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INTRODUCTION.

THIS volume, prepared under the instructions of the Corporation of Plymouth, contains a List and Calendar of the Muniments of the Borough from the earliest period preserved, down to the passing of the Municipal Reform Act. The classification and arrangement adopted will, it is believed, make reference easy. The descriptions and abstracts in the Calendar, it is hoped, set fully forth the character of the material, and the nature of the information contained.

The archives of Plymouth were almost unrivalled in the provinces as illustrations of the national life in some of its grander epochs. The reputation of the port in the Edwardian French wars, and the fact that it was the leading maritime town in 'the spacious days of Great Elizabeth,' sufficiently indicate this. The very importance of the town has been one of the chief causes of the loss of records that would now be almost invaluable.

When Plymouth was incorporated by Act of Parliament under Henry VI., there must have been in existence a body of municipal and other muniments of importance, for not only was there a municipal governing body in being, but various guilds. Only one original document prior to that date, however, remains. So with regard to the corporation created by Henry. There is hardly an original paper or parchment dating before 1486. But in that year commence the accounts of the Receivers or Treasurers, which are practically complete to the present day: what had long been a 'missing link' having been supplied in 1881 by the discovery of the volume covering the period between 1570 and 1658, among the muniments of the Morshead family at Wided Court. There are some other accounts of the end of the fifteenth century, chiefly relating to the church of St. Andrew; but the most valuable chronicles of this period are to be found in a volume kept as a kind of commonplace or day book for the entry of miscellaneous matters. This contains notices of the proceedings of Manor Courts, of the Borough and Pie Poudre Courts, of inquests by Simon Carswell, coroner (who appears to have been the writer), copies of various deeds, some of

considerable interest and value, the earliest borough rental, commencing 6th Henry VII., precepts and warrants concerning the water of Sutton Pool, a very curious copy in English of the Act-charter of Henry VI., and the earliest noted bye-laws. Some of the entries here are as early as 38th Henry VI.; and the book contains the oldest series of contemporary records in the possession of the Corporation.

Next in point of date, but first in importance, is the ancient *Town Ligger*, a bulky volume in oak boards and tattered pigskin, long known by the name of the *Black Book*. The earliest current entries refer to 1540, but there are copies of Henry's charter and of a number of ancient documents relating to the town, for which in most cases this volume is now the sole authority. The *Black Book* was evidently intended to be a repertory of all matters of note relating to the community—proclamations, bye-laws, acts of parliament, guild orders, assessments, with lists of mayors and freemen: eventually it came to be used also as a registry, in which deeds relating to private properties in the town were enrolled by the Town Clerk. A very important feature is the fact that it was the custom to enter under each mayoralty brief memoranda of local and national events. The *Black Book* continued to be used as a record of the mayoralties down to 1709, and the lists of freemen are continued to 1658. Without it, much of the early history of Plymouth would be a complete blank; and one of the entries supplies the first clue to the disappearance of the older records. It notes that Plymouth had been burnt three times (by the French and Bretons), in 1377, 1400, and 1403; and under the mayoralty of Richard Hooper, 1548-49, states that the town was assailed by the Western Rebels for the restoration of Catholicism—'then was our stepell burnt wth all the townes eydence in the same by Rebelles.' Little was preserved, a few scattered documents excepted, but the books in current use.

Next in importance to the *Black Book* is the *White Book*, given to the town by John Ford, mayor in 1555, and used from 1560 to 1754 for the entry of bye-laws and orders of the 'twelve and twenty-four,' the familiar names of the aldermen and councillors, and of the sessions. These orders are for the most part signed by those who made them.

Sundry letters from the Privy Council and various persons of note during the reign of Elizabeth are yet extant, but only a very small proportion of those which we know existed; and the number of important documents of this period that have disappeared must be very large. There is only one autograph letter of Sir Francis Drake, whereas there must have been scores; and although there are several papers connected with William Hawkins, Sir John is all but unrepresented. There are, however, autographs of nearly all the statesmen of the

Elizabethan Court; and of local notables from this period downward the autographic representation is complete.

