one day (as in my Summarie I haue shewed). Then next is Vanners lane, so called of one Vannar that was owner thereof, it is now called church lane, of the comming vp from the wharfe to S. Martins church. Next is Brode lane, for that the same is broder for the passage of Carts from the Vintrie warfe, then be the other lanes. At the northwest corner of this lane is the parish Clearks hall, lately by them purchased, since they lost their old hall in Bishopsgate street. Next is Spittle lane of old time so called, since Stodies lane of the owner thereof, named Stodie. Sir John Stodie, Vintner, Maior in the yeare 1357, gaue it with all the Quadrant wherein Vintners hall now standeth, with the tenements round about vnto the Vintners: the Vintners builde for themselves a faire hall, and also 13. Almes houses there for 13. poore people, which are kept of charitie, rent free.

The Vintners in London were of old time called marchants Vintners of Gascoyne, and so I read them in the Records of Edward the 2. the 11. yeare, and Edward the third the ninth yeare, they were as well English men, as straungers borne beyond the Seas, but then subject to the kings of England, great Burdeous Marchants of Gascoyne, and French wines, divers of them were Maiors of this Citie, namely John Adrian Vintner, Reignold at Conduit, John Oxenford, Hen. Picard, that feasted the kings of England, France, Scotland & Cypres, John Stodie that gaue Stodies lane to the Vintners, which 4. last named were Maiors of the raigne of Edward the third, and yet Gascoyne wines were then to be sold at London, not aboue 4. d. nor Rhenish wine aboue 6. d. the Gallon. I reade of sweet wines, that in the 50. of Edward the 3. John Peachie Fishmonger was accused, for that he procured a licence for the onely sale of them in London, which notwithstanding he justified by law: he was imprisoned and fined. More I reade that in the sixt of Henrie the sixt, the Lombards corrupting their sweete wines, when knowledge thereof came to John Rainwell Maior of London, he in diuere places of the Citie commanded the heades of the buts and other vessels in the
open streetes to be broken, to the number of 150, so that the liquor running forth, passed through the Cittie like a streame of raine water, in the sight of all the people, from whence there issued a most loathsome sauour.

I reade in the raigne of Henrie the seuenth, that no sweete wines were brought into this realm but Malmesies by the longabards, paying to ye king for his licence 6s. 8d. of euery but, besides 12d. for bottell large. I remember within this 54. yeres, Malmsey not to be solde more then 1d. ob. the pint. For prove whereof, it appeareth in the Church booke of S. Andrew Vundershaft, that in the yeare 1547. I. G. and S. K. then Churchwardens, for Lxxx. pintes of Maluesey① spent in the Church, after 1d. ob. the pinte, payde at the yeares end for the same ten shillings: more I remember that no Sackes were solde, but Rumney, and that for medicine more then for drinke, but now many kinds of sackes are knowne and vsed, and so much for Wines. For the Vintrey, to end therewith, I reade that in the raigne of Henry the fourth, the yong Prince Henry, T. Duke of Clarence, I. Duke of Bedford, and Humphrey Duke of Glocester the Kinges sonnes, being at supper amongst the Marchantes of London in the Vintrey, in the house of Lewes John, Henry Scogan sent to them H. Scogan.

a Ballad beginning thus,

My noble sonnes and eke my Lords deare,
I your Father, called unworthily,
Send onto you, this ballad following here,
Written with mine own hand full rudely,
Although it be that I not reverently
Have written to your estates, I you pray
Mine uncunning taketh benignely,
For Gods sake, and hearken what I say.

Then follow in like meeter 23. staues, contayning a perswasion from loosing of time, follilie in lust and vice, but to spende the same in vertue and godlines, as yee may reade in Geoffrey Chaucer his workes lately printed. The successors of those Vintners and wine drawers that retayed by the Gallon, pottell, quart and pinte, were all incorporated by the

① Maluesey] 1603; Malmsey Thoms

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name of wine tunners, in the raigne of Edward the third, and confirmed the 15. of Henry the 6.

Next is Palmers lane, now called Anchor lane: the plummers haue their Hall there, but are tenantes to the Vintners. Then is Worcester house, sometimes belonging to the Earles of Worcester, now diuided into many Tenementes. The Fruterers haue their Hall there. Then is the Old Swan, a great Brew house. And this is all on the Thames side, that I can note in this Ward.

On the land side is the royall streete and Pater noster Lane, | I thinke of olde time called Arches, for I reade that Robert de Suffolke gaue to Walter de Forda1 his tenement with the purtenance in the lane, called Les Arches in the parish of S. Michael de pater noster church, betweene the Wal of the 2 Selde called Winchester Seld2 on the East, and the same on the West, &c. More, I reade of a Stone house called Seld3 de Winton, inxta Stendon bridge, which in that Lane was ouer Walbrooke water. Then is the fayre parish church of S. Michael called Pater noster church in the Royal, this church was new builded and made a colledge of S. Spirit, and S. Mary, founded by Richard Whittington Mercer, 4. times Mayor, for a maister, 4. fellowes maisters of art, clearks, conducts, chorists, &c. and an almes house called Gods house, or hospital for thirteene poore men, one of them to be tutor, and to have xvi.d. the weeke, the other twelue each of them to have xiiiid. the weeke for euer, with other necessary prouisions, an hutch with three lockes, a common seale, &c. These were bounde to pray for the good estate of Richard Whittington and Alice his wife their founders, and for Sir William Whittington Knight, and Dame Ioan his wife, and for Hugh Fitzwaren, and Dame Molde his wife, the fathers and mothers of the saide Richard Whittington and Alice his wife, for king Richard the second, and Thomas of Woodstocke, Duke of Gloucester, speciall Lordes and Promoters of the saide Richard Whittington, &c. The licence for this foundation was graunted by king Henry the fourth, the eleuenth of his raigne, and in the twelfth of the same

1 de Forda] Darford 1603  
2-2 selde called Winchester field 1603  
3 Sella] Stoda 1633
kinges reign the Mayor and Commonalty of London graunted to Richard Whitington a vacant peice of grounde, thereon to build his Colledge in the Royall, all which was confirmed by Henry the sixt, the third of his raigne, to John Coventrie, Jenkin Carpenter and William Groue Executors to Richard Whitington. This foundation was againe confirmed by Parliament, the tenth of Henry the sixt, and was suppressed by the statute of Edward the sixt.

The Almes houses with the poore men do remayne, and are paide by the Mercers: this Richard Whitington was in this Church three times buried, first by his Executors under a fayre monument, then in the raigne of Edward the 6. the Parson of that Church, thinking some great riches (as he said) to bee buried with him, caused his monument to bee broken, his body to be spoyled of his Leaden sheet, and againe the second time to bee buried: and in the raigne of Queene Mary, the parishioners were forced to take him vp, to lap him in lead, as afore, to bury him the thirde time, and to place his monument, or the like, ouer him again, which remayneth and so hee resteth. Thomas Windford, Alderman, was buried in this church, 1448. Arnold Macknam Vintner, a Marchant of Burdious, 1457. Sir Heere Tanke, or Hartancleux Knight of the Garter, borne in Almayne, a Noble Warriour in Henry the fift, and Henry the sixt dayes. Sir Edmond Mulshew Knight, neare to Thomas Cokham Recorder of London, the Lady Kyme, Sir William Oldhall knight, 1460. William Barniske, Sir John Yong Grocer, Mayor 1466, Agnes daughter to Sir John Yong, first married to Robert Sherington, after to Robert Mulleneux, then to William Cheyney Esquier, John Having Gentleman, William Roswell Esquier, William Postar Clearke of the Crowne, 1520. Sir William Bayly, Draper, Mayor 1533. with Dame Katheren his wife, leauing xvi. children. John Hadou mercy, Shiriffe 1582. who gaue Legacies to the 13. Almes men, and otherwise for a Lecture.

At the upper end of this streete, is the Tower Royall, whereof that streete taketh name: this Tower and great place was so called, of pertayning to the kinges of this Realme, but by whome the same was first builded, or of what antiquity continued, I haue not read, more then that in the raigne of Richard whitington thrise buried.

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Edward the first, the second, fourth and seventh yeares, it was the tenement of Symon Beaumes, also that in the 36 of Edward the 3. the same was called the Royall, in the parrish of S. Michael de pater noster, & that in the 43. of his raigne, hee gaue it by the name of his Inne, called the Royall in the citty of London, in value xx.l by yeare, vnto his Collode of S. Stephen at Westminster: notwithstanding in the raigne of Richard the second it was called the Queenes Wardrope, as appeareth by this that followeth, king Richard haung in Smithfield overcame and dispersed his Rebels, hee, his Lordes and all his Company, entered the City of London, with great joy, and went to the Lady Princes his mother, who was then lodged in the Tower Royall, called the Queenes Wardrope, where she had remayned three dayes and two nightes, right sore abashed, but when she saw the king her sonne, she was greatelie reioyced and saide. Ah sonne, what great sorrow haue I suffered for you this day. The king aunswered and saide, certeinly Madam I know it well, but now reioyce, and thanke God, for I haue this day recovered mine heritage, and the Realme of England, which I had neare hand lost.

This Tower seemeth to haue beene at that time of good defence, for when the Rebels had beset the Tower of London, and got possession thereof, taking from thence whome they listed, as in mine Annales I haue shewed, the princesse being forced to flye came to this Tower Royall, where shee was lodged and remayned safe as yee haue heard, and it may bee also supposed that the king himselfe was at that time lodged there. I read that in the yeare 1386. Lyon king of Armonie, being chased out of his Realme by the Tartarians, receyued innumerable gifts of the King and of his Nobles, the king then lying in the Royall, where hee also granted to the saide king of Armonie, a Charter of a thousand poundes by yeare during his life. This for prooфе may suffice, that kinges of England haue beene lodged in this Tower, though the same of later time haue beene neglected and turned into stabling for the kinges horses, and now letten out to diuers men, and diuided into Tenements.

In Horsebridge streete is the Cutlars Hall. Richard de Wilehale 1295. confirmed to Paule Butelar this house and
edifices in the parish of S. Michaell pater noster church, and S. Johns upon Walbrooke, which sometime Lawrens Gisors, and his sonne Peter Gisors did possesse, and afterward Hugo de Hingham, and lyeth betweene the Tenement of the saide Richard towards the south, and the lane called Horseshew bridge towards the north, and betweene the waye called pater noster Church on the West, and the course of Walbrooke on the East, paying yearely one cloue of Gereflowers at Easter, and to the Prior and Counet of Saint Mary Ouery, 6.s. This house sometime belonged to Simon Dolesby Grocer, Mayor 1359. They of this Company were of olde time three Artes, or sortes of Workemen, to wit, the first were Smithes, Forgers of Blades, and therefore called Bladers, and diuurse of them prooued wealthie men, as namely Walter Nele, Blader, one of the Shiriffes, the 12. of Edward the 3. deceased 1352. and buried in Saint James Garlickie Hith: hee left lands to the mending of high wayes about London, betwixt Newgate and Wicombe, Aldgate and Chelmesford, Bishopsgate and Ware, Southwarke and Rochester, &c. The second were makers of Haftes, and otherwise garnishers of Blades: the third sort were Sheathmakers for swords, daggers, and kniues. In the 10. of Henrie the 4. certaine ordinances were made betwixt the Bladers, and the other Cutlers, and in the 4. of Henrie the 6. they were all three Companies drawne into one fraternitie, or brotherhood, by the name of Cutlers.

Then is Knight riders streete, so called (as is supposed) of Knights well armed and mounted at the Tower Royall, ryding from thence through that street, west to Creede lane, and so out at Ludgate towards Smithfield, when they were there to turney, iust, or otherwise to shew actiuities before the king and states of the Realme. In this streete is the parish Church of saint Thomas Apostles, by Wringwren lane, a proper Church, but monuments of antiquitie be there none except some Armes in the windowes, as also in the stone worke, which some suppose to be of John Barns Mercer, Maior of London in the yere 1371. a great builder thereof, H. Causton, Marchant, was a benefactor, and had a Chantrie there about 1396, T. Roman Maior 1310. had also a Chantrie there 1319. Fitzwilliams also a benefactor, had a Chantry there.
More, sir William Littlesbery, alias Horne, (for king Ed. the 4. so named him) because he was a most excellent blower in a horne, he was a Salter, and Marchant of the staple, Maior of London in the yeare 1487. and was buried in this Church, hauing appointed by his testament the Bels to bee chaunged foroure new Bels of good tune and sound, but that was not performed: he gaue 5oo. marks to the repayring of high waies betwixt London and Cambridge, his dwelling house, with a Garden, and appurtenances in the said parish to be sold, and bestowed in charitable actions, as his executors would answer before God: his house called the George in Bredstreete he gaue to the Saltars, they to find a Priest in the said Church, to haue six pound thirteene shillings foure pence the yeare, to every preacher at Paules Crosse, and at the Spittle 4. pence for euery, to the Prisoners of Newgate, Ludgate, Marshalsey, and Kings bench, in victuals ten shillings at Christmas, and ten shillings at Easter for euery, which legacies are not performed. William Shipton, William Champneis and Iohn de Burford, had Chauntires there, Iohn Martin Butcher, one of the Shiriffs, was buried there 1533 &c. Then west from the said Church on the same side, was one great messuage, sometime called Ipris Inne, of William of Ipris 1 a Fleming, the first builder thereof. This William was called out of Flanders, with a number of Flemings to the aide of king Stephen, agaynst Maude the Empresse, in the yeare 1138. and grew in favoure with the said king for his seruice, so farre that he builded this his house neare vnto Tower royall, in the which Tower it seemeth the king was then lodged, as in the heart of the Citie, for his more safetie.

Robert Earle of Glocester, brother to the Empresse, being taken, was committed to the custodie of this William to be kept in the Castell of Rochester, till king Stephen was also taken, and then the one was deliuered in exchange for the other, and both set free: this William of Ipres gaue Edredes Hith, now called the Queenes Hith, to the Prior and Chanons of the holy Trinitie in London: he founded the Abbay of Boxley in Kent, &c. In the first of Henrie the second, the saide William with all the other Flemmings, fearing the

1 Ipris Inne, so called of William of Ipres 1598.
indignation of the new king departed the land, but it seemeth that the saide William was shortly called backe againe, and restored both to the kings fauour, and to his olde possessions here, so that the name and familie continued long after in this realme, as may appeare by this which followeth. In the yeare 1377. the 51. of Edward the third, the Citizens of London minding to haue destroyed John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, and Henrie Percie Marshall, (for causes shewed in my Annales) sought vp and downe, and could not find them, for they were that day to dine with John of Ipres at his Inne, which the Londoners wist not of, but thought the Duke and Marshall had beene at the Sauoy, and therefore poaste thither: but one of the Dukes knights seeing these things, came in great hast to the place where the Duke was, and after that he had knocked and could not bee let in, he said to Haueland the Porter, if thou loue my Lord and thy life, open the gate: with which wordes he gat entry, and with great feare he tels the Duke, that without the gate were infinite numbers of armed men, and vnlesse he tooke great heede, that day would be his last: with which wordes the Duke leapt so hastily from his Oisters, that hee hurt both his legges against the forme: wine was offered, but he could not drinke for haste, and so fled with his fellow Henrie Percie out at a backe gate, and entering the Thames, neuer stayed rowing, vntill they came to a house neare the Mannor of Kenington, where at that time the Princesse lay with Richard the yong Prince, before whom hee made his complaint, &c. On the other side, I reade of (a) Messuage called Ringed hall, king Henrie the eight the 32. of his raigne, gaue the same with foure tenements adjoyning vnto Morgan Philip, alias Wolfe, in the Parish of Saint Thomas Apostles in London, &c.

Ouer against Ipres Inne in Knight riders streete at the corner towards S. Iames at Garlicke Hith, was sometime a great house builded of stone, and called Ormond place, for that it sometimes belonged to the Earles of Ormond. King Edward the 4. in the fifth of his raigne, gaue to Elizabeth his wife the Mannor of Greenwith with the Tower and Parke in the Countie of Kent. He also gaue this tenement called Ormond place with all the appurtenances to the same, scituate in the
parish of saint Trinitie in Knightriders streete in London. This house is now lately taken downe, and diuers faire Tenements are builded there, the corner house whereof is a Tauerne. Then lower downe in Royall streete, is Kerion lane, of one Kerion sometime dwelling there. In this lane be diuers faire houses for Marchants, and amongst others is the Glasiers hall. At the south corner of Royall streete, is the faire parish Church of saint Martin called in the Vintrie, sometime called saint Martin de Beremand church. This church was new builded about the yeare 1399. by the executors of Mathew Columbars a stranger borne, a Burdeaux Marchant of Gascoyne and French wines, his armes remaine yet in the East Window, and is betweene a Cheueron, 3. Columbns: there lie | buried in this Church, Sir Iohn Gisors Maior, 1311. Henrie Gisors his sonne, 1343. and Iohn Gisors his brother, 1350. he gaue to his sonne T. his great mansion house, called Gisors hall in the parish of S. Mildred in Bredstreet. This Thomas had issue Iohn and Thomas, Iohn made a feosome, and sold Gisors hall, and other his lands in London, about the yeare 1386. Thomas deceased 1395. Henrie Vennar, Bartholomew de la vauch, Thomas Cornwalles, one of the Shirifes, 1384. John Cornwalles Esquire, 1436, Iohn Mustrell, Vintner, 1424. William Hodson, William Castleton, Iohn Gray, Robert Dalusse Barbar, in the raigne of Edward the 4. with this Epitaph.

As flowers in field thus passeth life,
Naked then clothed, feeble in the end.
It sheweth by Robert Dalusse, and Alison his wife,
Christ them save from the power of the fiend.

Sir Raph Austrie, Fishmonger, Maior, new roofed this church with timber, couered it with lead, and beautifully glased it: he deceased 1494. and was there buried with his two wifes, Raph Austrie his sonne, gentleman, William Austrie, and other of that name, Barbrrand wife to Grimond Descur Esquire, a Gascoyne and Marchant of wines, 1494. Thomas Batson, Alice Fowler, daughter and heire to Iohn Howton, wife to Iohn Hulton, James Barilet, and Alice his wife, William Fennor, Roger Cotton, Robert Stocker, Iohn Pemberton, Philip de Plasse, Iohn Stapleton, Iohn Mortimer, William Lee, William
Hamsteed, William Stoksbie, and Gilbert March, had Chantries there.

Then is the Parish Church of S. Iames, called at Garlick hith or Garlicke hiiue, for that of old time on the banke of the river of Thames, neare to this Church, Garlicke was usuall solde: this is a proper Church, whereof Richard Roting one of the Shiriffes, 1326. is said to be the new builder: and lyeth buried in the same, so was Walter Nele, Blader, one of the Shiriffes, 1337. John of Oxenford Vintner, Maior 1341. I read in the first of Edward the third, that this John of Oxenford gaue to the Priorie of the holy Trinitie in London, two tofts of land, one Mill, fiftie acres of land, two acres of wood, with the Appurtenances, in Kentish towne, in valour 20 s. and 3 d. by yeare. Richard Goodcheape, John de Cressingham, and John Whitthorne, and before them Galfrid Moncley, 1281, founded a Chantrie there.

Monuments remaining there, Robert Gabeter, Esquier, Maior of Newcastle vpon Tine, 1310. John Gisors, William Tillingham, John Stanley, L. Strange, eldest sonne to the Earle of Darby, 1503. Nicholas Staham, Robert de Luton, 1361. Richard Lions, a famous marchant of wines, and a Lapidarie, sometime one of the Shiriffes, beheaded in Cheape by Wat Tiler, and other Rebels, in the yeare 1381. his picture on his graue stone verie faire and large, is with his haire rounded by his eares, and curled, a little beade forked, a gowne girt to him downe to his feette, of branched Damaske wrought with the likenes of flowers, a large pursse on his right side, hanging in a belt from his left shoulder, a plaine whoode about his necke, couering his shoulders, and hanging backe behinde him. Sir Ihon Wroth Fishmonger, Maior 1361. deceased 1407. Thomas Stonarde of Oxfordshire. Ihon Bromer Fishmonger, Alderman, 1474. the Ladie Stanley, mother to the Lord Strange, the Countesse of Huntingdon, the Ladie Harbert, Sir George Stanley, Gilbert Bouet, 1398, a Countesse of Worcester and one of her children, William More Vintner, Maior 1395. William Venor, Grocer, Maior 1389. Robert Chichley Maior 1421. James Spencer Vintner, Maior 1527. Richard Plat Brewer, founded a free schoole there, 1601. And thus an end of Vintrie warde, which hath an Alderman, with a Deputie,
common Counsellors nine, Constables nine, Scavengers four, Wardmote inquest foureteene, and a Beadle. It is taxed to the fifteeene, six pound, 13. shillings 4. pence. |

Cordwainer street ward

THE next is Cordwainer street warde, taking that name of Cordwainers, or Shoemakers, Curriars, and workers of Leather dwelling there: for it appeareth in the records of H. the 6. the ninth of his raigne, that an order was taken then for Cordwainers and Curriars in Corney streete, and Sopars lane.

This warde beginneth in the East on the west side of Walbrooke, and runneth west through Budge Row (a street so called of Budge Furre, and of Skinners dwelling there), then vp by S. Anthonies Church through Aetheling (or Noble street) as Leyland termeth it, commonly called Wathling streete, to the red Lion, a place so called of a great Lion of Timber placed there at a Gate, enteringe a large Court, wherein are diversue fayre and large shoppes well furnished with broade cloathes, and other draperies of all sorts to be solde, and this is the farthest West part of this ward.

On the South side of this streete from Budge Row, lieth a lane turning downe by the west gate of the Tower Royall, and to the south ende of the stone Wall beyond the said gate, is of this ward, and is accounted a part of the Royall streete: agaynst this west gate of the Tower Royall, is one other lane, that runneth west to Cordwainer streete, and this is called Turnbase lane: on the south side wherof is a piece of Wringwren lane, to the Northwest corner of Saint Thomas Church the Apostle. Then againe out of the high streete called Wathling, is one other streete which runneth thwart the same, and this is Cordwainer streete, wherof the whole warde taketh name: this streete beginneth by West Cheape, and Saint Marie Bow church is the head thereof on the west side, and it runneth downe south through that part which of later time was called Hosier lane, now Bow lane, and then by the west end of Aldmary Church, to the new builded houses, in place of Ormond house, and so to Garlickie hill, or hith, to Saint James | Church. The upper part of this street towards Cheape was called Hosier lane of hosiers dwelling there in
place of Shoomakers: but now those hosiers being wore out by men of other trades (as the Hosiars had wore out the Shoomakers) the same is called Bow lane of Bow Church. On the west side of Cordewainers street is Basing lane, right over against Turne basse lane. This Basing lane west to the backe gate of the red Lion, in Wathling streete, is of this Cordewainers street ware.

Now againe on the north side of the high street in Budge row, by the East end of S. Anthonies church, haue ye S. Sithes lane, so called of S. Sithes Church, (which standeth against the North end of that lane) and this is wholy of Cordewainers streete ward: also the south side of Needleman Needlers lane, which reacheth from the north end of Saint Sithes lane, west to Sopers lane, then west from saint Anthonies Church Sopers lane, is the south ende of Sopers lane, which lane tooke that name, not of Sope-making, as some haue supposed, but of Alon le Sopar, in the ninth of Edward the second. I haue not read or heard of Sope making in this Cittie till within this four-score yeares, that John Lame dwelling in Grassestreete set vp a boylinge house: for this Cittie, of former time, was serued of white Sope in hard Cakes (called Castell sope, and other) from beyond the seas, and of gray sope, speckled with white, verie sweetee and good, from Bristow, solde here for a pennie the pound, and never above pennie farthing, and blacke sope for a halfe pennie the pounde. Then in Bowe Lane (as they now call it) is Goose lane, by Bow Church, William Essex Mercer had Tenements there in the 26. of Edward the thirde.

Then from the south end of Bow lane, vp Wathling streete, till over against the red Lion: And these bee the bounds of Cordwainer streete ware.

Touching Monuments therein, first you haue the fayre parish Church of saint Anthonies in Budge row, on the north side thereof. This Church was lately reedified by Thomas Knowles Grocer, Maior, and by Thomas Knowles his sonne, both buried there, with Epitaphes: of the father thus, |
Cordwainer street ward

Epitaph of Th. Knowles.

Grocer and Alderman yeares fortie,
Shiriffe, and twice Maior truly.
And for he should not lie alone,
Here lieth with him his good wife Iohan.
They were together sixtie yeare,
And nineteene children they had in feere, &c.

Thomas Holland Mercer was there buried 1456. Thomas Windout Mercer, Alderman, and Katherine his wife. Thomas Hind Mercer, 1528. He was a benefactor to this church, to Aldemarie Church, and to Bow. Hugh Acton Marchant tayler buried 1520. He gaue 36. pound to the repayring of the steeple of this Church: Simon Street Grocer lyeth in the Church wall toward the south, his armes be three Colts, and his Epitaph thus.

Symon Strete his Epitaph.

Such as I am, such shall you be,
Grocer of London sometime was I,
The kings wayer more then yeares twentie,
Simon Strete called in my place,
And good fellowship faire would trace,
Therefore in heaven, everlasting life
I isu send me, and Agnes my wife:
Kerlie Merlie, my wordes were tho,
And Deo gratias I coupled thereto,
I passed to God in the yeare of grace.
A thousand foure hundred it was, &c.

William Dauntsey Mercer, one of the Shiriffes, buried 1542. Henrie Collet Mercer, Maior, a great benefactor to this Church, the pictures of him, his wife, ten sonnes, and ten daughters remaine in the glasse window on the North side of the Church: but the sayde Henrie Collet was buryed at Stebunhith. Henrie Halton Grocer, one of the Shiriffes, deceased 1415. Thomas Spight Marchant Tayler 1533. and Roger Martin, Mercer, Maior, deceased 1573. John Grantham and Nicholas Bull had Chanteries there.

Next on the south side of Budge row by the west corner thereof, and on the East side of Cordwainer streete, is one other fayre Church called Aldemarie Church, because the same was very old, and elder then any Church of saint Marie
in the Citie, till of late yeares the foundation of a verie faire new Church was laid there by Henrie Keble Grocer, Maior, who deceased 1518. and was there buried in a vault by him prepared, with a faire monument raised ouer him on the North side the Quier, now destroyed and gone: he gaue by his testament 1000. pound towards the building vp of that Church, and yet not permitted a resting place for his bones there. Thomas Roman, Maior 1310. had a Chauntrie there. Richard Chaucer Vintner gaue to that Church his tenement and tauerne, with the appurtenance, in the Royall streete, the corner of Kirion lane, and was there buried, 1348. John Briton, Raph Holland Draper, one of the Shirifles, deceased 1452. William Taylor, Grocer, Maior deceased, 1483. He discharged that ward of fifteenes to bee paide by the poore. Thomas Hinde Mercer, buried in saint Anthonies, gaue ten fodder of lead to the couering of the middle Isle of this Aldemarie Church. Charles Blunt Lord Montjoy was buried there, about the yeare 1545. he made or glased the East window, as appeareth by his Armes: his Epitaph made by him in his life time, thus:

Willingly have I sought, and willingly have I found,
The fatall end that wrought thither as dutie bound:
Discharged I am of that I ought to my countrie by honest wound,
My soule departed Christ hath bought, the end of man is ground.

Sir William Laxton Grocer, Maior, deceased 1556. and Thomas Lodge Grocer, Maior, 1563. were buried in the Vault of Henrie Keble, whose bones were vnkindly cast out, and his monument pulled downe, in place whereof monuments are set vp of the later buried, William Blunt L. Mountjoy, buried there, 1594. &c."

At the vpper ende of Hosier Lane, towarde West Cheape, is the fayre Parish Church of Saint Marie Bow. This Church in the reigne of William Conquerour, being the first in this Cittie builded on Arches of stone, was therefore called newe Marie Church, of Saint Marie de Arcubus, or le Bow in West Cheaping: As Stratford Bridge being the first, builded (by Richard Chaucer Father to Geoffry Chaucer the poet, as may be supposed.
Matilde the Queene, wife to Henrie the first) with Arches of stone, was called Stratford le Bow, which names to the said Church and Bridge remayneth till this day. The Court of the Arches is kept in this Church, and taketh name of the place, not the place of the Court, but of what antiquitie or continuation that Court hath there continued I cannot learne.

This Church is of Cordwayner streete Warde, and for diuerse accidents happening there, hath beene made more famous then any other Parish Church of the whole Cittie, or suburbs. First we reade that in the yeare 1090. and the thirde of William Rufus, by tempest of winde, the roofe of the Church of saint Marie Bow in Cheape was overturned, wherewith some persons were slaine, and foure of the Rafters of 26. foote in length, with such violence were pitched in the ground of the high streete, that scanty foure foote of them remayned aboue ground, which were faine to be cut euen with the ground, because they could not bee plucked out, (for the Citie of London was not then paued, and a marish ground.)

In the yeare 1196. William Fitz Osbert, a seditious traitor, tooke the Steeple of Bow, and fortified it with munitions and victualles, but it was assaulted, and William with his complices were taken, though not without bloodshed, for hee was forced by fire and smoke to forsake the Church, and then by the Judges condemned, he was by the heeles drawne to the Elmes in Smithfield, and there hanged with nine of his fellows, where because his fauouers came not to deliuer him, hee forsooke Maries sonne (as hee tearmed Christ our Saviour) and called vpon the Diuell to helpe and deliuer him. Such was the ende of this deceuyer, a man of an euill life, a secrete murtherer, a filthy fornicator, a polluter of concubines, and (amongst other his detestable facts) a false accuser of his elder brother, who had in his youth brought him vp in learning, and done many things for his preferment. |

In the yeare 1271. a great part of the steeple of Bow fell downe, and slue many people men and women. In the yeare 1284. the thirteenth of Edward the first, Laurence Ducket Goldsmith, hauing grievously wounded one Raph Crepin in west Cheape, fled into Bowe Church, into the which in the night
time entered certaine euill persons, friendes vnto the sayd Raph, and slue the sayd Laurence lying in the steeple, and then hanged him vp, placing him so by the window, as if he had hanged himselfe, and so was it found by inquisition: for the which fact Laurence Duckett being drawne by the feete, was buried in a ditch without the Citie: but shortly after by relation of a boy, who lay with the said Laurence at the time of his death, and had hid him there for feare, the truth of the matter was disclosed, for the which cause, Iordan Goodcheape, Raph Crepin, Gilbert Clarke, and Geoffrey Clarke, were attainted, a certaine woman named Alice, that was chief cause of the sayd mischiefe was burned, and to the number of sixtene men were drawne and hanged besides others, that being richer, after long imprisonment were hanged by the purse.

The Church was interdicted, the doores and windowes were stopped vp with thornes, but Laurence was taken vp, and honestly buried in the Churchyard.

The Parish church of S. Mary Bow by meane of incroachment and building of houses, wanting roome in their Churchyard for buriall of the dead, John Rotham or Rodham Citizen and Tayler, by his Testament dated the yeare 1465. gaue to the Parson and Churchwardens a certaine Garden in Hosier lane, to bee a Churchyarde which so continued near a hundred yeares. But now is builded on, and is a private mans house. The olde steeple of this Church was by little and little reedified, and newe builded vp, at the least so much as was fallen downe, many men giving summes of money to the furtherance thereof, so that at length, to wit, in the yeare 1469. it was ordayned by a common counsaile, that the Bow bell should bee nightly rung at nine of the clocke. Shortly after, John Donne Mercer, by his testament dated 1472. according to the trust of Reginald Longdon, gaue to the Parson and churchwardens of saint Mary Bow, two tenements with the appurtenances, since made into one, in Hosiar lane, then so called, to the maintenance of Bowe bell, the same to bee rung as aforesaid, and other things to bee observered, as by the will appeareth.

This Bell being usually rung somewhat late, as seemed
to the yong men Prentises and other in Cheape, they made
and set vp a ryme against the Clarke, as followeth.

*Clarke of the Bow bell with the yellow lockes,
For thy late ringing thy head shall have knockes.*

Whereunto the Clarke replying, wrote.

*Children of Cheape, hold you all still,
For you shall have the Bow bell rung at your will.*

*Robert Harding* Goldsmith, one of the Shirifles 1478. gaue
to the new worke of that steeple fortie pound. *John Haw*
Mercer ten pound, *Doctor Allen* foure pound, *Thomas Baldry*
foure pound, and other gaue other summes, so that the said
worke of the steeple was finished in the yeare 1512. The
Arches or Bowes thereupon, with the Lanthornes fue in num-
ber, to wit, one at each corner, and one on the top in the
middle vpon the Arches, were also afterward finished of stone,
bracht from Cane in Normandie, deliuered at the Customers
Key for 4s. 8d. the tun, *William Copland Tayler*, the Kings
Merchant, and *Andrew Fuller* Mercer, being Churchwardens
1515. and 1516. It is said that this *Copland* gaue the great
Bell, which made the fift in the ring, to be rung nightly at
nine of the clocke. This Bell was first rung as a knell at the
buriall of the same *Copland*. It appeareth that the Lanthornes
on the toppe of this Steeple, were meant to haue beene glased,
and lightes in them placed nightly in the Winter, whereby
trauellers to the Cittie might haue the better sight thereof, and
not to misse of their wayes.

In this parish also was a Grammar schoole by com-
mandement of king *Henrie* the sixt, which schoole was of
olde time kept in an house for that purpose prepared in the
Churchyard, but that schoole being decayed as others about
this Citie: the schoole house was let out for rent, in the raign
of *Henrie* the eight, for 4. shillings the yeare, a Celler for two
shillings the yeare, and two vaults vnder the Church for fifteene
shillings both. |

The monumentes in this church be these, vz. of Sir *John
Coventrie*, Mercer; Mayor 1425. *Richard Lambert* Alderman,
*Nicholas Alwine* Mercer, Mayor 1499. *Roberte Harding*
Goldsmith one of the Shirifes, 1478. John Loke one of the
Shirifes, 1461. Edwarde Bankes Alderman, Haberdasher,
1566. John Warde, William Pierson Scriuener, and Attourney
in the common place. In a proper Chappell on the South
side the Church standeth a Tombe, eleuate and arched, Ade
de Buke Hatter glazed the Chappell and most parte of the
Church, and was there buried: all other monumentes bee
defaced, Hawley and Sowtham had chauntries there.

Without the North side of this church of Saint Mary Bow
towards west Chepe standeth one fayre building of Stone,
called in record Seldam, a shed, which greatly darkeneth the
said church, for by meanes thereof all the windowes and dores
on that side are stopped vp. King Edward the third vpon
occasion as shal be shewed in the Warde of Cheape, caused
this sild or shed to be made and strongly to bee builded of
stone, for himselfe, the Queene, and other Estates to stand in,
there to beholde the Iustinges and other shewes at their
pleasures. And this house for a long time after serued to that
vse, namely, in the raigne of Edward the third and Richard
the second, but in the yeare 1410. Henry the fourth in the
twelfth of his raigne confirmed the saide shedde or building
to Stephen Spilman, William Marchford, and Iohn Whatele
Mercers, by the name of one new Seldam, shed or building,
with shoppes, sellers, and edifices whatsoever appertayning,
called Crounsilde, or Tamarsilde, situate in the Mercery in
West Cheape, and in the parrish of Saint Mary de Arcynus in
London, &c. Notwithstanding which graunte, the Kinges of
England, and other great Estates, as well of forreine Countries
 repayring to this realme, as inhabitantes of the same, haue
usually repayred to this place, therein to beholde the shewes
of this Citty, passing through West Cheape, namely, the great
watches accustomed in the night, on the euen of S. Iohn
Baptist, and Saint Peter at Midsommer, the examples whereof
were ouer long to recite, wherefore let it suffice | brieflie to
touch one. In the yeare 1510. on Saint Iohns euen at night,
king Henry the eight came to this place then called the
Kinges head in Cheape, in the liuerie of a Yeoman of the
Garde, with an halberde on his shoulder (and there beholding
the watch) departed priuily, when the watch was done, and
was not known to any but to whome it pleased him, but on S. Peter’s night next following, hee and the Queene came royally riding to the said place, and there with their Nobles beheld the watch of the cittie, and returned in the morning.

This church of S. Mary with the saide shedde of stone, al the housing in or aboute Bow Church yearde, and without on that side the high streete of Cheape to the Standarde bee of Cordewainer streete warde. These houses were of olde time but sheddes: for I read of no housing otherwise on that side the street, but of divers sheddes from Sopars lane to the Standarde, &c. Amongst other I read of three shops or sheddes by Sopars lane, pertayning to the priorie of the holy Trinity within Aldgate: the one was let out for 28s. one other for 20 s. and the third for xii.s. by the yeare: Moreouer that Richard Goodchepe Mercer, and Margery his wife, sonne to Iordaine Goodchepe, did let to John Dalinges the yonger, mercer, their shed and chamber in west Cheape, in the parrish of S. Mary de Arches, for iii.s. iiiid. by the yeare. Also the men of Bredstreete ward contented with the men of Cordewayner street ward, for a selde or shede, opposite to the standard on the south side, and it was found to be of Cordewainer streete ward, W. Waldorne being then Mayor, the i. of Henrie the 6. Thus much for Cordewainer streete ward: which hath an Alderman, his Deputie, common Counsellors 8. Constables, 8. Scavengers 8. Wardmote inquest men 14. and a Beadle. It standeth taxed to the fifenee in London at 52li. 16s. in the Exchequer at 52. pound, 6s. |
be all of Chepe ward. Then to begin again in the east upon the said course of Walbrook, is S. Mildreds church in the Poultrie, on the north side, and ouer against the said church gate, on the south to passe vp al that hie street called the Poultrie, to the great conduit in Chepe, and then Chepe it self, which beginneth by the east end of the saide Conduit, and stretcheth vp to the north east corner of Bowlane, on the south side, and to the Standard on the north side, and thus far to the west is of Cheape ward. On the south side of this high street is no lane turning south out of this ward, more then some small portion of Sopars lane, whereof I haue before written. But on the north side of this high streete is Cony-hope lane, about one quarter of Olde Iury lane on the west side, and on the East side, almost as much to the signe of the Angell. Then is Ironmongers lane, all wholly on both sides, and from the North end thereof through Catton streete, West to the North ende of S. Lawrence lane, & some 4. houses west beyond the same on that side, and ouer against Ironmongers lane end on the North side of Catton streete vp by the Guild-hal, and S. Lawrence church in the Iurie is altogether of Chepe ward. Then againe in Chepe more toward the west is S. Laurence lane before named, which is all wholie of this warde, and last of all is Hony lane, and vppe to the standarde on that North side of Chepe, and so stand the bounds of Chepe ward. |

Now for antiquities there, first is Buckles berie, so called of a Mannor, and tenementes pertayning to one Buckle, who there dwelled and kept his Courts. This Mannor is supposed to be the great stone building, yet in part remayning on the south side the streete, which of late time hath beene called the olde Barge, of such a signe hanged out, neare the gate thereof. This Mannor or great house hath of long time beene diuided and letten out into many tenementes: and it hath beene a common speech that when Walbrooke did lie open, barges were rowed out of the Thames, or towed vp so farre, and therefore the place hath euer since been called the Olde barge.

Also on the north side of this streete directly ouer against the said Buckles bery, was one ancient and strong tower of
stone, the which Tower king E. the third, in the 18. of his raigne by the name of the kinges house, called Cernettes towre in London, did appoint to bee his Exchange of money there to bee kept. In the 29. he graunted it to Frydus Guynysane, and Landus Bardoile, Marchantes of Luke, for twenty pound the yeare. And in the 32. he gaue the same Tower to his Collège, or free Chappell of Saint Stephen at Westminster, by the name of Cornetts toure at Buckles bery in London. This Tower of late yeares was taken downe by one Buckle a Grocer, meaning in place thereof, to hauue set vppe and builded a goodly frame of timber, but the sayde Buckle greedily labouring to pull downe the olde tower, a parte thereof fell vpon him, which so sore brused him that his life was thereby shortened: and an other that married his widdow, set vppe the newe prepared frame of timber, and finished the worke.

This whole streete called Buckles bury on both the sides throughout is possessed of Grocers and Apothecaries. Toward the west end thereof, on the south side, breakeh out one other shorte lane, called in Recordes Peneritch street, it reacheth but to Saint Sythes lane, and S. Sythes Church is the farthest part thereof, for by the west end of the saide Church beginneth Needlars lane, which reacheth to Sopars lane as is aforesaid: this small parrioth Church of S. Sith hath also an addition of Bennet shorne, (or Shrog, or Shorehog) for by all these names hauue I read it, but the auncienteast is Shorne, wherefore it seemeth to take that name of one Benedict Shorne, sometime a Cittizen and Stockefishmonger of London, a new builder, repayrer or Benefactor thereof in the raigne of E. the second, so that Shorne is but corruptli called Shrog, and more corruptly Shorehog.

There lie buried in this church John Froyshe Mercer, Mayor 1394. John Rochford and Robert Rockforde, John Hold Alderman, Henry Froweke Mercer, Mayor 1435. Edward Warrington, John Morrice, John Huntley, Richard Lincoln Felmonger, 1548. Sir Raph Waren Mercer, Mayor, 1553. Sir John Lion Grocer, Mayor 1554. these two last haue monuments, the rest are all defaced. Edward Hall, Gentleman, of Greyes Inne, common sergiant of this Cittie, and then
Vnder Shiriffe of the same, hee wrote the large chronicles from Richard the second, till the end of Henry the eight, was buried in this church.

Then in Needelars lane haue yee the parrish church of Saint Pancrate, a proper small church, but diuers rich Parishioners therein, and hath had of olde time many liberall benefactors, but of late such as (not regarding the order taken by her Maiesty) the least bell in their church being broken, haue rather solde the same for halfe the value, then put the parish to charge with new casting: late experience hath proued this to bee true, besides the spoyle of monumentes there. In this Church are buried Sir Aker, Iohn Aker, Iohn Barnes, Mercer, Mayor 1370. Iohn Beston and his wife, Robert Rayland, Iohn Hamber, Iohn Gage, Iohn Rowley, Iohn Lambe, Iohn Hadley, Grocer, Mayor 1379. Richarde Gardener Mercer, Mayor 1478. Iohn Stockton Mercer, Mayor 1470. Iohn Dane, Mercer, Iohn Parker, Robert Marshall Alderman, 1439. Robert Corcheforde, Robert Hatfield, and Robert Hatfield, Nicholas Wilfilde and Thomas his sonne, the monumentes of all which bee defaced and gone. There doe remaine of Robert Burley, 1360. Richard Wilson, 1525. Robert Packenton, Mercer, slayne with a Gunne shot at him in a morning, as hee was going to morrow masse from his house in Chepe to S. Thomas of Acars in the yeare 1536. the murderer was never discouered, but by his owne confession made when he came to the gallowes at Banbury, to be hanged for fellony: T. Wardbury Haberdasher, 1545. Iames Huish Grocer, 1590. Ambrose Smith, &c.

Then is a part of Sopers lane turning vp to Cheape.

By the assent of Stephen Abunden, Maior, the Pepperers in Sopers lane were admitted to sell all such spices and other wares as Grocers now vse to sell, retayning the old name of Pepperers in Sopers lane, till at length in the raigne of Henric the sixt, the same Sopers lane was inhabited by Cordwainers and Curriars, after that the Pepperers or Grocers had seated themselves in a more open street, to wit, in Buckles bury, where they yet remain. Thus much for the south wing of Cheapewarde.

Now to begin againe on the banke of the said Walbrooke, The Poultrie, at the East end of the high streete, called the Poultrie, on the
north side thereof, is the proper Parish Church of S. Mildred, which Church was new builded vpon Walbrooke in the yeare 1457. John Saxton then parson gaue 32. pounds towards the building of the new Quire, which now standeth vpon the course of Walbrooke. Louell and Puery, and Richard Keston, haue their arms in the East windowes as benefactors. The roofing of that church is garnished with the armes of Thomas Archehull, one of the Churchwardens, in the yeare 1455. who was there buried. Thomas Morstede Esquire and Chirurgeon to king Henrie the fourth, fift, and sixt, one of the shirifes of London, in the yeare 1436. gaue vnto this Church a parcell of ground, contayning in length from the course of Walbrooke, toward the West, 45. foot, and in breeth from the Church toward the north, 35. foot, beeing within the gate of Scalding wike in the said Parish, to make a Churchyard, wherein to burie their dead, Richard Shore Draper one of the shirifes, 1505. gaue 15. pound for making a porch to this Church. Salomon Lannare had a Chauntrie there in the 14. of Edward the second, Hugh Game had one other. Buried here as appeareth by monuments, John Hildye Poulter, 1416. John Kendall, 1468. John Garland, 1476. Robert Bois, 1485. and Simon Lee Poulter, 1487. Thomas Lee of Essex Gentleman, William Hallingridge, Christopher Feliocke, 1494. Robert Draiton Skinner, 1484. John Christopherson Doctor of Phi-
sicke, 1524. William Turner Skinner, 1536. Blase White
Grocer, 1558. Thomas Hobson Haberdasher, 1559. William
Hobson Haberdasher, 1581. Tho. Tusser, 1580. with this
Epitaph.

Here Thomas Tusser clad in earth doth lie,
That sometime made the poynets of husbandrie,
By him then learne thou maist, here learne we must,
When all is done we sleepe and turne to dust,
And yet through Christ to heauen we hope to go:
Who reade his bookes shall find his faith was so.

On the north side of the Churchyard remaine two Tombes of Marble, but not knowne of whom, or otherwise then by tradition, it is saide they were of Thomas Monshampe, and William Brothers, about 1547. &c.

1 Monshampe 1598, 1603; Muschampe 1633
Some foure houses west from this Parish Church of saint Mildred, is a prison house pertaining to one of the shirifises of London, and is called the Counter in the Poultrie. This hath beene there kept and continued time out of minde, for I haue not read of the originall thereof. West from this Counter was a proper Chappell, called of Corpus Christi, and saint Marie at Conie hope lane ende, in the Parish of saint Mildred, founded by one named Ionirunnes, a Citizen of London, in the raigne of Edward the third, in which Chappell was a Guild or fraternitie, that might dispand in lands, better then twentie pound by yeare: it was suppressed by Henrie the eight, and purchased by one Thomas Hobson, Haberdasher, he turned this Chappell into a faire Warehouse and shoppes, towards the streete, with lodgings ouer them.

Then is Conyhope lane, of old time so called of such a signe of three Conies hanging ouer a Poulters stall at the lanes end. With in this Lane standeth the Grocers hall, which companie being of old time called Pepperers, were first incorporated by the name of Grocers, in the yeare 1345. at which time they elected for Custos or Gardian of their fraternitie, Richard Oswin, and Laurence Haliwell and twentie brethren were then taken in, to be of their societie. In the yere 1411. the Custos or Gardian, & the brethren of this companie, purchased of the Lord Ro. Fitzwateres, one plot | of ground with the building thereupon in the said Conyhope lane, for 320. markes, and then layd the foundation of their new common hall.

About the yere 1429. the Grocers had licence to purchase 500. Markes land, since the which time, neare adjoyning vnto the Grocers hall the said companie hath builded seuen proper houses for seuen aged poore Almes people. Thomas Knowles, Grocer, Maior, gaue his tenement in saint Anthonies Churchyard to the Grocers, towards the relief of the poore brethren in that companie. Also H. Keeble, Grocer, Maior, gaue to the seuen almes people, six pence the peecce weekly for euer, which pension is now encreased by the Maisters, to some of them two shillings the peecce weekly, and to some of them

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1 Ion. Irunnes Thoms; Ionyrunnes 1598, 1633
lesse, &c. *Henrie Ady* Grocer, 1563. gaue 1000. markes to the Grocers to purchase lands. And *sir John Peachie* knight banaret, free of that company, gaue them five hundred pound to certaine vses: he builded almes houses at Ludingstone in Kent, and was there buried.

West from this Conyhope lane is the old Iurie, whereof some portion is of Cheape ward, as afore is shewed. At the south end of this lane, is the Parish church of saint *Mary Colechurch*, named of one *Cole* that builded it: this church is builded vpon a vault aboue ground, so that men are forced to goe to ascend vp therevnto by certain steppes. I find no monuments of this church more then that *Henrie* the fourth granted licence to *William Marshal* and others, to found a brotherhood of saint *Katheren* therein, because *Thomas Becket*, and saint *Edmond* the Archbishop, were baptized there. More I reade of Bordhangly lane, to be in that Parish: and thus much for the north side of the Poultrie. The south side of the sayd Poultrie, beginning on the banke of the said brooke ouer against the Parish church of Saint *Mildred* passing vp to the great Conduit hath diverse fayre houses, which were sometimes inhabited by Poulters, but now by Grocers, Haberdashers, and Vpholsters.

At the west end of this Poultrie, and also of Buckles berie, beginneth the large streete of West Cheaping, a Market place so called, which streete stretcheth west, till ye come to the little Conduit by Paules gate, but not all of Cheape warde. In the East part of this streete standeth the great Conduit, of sweete water, conueyed by pipes of Lead vnder ground from Paddington, for seruice of this citie, castellated with stone, and cesterned in leade, about the yeare 1285, and againe new builded and enlarged, by *Thomas Ilam* one of the shiriffes, 1479.

About the middest of this streete is the standard in Cheape, of what antiquitie the first foundation I haue not read. But *H. the sixt* by his Patent dated at Windsore the 21. of his raigne, which patent was confirmed by Parliament 1442, graunted licence to *Thomas Knolles*, *John Chichele*, and other, executors to *John Wels* Grocer, sometime Maior of London, with his goods to make new the high way, which leadeth
from the city of London towards the palace of Westminster, before and nigh the mannor of Sauoy, percell of the Dutchie of Lancaster, a way then very ruinous, and the paument broken, to the hurt & mischiefe of the subjects, which old paument, then remaining in that way within the length of 300. foot, and all the breadth of the same before and nigh the site of the mannor aforesaid, they to breake vp, and with stone, graucl, and other stuffe, one other good and sufficient way there to make, for the commoditie of the subjects.

And further, that the Standard in Cheape, where diuere executions of the law before time had beene performed, which standard at that present was verie ruinous with age, in which there was a Conduit, should be taken down, and an othercompetent Standard of stone, togither with a Conduit in the same, of new strongly to be builded for the commoditie and honor of the citie, with the goods of their said testator, without interruption, &c.

Of executions at the Standard in Cheape, we read that in the yeare 1293. three men had their right hands smitten off there, for rescuing of a prisoner arrested by an officer of the citie. In the yere 1326. the Burgesses of London caused Walter Stapleton bishop of Excester, treasurer to Edward the 2, and other, to be beheaded at the Standard in Cheape (but this was by Pauls gate). In the yere 1351. the 26. of Ed. the 3. two Fishmongers were beheaded at the standard in Cheape, but I read not of their offence. 1381. Wat Tiler beheaded Richard Lions, and other there. In the yere 1399. H. the 4. caused the blanch Charters made by Ri. the 2. to be burnt there. In the yeare 1450. Jacke Cade capitaine of the Kentish Rebels, beheaded the Lord Say there. In the yere 1461. John Davy had his hand stricken off there, because he had stricken a man before the Judges at Westminster, &c.

Then next is the great Crosse in west Cheape, which crosse was there erected in the yeare 1290. by Ed. the first, vpon occasion thus: Queene Elleanor his wife died at Hardeby (a towne ncare vnto the citie of Lincolne), her bodie was brought from thence to Westminster, & the king in memorie of her, caused in euery place where her body rested in the way, a stately crosse of stone to be erected with the Queenes...
Image and armes vpon it, as at Grantham, Woborne, Northampton, stony Stratford, Dunstable, S. Albones, Waltham, west Cheape, and at Charing, from whence she was conueyed to Westminster, and there buried.