The oldest Charter in the possession of the Corporation is that of Mary (1st year), gorgeously if not handsomely illuminated. There are also charters of Elizabeth (43rd), James I. (12th), Charles I. (3rd), Charles II. (19th and 36th), and William III., the present governing charter of the town. Of the charters before Mary, those of Henry VI., Richard III., and Edward IV., there are only copies. The originals probably perished either when the 'stepell' was burnt by the rebels; or fell victims to the act of a Totnes man, who came to Plymouth in 1601-2 and burnt a chest in the Council Chamber 'wherein were Contayned divers evidences and writings Concerninge the Towne.' He was fined £100. It is probably to this severely punished piece of arson that William Jennens and John Warren, in the course of a suit with the Corporation, refer when they declare, about 1665, that the town records had been burnt some seventy years previously.

From the early part of the seventeenth century the chief Corporation books are fairly complete, and there are a few of what may be termed the day books, which it was the custom to destroy, with the vouchers, when they had been produced and examined at the annual audit. The most interesting volumes of seventeenth-century accounts are two which belonged to the Committee of Defence, at the time of the siege of Plymouth by the Royalists, containing a full statement of their receipts and expenditure.

The Records of the Borough Court date back to the reign of Henry VII., but there are only a few of the older left. The Court books extant commence in 1636, and some of the volumes contain quaint illustrations of manners and customs in old Plymouth.

The wonder perhaps rather is, not that so much has been lost, but that so much is left. The records passed through a worse peril than the fires raised by the Western rebels or by Nicholas Goodridge when the sometime old Guildhall, now the Free Library, replaced its Jacobean predecessor at the commencement of the present century. Books were taken some care of, but we are told that the accumulated papers were thrown into heaps in the streets and carted off, and that whoever cared to do so helped themselves at pleasure. There may be a little exaggeration here, but if the story were not essentially true it would be impossible to account for the almost entire absence of current letters and papers during the eighteenth century, whereas those since that date, and a small proportion of the older ones, have been preserved. It is possible that some may yet remain in private hands; and indeed, in 1830, Mr. B. Dunsterville drew up a list of persons who were

supposed to have papers belonging to the Corporation. When this Guildhall was finished, and the records moved back again, confusion became worse confounded. There was no room to arrange them, and a lot of loose papers were thrust under the roof, where they remained for many a long year.

The first attempt to arrange the Municipal Records was made in 1813, when a committee was appointed, and did valuable work. Insufficient space, however, prevented them from carrying out their intentions; and meantime deeds and papers rapidly accumulated. When the late Mr. Henry Woollcombe, F.S.A., was appointed Recorder, he continued the task which he had commenced as a member of this committee; and by him a large number of loose papers and parchments were carefully preserved and mounted in two portfolios.

It was impossible, however, to deal with the records in any satisfactory manner until the present Guildhall was erected and a proper muniment room provided. Mr. Jeafferson's visit to Plymouth on behalf of the Historical Manuscripts Commission directed fresh attention to the subject; and during the Town Clerkship of Mr. J. Walter Wilson the first thorough attempt at arrangement was made, the papers being classified in boxes and an Index Catalogue prepared. Partly in consequence of this further documents were brought to light, which required arrangement also. To complete the work, however, a printed calendar was needed; and in the Town Clerkship of Mr. J. H. Ellis, in whose keeping the muniments now are, this is at length provided.

The writer has only to add that a full index of subjects and places has been prepared, and that the variations in the spelling of proper names, &c., follow the originals, which it has not been thought needful in all cases formally to quote. A few notes have been supplied which it is hoped may be found of service; and to facilitate reference the names of officials generally have been printed in italics.

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MUNICIPAL RECORDS.

A.

Charters, Letters Patent, and Connected Documents.