This crosse in west Cheape being like to those other which remaine till this day, and being by length of time decayed, John Hatherley Maior of London procured in the yeare 1441. licence of king H. the 6. to reedifie the same in more beautifull manner for the honor of the citie: and had licence also to take vp 200. fodder of lead for the building thereof of curne Conduits, and a common Garnarie. This crosse was then curiously wrought at the charges of diuers citizens, John Fisher Mercer gaue 600. marks toward it, the same was begun to be set vp, 1484. and finished 1486. the 2. of H. the 7. It was new gylt ouer in the yeare 1522. against the comming of Charles the 5. Emperor, in the yere 1533. against the coronation of Queen Anne, new burnished against the coronation of Ed. the 6. and againe new gylt 1554 against the comming in of king Philip: since the which time, the said crosse having beene presented by diuers Iuries (or quests of Wardmote) to stand in the high way to the let of caryages (as they allledged) but could not haue it removed, it followed that in the yeare 1581. the 21. of June, in the night, the lowest Images round about the said crosse (being of Christ his resurrection, of the virgin Mary, king Ed. the confessor, and such like) were broken, and defaced, proclamation was made, that who so would bewray the doers, should haue 40. crownes, but nothing came to light: the image of the blessed virgin, at that time robbed of her son, and her armes broken, by which she staid him on her knees: her whole body also was haled with ropes, and left likely to fall: but in the yeare 1595. was againe fastned and repaired, and in the yeare next following, a new misshapen son, as borne out of time, all naked was laid in her armes, the other images remaining broke as afore. But on the east side of ye same crosse, the steps taken thence, vnder the image of Christes resurrection defaced, was then set vp a curious wrought tabernacle of gray Marble, and in the same an Alabaster Image of Diana, and water conuayed

\[1\] 1533 corr. Thom; 1553 add. The reference is to Q. Anne Boleyn
from the Thames, prilling from her naked breast for a time, but now decaying. In the yeare 1599, the timber of the crosse at the top being rotted within the lead, the armes thereof bending, were feared to haue fallen to the harming of some people, and therefore the whole body of the crosse was scaffolded about, and the top thereof taken down, meaning in place thereof to haue set vp a Piramis, but some of her Maiesties honorable counsellors directed their letters to 

Nicholas Mosley then Maior, by her highnes expresse commandement concerning the crosse, forthwith to be repaired, and placed againe as it formerly stood, &c. Notwithstanding the said crosse stoode headles more then a yeare after: wherevpon the said counsellors in greater number, meaning not any longer to permit the continuance of such a contemp, wrote to William Rider then Maior, requiring him by vertue of her highnesse said former direction and commandement, [that] without any further delay to accomplish the same her Maiesties most princely care therein, respecting especially the antiquite and continuance of that monument, an ancient ensigne of Christianitie, &c. dated the 24. of December, 1600. After this a crosse of Timber was framed, set vp, couered with lead and gilded, the body of the crosse downeward clenched of dust, the scaffold caried thence. About 12. nights following, the Image of our Lady was again defaced, by plucking off her crowne, and almost her head, taking from her her naked child, & stabbing her in the breast, &c. Thus much for the crosse in west Cheape. Then at the west ende of west Cheape street, was sometime a crosse of stone, called the old crosse. Raph Higden in his Policronicon, saith, that Walter Stapleton Bishop of Excester treasurer to Ed. the 2. was by the Burgesses of London beheaded at this crosse called the standart without the north doore of S. Pauls church, & so is it noted in other writers that | then liued. This old crosse stood and remained at the East ende of the parish Church called S. Michael in the corne by Paules gate, nere to the north end of the old Exchange till the yere 1390. the xiii of Richard the 2. in place of which old crosse then

1 formerly] formally edd.
taken downe, the said church of S. Michael was enlarged, and also a faire water Conduit builded about the ninth of Henrie the sixt.

In the raigne of Edward the 3. diuers Iustings were made in this streete, betwixt Sopars lane and the great Crosse, namely one in the yeare 1331 about the xxii. of September, as I find noted by diuere writers of that time. In the middle of the city of London (say they) in a street called Cheape, the stone pauenment being couered with sand, that the horse might not slide, when they strongly set their feete to the ground, the king held a tournament 3. dayes together with the Nobilitie, valiant men of the realme, and other, some strange knights. And to the end, the beholders might with the better ease see the same, there was a wooden scaffold erected crosse the streete, like vnto a Tower, wherein Queene Philip, and many other Ladies, richly attyred, and assembled from all parts of the realme, did stand to behold the Iustes: but the higher frame in which the Ladies were placed, brake in sunder, wherby they were with some shame forced to fall downe, by reason wherof ye knights and such as were vnderneath were grievously hurt, wherefore the Queene tooke great care to saue the Carpenters from punishment, and through her prayers (which she made vpon her knees) pacified the king and counsell, and thereby purchased great loue of the people. After which time, the king caused a shed to be strongly made of stone for himselfe, the Queene, and other states to stand on, & there to beholde the Iustings, and other shewes at their pleasure, by the church of S. Mary Bow, as is shewed in Cordwainer street warde. Thus much for the high streete of Cheape: now let vs returne to the south side of Cheape warde. From the great Conduit west be many faire and large houses, for the most part possessed of Mercers vp to the corner of Cordwainer street, corruptly called Bow lane, which houses in former times were but sheds or shops, with solers ouer them, as of late one of them remained at sopars lane end, wherein a woman sold seedes, rootes and herbes, but those sheds or shops, by incrochments on ye high street, are now largely builded on both sides outward, and also vpward, some 3. 4, or 5. stories high.
Now of the north side of Cheape street & ward, beginning at the great Conduit, & by saint Mary Cole church where we left. Next thereunto westward is the Mercers chappel, sometime an hospital intituled of S. Thomas of Acon or Acars, for a master and brethren, Militia hospitalis, &c. saith the record of Ed. the 3. the xiii. yere, it was founded by Thomas Fitzthebald de heili, & Agnes his wife, sister to T. Becket, in the raigne of H. the 2. They gave to the master and brethren the lands with the appurrenances that sometimes were Gilbart Beckets, father to the said Thomas, in the which he was borne, there to make a church. There was a Charnell, and a Chappel over it, of S. Nicholas, and S. Stephen. This hospital was valued to dispem 277.l. 3 s. 4.d. surrendered the 30. of H. the 8. the xxii. of October, and was since purchased by the Mercers, by meanes of sir Richard Gresham, and was again set open on the Eye of S. Michael, 1541. the 33. of H. the 8. it is now called the Mercers Chappel, therein is kept a free Grammar schoole, as of old time had beene accustomed, commanded by Parliament. Here bee many monuments remaining, but more have beene defaced: James Butler Earle of Ormond, and Dame Joan his Countesse 1428. John Norton Esquire, Stephen Cauendish Draper, Maior, 1362. Thomas Cauendish, William Cauendish, Thomas Ganon called Pike, one of the shirisses, 1410. Hungate of Yorkshire, Ambrose Cresacre, John Chester Draper, John Trusbut Mercer, 1437. Tho. Norland, shiriffe 1483. sir Edmond Sha Goldsmith, Maior, 1482. sir Tho. Hill Maior, 1485. Thomas Illam shiriffe, 1479. Lancelot Laken Esquire, Raph Tilney Shiriffe, 1488. Garth Esquire, John Rich, Thomas Butler Earle of Ormond, 1515. sir W. Butler Grocer, Maior 1515. W. Browne mercer, Maior 1513. John Loke 1519. sir T. Baldry mercer, Maior 1523. sir W. Locke mercer, shiriffe 1548. sir John Allen mercer, Maior 1525. deceased 1544. sir T. Leigh mercer, Maior 1558. sir Ri. Malory mercer, Maior 1564. Humf. Baskervile mercer, shiriffe 1561. sir G. Bond Maior, 1587. &c.

Before this Hospital towards the street, was builded a faire and beautifull chappell, arched ouer with stone, and thereypyn the Mercers hall, a most curious peece of worke: sir John Allen Mercer being founder of that Chappell, was there
buried, but since his Tombe is remoued thence into the Chappell ¹ of the hospitall church, and his bodie ² diuided into shops is letten out for rent. These Mercers were enabled to be a companie, and to purchase landes to the value of 20 l. the yeare, the 17. of Richard the 2. They had three messuages and shops in the parish of S. Martin Oteswitch in the ward of Bishopsgate, for the sustentation of the poore, and a chantrie the 22. of Ri. the 2. Henry the 4. in the xii. of his raigne, confirmed to Stephen Spilman, W. Marchford, and Ioh. Whatile mercers, by the name of one new seldom, shed, or building, with shops, Cellers and edifices whatsoever appertaining called Crownsild situate in the Mercéri in west Cheape, in the parish of S. Marie de Arcibus in London, &c. to be holden in burgage, as all the Citie of London is, and which were worth by yere in all issues, according to the true value of them, 7 l. 13 s. 4 d. as found by inquisition before Th. Knolles Maior, and Escheter in the said Citie. H. the 6. in the 3. of his raigne, at the request of John Countrie, John Carpenter, and William Grove, granted to the Mercers to haue a Chaplaine, and a brotherhoode for reliefe of such of their companie as came to decay by misfortune on the sea. In the yeare 1536. on S. Peters night, king H. the 8. and Queene Iane his wife, stooed in this Mercers hall then new builted, and beheld the marching watch of the Citie, most brauely set out, sir John Allen mercer, one of the kings counsell, being Maior.

Next beyond the Mercers Chappell, and their hall, is Ironmonger lane, so called of Ironmongers dwelling there, whereof I reade in the raigne of E. the first, &c. In this lane is the small parish church of S. Martin called Pomeray, vppon what occasion I certainly know not. It is supposed to be of Apples growing, where now houses are lately builted: for my selfe haue seene large void places. Monuments in that Church none to be accounted of.

Farther west is S. Laurence lane, so called of S. Laurence church, which standeth directly ouer against the north end thereof: antiquities in this lane, I find none other, then that among many fayre houses, there is one large Inne for receipt

¹ Chappell 1598; bodie 1603
² bodie 1603; body-roome 1633; chapel Thoms
of travelers, called Blossoms Inne, but corruptly Bosoms Inne, Blossoms Inne. and hath to signe Saint Lawrence the Deacon, in a Border of blossoms or flowers.

Then neare to the Standarde in Chepe is Honey lane so called not of sweetenes thereof, being very narrow and somewhat darke, but rather of often washing and sweeping, to keepe it cleane. In this lane is the small parrish church called Alhallows in Honey lane, there be no monumentes in this church worth the noting. I find that John Norman Draper, Mayor 1453. was buried there: he gaue to the Drapers his tenements on the north side the saide church, they to allow for the Beame light and lamp, xiii.s. iiiid. yearely, from this lane to the Standard, and thus much for Chepe warde in the high streeete of Chepe, for it stretcheth no farther.

Now for the North Wing of Chepe warde haue yee Catte-street, corruptly called Catteten streete, which beginneth at the North end of Ironmonger lane, and runneth to the West end of S. Lawrence church as is afore shewed.

On the North side of this streeete is the Guild Hall, wherein the courts for the citty be kept, namely, 1. the court of common counsaile, 2. The court of the Lord Mayor and his Brethren the Aldermen, 3. The court of Hustinges, 4. The court of Orphanes, 5. The two courtes of the Shirifes, 6. The court of the Wardmote, 7. The court of Hallmote, 8. The court of requestes, commonly called the court of conscience, 9. The chamberlaines court for Prentises, and making them free. This Guilde Hall, sayeth Robert Fabian, was begunne to bee builded new in the yeare, 1411. the twelfth of Henry the fourth, by Thomas Knoles then Mayor, and his Brethren the Aldermen, the same was made of a little cottage, a large and great house as now it standeth: towards the charges whereof the companies gaue large beneuolences, also offences of men were pardoned for summes of money towards this worke, extraordinary fees were raysed, Fines, Amercements, and other thinges employed during seauen yeares, with a continuation thereof three yeares more, all to be imploied to this building.

The first yeare of Henry the sixt, John Countrie and John
Carpentar Executors to Richard Whittington, gaued towards the paving of this great Hall twenty pound, and the next yeare fifenee pound more, to the saide paveament, with hard stone of Purbecke, they also glased some Windowes thereof and of the Mayors court, on every which Windowe the arms of Richard Whittington are placed. The foundation of the Mayors court was laid in the thirde yeare of the raigne of Henry the sixt, and of the Porch on the South side of the Mayors courte, in the fourth of the saide King. Then was builded the Mayors chamber, and the counsell chamber with other roomes aboue the staires: last of all a stately porch entering the great Hall was erected, the front thereof towards the South being beautified with images of stone, such as is shewed by these verses following, made about some 30. yeares since by William Elderton, at that time an Atturney in the Shirifes courts there.

Though most the images be pulled down,
And none be thought remayne in Towne,
I am sure there be in London yet,
Seuen images such, and in such a place,
As few or none I thinke will hit:
Yet every day they shew their face,
And thousands see them every yeare,
But few I thinke can tell me where,
where Iesu Christ aloft doth stand,
Law and learning on eyther hand,
Discipline in the Devils necke,
And hard by her are three direct,
There justice, Fortitude and Temperance stand,
where find ye the like in all this land?

Diuers Aldermen glased the great Hall, and other courtes, as appeareth by their Arms in each window. William Hariot Draper, Mayor 1481. gaued 40. pound to the making of two loouers in the said Guildhal, and toward the glasing thereof. The kitches and other houses of office adioyneng to this Guildhall were builded of latter time, to wit, about the yeare 1501. by procurement of Sir John Sha Goldsmith, Mayor (who was the first that kepte his Feast there) towards
the charges of which worke the Mayor had of the Fellow-shippes of the cittie, by their owne agreement certayne summes of money, as of the Mercers forty pound, the Grocers twenty pound, the Drapers thirty pound, and so of the other Fellowships through the city, as they were of power. Also Widdowes and other well disposed persons gaue certain summes of money, as the Lady Hill ten pound, the Lady Austria ten pound, and so of many other till the worke was finished, since the which time the Mayors Feastes haue beene yearly kepte there, which before time had beene kept in the Taylers Hall, and in the Grocers hall: Nicholas Alwyn Mercer, Mayor 1499. deceased 1505. gaue by his Testament for a hanging of Tapestrie to serue for principall dayes in the Guild hall 73.li. 6.s. 8.d. How this gift was performed I haue not heard, for Executors of our time hauing no conscience, (I speake of my own knowledge) prowe more testaments then they performe.

Now for the chappell or colledge of our Lady Mary Magdalen, and of All-Saintes by the Guild hall called London colledge, I reade that the same was builded about the yere 1299. and that Peter Fancloere, Adam Frauncis and Henry Frowike cittizens gaue one Messuage with the appurtenances in the parrish of Saint Fawstar to William Brampton Custos of the Chauntrie, by them founded in the said chappell with foure Chaplens, and one other house in the parrish of S. Giles without Criplegate, in the 27. of Edward the third, was giuen to them. Moreover I find that Richard the 2. in the Patent. 20. of his raigne, graunted to Stephen Spilman Mercer, licence to giue one messuage, 3. shops, and one garden, with the appurtenances, being in the parrish of Saint Andrew Hubbard, to the Custos and Chaplens of the said chappell and to their successors for their better reliefe and maintenance for euer.

King Henry the 6. in the eight of his raigne gaue licence to John Barnard Custos, and the Chaplens to build of new the said chappell or colledge of Guild hall, and the same Henry the 6. in the 27. of his raigne, graunted to the parish Clearkes in London, a Guild of S. Nicholas, for two Chaplens by them founded] found 1598, 1603.
to be kepte in the said Chappell of S. Mary Magdalen, neare
unto the Guild hall, and to kepe 7. Almes people. Henry
Barton Skinner, Mayor, founded a chaplen there, Roger
Deopham Mercer, and Sir William Langford knight had also
chaplens there. This Chapyll or colledge had a Custos,
7. chaplens, 3. clearkes, and foure Quiristers.

Monumentes there haue been sundrie, as appeareth by the
tombs of marble yet remayning, seuen in number, but al
defaced. The uppermost in the quire on the South side
thereof aboue the Reuestrie dore, was the tombe of Iohn
Welles Grocer, Mayor 1431. The likenes of welles are grauen
on the tombe, on the Reuestrie dore, and other places on
that side the Quire. Also in the Glasse window ouer this
tombe, and in the East Window is the likenes of Welles, with
hands elevated out of the same Welles, holding scrowles,
wherein is written Mercy, the writing in the East window
being broken yet remayneth Welles: I found his armes also
in the South glasse window, all which doe shew that the East
end and South side the Quire of this Chappell, and the
Reuestrie were by him both builded and glased: on the
North side the Quire the tombe of Thomas Knesworth Fish-
monger, Mayor 1505. who deceased 1515. was defaced, and
within these 44. yeares againe renewed by the Fishmongers:
two other Tombs lower there are, the one of a Draper, the
other of a Haberdasher, their names not knowne: Richard
Stomine is written in the window by the Haberdasher, vnder
flat stones do lye diuers Custos of the chappell, chaplens and
officers to the chamber. Amongst others Iohn Chipstone
priest, sometime Custos of the Librarie of the Guildhall, 1457.
An other of Edmond Alison priest, one of the Custos of the
Library, 1510. &c. Sir Iohn Langley Goldsmith, Mayor,
1576. lyeth buried in the vault, vnder the tombe of Iohn
welles before named. This chappell or colledge, valued to
dispandtwelue pound, eight shillinges nine pence by the
yeare, was surrendered amongst other, the chappell remayneth
to the Mayor and Comminalty, wherein they haue service
weekly, as also at the election of the Mayor, and at the
Mayors fest, &c.

Adjoyning to this chappell on the south side was sometime
a fayre and large library, furnished with books, pertaining to the Guildhall and colledge: These books as it is said were in the raing of Edward the 6. sent for by Edward Duke of Somerset, Lorde Protector, with promise to be restored shortly: men laded from thence three Carries with them, but they were nouer returned. This Library was builded by the Executors of R. Whittington, and by William Burie: the armes of Whittington are placed on the one side in the stone worke, and two letters to wit, W. and B. for William Burie, on the other side: it is now lofted through, and made a store house for clothes.

Southwest from this Guildhall is the fayre parrish church of Saint Laurence called in the Iury, because of olde time many Iewes inhabited there about. This church is fayre and large, and hath some monumentes, as shall bee shewed. I my selfe more then 70. yeares since haue scene in this church the shanke bone of a man (as it is taken) and also a tooth of a very greate bignes hanged vp for shew in chains of iron, vppon a pillar of stone, the tooth (being aboute the bignes of a mans fist) is long since conueyed from thence: the thigh or shanke bone of 25. inches in length by the rule, remaineth yet fastened to a post of timber, and is not so much to be noted for the length, as for the thicknes, hardnes and strength thereof, for when it was hanged on the stone pillar, it fretted with moving the said pillar, and was not itselfe fretted, nor as seemeth, is not yet lightned by remainynge drie: but where or when this bone was first found or discovered I haue not heard, and therefore reiecting the fables of some late writers I ouerpasse them. Walter Blundell had a Chaunterie there, the foureteenth of Edward the second. There lie buried in this church Elizabeth wife to John Fortescue, Katherine Stoket- ton, John Stratton, Phillip Albert, John Fleming, Phillip Ag- mondesham, William Skywith, John Norlong, John Baker, Thomas Alleyne, William Barton Mercer, 1410. William Melrith, Mercer, one of the Shiriffes, 1425. Simon Bartlet Mercer, 1428. Walter Chartsey, Draper, one of the Shiriffes, 1430. Richard Rich Esquier of London the Father, & Richard Rich his sonne, Mercer, one of the Shiriffes, 1442. deceased 1469 with this Epitaph
Respic quod opus est præsentis temporis ætum.
Omne quod est, nihil est præter amare Deum.

This Richard was Father to John buried in S. Thomas Acores, which John was Father to Thomas, father to Richard | Lord Ritch, &c. John Pickering, honorable for service of his prince and of the English marchantes beyond the seas, who deceased 1448. Godfrey Bollen Mercer, Mayor, 1457. Thomas Bollen his sonne Esquier of Norfolke, 1471. John Athenson, Gentleman, Dame Mary S. Maure, John Waltham, Roger Bonifant, John Chayhe, John Abbott, Geoffrey Filding Mayor, 1452. and Angell his wife, Simon Benington Draper, and Iohan his wife, John Marshall Mercer, 1493. William Purchase Mayor, 1498. Thomas Burgoyn Gentleman, Mercer, 1517. The Wife of a Maister of defence, servuant to the Princes of Wales, Dutches of Cornewell, and Countesse of Chester, Sir Richard Gresham Mayor 1537. Sir Michell Dormer Mayor, 1541. Robert Charsey one of the Shirifes, 1548. Sir William Row Ironmonger, mayor 1593. Samuell Thornhill 1597. Thus much for Chepe ward, which hath an Alderman, his Deputie, Common counsellors xi. Constables xi. Scauengers ix. for the Wardmote inquest xii. and a Beadle. It is taxed to the fifteene at 52. pound, sixeene shillinges, and in the Exchequer at seuentye two pound, eleuene shillinges.

Coleman street warde.

Next to Chepe Warde on the North side thereof is Colemanstreeete Ward, and beginneth also in the East, on the course of Walbrooke in Lothbury, and runneth west on the South side to the end of Ironmongers lane, and on the North side to the West corner of Bassinges hall streete. On the South side of Lothbury is the streete called the old Iury, the one half and better on both sides towards Cheape is of this Warde. On the north side lyeth Colemanstreeete, whereof the Ward taketh name, wholy on both sides North to London wall, and from that north ende along by the Wall, and Moregate East to the course of Walbrook. And again from Coleman streete west to the Iron grates: and these bee the boundes of this Warde.

1 John Marshal, Mercer, Mayor 1603
Antiquities to be noted therein are these: First the streete of Lothberie, Lathberie, or Loadberie (for by all these names Lothbery. haue I read it) tooke the name (as it seemeth) of Berie, or Court of olde time there kept, but by whom is grown out of memorie. This streete is possessed for the most part by Founders, that cast Candlestickes, Chafingdishes, Spice mortars, and such like Copper or Laton workes, and do afterwarde turne them with the foot & not with the wheele, to make them smooth and bright with turning and straining (as some do tearme it) making a loathsome noice to the by-passers, that haue not been vsed to the like, and therefore by them disdainedly\(^1\) called Lothberie. On the south side of this street, amongst the Founders, be some faire houses and large for marchantes, namely, one that of old time was the Iews Sinagogue, which was defaced by the CITIZENS OF LONDON, after that they had slaine 700. Iewes, and spoyled the residue of their goods in the yeare 1262. the 47. of Henry the third. And not long after in the yeare 1291. King Edward the 1. banished the remnant of the Iewes out of England, as is afore shewed. The said sinagogue being so suppressed certaine Fryers got possession thereof: For in the yeare 1257. (sayth Mathew Paris) there were seene in London a new order of Fryers, called de penitentia Iesu, or Fratres de sacca, because they were apparrled in sackcloth, who had their house in London, neare vnto Aldersgate without the gate, and had licence of Henry the third, in the 54. of his raigne, to remove from thence to any other place: and in the 56. hee gaue vnto them this Iewes Sinagoguе: after which time Elianor the Queene, wife to Edward the first, tooke into her protection and warranted vnto the Prior, & brethren de Penitentia Iesu Christi of London, the said land and building in Colechurch street in the parish of S. Olaue in the Iury, and S. Margaret in Lothbery by her granted, with consent of Stephen de Fulborne, vnder-Warden of the Bridge house, & other brethren of that house, for lx. marks of siluer, which they had receuied of the said prior and brethren of repentance to the building of the said bridge. This order of friers gathered many good schollers, & multiplied in number exceedingly

\(^1\) disdainedly\(1633\); disdainely \(1603\)
vntill the counsell at Lyons, by the which it was decreede, that | from that time forth there should be no more orders of begging friers be permitted, but onely the 4. orders, to wit, the Dominicke or preachers, the Minorites or Gray Fryers, the Carmelites or white Fryers, and the Augustines: and so from that time the begging Fryers decreased, and fell to nothing. Now it followed that in the yeare 1305. Robert Fitzwalter requested and obtayned of the said king Edward the first, that the same Fryers of the Sacke might assigne to the said Robert their chappell or church, of olde time called the Synagogue of the Iewes, neare adioyning to the then mansion place of the same Robert, which was in place where now standeth the Grocers hall: and the saide Sinagogue was at the north Corner of the old Iury. Robert Largo Mercer, Mayor in the yeare 1439. kept his Mayoralty in this house, and dwelled there vntill his dying day. This house standeth and is of two parrishes, as opening into Lothberie, of S. Margarets parrish, and opening into the Old Iury of S. Olaues parrish. The said Robert Largo gaue liberally to both these parrishes, but was buried at S. Olaues. Hugh Clopton Mercer, Mayor 1492. dwelled in this house, and kept his Mayoralty there: it is now a Tauerne, and hath to signe a Windmill. And thus much for this house, sometime the Iewes Synagogue, since a house of Fryers, then a Noble mans house, after that a Marchauntes house, wherein Mayoraltyes haue beene kept, and now a Wine Tauerne.

Then is the olde Iurie, a streete so called of Iewes sometime dwelling there, and neare adioyning, in the parrishes of S. Olaue, S. Michaell Bassings Hall, S. Martin Ironmonger lane, S. Lawrence called the Iury, and so West to Wodstreete. William Duke of Normandy first brought them from Rome, to inhabite here.

William Rufus fauoured them so farre, that hee sware by Luks face his common oath, if they could overcome the Christians he would be one of their sect.

Henry the second grieuously punished them for corrupting his coyne.

Richard the first forbad Iewes and women to bee present at his coronation for feare of enchantments, for breaking of
which | commaundement many Iewes were slayne, who being Page 281 assembled to present the king with some gifte, one of them was stricken by a Christian, which some vnruley people per-
cyuing, fell vpon them, bet them to their houses, and brent them therein, or slewe them at their comming out: Also the Iewes at Norwich, Saint Edmondsbury, Lincolne, Stanford, and Lynne, were robbed and spoyled, and at Yorke to the number of 500. besides women and Children, entered a Tower of the Castle, proffered money to be in suretie of their liues, but the christians would not take it, wherupon they cut the throtes of their wiues & children, and cast them over the walls on the christians heads, and then entering the kings lodging, they brent both the house and themselues.

King John in the eleuenth of his raigne, commaunded all the Iewes both men and women to be imprisoned and grieuously punished, because he would haue all their money, some of them gaue all they had, and promised more to escape so many kindes of tormentes, for every one of them had one of their eyes at the least plucked out, amongst whom there was one which being tormentedd many wayes would not ran-
some himselfe, till the king had caused euery day one of his great teeth to bee plucked out by the space of seuen dayes, and then gaue the king 10000. markes of siluer, to the end they should pull out no more: the sayde king at that time spoyled the Iewes of 66000. markes.

The 17. of this king, the Barons broke into the Iews houses, rifeled their coffers, and with the stone of their houses repaired the gates and walles of London.

King Henry the third in the eleuenth of his raign graunted to Semayne or Balaster the house of Benomye Mithun the Iew in the parrish of S. Michaeell Bassinghaughe in which the saide Benomy dwelt, with the fourth part of all his land in that parrish which William Elie held of the Fee of Hugh Neuell, and all the land in Coleman streete, belonging to the said Benomye, and the fourth parte of the land in the parrish of S. Lawrence, which was the fee of T. Buckerell, and were excathed to the king for the murder which the saide Benomye committed in the Cittie of London, to hold to the sayde Semaine, and his heyres of the king, paying at Easter a payre
of gilt spurre, and to doe the service thereof due unto the Lords Court. In like manner and for like services the king granted to Guso for his homage, the other parte of the lands of the said Benomye in S. Michaels parish, which Lawes the Paynter held, and was the kinges Exchete, and the lands of the said Benomye in the sayde parish, which Walter Turnar held, and xv. foote of land which Hugh Harman held, with xv. yron elles of land and halfe in the front of Ironmongar lane, in the parish of S. Martin, which were the said Benomies of the fee of the Hospital of S. Giles, and which Adam the smith held, with two stone houses, which were Moses the Iewe of Canterbury, in the parish of S. Olaue, and which are the fee of Arnold le Reins, and are the kinges exchetes as before said.

The 16. of the saide Henrie the Iewes in London built a Synagogue, but the king commanded it should bee dedicated to our blessed Lady, and after gaue it to the Brethren of S. Anthonie of Vienna, and so was it called S. Anthonies Hospital: this Henry founded a Church and house for converted Iewes, in new streete by the Temple, whereby it came to passe that in shorte time there was gathered a great number of Conuertes: the 20. of this Henry seuen Iewes were brought from Norwich, which had stolne a Christened child, had circumcised, and minded to have crucified him. Therefore their bodies and goodes were at the kinges pleasure: the 26. the Iewes were constrained to pay to the king 20000. markes at two termes in the yeare, or else to bee kept in perpetuall prison: the 35. hee taketh inestimable summes of money of all rich men, namely of Aaron a Iewe, borne at Yorke, 14000. markes for himselfe, and ten thousande markes for the Queene, and before hee had taken of the same Iewe as much as in all amounted to 30000. markes of siluer, and 200. markes of gold to the Queene. In the 40. were brought vp to Westminster 202. Iewes from Lincolne, for crucifying of a child named Hugh, eightsene of them were hanged: the 43. a Iewe at Tewkesbery fell into a Priuie on the Saturday and would not that day bee taken out for reuerence of his sabbath, wherefore Richard Clare Earle of Glocester kepethim there till mondy that he was dead: the 47. the Barons slew the Iews at London 700, the rest were spoyled and their SYN-
gogue desacced, because one Iew would have forced a Christian to have paid more then 2. d. for the lone of xx. s. a weeke.

The third of Edward the first, in a Parliament at London, vsury was forbidden to the Iewes, and that all Vsurers might be knowne, the king commaunded that every Vsurer should weare a Table on their breast, the bredth of a pauleine, or else to auoyde the Realme: the 6. of the said king Edward a reformation was made for clipping of the kings coyne, for which offence 267. Iews were drawne and hanged, three were English Christians, and other were English Iewes: the same yeare the Iewes crucified a child at Northampton, for the which fact many Iewes at London were drawn at Horse tayles and hanged: the 11. of Edward the first, John Peckham Archbishoppe of Canterbury commanded the Bishop of London to destroy all the Iewes Sinagogues in his Dioces. The 16. of the said Edward all the Iewes in England were in one day apprehended by precept from the king, but they re-deemed themselves for 12000. poundes of siluer: notwithstanding in the 19. of his raigne, he banished them all out of England, giuing them onely to beare their charge, till they were out of his Realm, the number of Iews then expelled were 15060. persons: the king made a mighty masse of money of their houses, which he sold, and yet the Commons of England had graunted & gaue him a fifteenth of all their goods to banish them: and thus much for the Iewes.

In this sayde streete, called the olde Iury, is a proper parrish Church of S. Olaue Vpwell, so called in Record, 1320. John Brian Parson of Saint Olaue Vpwell, in the Iury, founded there a Chauntre, and gaue two messagges to that Parrish the 16. of Edward the second, and was by the said King confirmed: In this Church, to the commendation of the Parsons and Parishioners, the monumentes of the deade remayne lesse defaced then in many other: first of William Dikman Fereno or Ironmonger, one of the Shiriffes of London, 1367. Roberte Haueloke Ironmonger, 1390. John Organ Mercer one of the Shiriffes, 1385. John Forest Vicker of Saint Olaus, and of S. Stephen, at that time as a Chappell annexed to S. Olaue, 1399. H. Friole Taylor, 1400. T. Morsted Esquire, Chirurgion to Henry the fourth, fift and sixt, one of the Parish church of S. Olaue Vpwell in the Iewry. A well was under the east end of this Church, late turned to a pumpe but decayed.

From this parrish church of S. Olaue, to the north ende of the Old Iurie, and from thence west to the north end of Ironmongers lane, and from the said corner into Ironmongers lane, almost to the parrish Church of saint Martin, was of olde time one large building of stone, very ancient, made in place of Iewes houses, but of what antiquitie, or by whom the same was builded, or for what vse I haue not lerned, more then that king Henry the 6. in the 16. of his raing, gave the office of being Porter or keeper thereof, vnto John Stent for terme of his life, by the name of his principall palace in the olde Iurie: this was in my youth called the old Wardrope: but of later time the outward stone wall hath been by little and little taken downe, and divers fayre houses builded therepon, euyn round about.

Now for the North side of this Lothburie, beginning again at the East end thereof, vpon the water course of Walbrooke haue yee a proper Parrish Church, called saint Margaret, which seemeth to bee newly reedified and builded aboute the yeare 1440. For Robert Large gaue to the Quire of that Church one hundred shillinges, and twentie pounde for ornamentes, more, to the vaulting ouer the Watercourse of Walbrooke by the saide church, for the inlarging thereof, two hundred markes.

There be monuments in this church, of Reginald Coleman sonne to Robert Coleman buried there, 1383. This said Robert Coleman may bee supposed the first builder or owner

\[1\] owner] 1633; Honor 1598, 1603
of Coleman streeete, and that saint Stephens church then builted in Coleman streeete was but a chappell belonging to the parrish Church of saint Olaue in the Iury: for we reade (as afore) that Iohn Forest Vicker of saint Olaues, and of the chappell annexed of saint Stephen, deceased in the yeare 1399. Hugh Clopton Mercer, Mayor, deceased 1496. Iohn Dinocke, An-
selme Becket, Iohn Iulian and William Ilford (had) Chaunteries there. Sir Brian Tewke knight, Treasurer of the Chamber to King Henrie the eight, and Dame Grisilde his wife, that deceased after him, were there buried, 1536. Iohn Fetiplace, Draper, Esquier, 1464, and Ioan his wife, sir Hugh Witch Mercer, Mayor, sonne to Richard Witch, intombed there, 1466. He gaue to his third wife three thousand pound, and to maides marriages fiue hundred marks: Sir John Leigh 1564. with this Epitaph.

No wealth, no prayse, no bright renowne, no skill,  
No force, no fame, no princes love, no toyle,  
Though forraigne land by tranell search ye will,  
No faithfull service of the country soyle,  
Can life prolong one minute of an houre,  
But death at length will execute his power.  
For Sir John Leigh to sundry countries knowne,  
A worthy Knight well of his prince esteemde,  
By seeing much to great experience growne,  
Though safe on seas, though sure on land he seemde  
Yet here he lies too soone by death opprest,  
His fame yet lives, his soule in heauen doth rest.

By the West end of this parrish church haue ye a fayre water Conduit, builded at the charges of the cittie in the yeare 1546. Sir Martin Bowes being Mayor: two fifteenes were leuied of the Cittizens toward the charges thereof: this water is conuyed in great abundancce from diuers springs lying betwixt Hoxton and Iseldon.

Next is the Founders Hall, a proper House, and so to the Southwest Corner of Bassinges Hall streeete, haue yee hall. fayre and large houses for Marchauntes: namely the Corner house, at the ende of Bassings hall streeete, an olde piece of worke builded of stone, sometime belonging to a certaine Iew
named Mansere, the sonne of Aron, the sonne of Coke the Jew, the 7. of Edward the first: since to Rahere de Sopars lane, then to Simon Francis. Thomas Bradbery mercer kept his Maioraltie there, deceased 1509. Part of this house hath beene lately imploied as a Market house for the sale of woollen bayes, Watmols, Flanels, and such like: Alderman Bennet now possesseth it. On this North side against the old Iurie, is Coleman streete, so called of Coleman the first builder and owner thereof, as also of Colechurch, or Coleman church agaynst the great Conduit in Cheape. This is a faire and large street, on both sides builded with dierse faire houses, besides Allies, with small tenements in great number. On the East side of this streete, almost at the North end thereof, is the Armourers Hall, which companie of Armourers were made a fraternitie or Guild of Saint George, with a Chantrie in the Chapple of saint Thomas in Paules Church, in the first of Henrie the sixt. Also on the same side, is kings Alley, and Loue lane, both containing many tenements. And on the west side towards the south end, is the parish church of Saint Stephen, wherein the Monuments are defaced: notwithstanding, I find that William Crayhag founded a Chantrie there, in the raigne of Edward the second, and was buried there. Also John Essex the 35. of Edward the third, Adam Goodman the 37. of Edward the third, William King Draper, sometime owner of Kings Alley, the 18. of Richard the second, John Sokeling the 10. of Henrie the sixt, John Arnold Leatherseller, the 17. of Henrie the sixt. Thomas Bradberie mercer, Maior, the first of Henrie the eight, his tombe remaineth on the north side the Quire. Richard Hamney 1418. Kirnigham 1468. Sir John Garne, Richard Colsel, Edmond Harbeke Currier, all these were benefactors, and buried there. This Church was sometime a Synagogue of the Iewes, then a Parish church, then a chappell to saint Olanes in the Iurie, vntill the seventh of Edward the fourth, and was then incorporated a parish church.

By the East ende of this Church is placed a cocke of sweete water, taken of the maine pipe that goeth into Lothberie. Also in | London wall directly against the north end of

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1 Watmols] Wodmels 1598
Colman street, is a Conduit of water, made at the charges of Thomas Exnew goldsmith, Maior 1517. And let here be the ende of this warde, which hath an Alderman, his Deputie, common Counsellors foure, Constables foure, Scauengers foure, of the Wardmote inquest 13. and a Beadle. It is taxed to the fifteene xv. l. xvi. s. ix. d.

Bassings Hall warde

The next adjoyning to Colemanstreete ward on the west Bassings hall side thereof is Bassings hall warde, a small thing, and consisteth of one streete called Bassings hall streete, of Bassings hall, the most principall house, wherof the ward taketh name. It beginneth in the South by the late spoken Market house called the Bay hall, which is the last of Colemanstreete warde. This streete runneth from thence north downe to London wall, and some little distance both East and West, against the said hall, and this is the bounds of Bassings hall warde.

Monuments on the East side thereof, amongst diuerse fayre houses for Marchants, haue ye three halles of Companies, namely, the Masons hall for the first, but of what antiquitie that company is I haue not read. The next is the weauers Weuars Hall, which companie hath beene of great antiquitie in this Citie, as appeareth by a Charter of Henrie the second, in these wordes. Rex omnibus ad quos, &c. to be Englished thus. Henrie king of England, Duke of Normandie, and of Guian, Earle of Aniow, to the Bishop, Iustices, Shiriffes, Barons, Patent of H 2. Ministers, and all his true Lieges 1 of London, sendeth greeting: Know ye that we haue granted to the Weauers in London, their Guild, with all the freedomes and customes that they had in the time of king Henrie my Grandfather, so Henry the 1. that none but they intermit within the Citie of their craft but he be of their Guild, neither in Southwarke, or other places pertaining to London, otherwise then it was done in the time of king Henrie my Grandfather: wherefore I will and straightly commend that ouer all lawfully, they may treate, and haue all aforesaid, as well in peace, free, worshipfull, and wholy, as they had it, freer, better, worshipfuller, and wholier, then in

1 Lieges] 1633; Leagues 1603
the time of king Henrie my Grandfather, so that they yeeld yearely to mee two markes of gold at the feast of S. Michael, and I forbid that any man to them do any vnright, or disease, vpon paine of ten pound, witnes Thomas of Canterburie, Warino filio Gerardi, Camerario. Also I read that the same Henrie the second in the 31. of his raigne, made a confirmation to the Weauers that had a Guild of fraternitie in London, wherein it appeareth that the said Weauers made wollen cloth, and that they had the correction thereof: but amongst other Articles in that patent, it was decreed, that if any man made cloth of Spanish wooll mixed with English wooll, the Portgraue, or principall Magistrate of London ought to burne it, &c.

Mathew Paris. Moreover in the yeare 1197. king Richard the first at the instance of Hubert Archbishop of Canterburie and Iusticer of England, ordained that the woollen clothes in every part of this realme should be in breth two yards within the listes and as good in the middest as in the sides, &c. King Henrie the third granted to the Citizens of London that they should not be vexed for the burels, or clothlisted, according to the constitution made for breth of cloth the ninth of his raigne, &c. Richard the second, in the third of his raigne, granted an order of agreement betwenee the Weauers of London, English men and Aliens or straungers borne, brought in by Edward the third.

Girdlers hall. Lower downe is the Girdlers hall, and this is all touching the East side of this ward.

Bakewell hall. On the west side almost at the south end thereof is Bakewell hall, corruptly called Blackewell hall: concerning the originall whereof I haue heard diverse opinions, which I ouer-passe as fables, without colour of truth, for though the same seemed a building of great antiquitie, yet in mine opinion the foundation thereof was first laide since the Conquest of William Duke of Normandie: for the same was builded vpon vaultes of stone, which stone was brought from Cane in Normandie, the like of that of Paules Church, builded by Mauritius and his successors Bishops of London: but that this house hath beene a Temple or Iewish Sinagogue (as some haue fantasied) I allow not, seeing that it had no such forme of roundnes, or other likenesse, neither had it the forme of a
Church for the assembly of Christians, which are builded East and West, but contrariwise the same was builded north and south, and in forme of a noble mans house, and therefore the best opinion in my judgement is that it was of olde time belonging to the family of the Bassings, which was in this realme a name of great antiquitie and renowne, and that it bare also the name of that familie, & was called therefore Bassings Haugh, or Hall: whereunto I am the rather induced, for that the Armes of that family were of olde time abundantly placed in sundry parts of that house, even in the stone worke, but more especially on the walls of the hall, which carried a continuall painting of them on euerie side so close together, as one escutcheon could be placed by another, which I my selfe haue often seene and noted before the olde building was taken downe: these armes were a Gerond of twelue poynts, Gold, and Azure. Of the Bassings therefore, builders of this house, and owners of the ground neare adioyning, that warde taketh the name, as Coleman streete warde of Coleman, and Faringden ward of William and Nicholas Faringden, men that were principlall owners of those places.

And of olde time the most noble persons that inhabited this Citie, were appointed to be principall magistrates there, as was Godfrey de Magnun (or Magnaule), Portgraue or Shiriffe in the raigne of William Conqueror, and of William Rufus, Hugh de Buck, in the raigne of Henry the first. Auberie de Vere Earle of Oxford: after him Gilbert Becket, in the raigne of king Stephen, after that Godfrey de Magnaule the sonne of William the sonne of Godfrey de Magnaule Earles of Essex, were Portgraues or Shiriffes of London and Middlesex. In the raigne of Henrie the second, Peter Fitzwalter: after him John Fitznigel, &c. so likewise in the raigne of king Iohn, the 16. of his raigne, a time of great troubles, in the yeare 1214, Salomon Bassing, and Hugh Bassing, Barons of this realme as may bee supposed, were Shiriffes: and the said Salomon Bassing was Maior in the yere 1216. which was the first of Henrie the thirde. Also Adam Bassing sonne to Salomon Bassing and other of that name. (as it seemeth) was one of the Shiriffes, in the yeare 1243, the 28. of Henrie the third.

Vnto this Adam de Bassing, king Henrie the third in the
of his raigne, gaue and confirmed certayne messuages in Aldermanbury, and in Milke strete (places not far from Bassings Hall) and the aduouson of the Church at Bassinges hall, with sundrie libertyes and priuiledges.

This man was afterwards Maior in the yeare 1251. the 36. of Henrie the thirde. Moreouer Thomas Bassing was one of the Shiriffes, 1269. Robert Bassing Shiriffe, 1279. and William Bassing was Shiriffe 1308, &c. for more of the Bassings in this Citie I need not note, onely I read of this family of Bassinges in Cambridgeshire, called Bassing at the bourne, and more shortly Bassing bourne, and gaue Armes as is afore shewed, and was painted about this old hall. But this familie is wore out, and hath left the name to the place where they dwelt. Thus much for this Bassings hall.

Now how Bakewell hall tooke that name is another question: for which I read that Thomas Bakewell dwelled in this house in the six and thirtieth of Edwarde the third, and that in the 20. of Richarde the second, the saide king for the summe of fiftie poundes which the Maior and Comminaltie had paide into the Hanapar graunted licence, so much as was in him, to John Frosh, William Parker, and Stephen Spilman (Citizens and Mercers) that they, the said Messuage called Bakewell hall, and one Garden with the appurtenances in the parish of Saint Michael of Bassings Haugh, and of Saint Laurence in the Iurie of London, and one messuage, two shops, and one Garden, in the sayde parish of Saint Michaele, which they held of the king in burgage, might giue and assigne to the Maior and Comminaltie for euer. This Bakewell hall thus established, hath beene long since imployed as a weekly market place for all sorts of Wollen clothes broade and narrow, brought from all partes of this Realme, there to be solde. In the 21. of Richarde the second, R. Whittington maior, & in the 22. Dreugh Barringtine being maior, it was decreed that no forrein or stranger should sell any wollen cloth but in the Bakewell hall, vpon paine of forfeyture thereof.

This house of late yeares growing ruinous and in daunger

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1 Dreugh ] Drengh 1603 ; Drew 1633
of falling, Richard May marchant Tayler at his dissease gaue
towards the new building of the outward part thereof 300.
pounds, vpon condition that the same should bee performed
within three yeares after his dissease, whervpon the old
Bakewell hall was taken downe, and in the moneth of Feb-
ruarie next following, the foundation of a new strong and
beautiful storehouse being laid, the worke therof was so
diligently applied, that within the space of ten moneths after
to the charges of 2500. poundes, the same was finished in the
yeare 1588.

Next beyong this house be placed diuere faire houses for
marchants and others, till yee came to the backe Gate of Guild
hall, which gate and part of the building within the same, is
of this warde. Some small distance beyong this gate, the
Coopers haue their common hall. Then is the Parish Church
of S. Michaeell, called S. Michaeell at Bassings hall, a proper
Church lately reedifyed, or new built, whereto John Barton
mercer, and Agnes\(^1\) his wife were great benefactors, as appear-
eth by his marke placed throughout the whole roofe of the
Quier and middle Ile of the Church, he deceased in the yeare
1460. and was buried in the Quire with this Epitaph.

\[\text{John Barton lyeth vnder here,}
\text{Sometimes of London Citizen and Mercer,}
\text{And Ienet\(^1\) his wife, with their progenie,}
\text{Beene turned to earth as ye may see,}
\text{Friends free what so ye bee,}
\text{Pray for us we you pray,}
\text{As you see us in this degree,}
\text{So shall you be another day.}\]

Frances Cooke, John Martin, Edward Bromfit Esquier, of
Warwickshire, 1460. Richard Barnes, Sir Roger Roe, Roger
Velden, 1479. Sir James Varford mercer, Maior, deceased
1527. buried vnder a fayre Tombe with his Ladie in a speciall
Chappell by him builded, on the North side of the Quire.
Sir John Gresham mercer, Maior, deceased 1554. Sir John |
Aikife Chirurgion, then a Grocer, one of the Shiriffes, 1548. Page 292
Nicholas Bakhurst one of the Shiriffes 1577. Wolston Dixi,

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Skinner, Maior 1585. &c. Thus haue you noted one Parish Church of S. Michæl, Bakewell hall, a Market place for wollen clothes, the Masons hall, Weauers hall, Girdlers\(^1\) hall, and Coopers hall. And thus I ende this Ward, which hath an Alderman, his Deputie, for common Counsaile foure, Constables two, Scauengers two, for the Wardmot inquest seuenteeene, and a Beedle, it is taxed to the fiftene in London seuen pound, and likewise in the Exchequer at seuen pound.

**Creplesgate warde**

The next Warde is called of Cripplesgate, and consisteth of diuere streetes and lanes, lying as well without the Gate and Wall of the Cittie, as within: first within the Wall on the East part thereof, towards the north, it runneth to the West side of Bassings hall Warde: and towards the South it ioyneth to the Warde of Cheape, it beginneth at the West ende of saint Laurence Church in the Iurie, on the North side, and runneth West to a Pumpe, where sometime was a Well with two Buckets, at the South corner of Alderman burie streete, which street runneth downe North to Gay spurre lane, and so to London Wall, which streete and lane are wholly on both sides of this Warde, and so bee some few houses on both the sides from Gay spurre lane, by and agaynst the Wall of the Citie, East to the Grates made for the Watercourse of the Channels, and west to Cripplesgate. Now on the south-side from ouer against the west end of saint Laurence church to the Pumpe, and then vp Milke streete south vnto Cheape, which Milkestreete is wholly on both the sides of Cripplesgate warde, as also without the South ende of Milkestreete, a part of west Cheape, to wit from the standarde to the Crosse is all of Cripplesgate warde. Then downe great Woodstreete, which is wholly of this warde on both the sides thereof, so is little Woodstreete which runneth downe to Cripplesgate.

Out of this Woodstreete be diuere lanes, namely on the East side is Lad lane, which runneth east to Milkestreete corner: down lower in Woodstreete is Louelane, which lyeth by the south side of S. Albons church in Woodstreete, and

\(^1\) Girdlers] 1633; Cordellers 1598, 1603
runneth downe to the Conduite in Aldermanburie streete. Lower downe in Woodstreet is Addlestreete, out of the which runneth Phillip lane downe to London wall. These be the Phillip lane. lanes on the East side.

On the west side of Woodstreete is Huggen lane by the south side of S. Michæls church, and goeth through to Guthuruns lane. The lower is Maiden lane, which runneth west to the north end of Gutherons lane, and vp the said lane on the East side thereof, till against Kery lane, and backe againe: then the sayd Maiden lane, on the north side goeth vp to staining lane, and vp a part thereof on the East side, to the farthest North part of Haberdashers Hall, and backe againe to Woodstreete, and there lower downe is Siluer-streete, which is of this warde, till ye come to the East ende of S. Oliness church, on the south side, and to Munkes well streete on the north side, then downe the saide Munkes well streete on the East side thereof, and so to Cripplesgate, do make the boundes of this ward within the wallis.

Without Cripplegate, Forestreete runneth thwart before the gate, from against the north side of saint Giles church, along to More lane end, and to a Posterne lane ende that runneth betwixt the Towne ditch on the south, and certaine Gardens on the north almost to Moregate, at the East of which lane is a Pot-makers house, which house with all other the Gardens, houses, and Allies on that side the Morefieldes, till ye come to a Bridge and Cowhouse neare vnto Fensburie Court is all of Cripplegate ward: then to turne back again through the said Posterne lane to More lane, which More lane with all the Allies and buildings there, is of this warde, after that is Grub-streete, more then halfe thereof to the streightning of the streete, next is Whitecrosse streete, vp to the end of Bech lane, and then Redcrosse streete wholly, with a part of Golding lane, euен to the Postes there placed, as a bounder.

Then is Bechlane before spoken of, on the East side of the Red crosse, and the Barbican streete, more then halfe thereof, towarde Aldersgate streete, and so haue you all the boundes of Cripplegate ward without the walles.

Now for Antiquities and Ornaments in this warde, to be noted: I find first at the meeting of the corners of the old
A pumpe at the corner of Aldermanbury street.

Iurie, Milkestreet, Ladlane, and Aldermanburie, there was of old time a fayre Well with two Buckets, of late yeres converted to a Pumpe. How Aldermanbury streete tooke that name, many fables have beene bruted, all which I ouerpasse as not worthy the counting: but to be short, I say, this street tooke the name of Aldermans burie (which is to say a Court) there kept in their Bery, or Court hall now called the Guild hall, which hall of old time stooed on the East side of the same streete not farre from the west ende of Guildhall now vsed. Touching the antiquitie of this old Aldermans burie or court, I haue not read other then that Richard Renery one of the Shiriffes of London, in the first of Richard the first, which was in the yeare of Christ 1189. gaue to the Church of S. Mary at Osney by Oxford, certaine ground and rents in Alderman bery of London, as appeareth by the Register of that Church, as is also entred in the Hoistinges of the Guild hall in London: this olde Bery Court or hall continued, and the Courts of the Maior and Aldermen were continually holden there, vntill the new Bery Court or Guildhall that now is was builded and finished, which hall was first begun to be founded in the yeare 1411, and was not fully finished in 20. yeares after. I my selfe haue seene the ruines of the old Court hall in Aldermanbery streete, which of late hath beene employed as a Carpenters yard, &c.

In this Alderman bury streete be diuerse faire houses on both the sides, meete for marchants or men of Worship, and in the middest thereof is a fayre Conduit, made at the charges of William Eastfield, sometime maior, who tooke order as well for water to bee conveyed from Teyborne, and for the building of this Conduit not farre distant from his dwelling house, as also for a Standarde of sweete water, to bee erected in Fleetestrete, all which was done by his executors, as in another place I haue shewed.

Then is the parrish church of S. Mary Aldermanbury a fayre Church with a churchyeard, and cloyster adjoyning, in the which cloyster is hanged and fastned a shanke bone of a man (as is said) very great and larger by three inches and a halfe then that which hangeth in S. Lawrence church in the Iury, for it is in length 28. inches and a halfe of assisse, but
not so hard and steely; like as the other, for the same is light and somewhat Porie and spongie. This bone is said to bee found amongst the bones of men remoued from the charnel house of Powles, or rather from the cloyster of Powls church, of both which reportes I doubt, for that the late Reyne Wolfe Stationer (who paid for the carriage of those bones from the charnell to the Morefieldes) tolde mee of some thousandes of Carrie loades and more to be conueighed, whereof hee wondred, but neuer told of any such bone in eyther place to bee found, neyther would the same haue beeene easily gotten from him, if hee had heard thereof, except he had reserued the like for himselfe, being the greatest preserver of antiquities in those partes for his time. True it is, that this bone, (from whence soever it came) beeing of a man, as the forme sheweth, must needs be monstrous, and more then after the proportion of fiue shanke bones of any man now liuing amongst vs. There lie buried in this Church Simon Winchcombe Esquier, 1391. Robert Combarton 1422. John Wheatley Mercer, 1428. Sir William Estfeld, knight of the Bath, Mayor, 1438. a great benefactor to that church, vnder a fayre monument, hee also builded their steeple, changed their old Bels into 5. tunable bels, and gaue one hundred poundes to other workes of that church. Moreouer hee caused the Conduit in Aldermanbury which he had begun, to be performed at his charges, and water to be conuayed by pypes of leade from Tyborne to Fleetstreeete, as I haue said. And also from high Berie to the parrish of S. Giles without Cripplegate, where the inhabitants of those partes incastellated the same in sufficient cesterns, John Midleton, Mercer, Mayor 1472. John Toymes Draper, 1486. William Bucke, Taylor, 1501. Sir William Browne Mayor, 1507. Dame Margaret Ieninges, wife to Stephen Ieninges, Mayor, 1515. A widdow named Starkey sometyme wife to Modie. Raffe Woodcock Grocer, one of the shiriffies 1586. Dame Mary Gresham Page 296 wife to Sir John Gresham, 1538. Thomas Godfrey Remembrancer of the office of the first fruities, 1577. Beneath this church haue yee Gay spur lane, which runneth downe to London Wall as is afore shewed. In this lane at the North end thereof was of olde time a house of Nunnes, which house
being in great decay, William Elsing Mercer in the yeare of Christ, 1329. the 3. of Edward the 3. began in place thereof the foundation of an Hospitall, for sustentation of 100. blind men, towards the erection whereof, he gaue his two houses in the parishes of S. Alphage, and our blessed Lady in Aldermanbury neare Cripplegate. This house was after called a Priorie or Hospital of S. Mary the Virgin, founded in the yeare 1332. by W. Elsing for Canons regular: the which W. became the first Prior there. Robert Elsing son to the said W. gaue to the said Hospitall 12 li. by the yeare, for the finding of 3. priestes, hee also gaue 100. s. towards the inclosing of the new churchyard without Aldersgate and 100. s. to the inclosing of the new Churchyard without Aldersgate, to Thomas Elsing his sonne 80. pound, the rest of his goods to bee sold, and giuen to the poore. This house valued 193 li. 15. s. 5. d. was surrendered the xi. of May, the xxii. of Henry the eight.

The monumentes that were in this church defaced. Thomas Cheney, sonne to William Cheney, Thomas, John, and William Cheney, John Northampton Draper, Mayor 1381. Edmond Hungerford, Henry Frowike, Ioan, daughter to sir William Cheney, wife to William Stokes, Robert Eldarbroke Esquier, 1460. dame Ioan Ratchiffe, William Fowler, William Kingston, Thomas Swineley, and Helen his wife, &c. The pricipall Isle of this church towards the north was pulled down and a frame of foure houses set vp in place: the other parte from the steeple vpward, was converted into a parish Church of S. Alphage, and the parish Church which stoode neare vnto the Wall of the Cittie by Cripplegate was pulled downe, the plot thereof made a Carpenters yeard, with saw pittes. The hospitall it selfe, the Prior, and Canons house with other lodgings, were made a dwelling house, the church yeard is a garden plot, and a fayre gallery on the cloyster: the lodgings for the poore are | translated into stabling for horses.

In the yeare 1541. sir John Williams maister of the kinges Jewels, dwelling in this house on Christmas even at night, about seuen of the clocke, a great fire began in the gallery thereof, which burned so sore, that the flame fiering the whole house, and consuming it, was seen all the Cittie ouer, and
was hardly quenched, whereby manie of the kings Jewels were burned, and more imbeseled (as was said). Sir Rowland Heyward, Mayor, dwelled in this Spittle, and was buried there, 1593. Richard Lee, alias, Clarenciaux king of Armes, 1597.

Now to returne to Milkstreete, so called of Milke sold there, there bee many fayre houses for wealthy Marchantes and other: amongst the which I read that Gregory Rokesley Mayor of London in the yeare 1275. dwelled in this Milke streete, in an house belonging to the Priorie of Lewes in Sussex, whereof hee was tenant at will, paying twentie shillings by the yeare without other charge: such were the rentes of those times.

In this Milke streete is a smal parrish church of Saint Marie Magdalen, which hath of late yeares beene repayred, William Browne Mayor 1513. gaue to this church forty pound, & was buried there, Thomas Exmew Mayor, 1528. gaue forty li. and was buried there: so was John Milford one of the shiriffes 1375(?). John Olney Mayor, 1475. Richard Rawson one of the shiriffes, 1476. Henrie Kelsey, Sir John Browne Mayor, 1497. Thomas Muschamp one of the Shiriffes, 1463. Sir William Cantilo Knight, Mercer, 1462. Henry Cantlow, Mercer, marchant of the Staple, who builded a Chappell and was buried there, 1495. John West Alderman, 1517. John Machell Alderman, 1558. Thomas Skinner Clothworker, Mayor 1596.

Then next is Woodstreete, by what reason so called, I Woodstreet. know not, true it is that of olde time, according to a decree made in the raigne of Richard the first, the houses in London were builded of stone for defence of fire, which kind of building was vsed for two hundred yeares or more, but of later time for the winning of ground taken downe, and houses of timber set vp in place. It seemeth thersore that this street hath beene of the latter building | all of timber, (for not one house of stone hath been known there,) and thersore called Woodstreet, otherwise it might take the name of some builder or owner thereof.

Thomas Wood one of the shiriffes in the yeare 1491. dwelled there: he was an especiall benefactor towards the building of S. Peters church at Woodstreet ende: he also
builde the beautifull front of houses in Cheape, ouer against Woodstreete end, which is called Goldsmithes row, garnished with the likenes of Woodmen: his predecessors might bee the first builders, owners and namers of this streete after their owne name.

On the East side of this street is one of the Prison houses, pertainyng to the Shiriffes of London, and is called the Compter in Woodstreet, which was prepared to be a prison house in the yere 1555. and on the Eue of S. Michaell the Archangell, the prisoners that lay in the Compter in Bredstreete were remoued to this Compter in Woodstreete. Beneath this Compter is Lad lane, or Ladle hall, for so I find it of Record, in the parrish of S. Michaell Woodstreete, and beneath that is Loue lane, so called of wantons. By this lane is the parrish church of S. Albon, which hath the monuments of Sir Richard Iltingworth Baron of the Exchequer, Thomas Catworth Grocer, Mayor, 1443. John Woodcocke, Mayor, 1405. John Collet and Alice his wife: Raph Thomas, Raph and Richard sonnes of Raph Iltingworth, which was sonne to Sir Richard Iltingworth Baron of the Exchequer, Thomas sonne of Sir Thomas Fitzwilliams, Thomas Chalton, Mercer, Mayor, 1449. Thomas Ostrich Haberdasher 1483. Richard Swetenham Esquier, and William Dunthorne Towne Clearke of London, with this Epitaph:

Felix prima dies postquam mortalibus ævi  
Cesserit, hic morbus subit, atque repente senectus.  
Tum mors qua nostrum Dunthorn cecidisse Wilelum,  
Haud cuiquam latuisse reor, dignissimus (inquam,)  
Artibus hic doctor, nec non celeberrimus huixus  
Clericus orbis erat primus, nullique secundus,  
Moribus, ingenio, studio, nil dixeris illi,  
Quin dederit natura boni, pius ipse, modestus,  
Longanimus, solers, patiens, super omnia gratus,  
Quique sub immensas curas variosque labores,  
Anxius atteritur, vitae dum carceris ausus,  
Hoc tetro in tumulo, compostus pace quiescit.

Simon Morsted, Thomas Pipehurst Esquier, Richard

1 lane 1598; hall 1603
2 solers, patiens Thoms; solis 1633
3 Pikehurst 1598, 1603; Pikehurst Harl. 538

Then is Adle streete, the reason of which name I know not, for at this present it is replenished with fayre buildinges on both sides: amongst the which there was sometime the Pinners Hall, but that Company being decayed, it is now the Pinners hall, now the Plaisterers Hall.

Not far from thence is the Brewers Hall, a fayre house, which companie of Brewers was incorporated by King H. the 6. in the 16. of his raign, confirmed by the name of S. Mary and S. Thomas the Martyr, the 19. of E. the 4.

From the West end of this Aдел streete, little Woodstreete runneth downe to Cripplesgate, and somewhat East from the Sunne Tauerne against the wall of the City is the Curriers hall. Curriers Hall.

Now on the West side of Woodstreete haue yee Huggen lane, so called of one Hugan, that of olde time dwelleth there: hee was called Hugan in the lane, as I haue read in the 34. of E. the first, this lane runneth downe by the south side of S. Michaeels church in Woodstreet, and so, growing very narrow by meane of late encroachementes, to Guthurons lane.

The parrich church of saint Michaell in Woodstreete is a proper thing, and lately well repayred, John Iue Parson of this church, John Forster Goldsmith, and Peter Fikelden Taylor, gaue two messuages and two shoppes, with solars, sellars, and other edifices in the same parrich and streete, and in Ladle lane, to the reparations of the church, Page 300 chauncell, and other workes of charitie, the 16. of Richard the second.

John Nash 1466. with an Epitaph, John Allen Timbermonger, 1441. Robert Draper 1500. John Lamberde Draper, Alderman, one of the Shiriffs of London, who deceased 1554. and was father to William Lambarde Esquire, well knowne by sundry learned bookes that he hath published, John Medley Chamberlaine of London, John Marsh, Esquire, Mercer and common Seargeant of London, &c. There is also (but without any outward monument) the head of James, the fourth king of Scots of that name, slayne at Flodden field, and buried here by this occasion. After the battell the body of the saide king being founde, was closed in lead, and conuayed from thence to London, and so to the Monastery of Sheyne in Surrey, where it remayned for a time, in what order I am not certaine: but since the dissolution of that house, in the raigne of Edward the sixt, Henry Gray Duke of Suffolke, beeing lodged and keeping house there, I haue beene shewed the same body so lapped in lead, close to the head and body, throwne into a wast roome amongst the olde timber, leade, and other rubble. Since the which time Workemen there for their foolish pleasure hewed off his head: and Launcelot Young Maister Glasier to her Maiestie, feeling a sweet savour to come from thence, and seeing the same dried from all moisture, and yet the forme remayning, with the hayre of the heade and bearde redde, brought it to London to his house in Woodstreet, where for a time hee kept it for the sweetenesse, but in the ende caused the Sexton of that Church to bury it amongst other bones, taken out of their Charnell, &c.

I reade in divers Recordes of a house in Woodstreete then called Blacke Hall, but no man at this day can tell thereof.

On the North side of this S. Michaels church is Mayden lane, now so called, but of old time Ingenelane, or Ingleane. In this lane the Waxechandlers haue their common Hal on the south side thereof: and the Haberdashers haue their like hall on the North side at Stayning lane end. This Company of the Haberdashers or Hurrers of olde time so called, were incorporated a Brotherhood of saint Katherine, the 26. of Henry the sixt, and so confirmed by Henrie the seauenth, the 17. of his raigne, the Cappers and Hat Marchantes or Hurrers being one Company of Haberdashers.
Downe lower in Woodstreete is Siluer streete, (I thinke of siluer smithes dwelling there) in which bee divers fayre houses.

And on the North side thereof is Monkes well streete, so called of a well at the North end thereof, where the Abbot of Garendon had an house or Cell called saint Iames in the Wall by Criplesgate, and certaine Monkes of their house were the Chaplens there, wherefore the Well (belonging to that Cell or Hermitage) was called Monks Wel, and the street of the Wel Monkswel street.

The East side of this streete downe against London wall, and the south side thereof to Criplesgate, bee of Criplesgate ward, as is afore shewed. In this street by the corner of Monks well street is the Bowyers hall. On the said east side of Monks Boyers hall, well streete be proper Almesehouses, 12. in number founded by sir Ambrose Nicholas, Salter, Mayor 1575. wherein be placed twelue poore and aged people rent free, hauing each of them seuen pence the weeke, and once the yeare each of them fiue sackes of Charcoales, and one quarter of an hundredth of Faggots of his gift for euer.

Then in little Woodestreet be seauen proper Chambers in an Alley on the west side, founded for seuen poore people therein to dwell rent free, by Henry Barton Skinner, Mayor 1416. Thus much for the Monuments of this Ward within the walles.

Now without the Posterne of Criplesgate, first is the parish Church of saint Giles a very fayre and large church lately repaired after that the same was burned, in the yeare 1545. the 37. of Henry the eight, by which mischance the monu-
ments of the dead in this church are very feuee: notwithstanding I haue read of these following: Alice, William & John wife and sonnes to T. | Clarell, Agnes daughter to Thomas Niter Gentleman, William Atwel, Felix daughter to sir Thomas Gisors, and wife to Thomas Trauars, Thomas Mason Esquier, Edmond Wastar, Esquier, Ioan wife to John Chamberlaine Esquier, daughter to Roger Lewkner Esquier, William Fryer, John Hamberger Esquier, Hugh Moresbye, Gilbert Prince, Alderman, Olivier Cherley Gentleman, sir John Wright or Writhesley, alias Garter King at Armes, Ioan

There was in this church of old time a fraternitie or Brotherhoode of our blessed Ladie, or Corpus Christi, and saint Giles, founded by John Belancer in the raigne of Edwarde the thirde, the 35. yeare of his raigne.

Some small distance from the east end of this church is a water | Conduit brought in pyppes of ledde from Highbery, by John Middleton one of the Executorus to Sir William Eastfield, and of his goodes, the inhabitantes adjoyning castelated it of their owne costes and charges, about the yeare 1483.

There was also a Bosse of cleare water, in the wall of the Churchyeard, made at the charges of Richard Whitington somtimes Mayor, and was like to that of Belins gate: of late the same was turned into an euill pumpe, and so is cleane decayed.

1 Margaret Writh 1598; Margaret with 1603
2-3 om. 1633; but cf. 1633, p. 313 b
4 Champion 1633
There was also a fayre poole of cleare water neare vn to the Parsonage, on the west side thereof, which was filled vp in the raigne of Henry the sixt, the spring was coaped in, and arched ouer with hard stone, and staires of stone to goe down to the spring, on the banke of the Towne ditch: and this was also done of the goodes, and by the executors of Richard Whittington.

In white crosse streete king Henry the fift builded one fayre house, and founded there a brotherhoode of saint Giles, to bee kept, which house had sometime beeene an Hospitall of the French order, by the name of saint Giles without Criplesgate, in the raigne of E. the first, the king hauing the iurisdiction and poynting a Custos thereof, for the precinct of the parrish of saint Giles, &c. patent R. 2. the 15. yeare, which Hospitall being suppressed, the landes were giuen to the Brotherhood for reliefe of the poore.

One Alley of diuers tenementes ouer against the north wall of S. Giles Churchyeard, was appoynted to bee almes houses for the poore, wherein they dwelled rent free, and otherwise were relieued: but the said Brotherhoode was suppressed by Henry the 8. since which time Sir John Gresham Mayor purchased the landes and gaue parte therof to the maintenance of a free schoole, which he had founded at Holt, a Market town in Norfolke.

In Red crosse streete on the west side from saint Giles Churchyard, vp to the said Crosse, be many fayre houses builded outward, with diuers Alleyes, turning into a large plot of grounde, of olde time called the Iewes Garden, as being the onely place appoynted them in England, wherein to bury their deade, till the yeare 1177. the 24. of Henry the second, that it was permitted to them (after long sute to the king and Parliament at Oxford) to have a speciall place assigned them in euery quarter where they dwelled.

This plot of grounde remayned to the said Iewes, till the time of their final banishment out of England, and is now turned into faire garden plots and summer houses for pleasure.

On the east side of this Red crosse streete, bee also diuers faire houses, vp to the Crosse. And there is Beech lane, Beech lane, peraduenture so called of Nicholas de la Beech, Lieutenant of
the Tower of London, put out of that office in the 13. of Edward the third. This Lane stretcheth from the Red Crosse streete, to white crosse street, replenished not with Beech trees, but with beautifull houses of stone, bricke & timber. Amongst the which was of old time a great house, pertayning to the Abbot of Ramsey, for his lodging when he repayred to the Cittie: It is now called Drewry house, of sir Drewre Drewrie, a worshipfull owner thereof.

On the north side of this Beech lane, towards white Crosse streete, the Drapers of London haue lately builded 8. Almes houses of bricke and timber, for 8. poore widdowes of their own Company, whom they haue placed there rent free, according to the gift of the Lady Askew, widdow to sir Christopher Askew somtime Draper and Mayor, 1533.

Then in Golding lane Richard Gallard of Islington Esquier, Cittizen and paynter stayner of London, founded thirteenth almes houses for so many poore people placed in them rent free, hee gaue to the poore of the same Almeshouses two pence the peece weekly, and a loade of Charcoale amongst them yearely for euer, hee lefte fayre landes about Islington to maintaine his foundation: Thomas Hayes sometime Camberlaine of London, in the latter time of Henrie the eight married Elizabeth his daughter and heyre, which Hayes & Elizabeth had a daughter named Elizabeth married to John Ironmonger of London, mercer, who now hath the order of the Almes people.

On the west side of the Red crosse, is a streete called the Barbican, because sometime there stoode on the North side thereof, a Burgh-Kening or Watch Tower of the Cittie called in some language a Barbican, as a bikenning is called a Beacon: this Brugh-kening by the name of the Manner of Base court, was giuen by Edward the third to Robert Vfford earle of Suffolke, and was lately pertayning to Peregrine Bartie Lord Willoughby | of Erbsy.

Next adjoyning to this, is one other great house, called Garterhouse, sometime builded by Sir Thomas Writhe, or Writheley knight, alias Garter principall king of Armes, second son of Sir John Writhe knight, alias Garter, and was vnckle to the first Thomas Earle of Southampton knight of
the Gartar, and Chancelor of England. He built this house and in the top thereof, a chapell, which he dedicated by the name of S. Trinitatis in Alto. Thus much for that part of Criplegate Warde without the wall, wherof more shall be spoken in the suburbe of that part. This ward hath an Alderman & his Deputie within the gate. Common Counsaile eight, Constables nine, Scauengers twelue, For Wardmote Inquest fiftene and a Beadle.

Without the gate, it hath also a Deputie, Common Counsaile two, Constables foure, Scauengers foure, Wardmote Inquest 17. and a Beadle. It is taxed in London to the fiftene, at forty pound.

Aldersgate warde

The next is Aldersgate Ward, taking name of that north gate of the citie, this ward also consisteth of diuers streetes and lanes, lying aswell within the gate and wall, as without, and first to speak of that part within the gate thus it is. The east part thereof ioyneth vnto the west part of Criplegate warde in Engain lane or Maiden lane. It beginneth on the north side of that lane, at Stayning Lane end, and runneth vppe from the Haberdashers Hall, to S. Mary Staining Church: and by the church east winding almost to Woodstreete: and west through Oateland, & then by the south side of Bacon house in Noble streete, backe againe by Lilipot lane, which is also of that ward, to Maiden lane, and so on that north side west to S. John Sacharies church, and to Faster lane. Now on the south side of Ingaine or Mayden lane is the west side of Guthuruns lane, to Kery lane, and Kery Lane itself (which is of this ward) and backe again into Engainlane, by the north side of the Goldsmithes hall, to Faster lane: and this is the East wing of this ward. Then is Foster lane almost wholy of this Warde, beginneth in the south toward Cheape, on the East side by the north side of S. Fosters church and runneth down North west by the west ende of Engaine lane, by Lilipot lane, and Oate lane, to Noble streete, and through that by Shelly house (of old time so called, as belonging to the Shellyes) Sir Thomas Shelley,
Aldersgate warde

knight, was owner thereof in the 1. of H. the 4. It is now
called Bacon house, because the same was new builded by sir
Nicholas Bacon Lord Keeper of the great Seale. Down on
that side by Sergeant Fleetwoods house, Recorder of London,
who also new builded it, to S. Olaues Church in Siluer streete
which is by the North west end of this Noble streete.

Then again in Foster lane this ward beginneth on the West
side thereof, ouer against the South west corner of S. Fosters
church, and runneth downe by S. Leonards church by Pope
lane end, and by S. Anns lane end, which lane is also of this
ward, north to the stone wall by the wall of the Citty, ouer
against Bacon house: which stone wall, and so down north to
Criplegate on that side, is of Faringdon ward.

Then haue yee the maine streete of this warde, which is
called S. Martins lane, including Saint Martin on the East
side thereof, and so downe on both the sides to Aldersgate.
And these be the boundes of this ward within the wall and
gate.

Without the gate, the maine street called Aldersgate streete
runneth vp North on the east side, to the west ende of Howndes
ditch or Barbican streete: A part of which streete is also of
this warde. And on the west side to Long lane, a part
whereof is likewise of this ward. Beyond the which Alders-
gate street, is Gosewell streete vp to the Barres.

And on this west side of Aldersgate streete, by S. But-
tolphes church is Briton street, which runneth west to a
pume, and then north to the gate, which entreth the church-
yard sometime pertaining to the Priory of S. Bartholomew,
on the east side: and on the west side towards S. Bar-
tholomewes spittle, to a paire of postes there fixed. And these
be the boundes of this Aldersgate ward without.

The antiquities be these, first in Stayning lane, of old time
so called, as may be supposed, of Painter stainers dwelling
there.

On the east side thereof, adjoyning to the Haberdashers
Hall, bee ten almes houses, pertaining to the Haberdashers
wherin be placed ten Almes people of that company, euer
of them hauing eight pence the peece euer Fryday for euer,
by the gifte of Thomas Huntlow Haberdasher, one of the
Shiriffes in the yeare, 1539. More, Sir George Baron gave them ten poundes by the yeare for ever.

Then is the small parish Church of S. Mary called Staining, because it standeth at the North ende of Stayning lane. In the which church being but newly builded, there remayne(s) no monument worth the noting.

Then is Engaine lane, or Mayden lane, and at the North-west corner thereof, the parish Church of S. John Sachary: A fayre church, with the monuments wel preserued, of Thomas Lichfield, who founded a chauntie there in the 14. of E. the 2. of sir Nicholas Twiford, Goldsmith, mayor 1388. and Dame Margery his wife: of whose goods the church was made & new builded, with a Tomb for them, and others of their race, 1390. Drugo Barentine, Mayor, 1398. He gaued fayre landes to the Goldsmithes: hee dwelld right against the Goldsmithes Hall. Between the which hall and his dwelling house, hee builded a Galery thwarting the streete, whereby hee might go from the one to the other: he was buried in this church, and Christian his wife, 1427. Iohn Francis Goldsmith 1400. and Margaret his wife. Iohn Francis, Goldsmith, Mayor 1400. And Elizabeth his wife, 1450. I. Sutton, Goldsmith, one of the Shiriffes, 1413. Bartholomeu Seman, Gold-beater, Maister of the kinges Mintes, within the Tower of London and the town of Calice, 1430. Iohn Hewet Esquier, 1500. William Breakespere, Goldsmith, 1461. Christopher Eliot, Goldsmith, 1505. Bartholomew Reade, Goldsmith, Mayor 1502, was buried in the Charterhouse, and gaued to this his parish Church one hundred pound. His wife was buried here with a fayre Monument, her picture in habite of a widdow, Thomas Kepton, Lorimar, 1522. William Potken Esquier, 1537. Iohn Cornish with an Epitaph, 1470. Robert Fenruther, Goldsmith, one of the shiriffes in the yeare 1512.

On the east side of this Faster lane, at Engayne lane ende, is the Goldsmithes hall, a proper house, but not large. And therefore to say that Bartholomeu Read, Goldsmith, Mayor in the yeare 1502. kept such a feast in this hall as some haue R. Grafton. fabuled, is far incredible, & altogether vnpossible, considering the smallnes of the hal & number of the guests, which as they say, were more then an hundreth persons of great estate.
For the messes and dishes of meates to them serued, the palde Parke in the same hall, furnished with frutefull trees, beasts of venery, and other circumstances of that pretended feast well weighed, Westminster hall would hardly haue suffised, and therefore I will ouerpassa it, and note somewhat of principall Goldsmithes.

First I read, that Leefstane, Goldsmith, was Prouost of this Cittie, in the raigne of Henry the 1. Also that Henry Fitz Alewin Fitz Leafstane, Goldsmith, was Mayor of London in the 1. of Richard the first, & continued Mayor 24. years. Also that Gregory Rocksly chiefe say-maister of all the Kings Mints within England, (and therefore by my conjecture) a Goldsmith, was Maior in the 3 of Edward the first, and continued Maior 7. years together. Then William Faringdon, Goldsmith, Alderman of Faringdon ward, one of the shiriffes, 1281. the 9. of E. the 1. who was a Goldsmith as appeareth in record, & shall be shewed in Faringdon warde. Then Nicholas Faringdon his son, Goldsmith, Alderman of Faringdon Warde, four times Mayor in the raign of Edward the second, &c. For the rest of latter time are more manifestlie knowne, and therefore I leave them. The men of this mistery were incorporated or confirmed in the sixteenth of Richard the second.

Then at the North end of Noble streete, is the parrish church of S. Olaue in Siluer streete, a small thing, and without any noteworthy monuments.

On the west side of Fauster lane, is the smal parrish Church of S. Leonarde, for them of S. Martins le grand. A number of Tenements beeing lately builded in place of the great Collegiate Church of S. Martin, that parish is mightly increased. In this Church remayne these Monumentes. First without the Church is | grauen in stone on the east ende, John Brokeitwell, an especiall reedifier or new builder therof. In the Quire, grauen in brasse, Robert Purfet, Grocer, 1507. Robert Trappis, Goldsmith, 1526. with this Epitaph.

When the bels be merily roong,
And the masse demouthly sung,
And the meat merily eaten,
Aldersgate warde

Then shall Robert Traps his wiues
And children be forgotten.

Then in Pope lane, so called of one Pope that was owner thereof, on the north side is the parish church of saint Anne in the willowes, so called I know not vpon what occasion: but some say, of willowes growing thereabouts: but now there is no such voyde place for willowes to grow, more then the Churchyeard, wherin do grow some high Ashe trees.

This church by casualty of fire, in the yeare 1548. was burnt, so far as it was combustible, but since being newly reparied, there remain a few monuments of antiquity, of Thomas Beckhenton, Clarke of the pipe, who was buried there, 1499. Raph Caldwell, Gentleman of Greyes Inne, 1527. John Lord Sheffeld, John Herenden, Mercer, Esquire, 1572. these verses on an old stone.

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William Gregory Skinner, Mayor of London in the year 1451, was there buried, and founded a chauntrie, but no monument of him remayneth.

Then in S. Martins lane was of old time a fayre & large colledge of a deane and secular canons or priests, and was called S. Martins le graund, founded by Ingelricus and Edwardus his brother in the yeare of Christ ro56. & confirmed by W. the Conqueror, as appareareth by his charter dated ro68. This colledge claymed great priuiledges of sanctuary and otherwise, as appareareth in a booke, written by a notary of that house about the yeare 1440. the 19 of H. the 6. wherin amongst other things is set down & declared, that on the 1. of september in the yeare aforesaid, a soouldier prisoner

1 Traps] Harl. 538 ; Trips 1603
2 Beckhenton] 1603 ; Lekhimpton 1633

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in Newgate, as he was led by an officer towards the Guild hall of London, there came out of Panyer Alley 5, of his fellowship, & took him from the Officer, brought him into sanctuary at the west dore of S. Martins church, and tooke grithe of that place, but the same day Philip Malpas and Rob. Marshall then shiriffes of London, with many other entered the said Church, and forcibly tooke out with them the said 5 men, thether fled: ledde them fettered to the Compter, and from thence chained by the neckes to Newgate, of which violent taking the Deane and Chapter in large manner complayned to the king, and required him as their patron to defend their pruyledges, like as his predecessors had done, &c. All which complaint and sute the Cittizens by their counsell, Markam sergeant at the law, John Carpenter late common Clearke of the City, and other, learnedly aunswered, offering to proue that the said place of saint Martin had no such immunity or Liberty, as was pretended: namely Carpenter offered to loose his liuelode, if that Church had more immunitie then the least church in London: notwithstanding, after long debating of this controversie, by the kinges commaundement, and assent of his Councell in the stered Chamber, the Chauncelor and Treasurer sent a writ vnto the shiriffes of London, charging them to bring the saide fiew persons, with the cause of their taking, and withholding, afore the king in his Chauncerie, on the Vigill of All-hallowes. On which daye the saide shiriffes with the Recorder and Counsell of the Cittie, brought and deliuered them accordingly, afore the saide Lordes, whereas the Chauncelor, after hee had declared the Kinges commaundement, sent them to saint Martins, there to abide freely, as in a place hauing franchises, whiles them liked, &c.

Thus much out of that Booke haue I noted, concerning the pruilledge of that place challenged in these daies,since the which time, to wit in the yeare 1457, the 36. of the said Henry the 6, an ordinance was made by the king and his counsel, concerning the said sanctuary men in saint Martins le grund, whereof the Articles are set down in the booke of K within the Chamber of the Guild hall, in the leafe 299.]

This Colledge was surrendered to king Edward the sixt, the 2. of his raigne, in the yeare of Christ, 1548. and the same
yeare the Colledge church being pulled downe, in the east part thereof a large Wine tauerne was builded, and withall downe to the west and throughout the whole precinct of that Colledge many other houses were builded, and highly prised, letten to straungers borne, and other such, as there claymed benefite of priuellages, graunted to the Canons, seruing God day and night (for so be the wordes in the Charter of W. Conqueror) which may hardly be wrested to artificers, buyers and sellars, otherwise then is mentioned in the 21. of saint Mathewes Mathew 21. Gospel.

Lower down on the west side of S. Martins lane, in the parish of S. Anne almost by Aldersgate, is one great house, commonlie called Northumberland house: it belonged to H. Percy. K. H. the 4. in the 7. of his raign, gaue this house with the tenements therewith appertayning to Queene Iane his wife, and then it was called her Wardrope, it is now a Printing house.

Without Aldersgate, on the east side of Aldersgate street, is the Cookes hall: which Cooks (or Pastelars) were admitted Cookes Hall. to be a Company, and to haue a Maister & Wardens in the 22. of E. the 4. From thence along vnto Hounsditch or Barbican streeete, bee many faire houses. On the west side also be the like faire buildings till ye come to Long lane, and so to Goswel streeete.

In Briten street, which tooke that name of the Dukes of Briton lodging there, is one proper parish church of S. Buttolph, in which church was sometime a Brotherhood of S. Fabian & Sebastian, founded in the yeare 1377, the 51. of E. the 3. and confirmed by H. the 4. in the 6. of his raign. Then H. the 6. in the 24. of his raign, to the honour of the Trinitie, gaue licence to Dame Iohan Aslye, sometime his Nurse, to R. Cawood and T. Smith to founde the same a fraternity, perpetuallie to haue a M. and 2. Custos with brethren & sisters, &c. This brotherhood was indowed with landes, more then 30. pound by the yeare, and was suppressed by E. the 6. There lie buried, Iohn de Bath, Weware, 1390. Philip at Vine, Capper, 1396. Benet Gerard, Brewer, 1403. Thomas Bilsington founded a Chauntrie there, and gaue to that Church a house, called the Helmet vpon Cornhill. Iohn Bradmore Chirurgion,
Margaret & Katheren his wiues, 1411. John Michaell seriant at Armes, 1415. Allen Bret, Carpenter, 1425. Robert Malton 1426. John Trigilion, Brewer, 1417. John Mason, Brewer, 1431. Rob. Cavod, Clarke of the Pipe in the kings Exchequer, 1466. Ri. Emnessey, John Walpole, I. Hartshorne Esquier, seruant to the king, 1400. And other of that family great benefactors to that church. W. Marrow, Grocer, Mayor (1455.) & Katheren his wife, were buried there, about 1468. The Lady Anne Packinton widow, late wife to Io. Packinton knight, Chirographer of the court of the common pleas: shee founded Almes houses neare vnto the white Fryers church in Fleet-street, the Clothworkers in London haue oversight thereof. And thus an end of this ward, which hath an Alderman, his Deputie, common Counsellors five, Constables eight, Scauengers nine, for the Wardmote inquest 14. and a Beede. It is taxed to the fifteen in London, seuen pound, and in the Exchequer, 6. I. 19. s.

Faringdon Ward

Infra or within

On the south side of Aldersgate warde lyeth Faringdon ward, called infra or within, for a difference from an other ward of that name, which lyeth without the walls of the citie, and is therfore called Farindon extra. These two wardes of old time were but one, and had also but one Alderman, til the 17. of Richard the 2, at which time the said ward for the greatnes therof, was diuided into twain, & by Parliament ordered to haue 2. Aldermen, & so it continueth till this day. The whole great ward of Farindon, both infra and extra, tooke name of W. Farendon, Goldsmith, Alderman of that ward, and one of the shiriffes of London: in the yeare 1281. the 9. of Ed. the first, he purchased the Aldermanry of this ward, as by the abstract of deedes which I haue read thereof may appeare.

Thomas de Arde(n)é, sonne and heyre to Sir Ralph Arderne knight, granted to Ralph le Feure Citizen of London, one of the shiriffes in the yeare 1277. all the Aldermanry with the
appurtenances within the Cittie of London, and the suburbs of the same between Ludgate and Newgate, and also without the same gates: which Aldermanry, Anketinus de Auerne held during his life, by the graunt of the said Thomas de Ardern, to haue and to hold to the said Ralph and to his heyres, freely without all chalenge, yeelding therefore yearly to the said Thomas and his heyres, one clowe or slip of Gilliflowres, at the feast of Easter, for all secular service and customes, with warranty vnto the said Ralph le Feure, and his heyres, against all people Christians and Jewes, in consideration of twenty marks, which the said Ralph le Feure did giue before hand, in name of a Gersum or fine, to the said Thomas, &c. dated the fift of Edward the first, witnes G. de Rokesley maior, R. Arras one of the shirifes, H. Wales, P. le Taylor, T. de Basing, I. Horne, N. Blackthorn, Aldermen of London. After this Iohn le Feure, son and heire to the saide Raph le Feure, granted to William Farendon, Cittizen and Goldsmith of London, & to his heires the said Aldermanry, with the appurtenances for the seruice thervnto belonging, in the seuenth of Edward the first, in the yeare of Christ, 1279.

This Aldermanry descended to Nicholas Farendon son to the said William and to his heyres, which Nicholas Farendon, also a Goldsmith, was foure times Mayor, & liued many yeares after: for I haue read diuers deedes wherewith he was a witnes dated the yeare 1360. He made his Testament, 1361, which was 53 yeares after his first being Mayor, and was buried in S. Peters church in Cheape. So this ward continued vnder the gouernement of William Faringdon the father, and Nicholas his son, by the space of 82 yeares, and retaineth their name vntil this present day.

This ward of Faringdon within the walles, is bounded thus: Beginning in the East, at the great Crosse in west Cheape, from whence it runneth West. On the north side from the parish church of S. Peter, which is at the Southwest corner of Wood street, vnto Guthuruns lane, and down that lane, to Hugon lane on the East side, and to Kery lane on the west. Then again into Cheape, and to Foster lane, and down that Lane on the east side, to the north side of saint Fausters church, and on the West, till ouer against the Southwest corner
of the saide Church, from whence downe Fauster lane, and
Noble street, is all of Aldersgate streete ward, till yee come
to the stone wall, in the West side of Noble streete, as is afore
shewed. Which sayde Wall downe to Neuils Inne, or Windsor
house, and downe Monkes well streete, on that west side, then
by London wall to Criplegate, and the west side of that same
gate, is all of Faringdon Ward.

Then backe againe into Cheape, and from Fauster Lane
end, to S. Martins lane end, and from thence through saint
Nicholas shambles, by Penticost Lane, and Butchers alley, and
by stinking lane through Newgate market to Newgate. All
which is the North side of Faringdon warde.

On the south from against the saide great Crosse in Cheape
West to Fridayes streete, and downe that streete on the East
side, till ouer against the North East corner of saint Mathewes
Church: and on the west side, till the south corner of the
saide Church.

Then againe along Cheape to the old Exchange, and downe
that lane (on the East side) to the parrish church of Saint
Augustine, which church and one house next adjoyning in
Watheling streete bee of this warde, and on the west side of
this lane, to the east arch or gate by saint Augustines church,
which entereth the south churchyeard of saint Paules, which
arch or gate was builded by Nicholas Faringdon about the
yere 1361. & within that gate on the said north side, to the
gate that entereth the North churchyeard, and all the North
Churchyearde, is of this Faringdon Warde.

Then againe into Cheape, and from the North end of the
olde Exchaunge, West by the North gate of Powles church-
yearde, vp Pater Noster Row, by the two lanes out of Powles
church, and to a signe of the Goldyng Lyon, which is some
twelue houses short of Aue Mary lane: the west side of which
Lane is of this Warde.

Then at the south end of Aue Mary lane, is Creede Lane,
the west side whereof is also of this ward.

Now betwixt the south ende of Aue Mary Lane, and the
north end of Creede lane, is the comming out of Paules church-
yard on the East, and the high streete called Bowier row to
Ludgate, on the west, which way to Ludgate is of this ward.
On the North side whereof is saint Martins Church. And on the South side a turning into the Blacke Friers.

Now to turne vp againe to the North ende of Aue Mary lane, there is a short lane which runneth West some small distaunce, and is there closed vp with a gate into a great house: and this is called Amen lane.

Then on the north side of Pater noster Row, beginning at the Conduit ouer against the olde Exchaunge Lane ende, and going west by saint Michaels Church. At the west end of which Church is a small passage through towards the North. And beyond this Church some small distance, is another passage, which is called Paniar Alley, and commeth out Panier Alley. against Saint Martins lane ende.

Then further west in Pater Noster Row, is Iuie lane, which Iuie lane. runneth North to the West end of Saint Nicholas Shambles. And then west Pater noster Rowe, till ouer against the golden Lion, where the ward endeth for that streeete.

Then about some dozen houses (which is of Bainards Castell Warde) to Warwicke lane end: which Warwicke Lane stretcheth north to the high street of Newgate Market. And the west side of Warwicke lane is of this Faringdon ward. For the East side of Warwicke lane, of Aue Marie lane, and of Creede lane, with the West end of Pater Noster Row, are all of Baynardes Castell warde.

Yet to begin againe at the saide Conduit by the old Exchange, on the North side thereof is a large street that runneth vp to Newgate, as is aforesaid. The first part or south side whereof, from the Conduit to the Shambles, is called Bladder street. Then on the backside of the shambles Bladder Street. be divers slaughter houses and such like, pertaining to the shambles, & this is called Mount Godard street. Then is Mountgodard streete. the Shambles it selfe. And then Newgate Market. And so the whole street on both sides vp to Newgate, is of this warde, and thus it is wholly bounded.

Monuments in this warde be these. First the great Crosse in West Cheape streeete, but in the warde of Faringdon, the which Crosse was first erected in that place by Edward the first, as before is shewed in west Cheape streeete.

At the Southwest corner of Woodstreet, is the parish church
of S. Peter the Apostle, by the said Crosse, a proper Church lately new builded. John Sha, Goldsmith, Maior, deceased 1503. appointed by his Testament, the said church and steeple to be newly builded of his goods, with a flat rooife. Notwithstanding Tho. Wood, Goldsmith, one of the Shiriffes, 1491. is accounted principall benefactor: because the rooife of the midle Ile is supported by Images of Woodmen. I find to haue beene buried in this Church, Nicholas Farendon, Maior, Richard Hadley, Grocer, 1592. John Palmer, fishmonger, 1500. William Rus, Goldsmith, Shiriffe 1429. T. Atkins, Esquire, 1400. John Butler, Shiriffe, 1420. Henrie Warley, Alderman, 1524. Sir John Monday, Goldsmith, Maior, deceased 1537. Augustine Hinde Clothworker, one of the Shiriffes in the yeare 1550 (whose monument doth yet remaine, the others be gone) sir Alexander Auenon, Maior, 1570.

The long shoppe or shed incroaching on the high street before this Church wall, was licenced to be made in the yeare 1401, yeelding to the Chamber of London 30. shillings foure pence yearly for the time, but since 13 shillings foure pence. Also the same shop was letten by the Parish for three pound at the most many yeres since.

Then is Guthuruns lane, so called of Guthurn somtime owner thereof: the inhabitants of this lane of old time were Goldbeaters, as doth appeare by records in the Exchequer. For the Easterling money was appoynted to be made of fine siluer, such as men made into foyle, and was commonly called siluer of Guthuruns lane, &c. The Imbroderers hall is in this lane. John Throwstone Embroderer, then Goldsmith, shiriffe, deceased 1519. gaue 40. pound towards the purchase of this hall. Hugon lane on the East side, and Kery lane (called of one Kery) on the West.

Then in the high streete on the north side is the Sadlers hall. And then Fauster lane (so called of Saint Fausters, a fayre Church, lately new builded). Henrie Coote, Goldsmith, one of the Shiriffes, deceased 1509. builded saint Dunstones chappell there, John Throwstone one of the shiriffes, gaue to the building thereof one hundred pound by his Testament. John Browne Sergeant Painter, Alderman, deceased 1532. was a great benefactor, and was there buried. William

Then downe Fauster lane, and Noble streete both of Ealdersgate street ward, till ye come to the stone wall which incloseth a Garden plot before the wal of the City, on the west side of Noble streete, and is of this Faringdon ward. This Garden plot containynge 95. Elles in length, 9. Elles and a halfe in breeth, was by Adam de Burie, Maior, the Aldermen, and Citizens of London letten to John de Neuell, Lord of Raby, Radulph and Thomas his sonnes for 60. yeares, paying 6. s. 8. d. the yeare: Dated the 48. of Edward the third, hauing in a scale pendant, on the one side, the figure of a walled Cittie, and of S. Paul, a sword in his right hand, and in the left a banner, 3. Leopards, about that Scale, on the same side written, Sigillum Baronum Londoniarum. On the other side the like figure of a Citie, a Bishop sitting on an Arch, the inscription, Me : que : te : peperi : ne : Cesses : Thoma : tueri:

Thus much for the Barons of London, their common seale at that time. At the north end of this garden plot, is one great house builded of stone and timber, now called the Lord Windsors house, of old time belonging to the Neuels, as in the 19. of Richard the 2. it was found by inquisition of a Iurie, that Elisabeth Neuell died, seased of a great Messageu in the Parish of saint Olau in Monks well street in London, holden of the king in free burgage, which she held of the gift of John Neuell of Raby, her husband, and that John Latimer was next sonne and heyre to the said Elisabeth. In this west side is the Barbars Chirurgions hall. This companie was incorporated by meanes of Thomas Morestede Esquire, one of the shirifffes of London, 1436. Chirurgion to the Kinges of England, Henrie the 4. 5. and 6. He deceased 1450. Then Iaques Fries Phisition to Edward the 4. and William Hobbs Phisition and Chirurgion for the same kings bodie, continuing the sute the full time of 20 yeares. Ed. the 4. in the 2. of his raigne, and Richard duke of Glocester became founders of the same Page 318 corporation in the name of S. Cosme and Damiane. The

1 name] 1633; parish 1603
first Assemb(ly) of that craft, was Roger Strype, W. Hobbs, T. Goddard, & Richard Kent, since the which time they builded their hall in that street, &c.

At the north corner of this strete, on the same side, was some time an Hermitage, or Chappell of saint James, called in the wal, neare Crepplegate: it belonged to the Abbey and Couent of Garadon, as appeareth by a Recorde, the 27. of Edward the first: And also the 16. of Edward the third, William de Lions was Hermet there, and the Abbot and Couen(t) of Geredon found two Chaplaines, Cestercian Monks of their house: in this Hermitage one of them, for Aymor de Valence Earle of Pembrooke, and Mary de Saint Paule, his Countesse.

Of these Monkes, and of a Well pertaining to them, the street tooke that name, and is called Monks-well streete. This Hermitage with the appurtenances, was in the raing of Edward the sixt purchased from the said king, by William Lambe one of the Gentlemen of the kinges Chappell, Citizen and clothworker of London: he deceased in the yeare 1577. and then gaued it to the Cloathworkers of London, with other tenements, to the value of fiftie pound the yeare, to the intent they shall hire a Minister to say diuine seruice there, &c.

Againe to the high streete of Cheape, from Fauster lane ende to S. Martins, and by that lane to the shambles or flesh market, on the North side whereof is Penticost lane, containing diuere slaughter houses for the Butchers.

Then was there of old time a proper parish church of saint Nicholas, wherof the said flesh market tooke the name, & was called S. Nicholas shambles. This Church with the tenements and ornaments, was by Henrie the eight giuen to the Maior and communaltie of the Citie, towards the maintenance of the new parish Church,then to be erected in the late dissolved church of the Gray Friers: so was this church dissolved and pulled downe. In place wherof, & of the churchyard, many fayre houses are now builded in a Court with a Wel, in the middest whereof the church stoode.

Then is stinking lane, so called, or Chicke lane at the East end of the Gray Friers church, and there is the Butchers hall.

In the third of Richard the second, motion was made that
no Butcher should kil no flesh within London, but at Knightsbridge, or such like distance of place from the walls of the citie.

Then the late dissolved Church of the Gray Friers: the originall whereof was this.

The first of this order of Friers in England, nine in number, arrived at Douer: fiue of them remained at Canterburie, the other 4. came to London, were lodged at the preaching Friers in Oldborne, for the space of 15 dayes, and then they hyred an house in Cornhill of John Trauars, one of the shiriffes of London. They builded there little celts wherein they inhabited, but shortly after the denotion of citizens towards them, and the number of the Fryers so increased, that they were by the Citizens remoued to a place in S. Nicholas shambles: which John Ewin Mercer appropriated vnto the Comminaltie, to the use of the said Friers, and himselfe became a lay brother amongst them: about the yeare 1225. William Ioyner builded their Quire, Henry Walles the body of the church, Walter Potter Alderman the Chapter house, Gregorie Rokesley their Dorter, Bartholomew of the Castle made the refectorie, Peter de Heliland made the infirmitorie, Beuis Bond king of Heraulds made the studie, &c.

Margaret Queene, second wife to Edward the first, began the quire of their new church, in the yere 1306. to the building whereof, in her life time she gaued 2,000. markes, and 100. marks by her testament. John Britaine, Earle of Richmond, builded the bodie of the church to the charges of three hundred pound, and gaued many rich Iewels and Ornaments to be vsed in the same. Marie Countesse of Pembroke, seuentie pound. Gilbert de Clare, Earle of Glocester, bestowed 20. great beams out of his forrest of Tunbridge, and 20. pound starlings, Lady Helianor le Spencer, Lady Elizabeth de Burgh, sister to Gilbert de Clare, gaued sums of money, and so did diuers Citizens, as Arnald de Tolinea, 100. pounde, Robert Baron Lisle, who became a fryer there, 300. pound, Bartholomew de Almaine fiftie pound. Also Philippe Queene, wife to Edward the third, gave 62. pound, Isabell Queene, mother to Edwarde the thirde, gave threescore and ten pound. And so the worke was done within the space of 21. yeares, 1337. This Church thus furnished with windowes made at the charges of diuersse
persons, the Ladie Margaret Segrave, Countesse of Norffolke
bare the charges of making the stalles in the Quire, to the
value of three hundred and fiftie markes, about the yeare 1380.
Richard Whittington in the yeare 1429. founded the Librarie,
which was in length, one hundred twentie nine foot, and in
breadth thirte one: all seeled with Wainscot, hauing twentie
eight desks, and eight double setles of Wainscot. Which in the
next yeare following was altogether finished in building, and
within three yeares after, furnished with Bookes, to the charges
of fие hundred fiftie sise pound, ten shillings, whereof Richard
Whittington bare foure hundred pound, the rest was borne by
Doctor Thomas Winchelsey, a Frier there: and for the writing
out of D. Nicholas de Lira his works in two volumes, to be
 chained there, one hundred markes, &c. The seeling of the
Quire at diuers mens charges, two hundred marks, and the
painting at fiftie markes: their Conduit head and water course
given them by William Tailer, Tayler to Henrie the third, &c.

This whole church containeth in length three hundred foote,
of the feete of S. Paule: in breadth, eightie nine foot, and
in height from the ground to the rooфе, 64. foote, and two
inches, &c. It was consecrated 1325. and at the generall
suppression, was valued at thirtie two pound, nineteene shillings,
surrendred the twelfth of Nouember, 1538. the 30. of Henrie
the eight, the ornaments and goods being taken to the kings
vse: the church was shut vp for a time, and vsed as a Store
house of goods, taken prizes from the French: but in the
yeare 1546. on the third of Januarie, was againe set open.
On the which day preached at Pauls crosse the Bishop of
Rochester, where he declared the kings gift thereof to the
citie, for the releueing of the poore.

Which gift was by Pattents{1} (of) S. Bartholomewes Spittle in
Smithfield, lately valued at three hundred five pound sise
shillings seuen pence, and surrendred to the king: of the
sayd church of the Gray Friers, and of two parish churches,
the one of Saint Nicholas in the Shambles, and the other of
S. Ewines in Newgate market, which were to be made one
Parrish church in the sayd | Fryers church, & in lands he

{1} Pattents] 1603; Pattents. 1633
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gave for maintenance for the said church, with divine service, reparations, &c. 500 marks by yere for euer.

The thirteenth of January, the 38. of Henry the eight, an agreement was made betwixt the King and the Mayor and commuinity of London: dated the 27. of December: by which the said gift of the gray Fryers church, with all the Edifices & ground, the Fratrie, the Library, the Dortar, & Chapter-house, the great Cloyster and the lesser: tenements, gardens, and vacant grounds, Lead, Stone, Iron, &c., the Hospitall of S. Bartholomew in west smithfield, the church of the same, the lead, belles, & ornaments of the same Hospital, with all the Messuages, tenements, & appurtenances, the parishes of S. Nicholas, and of S. Erwin, and so much of S. Pulchers parish as is within Newgate, were made one Parish church in the Gray Fryers church, and called Christes church founded by Henry the 8.

The Vicar of Christes church was to haue 26. pound, 13. s. 4. d. the yereare. The Vicar of S. Bartholomew 13. pound 6. s. 8. d. The Visiter of Newgate (being a Priest) ten pound. And other 5. Priests in Christes church, all to be helping in diuine service, ministring the Sacraments, and Sacramentals, the 5. Priests to haue 8 pound the pceee. Two Clarkes, 6. pound each. A Sexton 4. pound. Moreover, he gave them the Hospitall of Bethel: with the lauer of Brasse in the cloyster, by esteemeation 18. foote in length, and two foote and a halfe in depth, and the water course of lead to the sayd Fryer house belonging, containyng by esteemeation in length 18. Acres.

In the yeare 1552. began the reparing of the Gray Fryers Christes Hospitall, for the poore fatherlesse children. And in the month of November, the children were taken into the same to the number of almost foure hundreth. On Christmas day in the afternoone, while the Lord Mayor and Aldermen rode to Powles, and children of Christes Hospitall stood, from saint Lawrence lane end in Cheape, towards Powles, all in one liuery of russet cotten, 340. in number. And at Easter next, they were in blew at the spittle, and so haue continued euer since.

The defaced Monuments in this church were these. First Monuments in the Quire, of the Lady Margaret, daughter to Phillip King of France, and wife to Edward the first, foundresse of this new

¹ Coucy] Courcy Thoms; Couse 1598, 1603

Now for the South side of this warde, beginning againe at the crosse in Cheape, from thence to Fryday streete, and downe that streete, on the West side, till ouer against the Northwest corner of saint Matthewes Church. And on the West side, to the South corner of the sayd Church, which is wholly in the Warde of Faringdon. This church hath these few Monuments. Thomas Pole Goldsmith, 1395. Robert Johnson Goldsmith, Alderman. Iohn Twiselton Goldsmith, Alderman, 1525. Raph Allen Grocer, one of the Shiriffes, deceased 1546. Anthony Gamage Ironmonger, one of the Shiriffes, deceased 1579. Anthony Cage. Iohn Mabbe Chamberlaine of London, &c. Allen at Condit and Thomas Warlingworth founded
a chaunterie there. Sir Nicholas Twiford Goldsmith, Mayor, gave to that church an house with the appurtenances, called the Griffon on the hope, in the same streete.

From this Fryday street, west to the old Exchange, Old change, a streete so called of the Kings Exchange there kept, which was for the receit of Bullion, to be coyned. For Henry the 3. in the 6. yeare of his raigne, wrote to the Seabines and men of Ipre, that he and his counsell had giuen prohibition, that none, Englishmen or other, should make chaunge of plate or other masse of siluer, but onely in his exchaunge at London, or at Canterbury. Andrew Bucerell then had to Farme the Exchauge of England, and was Mayor of London in the raigne of Henry the third. John Somercote had the keeping of the Kings Exchauge over all England. In the eight of Edward the first, Gregory Rockesly was keeper of the sayd Exchauge for the King. In the fift of Ed. the second William Hausted was keeper thereof. And in the 18. Roger de Frowicke, &c.

These receiued the old stamps, or coyning irons, from time to time, as the same were wore, and deliuered new to all the Mints in England, as more at large in another place I have noted.

This street beginneth by west Cheape in the North, and runneth downe South to Knight-Riderstreet, that part thereof which is called Old Fishstreet: but the very housing and Office of the Exchauge and Coynage, was about the midst thereof, South from the East gate that entreth Powles churc- yard, and on the west side in Baynards Castle Warde.

On the East side of this lane, betwixt West cheape, and the church of S. Augustine, Henry Walles, Mayor (by license of Ed. the first) builded one row of houses, the profits rising of them to bee imploied on London Bridge.

The parish church of S. Augustine, and one house next adjoyning in Watheling street, is of this Warde called Faringdon. This is a fayre church, and lately well repaired, wherein be monuments remaining of H. Reade Armorer, one of ye Sheriffes, 1450, | Robert Bellesdon haberdasher, Mayor, 1491. Page 326 Sir — Townley, William Dere one of the Shiriffes, 1450. Robert Rauen haberdasher 1500. Thomas Apleyard Gentle-

Then is the North churchyard of Powles, in the which standeth the Cathedrall church, first founded by Ethelbert King of Kent, about the yeare of Christ, 610. He gaue thereto lands as appeareth.

Aedelbertus Rex, Deo inspirante, pro animae sua remedio, dedit episcopo melito terram quae appellatur Tillingeham ad monasterii sui solatum scilicet¹, S. Pauli: et ego Rex Aethelbertus ita firmiter concedo tibi presuli melito potestatem eius habendi & possidendi vt in perpetuum in monasterii utilitate permaneat, &c. Athelstan, Edgare, Ed. the Confessor, and others also gaue lands thereunto. Wil. Conqueror gaue to the church of S. Paule, and to Mauricius then Bishop, and his successors, the Castle of Stortford, with the appurtenances, &c. He also confirmed the gifts of his predecessors, in these words: Rcx. Angl. Clamo quietas in perpetuum, 24. Hidas quas Rex Aethelbert dedit S. Paulo inxta murum London. &c. The Charter of King. Wil. the Conqueror, exemplified in the Tower, englisht thus.

William by the grace of God, King of Englishmen, to all his welbeloved French and English people, greeting. Know ye, that I do giue unto God & the church of S. Paule of London, & to the rectors & servitors of the same, in all their lands which the church hath, or shall haue, within borough & without, sack and sock, Thole & The(m), Infangthesfe & Grithbriche, & all freeships by sea, & by land, on tide, and off tide, and all the rights that into them christendome byrad & more speake, & on burght hamed, & on burght worke, afore all the Bishopricks in mine land: and on each other mans land. For I will that the church in all things be as free as I would my soule to be in the day of judgement: witnesses Osmound our Chancellor, Lanfrank the Archbishop of Canterbury, & T. Archbishop of York, Roger Earle of Shrewesbury, Alane the county, Geffrey de Magna villa, and Raph Peuerel. |

In the yeare 1087. this church of S. Paule was brent with fire, & therewith the most part of the citie: which fire began

¹ scilicet 1603; scilicet corr. 1633
at the entry of the west gate, and consumed the east gate. Mauricius then Bishop, began therefore the foundation of a new church of saint Paule, a work that men of that time iudged, would neuer haue bin finished, it was to them so wonderfull for length & breadth, & also the same was builded vpon arches (or vaults) of stone, for defence of fier, which was a maner of worke before that time vnknowne to the people of this nation, and then brought in by the French: & the stone was fetcht from Cane in Normandy.

This Mauricius deceased in the yeare 1107. Richard Beamor⁠¹ succeeded him in the Bishopricke, who did wondrfully increase the said church, purchasing of his owne cost the large streetes and lanes about it, wherin were wont to dwel many lay people, which ground he began to compass about, with a strong wall of stone, & gates. King H. the first gaue to the said Richard, so much of the Mote (or wall) of the castle, on the Thames side to the South, as should be needfull to make the said wall of the church, & so much as should suffice to make a wal without the way on the north side, &c.

It should seeme that this Richard inclosed but two sides of the said church or Cemitory of S. Paule, to wit, the South and North side: for King Edward the second, in the tenth of his raigne, granted that the said churchyard should be inclosed with a wall where it wanted, for the murtherers and robberies that were there committed. But the cittizens then claimed the East part of the church yarde to be the place of assembly to their folkemotes, and that the great steeple there scituate was to that vse, their common bell, which being there rung, al the inhabitants of the citie might heare and come together. They also claimed the west side, that they might there assemble themselues together, with the Lord of Baynards Castle, for view of their armour in defence of the cittie. This matter was in the Tower of London reffered to Harrius de Stanton, and his fellow Iustices Iterantes, but I finde not the decision or judgement of that controversie.

¹ Beamor 1603, 1633; Beames: Stubbs' Registrum
True it is, that Edward the third, in the seuentene of his raigne, gaue commandement for the finishing of that wall, which was then performed, and to this day it continueth; although now on both the sides (to wit, within and without) it be hidden with dwelling houses. Richard Beamer deceased in the yeare 1127, and his successors in processe of time performed the worke begun.

The steeple of this church was builded and finished in the yeare 1222: the Crosse on the said steeple fell downe, and a new was set vp in the yeare 1314. The new worke of Powls (so called) at the East end aboue the Quire, was begun in the yeare 1251.

Henry Lacy Earle of Lincolne, Constable of Chester, and Custos of England, in his time was a great benefactor to this work and was there buried, in the yeare 1310. Also Raph Balocke Bishop of London, in his life time gaue 200. markes to the building of the sayd new worke: and left much by his Testament towards the finishing thereof, he deceased in the yeare 1313, and was buried in the Lady Chappell. Also the new worke of Powls, to wit, the crosse Iles, were begun to be new builded in the yeare 1256.

The first of February, in the yere 1444. about two of the clock in the afternoone, the steeple of Powles was fiered by lightning, in the midst of the shaft or spire, both on the West side, and on the South, but by labour of many well disposed people the same to appearance quenched with Vinegar, so that all men withdrew themselues to their houses praying God: but betwene eight and nine of the clocke in the same night, the fire burst out againe, more fermente then before, and did much hurt to the Lead and Timber, till by the great labour of the Mayor and people that came thither, it was throughly quenched.

This steeple was repayred in the yeare 1462, and the Weather-Cocke agayne erected: Robert Godwin winding it vp, the rope brake, and hee was destroyed on the Pinacles, and the Cocke was sore brused. But Burchwood (the Kings Plomer) set it vp againe: since the which time, needing reparation, it was both taken downe and set vp, in the yeare 1553. At which time it was found to be of copper, gilt ouer,
& the length from the bill to the tail being 4. foot, & the breadth over the wings 3. foot and a halfe, it weighed 40. li. the crosse from the bole, to the Eagle (or cock) was fiftene foot, & 6. inches of asise: the length thereof ouerthwart, was 5. foote & 10. inches: and the compasse of the bole was 9. foot and 1. inch.

The inner bodie of this Crosse was Oake, the next couer was Lead, and the vttermost was of Copper, red vernished. The boale and Eagle or Cocke, were of Copper and gilt also.

The height of the steeple was 520. foot, whereof the stone worke is 260. foot, & the spire was likewise 260. foote: the length of the whole church is 240. taylers yards, which make 720. foote: the breadth thereof, is 130. foote: and the height of the bodie of that Church, is 150. foote. This Church hath a Bishop, a Deane, a Precentor, Chancellor, Treasurer, and foue Archdeacons: to wit, of London, Midlesex, Essex, Colchester, and S. Albons: it hath Prebendaries thirtie, Canons twelue, Vickars Corall six, &c.

The Colledge of Pettie Canons there was founded by king Richard the second, in honor of Queene Anne his wife, and of her progenitors, in the 17. of his raign. Their hall and lands was then giuen vnto them, as appeareth by the Pattent, maister Robert Dokesworth then being maister thereof. In the yeare 1408, the petty Canons then building their Colledge, the Maior and Comminaltie graunted them their water courses, and other easements.

There was also one great Cloyster on the north side of this church inuironing a plot of ground, of old time called Pardon church yard, wherof Thomas More, deane of Pauls, was either the first builder, or a most especiall benefactor, and was buried there. About this Cloyster, was artificially and richly painted the dance of Machabray, or dance of death, commonly called the dance of Pauls: the like whereof was painted about S. Innocents cloyster at Paris in France: the meters or poesie of this dance were translated out of French into English by John Lidgate, Monke of Bury, the picture of death leading all estates, at the dispence of Jenken Carpenter, in the raigne of Henry the sixt. In this Cloyster were buryed many persons, some of worship, and others of honour: The Monuments of
whome, in number and curious workemanship, passed all other that were in that Church.

Ouer the East Quadrant of this Cloyster, was a fayre Librarie, builded at the costes and charges of Walter Sherrington, Chancellor of the Duchie of Lancaster, in the raigne of Henrie the 6. which hath bene well furnished with faire written bookes in Vellem: but few of them now do remaine there. In the midst | of this pardon churchyard, was also a faire Chappell, first founded by Gilbert Becket, Portegraue and principall magistrate of this Citie, in the raigne of king Stephen, who was there buried.

Thomas Moore Deane of Pauls before named, reedified or new builched this Chappell, and founded three Chaplains there, in the raigne of Henry the fift.

In the yeare 1549. on the tenth of Aprill, the sayd Chappell, by commandement of the Duke of Sommerset, was begun to bee pulled downe, with the whole Cloystrie, the daunce of Death, the Tombes and Monuments: so that nothing thereof was left but the bare plot of ground, which is since converted into a Garden, for the pettie Canons. There was also a Chappell at the North doore of Pauls, founded by the same Walter Sherrington, by licence of Henrie the sixt, for two, three, or foure chaplaines, indowed with fortie pound by the yeare. This Chappell also was pulled downe in the raigne of Edward the sixt, and in place thereof a fayre house builched.

There was furthermore, a fayre Chapple of the holy Ghost in Pauls church, on the north side: founded in the yeare 1400. by Roger Holmes, Chancellor and Prebendary of Pauls, for Adam Berie Alderman, Maior of London 1364, John Wingham and others, for seuen Chaplains, and called Holmes colledge. Their common hall was in Pauls churchyard on the south side, neare vnto a Carpenters yard. This colledge was with others suppressed in the raigne of Ed. the sixt. Then vnder the Quire of Pauls is a large chappel, first dedicated to the name of Iesu, founded, or rather confirmed the 37. of H. the 6. as appeareth by his patent thereof, dated at Crodowne to this effect. Many liege men, and Christian people hauing begun a fraternitie, and guild, to the honour of the most glorious name of Iesu Christ our savion, in a place called
the Crowses of the cathedrall church of Pauls in London, which hath continued long time peaceably till now of late: whereupon they have made request, and we have taken upon vs the name & charge of the foundation, to the land of Almighty God, the Father, the Sonne and the holy Ghost, and especially to the honour of Iesu, in whose honour the fraternitie was begun, &c.

The king ordained William Say, then Deane of Paules, to be | the Rector, and Richard Ford (a remembrancer in the Exchequer) and Henrie Bennis (clearke of his priuie Seale) the Gardians of these brothers and sisters: they and their successors to haue a common seale: licence to purchase lands or tenements to the value of fortie pound by the yeare, &c.

This foundation was confirmed by Henrie the seuenth, the two and twentie of his reigne, to Doctor Collet, then Deane of Powles, Rector there, &c. And by Henrie the eight, the seuen and twentieth of his reigne, to Richard Pace, then Deane of Paules, &c.

At the West ende of this Iesus Chappell, vnder the Quire of Paules, also was a parrish Church of Saint Faith, commonly called S. Faith vnder Pauls, which serued for the Stacioners and others dwelling in Paules Churchyard, Pater noster row, and the places neare adjoyning. The said Chappell of Jesus being suppressed in the raigne of Edward the sixt: the Parishioners of saint Faiths church were remoued into the same, as to a place more sufficient for largenesse and lightsomnesse, in the yeare 1551. and so it remaineth.

Then was there on the north side of this churchyard, a large charnell house for the bones of the dead, and ouer it a chappell of an olde foundation, such as followeth. In the yeare 1282. the tenth of Edward the first, it was agreed, that Henrie Walles Maior, and the Citizens, for the cause of shops by them builded, without the wall of the churchyard, should assigne to God, and to the church of Saint Paule, ten markes of rent by the yeare for euer, towards the new building of a chappell of the blessed virgin Mary, and also to assigne fiue marks of yearly rent to a chaplaine to celebrate there.

Moreouer in the yeare 1430. the eight of Henrie the sixt, licence was granted to Tanken Carpenter (executor to Richard Whittington) to establish vpon the said charnell, a chaplaine,
to have eight marks by the yeare: Then was also in this chappell two brotherhoods. Robert Barton, Henrie Barton Maior, and Thomas Mirfin Maior, all Skinners, were intombed with their Images of Alablaster ouer them, grated or coped about with Iron before the said Chappell, all which was pulled downe, | in the yeare 1549. The bones of the dead couched vp in a Charnill vnder the chappell, were conueyed from thence into Finsbery field (by report of him who paid for the carriage) amounting to more then one thousand cart loades, and there laid on a Morish ground in short space after raised, by soylage of the citie vpon them, to beare three milles. The Chappell and charnill were convertted into dwelling houses, ware houses and sheddes before them for Stacioners, in place of the Tombes.

In the east parte of this Churchyeard, standeth Powles schoole, lately new builded and endowed in the yeare 1512. by John Collet Doctor of Diuinity, and Deane of Powles, for 153. poore mens children to bee taught free in the same schoole, for which hee appointed a Maister, a Surmaister, or Vsher, and a Chaplain with large stipends for euer, committing the oversight thereof to the Maisters, Wardens and Assistantes of the Mercers in London, because hee was sonne to Henry Collet Mercer, sometime Maior. Hee leftte to these Mercers, landes to the yearely value of one hundred and twenty pound or better.

Neare vnto this schoole, on the north side therof, was of old time a great and high Clochier, or bell house, foure square, builded of stone, and in the same a most strong frame of timber, with foure Belles, the greatest that I haue heard, these were called Iesus Belles, and belonged to Iesus Chappell, but I know not by whose gift: the same had a great spire of Timber couered with lead, with the Image of saint Paule on the toppe, but was pulled downe by Sir Miles Partridge knight, in the raigne of Henry the eight. The common speech then was, that hee did set an hundred pound vpon a cast at dice against it, and so wonne the said Clochiard and belles of the king: and then causing the bels to bee broken as they hung, the rest was pulled downe. This man was afterward executed on the Tower hill, for matters concerning the Duke of Sommerset, the fift of Edward the sixt.
In place of this Clochiarde, of olde times the common Bell of the Cittie was vsed to be rung for the assembly of the citizens to their Folke motes, as I haue before shewed.

About the middest of this Churchyeard is a Pulpit Crosse of timber, mounted vpon steppes of stone, and couered with leade, in which are sermons preached by learned Diuines evry Sundaye in the forenoon. The very antiquity of which Crosse is to mee vnknowne: I reade, that in the yeare 1259. King Henry the third commanded a generall assembly to bee made at this crosse, where hee in proper person commanded the Mayor, that on the next day following, hee should cause to bee sworne before the Alderman, evry stripling of twelve yeares of age, or vpwarde, to bee true to the king and his heyres, kinges of England. Also in the yeare 1262. the same king caused to bee read at Pauls Crosse, a Bull obtayned from Pope Urban the fourth, as an absolution for him, and for all that were sworne to maintaine the Articles made in Parliament at Oxford. Also in the yere 1299. the Deane of Powles accused at Powles Crosse all those which had searched in the Church of Saint Martin in the fielde, for an hoorde of gold, &c. This Pulpit crosse was by tempest of lightning and thunder defaced. Thomas Kempe Bishop of London new buildd it, in forme as it now standeth.

In the yeare 1561. the fourth of Iune, betwixt the houre of three and foure of the clocke in the afternoone, the greate spire of the steple of Saint Paules church was fiered by lightning, which brake forth (as it seemed) two or three yeardes beneath the foote of the Crosse, and from thence it bent downward the spire to the battlements, stone worke and Belles, so furiously, that within the space of foure hours, the same steple with all the roofes of the church were consumed, to the great sorrow and perpetuall remembrance of the beholders. After this mischaunce, the Queenes Maiestie directed her letters to the Mayor, willing him to take order for speedy repayring of the same. And shee of her Gratious disposition, for the furtherance thereof, did presently giue and deliuer in golde 1000. markes, with a warrant for a thousand loads of Timber, to bee taken out of her woods, or elsewhere.
The Citizens also gave first a great benevolence, and after that three fifteens to be speedily paid. The Cleargie of Englane likewise within the Province of Canterburie granted the fortieth part of the value of their benefices, charged with first fruities, the thirtieth part of such as were not so charged, but the Cleargie of London Dioces granted the thirtieth part of all that paid first fruities, and the twentieth part of such as had paid their fruities.

Sixe Citizens of London, and two Petie Canons of Powls church, had charge to further and oversee the worke, wherein such expedition was vsed, that within one Moneth next following the burning thereof, the church was couered with boords & lead, in manner of a false roose against the weather, and before the ende of the said yeare, all the saide Iles of the church were framed out of new timber, couered with lead, and fully finished. The same yeare also the great rooses of the west and east endes were framed out of great timber in Yorkshire, brought thence to London by sea, and set vp, and couered with lead, the north and south endes were framed of timber, and couered with leade before Aprill, 1566. Concerning the steple, diuers models were devisd and made, but little else was done, through whose default God knoweth: it was said that the money, appointed for new building of the steple, was collected.

Monumentes in this church be these, First as I reade, of Erkenwalde Bishoppe of London buried in the olde Church, aboute the yeare of Christ, seuen hundred, whose body was translated into the new worke, in the yeare 1140. being richly shrined aboue the Quire behind the high Alter.

Sebba or Seba king of the East Saxons, first buried in the olde Church, since remoued into the new, and laide in a coffin of stone, on the north side without the Quire, Etheldred king of the West Saxons was likewise buried and remoued. William Norman, Bishop of London in the raignes of Edward the Confessor and of William the conqueror, deceased 1070. and is new buried in the body of the church with an Epitaph, as in my summary I haue shewed, Eustachius de Rancou-

Some have noted that in digging the foundation of this new worke, namely of a chappell on the south side of Powles church, there were found more then an hundred scalps of Oxen or Kine, in the yeare one thousand three hundred and sixeetene, which thing (say they) confirmed greatly the opinion of those which haue reported that of olde time there had beene a Temple of Iupiter, and that there was dayly sacrifice of beastes.

Othersome both wise and learned haue thought the Buckes head, borne before the procession of Paules on Saint Pauls day, to signifie the like. But true it is I haue read an ancient deede to this effect.

Sir William Baud knight, the third of Edward the first, in the yeare 1274, on Candlemas day granted to Harvey de Borham, Deane of Powles, and to the chapter there, that in consideration of twentie two Acres of ground or land, by them granted within their Mannor of Westley in Essex, to
bee inclosed into his parke of Curingham, he would for euer vppon the Feast daye of the consuersion of S. Paule in winter, giue vnto them a good Doe, seasonable and sweete, and vppon the Feast of the commemoration of S. Paule in summer, a good Bucke, and offer the same at the high Altar, the same to bee spent amongst the Ca[n]ons residentes: the Doe to bee brought by one man at the house of Procession, and through the Procession to the High Altar: and the bringer to haue nothing: the Bucke to bee brought by all his meyney in like manner, and they to haue paid vnto them by the chamberlaine of the church xii. pence onely, and no more to be required. This grant he made, and for performance, bound the landes of him and his heyres to bee distrained on: and if the landes should bee euicted, that yet hee and his Heyres shoulde accomplish the gifte. Witnesses Richard Tilberie, William de Wockendon, Richard de Harlowe knights, Peter of Stanforde, Thomas of Waldon, and some others.

Sir Walter Baude, sonne to William, confirmed this gift, in the thirtieth of the said king, and the witnesses thereunto were Nicholas de Wokendon, Richard de Rokeley, Thomas de Mendevile, Iohn de Rockford knights, Richard de Broniford, William de Markes, William de Fulham, and other.

Thus much for the grant.

Now what I haue heard by report, and haue partly scene, it followeth. On the feast day of the commemoration of saint Paule the bucke being brought vp to the steps of the high Altar in Powls church, at the house of procession, the Deane and chapter being apparrelled in coapes and vestmentes, with garlandes of Roses on their heads, they sent the body of the Bucke to baking; and had the head fixed on a powle, borne before the Crosse in their procession, vntill they issued out of the West dore, where the keeper that brought it blowed the death of the Bucke, and then the horners that were about the cittie, presently aunswered him in like manner: for the which paines they had each one of the Deane and chapter, foure pence in money, and their dinner, and the keeper that brought it was allowed during his abode there, for that servuce, meate, drinke and lodging, at the
deane and chapters charges, and five shillings in money at
his going away, together with a loaf of bread, hauing the
picture of saint Paule vppon it, &c.

There was belonging to the church of Saint Paule for
both the dayes, two speciall sutes of vestmentes, the one
embroidered with Buckes, the other with Does, both giuen
by the sayd Bauds (as I haue heard.) Thus much for the
matter. Now to the residue of the monuments, sir Raph
Hingham, chiefe Iustice of both Benches successiuely, buried
in the side of the north walke against the Quire, 1308. Henry
Guildford Clarke, at the Altar of the Apostles, 1313. Richard
Newport Bishop of London, 1318. William Chateleshunte
Canon in the new worke, 1321. had a chantrie there, sir
Nicholas Wokenden knight, at the Altar of Saint Thomas in
Roger Waltham Canon, 1325. Hamo Chikowell sixe times
Maior of London, 1328. Robert Monden, and John Monden
his brother, Canons, in the new worke, 1332. Woltar Thorpe
Canon, in the new worke, 1333. John Fable, 1334. James
Eton, Canon, 1345. Nicholas Husband canon, 1347. sir John
Poultney Maior, 1348. in a faire chappell by him builded on
the north side of Paules, wherein he founded three Chaplains.
William Euersden canon, in the Crowds, 1349. Alan Hotham
Canon, in the new Crowdes, 1351. Henrie Eteworth, vnder
the Roode at north doore, 1353, John Beachampe Constable of Douer, warden of the Portes, knight of the
Garter, sonne to Gwy Beauchampe Earle of Warwike, and
Brother to Thomas Earle of Warwicke, in the bodie of the
church on the South side, 1358. where a proper chapple, and
fayre monument remaineth of him: he is by ignorant people
misnamed, to be Humfrey Duke of Glochester, who lieth
honourably buried at Saint Albons, twentie myles from
London, and therefore such as merrily, or simply professes
themselues to serue Duke Humfrey in Paules, are to be
punished here, and sent to Saint Albons, there againe to bee
punished for their absence from their Lord and maister, as

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Lisle, and Tyes, which countesse passed from this world the xiii. day of June, in the yeare of our Lord 1468. on whose <soule> Iesu haue mercie, Amen.' John Wenlocke by his last will, dated 1477. appoynted there should bee dispended vpon a Monument ouer the Lady of Shrewesburie where she is buried afore Iesus, one hundred pounds. He left Sir Humfrey Talbot his Superiusor. This sir Humfrey Talbot knight, | Lord Marshall of the towne of Calles, made his will the yeare 1492. He was yonger son of John Earle of Shrewsburie, and Margaret his wife: hee appoynted a stone to be put in a pillar before the graue of his Ladie mother in Pauls, of his portrature, and armes, according to the will of John Wenlocke, but for want of roome and lightsomnesse in that place, it was concluded, the Image of Iesus to bee curiously painted on the wall in Paules Church, ouer the doore that entreth into the said Chappell of Iesus, and the portrature also of the said Ladie Margaret countesse of Shrewesburie, kneeling in her mantle of Armes, with other of her progenie, all which was so performed, and remaineth till this day. In the Chapple of Iesus, Thomas Docwrey, William Lambe, 1578 and many other haue been enterred, Iohn of London vnder the North rode, 1266. Iohn Lowell Clarke, Iohn Romane, Iohn of Saint Olaue, Waltar Bloxley, Sir ALEN BOXHULL knight of the Garter, Constable of the Tower, Custos of the Forrest and parke of Clarendon, the Forrest of BROKHLT, Grouell and Melchet, buried beside Saint Erkenwalds shrine; and of later time Thomas Kempe Bishop of London, in a proper Chappell of the Trinitie by him founded in the bodie of the Church on the North syde, 1489. Thomas Linicar, Doctor of Phisicke, Iohn Collett Deane of Paules, on the South side without the Quier, 1519. Iohn Dowman Canon of Paules, 1525. Richard Fitz-Iames Bishop of London, hard beneath the North-west pillar of Paules Steeple, vnder a faye Tombe, and a Chappell of Saint Paule builded of Tymber, with Stayres mounting therevnto ouer his Tombe of gray Marble, 1521. His Chappell was burned by fire falling from the Steeple, his Tombe was taken thence. Iohn Stokesley Bishop of London in our Ladie Chappell, 1539. Iohn Nevill, Lord Latimer, in a Chappell

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by the North doore of Paules, about 1542. Sir John Mason Knight in the North walke, agaynst the Quier, 1566. William Herbert Earle of Pembrooke, knight of the Garter, on the North side the Quier, 1569. Sir Nicholas Bacon, Lord Keeper of the great Seale, on the South side of the Quier, 1578. Sir Phillip Sidney aboue the Quier, on the north side, 1586. Sir Frances Walsingham knight, principall secretarie, and Chaunceller of the Duchy of Lancaster, 1590. sir Christopher Hatton Lord Chancellor of England, knight of the Garter, aboue the Quier, 1591. vnder a most sumptuous Monument, where a merry poet writ thus.

Philip and Francis have no Tombe,
For great Christopher takes all the roome.

John Elmer Bishop of London before saint Thomas chappel, 1594. The lady Heneage, and her husband, sir Thomas Heneage Chancellor of the Dutchie, 1595. Richard Fletcher Bishop of London, 1596. These as the chiefe haue I noted to be buried there.

Without the North gate of Paules Church, from the ende of the olde Exchauncge, West vp Pater Noster Rowe, by the two lanes out of Paules Church, the first out of the crosse Isle of Paules, the other out of the bodie of the Church, about the midst thereof, and so West to the golden Lion, be all of this Warde, as is aforesaid. The houses in this streeete, from the first North gate of Paules Churchyard, vnto the next gate, were first builded without the Wall of the Churchyard, by Henrie Walles Maior, in the yeare 1282. The rentes of those houses goe to the maintenance of London Bridge. This streeete is now called Pater Noster Rowe, because of Stacioners or Text writers that dwelled there, who wrote and solde all sortes of Bookes then in vse, namely, A. B. C. with the Pater Noster, Aue, Creede, Graces, &c.

There dwelled also turners of Beades, and they were called Pater Noster makers, as I read in a record of one Robert Nikke, Pater Noster maker and Citizen, in the raigne of Henry the 4. and so of other. At the end of this Pater Noster Rowe, is Aue Mary lane, so called vpon the like occasion of text writers, and Beade makers then dwelling there: and at
the ende of that lane is likewise Creede lane, late so called, Creede lane. but sometime Spurrier Rowe, of Spurriers dwelling there, and Amen lane is added thereunto, betwixt the South end of Amen lane. Warwick lane, and the north end of Aue Mary lane: at the north ende of Aue Mary lane, is one great house builded of stone and timber, of old time pertaining to John Duke of | Britaine, Earle of Richmond, as appeareth by the Records of Ed. the second: since that it is called Pembrooks Inne, nere vnto Ludgate, as belonging to the Earles of Pembrooke in the times of Ric. the 2. the 18. yeare: and of Henry the 6. in the xiii. yeare. It is now called Burgaueny house, and belongeth to Henry late Lord of Burgaueny. Betwixt the south end of Aue Mary lane, and the North end of Creed lane, is the comming out of Paules Church yard, on the East, and the high street on the West, towards Ludgate, and this is called Bowier row, of Bowiers dwelling there in olde time, now worn out by Mercers and others. In this street on the north side, is the parish church of saint Martin, a proper church, and lately new builded: for in the yeare 1437. Iohn Michael Maior and the commnaltie, granted to William Downe parson of S. Martins at Ludgate, a parcell of ground, conteyning in length 24 foot, and in breadth 24. foot, to set and build theyr steeple vpon, &c. The Monuments here hath beene of William Seuenaake Maior, 1418. Henry Belwase, and Iohn Gest, 1458. William Tauerner Gentleman, 1466. Iohn Barton Esquire, 1439. Stephen Peacocke, Maior, 1533. Sir Roger Cholmley. Iohn Went, and Roger Paine had Chanteries there.

On the south side of this streeete, is the turning into the blacke Friers, which order sometime had their houses in Oldeborne, where they remayned for the space of fiftie five yeares, and then in the yeare 1276. Gregorie Roksley Maior, and the Barons of this citie, granted and gaue to Ro. Kilwarby Archbishop of Canterbury, two lanes or wayes next the streeete of Baynards castell, and also the Tower of Mountfitchit, to bee destroyed: in place of which, the said Robert builded the late new church of the Blacke-Friers, and placed them therein. King Edward the first and Elianor his wife were great benefactors thereunto. This was a large church, and richly
furnished with Ornaments: wherein diuerse parliaments and other great meetings hath beene holden: namely in the yeare 1450. the twentie eight of Henrie the sixt, a parliament was begun at Westminster, and adiourned to the Blacke-Friers in London, and from thence to Leycester. In the yeare 1522. the Emperour Charles the fift was lodged there. In the yeare 1524. the fifteenth of Aprill, a parliament was begun at the Blacke Friers, wherein was demaunded a subsidie of 800000. pound, to bee raysed of goodes and landes, foure shillings in evry pound, and in the ende was granted two shillings of the pound, of goodes or landes, that were worth twenty pound, or might dispand twentie pound by the yeare, and so vpward, to be payed in two yeares. This Parliament was adiourned to Westminster, amongst the blacke Monkes, and ended in the kings palace there, the fourteenth of August, at nine of the clocke in the night, and was therefore called the blacke parliament. In the yere 1529. Cardinall Campeius the Legat, with Cardinal Woolsey sate at the said blacke friers, where before them as Legats & Iudges, was brought in question the kings marriage with Queene Katherin as to be vnlawfull, before whom the king and Queene were cited and summoned to appeare, &c. whereof more at large in my Annales I haue touched.

The same yeare in the Moneth of October began a parliament in the Blacke Friers, in the which Cardinall Woolsey was condemned in the premunire\(^1\): this house valued at 104.li. 15.s. 5.d. was surrendred the xii. of Nouember, the 30. of Henrie the eight. There were buried in this Church, Margaret Queene of Scots, Hubert de Burgh Earle of Kent, translated from their olde Church, by Old-Boorne: Robert de Attabeto Earle of Bellimon: Dame Isabel wife to Sir Roger Bygot, Earle Marshall: William and Iane Huse, children to Dame Ellis, Countes of Arundell, and by them lieth Dame Ellis, daughter to the Earle Warren, and after Countesse of Arundell: Dame Ide wife to Sir Waltar —— daughter to Ferrers of Chartley, Richard de Brewe, Richard Strange, sonne to Roger Strange, Elisabeth daughter to sir Barthol. Badlesmere, wife to sir William Bohun Earle of Northampton. Marsh,

\(^1\) premunire] priminerie 1598; preminire 1603
the Earles of March and Hereford, and Elizabeth Countesse of Arundell. Dame Ioan daughter to sir John Carne, first wife to sir Gwide Brian. Hugh Clare knight, 1295. The heart of Q. Helianor the foundresse: the heart of Alfonse her son: the hearts of John and Margaret, children to W. Valence: sir William Thorpe Iustice, the lord Lioth of Ireland, Maude wife to Geffrey Say, daughter to y° Earle of Warwick, Dame Sible, daughter to Wil. Patetahull, wife to Roger Bewchampe, Page 343 and by her Sir Richard or Roger Bewchampe, Lorde S. Amand and Dame Elizabeth his wife, daughter to the Duke of Lancaster, sir Stephen Collington knight, sir William Peter knight. The Countesse of Huntington, Dutches of Excester 1425. sir John Cornwall, Lord Fanhope, died at Amphill in Bedfordshire, and was buried here, 1443. sir John Tiptofte Earle of Worcester beheaded, 1470. and by him in his Chapple, James Tutchet, Lord Audley, beheaded 1497. William Paston and Anne daughter to Edmond Lancaster. The Lord Beaumont, sir Edmond Cornwall Baron of Burford, The Lady Nevell, wedded to the Lord Douglas, daughter to the Duke of Excester, Richard Scrope Esquier, Dame Katheren Vaux alias Cobham, sir Thomas Browne and dame Elizabeth his wife, Jane Powell, Thomas Swinfirth, John Mawsley, Esquier, 1432. John de la Bere, Nicholas Eare, Geffrey Spring, William Clifford Esquiers, Sir Thomas Brandon knight of the Garter, 1509. William Stalworth Marchant Taylor, 1518. William Courtney Earle of Devonshire nominate but not created, the 3. of Henry the eight, &c.

There is a parrish of saint Anne within the precinct of the Black Fryers, which was pulled down with the Friers Church by sir Thomas Carden: but in the raigne of Queene Mary, hee being forced to find a church to the inhabitantes, allowed them a lodging chamber aboue a staire, which since that time, to witte the yeare, 1597. fell downe, and was againe by collection therefore made, new builded and enlarged in the same yeare, and was dedicated on the eleuenth of December.

Now to turne againe out of the Black Fryers through Bowier Rowe, Aue Mary lane, and Pater Noster Row, to the church of saint Michaell ad Bladum, or at the corne, (corruptly

Parish church of S. Anne new builded in the black Friers.

Corne market by Pater nos-ter Row.
at the Querne,) so called, because in place thereof, was sometime a corne market, stretching vp West to the Shambles: It seemeth that this church was new builded, about the raigne of Edward the 3. Thomas Newton first Parson there, was buried in the Quire, the yeare 1361. At the east end of this Church stode a Crosse, called the old crosse in west Cheape, which was taken downe in the yeare 1390. since the which time, the said parrish church was also taken down, but new builded and enlarged, in the yeare 1430. the eight of Henry the sixt. William Eastfield Mayor, & the comminaltie graunted of the common soyle of the citie, three feet and a halfe in breeth on the north part, and foure foot in breeth toward the East, for the enlarging thereof. This is now a proper Church, and hath the monumentes of Thomas Newton first Parson, Roger Woodcocke, Hatter, 1475. Thomas Rossel Brewer, 1473. John Hulton, Stacioner, 1475. I. Oxney, Roger North, Marchant Haberdasher, 1509. John Leiland the famous Antiquary, Henry Pranell Vintner, one of the shiriffes 1585. William Elkin one of the shiriffes, 1586. Thomas Bankes, Barber Chirurgion, 1598. &c. John Mundham had a Chauntrie there, in the 4. of E. the second.

At the east end of this church, in place of the olde crosse, is now a water conduit placed, IV. Eastfield Mayor, the 9. of H. the 6. at the request of diuers common councels, granted it so to be: whereupon in the 19. of the same Henry, one thousand marks was granted by a common counsell towards the workes of this conduit, & the reparations of other: this is called the little Conduit in West Cheape by Powles gate. At the west end of this parrish church is a small passage for people on foote through the same church, & west from the said church, some distance, is an other passage out of pater noster row, and is called of such a signe, Panyar Alley, which commeth out into the North ouer against S. Martins lane. Next is Iuie lane, so called of Iuie growing on the walles of the Prebend houses, but now the lane is replenished on both the sides with faire houses, and diuers offices be there kept, by registers, namelie, for the prerogatiue court of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Probate of Willes, and for the Lord Treasurers remembrance of the Exchequer, &c.
This Lane runneth North to the west ende of S. Nicholas shambles. Of old time was one great house, sometimes belonging to the Earles of Britaine, since that to the Louels, and was called Louels Inne: for Mathild wife to John Louell held it in the first of H. the 6. Then is Eldenese lane, which stretcheth North to the high street of Newgate market, the same is now called Warwicke lane, of an ancient house there builded by an Earle of Warwicke, and was since called Warwicke Inne. It is in record called a messuage in Eldenese lane, in the parish of S. Sepulchre, the 28. of Henry the 6. Cicille Dutches of Warwicke possessed it. Now againe from the Conduit by Powles gate on the north side, is a large streete, running west to Newgate, the first part whereof from the Conduit to the shambles, is of selling bladders there, called Bladder street. Then behind the butchers shops be new Bladder street. divers slaughter houses inward, and Tippling houses outward. This is called Mountgodard streete of the Tippling houses there, and the Goddards mounting from the tappe to the Table, from the table to the mouth, and sometimes ower the head. This streete goeth vp to the North end of Iuie lane. Before this Mountgodard streete stall boordes were of olde time set vp by the Butchers, to shew & to sell their flesh meate vpon, over the which stalboordes, they first builded sheades to keepe off the weather, but since that incrochynge by little and little, they have made their stall boordes & sheads, faire houses, meete for the principall shambles. Next is Newgate market, first of corne and meale, and then of other victuals, which stretcheth almost to Eldenese lane. A faire new and strong frame of timber couered with lead, was therefore set vp at the charges of the citie, neare to the west corner of S. Nicholas shambles, for the meale to be weighed, in the 1. of Edward the 6. Sir John Gresham being then Mayor. On this side the north corner of Eldenese lane stood sometime a proper parrish church of S. Ewine, as is before said, gien by Henry the 8. towards the erecting of Christs church, it was taken down, and in place thereof, a faire strong frame of timber erected, wherein dwell men of divers Trades. And from this frame to Newgate is all of this ward, and so an end thereof. It hath an Alderman, his Deputie, common
cuncel, i2. Constables, i7. Scaueniers, i8. Wardmote In-
quest, r8. and a Bedle: And is taxed to the fiftene, 50.
pound.]

Bredstreete warde

BREDSTREETE WARD beginneth in the high streete of west Cheape, to wit, on the south side, from the Standard to the great Crosse. Then is also a part of Watheling streete of this ward, to wit, from ouer against the Red Lion on the North side vp almost to Powles gate, for it lacketh but one house of S. Augustines church. And on the south side from the red Lion gate to the Old Exchange, and downe the same Exchange on the East side, by the west end of Mayden lane, or Distar lane, to Knightriders streete, or as they call that part thereof, Old Fishstreet. And all the north side of the said old Fishstreete, to the South ende of Bredstreete, and by that still in Knightriders streete, till ouer against the Trinitie Church, and Trinitie lane. Then is Bredstreet it selfe, so called of bread in olde time there sold: for it appeareth by recordes, that in the yeare 1302. which was the 30. of E. first, the Bakers of London were bounden to sell no bread in their shops or houses, but in the market, and that they should haue 4. Hall motes in the yeare, at foure seuerall terms, to determine of enormities belonging to the said Company.

This streete giuing the name to the whole warde, beginneth in west Cheape, almost by the Standard, and runneth downe south, through or thwart Watheling street, to Knightriders street aforesaide, where it endeth. This Bredstreet is wholy on both sides of this warde. Out of the which street on the East side is Basing lane, a peece whereof, to wit, to and ouer against the backe gate of the Red Lion in Watheling streete, is of this Bredstreete ward.

Then is Fryday streete beginning also in west Cheape, and runneth downe South through Watheling street to Knight-
ricer streete, or olde Fishstreet. This Friday streete is of
Bredstreete warde 345

Bredstreet ward, on the east side from ouer against the northeast corner of S. Mathewes church, and on the west side from the south corner of the said church, down as aforesaid.

In this Fryday streete on the west side thereof is a Lane, commonly called Mayden Lane, or Distaffe Lane, corruptly for Distar lane, which runneth west into the old Exchange: and in this lane is also one other lane, on the south side thereof, likewise called Distar lane, which runneth downe to Knightriders street, or olde Fishstreete: and so be the boundes of this whole ward.

Monumentes to be noted here, first at Bredstreet corner the north East end, 1595. of Thomas Tomlinson causing in the high streete of Cheape a Vaulte to be digged, and made, there was found at fifteene foote deepe, a fayre pavement like unto that aboue ground, and at the further end at the chancell, was founde a tree sawed into fiue steppes, which was to steppe ouer some brooke running out of the west towards Walbrooke, and vpon the edge of the saide Brooke, as it seemeth, there were found lying along the bodies of two great trees, the endes whereof were then sawed off, and firme timber as at the first when they fell, parte of the sayde trees remayne yet in the ground vn digged. It was all forced ground, vntill they went past the trees afore sayde, which was about seuentene foote deepe or better, thus much hath the grounde of this Cittie in that place beene raysed from the mayne.

Next to be noted, the most beautiful frame of fayre houses and shoppes, that bee within the Walles of London, or else where in England, commonly called Goldsmithes Rowe, betwixt Bredstreet end & the Crosse in Cheape, but is within this Bredstreeter warde, the same was builded by Thomas Wood Goldsmith, one of the shirifes of London, in the yeare 1491. It contayneth in number tenne fayre dwelling houses, and foureteene shoppes, all in one frame, uniformly builded foure stories high, bewtified towards the streete with the Goldsmithes armes and the likenes of woodmen, in memory of his name, riding on monstrous beasts, all which is cast in lead, richly painted ouer and gilt, these he gaue to the Goldsmithes with stockes of money to be lent to yong men, hauing those
shops, &c. This said Front was againe new painted and
guilt ouer, in the yeare 1594. Sir Richard Martin being then
Mayor, and keeping his Mayoralty in one of them, serving out
the time of Cutbert Buckle from the second of July, till the
28. of October.

Then for Watheling streete, which Leyland calleth Atheling
or Noble streete: but since he sheweth no reason why,
I rather take it to be so named of the great high way of the
same calling. True it is, that at this present, the inhabitants
thereof are wealthy Drapers, retailers of woollen cloathes
both broad and narrow, of all sorts, more then in any one
streete of this citie.

Of the old Exchaunge, I haue noted in Faringdon Warde:
wherefore I passe downe to Knightrider street, whereof I
haue also spoken in Cordwainer streete Warde, but in this
part of the said Knightriders streete is a fishmarket kept, and
therefore called old Fishstreet, for a difference from new
Fishstreete.

In this old Fishstreete, is onc row of small houses, placed
along in the middest of Knightriders streete, which rowe is also
of Bredstreete Warde: these houses now possessed by Fish-
mongers, were at the first but moueable boordes (or stalles)
set out on market daies, to shew their fish there to be sold:
but procuring license to set up sheds, they grew to shops, and
by little and little, to tall houses, of three or foure stories in
height, and now are called Fishstreete. Walter Turke Fish-
monger, Mayor 1349. had two shops in old Fishstreete, ouer
against saint Nicholas church, the one rented v.s. the yeere,
the other iii. s.

Bredstreete, so called of bread sold there (as I said) is now
wholy inhabited by rich Marchants, and diuers faire Innes
bee there, for good receipt of Carriers, and other travellers to
the city.

On the East side of this streete, at the corner of Watheling
streete, is the proper church of Alhallowes in Bredstreete,
wherein are the Monuments of James Thame Goldsmith, John
Walpole Goldsmith, 1349. Thomas Beaumont Alderman, one
of the Shirifles, 1442. Robert Basset, Salter, Mayor 1476. Sir
Richard Chaury, Salter, Mayor 1509. Sir Thomas Pargitar,
Salter, Mayor 1530. Henry Sucley, Merchant Taylor, one of the Shirifisses 1541. Richard Reade Alderman, that servued and was taken prisoner in Scotland, 1542. Robert House one of the Shirifisses, 1589. William Albany, Richard May, and Roger Abdy, Merchant Taylors.

In the 23. of Henry the eight, the seuenteenth of August, two priests of this church fell at variance, that the one drew bloud of the other, wherefore the same church was suspended, and no servicse sung or sayd therein for the space of one month after, the priestes were committed to prison, and the fifteenth of October being inioyned penance, went before a generall procession, bare headed, bare footed, and bare legged, before the children, with beades and bookes in their hands, from Paules through Cheape, Cornhill &c. More to be noted of this church, which had sometime a fayre spired steeple of stone.

In the yeare 1559. the fift of September, about mid day, fell a great tempest of lightning, with a terrible clap of thunder, which stroke the sayd spire about nine or ten foote beneath the top: out of the which place fell a stone that slew a dog: and ouerthrew a man that was playing with the dogge. The same spire being but little damnified thereby, was shortly after taken downe, for sparing the charges of reparation. On the same side is Salters Hall, with sixe almes houses in Salters Hall. number, builded for poore decayed brethren of that company: This Hall was burned in the yeare 1539. and againe reedified.

Lower downe on the same side, is the parish church of Saint Mildred the Virgine. The monuments in this church be of the Lord Trenchant, of Saint Albons, knight, who was supposed to be either the new builder of this church, or best benefactor to the works thereof, about the yeare 1300, and odde; \(^1\) — Cornish, gentleman, 1312. William Palmer, Blader, a great benefactor also, 1356. John Shadworth Mayor 1401. who gaue the parsonage house, a reuastery, and Churchyard to that parish, in the yeare 1428. Notwithstanding, his monument is pulled downe. Stephen Bugge Gent. his Armes be three water bugges, 1419. Henry Bugge founded a chauntrie there, 1419. Roger

\(^1\) odde;[certaine, 1633]
Forde Vintoner, 1440. Thomas Barnwell Fishmonger, one of the shiriffes, 1434. Sir John Hawlen Clarke, Parson of that Church, who built the parsonage house newly, after the same had beene burned to the ground, together with the parson and his man also, burned in that fire, 1485. John Parnell 1510. William Hurstwaight Pewterer to the King, 1526. Christopher Turner Chirurgian to King Henry the eight, 1530. Raph Simonds Fishmonger, one of the Shiriffes, in the yeare 1527. Thomas Langham gau to the poore of that parish foure tenements, 1575. Thomas Hall Salter, 1582. Thomas Collins Salter, Alderman. Sir Ambrose Nicholas Salter, Mayor 1575, was buried in sir John Shadworths vault.

Out of this Bredstreet on the same side, is Basing lane, a part whereof (as is afore shewed) is of this Warde, but how it tooke the name of Basing I haue not red. In the twentieth yeare of Richard the second, the same was called the Bakehouse: whether ment for the Kings bakehouse, or of bakers dwelling there, and baking bread to serue the market in Bredstreete, where the bread was sold, I know not: but sure I am, I haue not red of Basing, or of Gerrarde the Gyant, to haue any thing there to doe.

On the South side of this Lane, is one great house, of old time builded vpon Arched Vaultes, and with Arched Gates of stone, brought from Cane in Normandy. The same is now a common Ostrey for receipt of travellers, commonly and corruptly called Gerrardes hall, of a Gyant sayd to haue dwelled there. In the high roofed Hall of this house, sometime stoode a large Firre Pole, which reached to the roofe thereof, and was sayd to bee one of the staues that Gerrarde the Gyant vsed in the warres to runne withall. There stoode also a ladder of the same length, which (as they say) serued to ascend to the toppe of the Staffe. Of later yeares this Hall is altered in building, & diuers roomes are made in it. Notwithstanding the Pole is remoued to one corner of the Hall, and the ladder hanged broken, vpon a wall in the yarde. The Hostelar of that house sayde to me, the Pole lacked halfe a foote of fortie in length: I measured the compass thereof and found it fifteene inches. Reason of the Pole, could the master of the Hostrey giue me none, but bade me reade the great Chronicles,
for there he heard of it: Which aunswere seemed to me insufficient, for he meant the description of Britaine, for the most part drawne out of John Leyland his Comentaries, (borrowed of myselfe) and placed before Reyn Wolfe's Chronicle, as the labours of another (who was forced to confess he never travelled further, then from London to the Vniversity of Oxford) he writing a chapter of giants or monstrous men, hath set down more matter then troth, as partly against my will, I am enforced here to touch. R. G. in his briefe collection of Histories (as he tearmeth it) hath these words. 'I the writer hereof, did see the 10. day of March, in the yeare of our Lord 1564. & had the same in my hand, the tooth of a man, which weighed ten ounces of Troy weight: and the scull of the same man is extant & to be seeene, which will hold five pecks of wheat: and the shin bone of the same man is 6. foote in length and of a meruelous greatness.' Thus farre R. G. The errour thereof is thus, he affirmeth a stone to be the tooth of a man, which stone (so proued) hauing no shape of a tooth, had neither scull or shin bone. Notwithstanding, it is added, in the sayd description, that by conjecturall simetery of those parts, the body to be 28. foote long or more. From this he goeth to another like matter, of a man with a mouth sixteene foote wide, and so to Gerrard the Gyant, & his staffe. But to leaue these fables, & returne where I left, I will note what my selfe hath observed concerning that house.

I reade, that John Gisors Mayor of London, in the yeare 1245. was owner thereof, and that Sir John Gisors knight, Mayor of London, and Constable of the Tower, 1311. and duers others of that name and family since that time owed it. William Gisors was one of the Shirifffes, 1329. More, John Gisors had issue, Henry and John: which John had issue, Thomas. Which Thomas deceasing in the yeare 1350. left vnto his sonne Thomas, his messuage called Gisors Hall, in the parish of S. Mildred in Bredstreet: John Gisors made a Ffeomtment thereof 1386. &c. So it appeareth that this Gisors Hall, of late time by corruption hath bin called Gerrards hall, for Gisors hall: as Bosomes Inne, for Blossoms Inne, Beuis marks, for Buries markes, Marke Lane, for Marte lane: bellitter lane, for belsetters lane: gutter lane, for guthurns lane: Cry
church for Christ's church: S. Mihel in the quern, for S. Mihel at cornet, and sundry such others. Out of this Gisors hall, at the first building thereof, were made divers arched doors, yet to be seen, which seemed not sufficient for any great monster, or other then men of common stature to passe through, the pole in the hall might be used of old time (as then the custome was in every parish) to be set vp in the Summer as May-Pole, before the principal house in the Parrish or Streete, and to stand in the hall before the scrine, decked with holme & Iuy, all the feast of Christmas. The ladder served for the deck of the may-pole, and rooff of the hall. Thus much for Gisors hall, & for that side of Bredstreet, may suffice.

Now on the west side of Bredstreet, amongst divers faire & large howses for Merchants, and fayre Innes for passengers, had ye one prison house pertainning to the Shirifes of London, called the compter in Bredstreet: but in the yeare 1555, the prisoners were removed from thence, to one other new compter in Woodstreet, provided by the Cities purchase, and builded for that purpose: the cause of which remove was this. Ri. Husband Pastelar, keeper of this Compter in Bredstreet, being a wilfull and headstrong man, dealt for his owne advantage, hard with the prisoners under his charge, having also servants such as himselfe liked best for their bad vsage, and would not for any complaint be reformed: whereupon in the yeare 1550, Sir Rowland Hill being Mayor, by the assent of a court of Aldermen he was sent to the gayle of Newgate, for the cruel handling of his prisoners: & it was commaund to the keeper to set those Irons on his legges, which are called the widdowes almes: These he ware from thursday, till Sunday in the afternoone, and being by a court of Aldermen released, on the tuesday, was bound in an hundred markes, to observe from thenceforth an act made by the common counsell, for the ordering of prisoners in the Compters: all which notwithstanding, he continued as afore: whereof my selfe am partly a witnesse: for being of a Jury to enquire against a Sessions of Gaile deliuerie, in the yeare 1552, we found the prisoners hardly dealt withall, for their achatres and otherwise, as also that theeues and strumpets were there lodged for foure pence the night, whereby they might be safe from searches that were
made abroad: for the which enormities, and other not needfull to be recited, he was indighted at that Session, but did rub it out, and could not be reformed, til this remoue of ye prisoners, for the house in Bredstreet was his own by lease, or otherwise, so that he could not be put from it. Note that Gaylors buying their offices will deale hardly with pitifull prisoners.

Now in Fryday streete, so called of fishmongers dwelling there, and serving Frydayes market, on the East side, is a small Parish church, commonly called S. I. Evangelist. The Page 353Parish church monuments therein, be of John Dogget, Merchant Taylor, one of the Shirifes in the yeare 1509. Sir Christopher Askew, Draper, Maior 1533. Wil. de Avinger, Farrier, was buried there in the 34. of Ed. the 3. Then lower downe, is one other parish church of S. Margaret Moseys, so called (as seemeth) of one Moseys, that was founder or new builder thereof. The monuments there, be of sir Ri. Dobbes, Skinner, Mayor 1551. Wil. Dane Ironmonger, one of the Shirifes, 1569. Sir John Allot Fishmonger, Mayor, 1591. There was of older time buried, Nicholas Stanes, and Nicholas Braye: they founded chaunties there.

On the west side of this Fryday street, is Mayden lane, so named of such a signe, or Distaffe lane, for Distar lane, as I reade in record of a brehouse, called the Lamb in Distar lane, the sixteenth of H. the sixt. In this Distar lane, on the north side thereof, is the Cordwayners, or Shoemakers hall, which company were made a brotherhood or fraternity, in the eleuenth of Henry the fourth. Of these Cordwayners, I reade, that since the fift of Richard the 2. (when he tooke to wife Anne daughter to Vesalans 1 King of Bohem) by her example the English people had vsed piked shooes, tied to their knees with silken laces, or chaynes of siluer and gilt, wherefore in the fourth of Ed. the 4. it was ordayned and proclaimed, that beakes of shooe 2 and bootes should not passe the length of two inches, vpon paine of cursing by the Cleargie, and by Parliament to pay xx. s. for euery payre. And euery Cordwayner that shod any man or woman on the Sunday, to pay xxx. s.

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1 Vesalans] Wenceslaus 1633; for daughter read sister
2 thin 1603, corrected in ‘Faultes escaped’; shin 1633
On the south side of this Distar lane, is also one other lane, called Distar lane: which runneth downe to Knightriders streete, or old Fishstreet, and this is the end of Bredstreet Warde: which hath an Alderman, his Deputy, Common counsell 10. Constables 10. Scauengers 8. Wardmote inquest 13. and a Bedle. It standeth taxed to the fifteene in London, at 37. li. and in the Exchequer at 36. li. 18. s. 2. d.