[1] *Charter of Mary.* Letters Patent of Inspeximus, confirming the Letters of Inspeximus of Edward VI., confirming the Letters of Inspeximus of Henry VIII., confirming the Letters of Inspeximus of Henry VII., confirming the Charter of Henry the Sixth for the incorporation of the town of Sutton Priour, the tithing of Sutton Raf, parcel of the hamlet of Sutton Vautort, and a certain parcel of the tithing of Compton, county Devon, into the Borough of Plymouth, with a Mayor and Commonalty for ever: With confirmation of all the aforementioned charters. Westminster. 11 May—1 Mary. This is the oldest original charter in the possession of the Corporation, and is illuminated.

[2] Letters Patent of grant (during pleasure) to the Mayor and inhabitants of Plymouth of a yearly pension of £39 10s. 10d., out of the customs of the port of Plymouth, 'to be ymployed for the paymente of the wages of fower gunners to serue continuallye' at the fort of the Isle of St. Nycholas; the same sum having been allowed by Queen Mary out of the same customs for the same purpose. Westminster. 22 June—27 Eliz.

[3] Mandate to Customer for the time being of the port of Plymouth, for the payment of aforesaid annuity. Westminster. 23 June—27 Eliz.

[4] Letters Patent ordering that for the security of the town of Plymouth and the adjacent country, the said town should be 'walled and made defensible by enclosing the same with ditch and wall and with necessary bulwarkes'; and that toward the charges for the said work a collection should be made in every port of 'eighteen pence to be paid for every hoggeshead of pylchardes that shalbe transported out of this oure realme by strangers, and twelve pence for every hoggeshead to be transported by Englishmen,' the moneys so raised to be expended on the same works till they shall be completed; with assignment for the same purpose of £100 per annum of Her Majesty's customs of the said port of Plymouth and her other ports in Devon and Cornwall, and of one half of the forfeitures accruing to her Majesty in the same ports in penalties for the exportation of prohibited wares. It is further directed that persons shall in proportion to their means make gifts of money towards the cost of the same fortifications, to receive which contributions collectors will be appointed in the said counties and in other maritime ports. Westminster. 30 May—34 Eliz.

[5] *Charter of Elizabeth.* Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation, confirming to the Mayor and Commonalty of the borough of Plymouth all the various charters and letters patent, beginning with the charter of King Henry the Sixth, for the incorporation of the said borough and continuance of its privileges, and making the precedent Mayor a justice of the peace. Westminster. 8 Feb.—43 Eliz. In the tin case, holding these Letters Patent, is a rough draught of the Petition of the Mayor and Commonalty of the borough to Elizabeth for a new charter.

[6] *Charter James I.* Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation, confirming to the Mayor and Commonalty of the Borough of Plymouth all the charters and letters patent by previous sovereigns of England, beginning with the Charter of King Henry the Sixth, for the incorporation of the said borough and the continuance of its privileges. Westminster. 4 Nov.—12 James I.

[7] *Charter Charles I.* Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation to the Mayor and Commonalty; and creating two other of the most ancient masters or magistrates justices. 3 March—3 Charles I.

[8] Letters Patent of eleven Ordinances for the government of the King's people in Newfoundland and upon the sea adjoining, and the bays, creeks, or fresh rivers there. One Ordinance directs, 'that noe person doe sett upp any taverne for selling of wyne, beere, or stronge waters, cider or tobacco, to entertaine the fishermen, because it is founde that by such meanes they are debauched, neglecting their labours, and poore ill-governed men not only spende most parte of their shares before they come home, upon which the life and maintenance of their wife and children depend, but are likewise hurtfulle in divers other waies, as by neglecting and making themselves unfitt for their labour, by purloyninge and stealing from their owners and by making vnlawfull shiftes to supply their disorders.' By the last it is required, 'That vppon the Sondag the company assemble in meete places and have diuyn service to be said by some of the masters of the shippes or some others, which prayers shalbe such as are in the booke of comon prayer.' Cognizance of offences against these Ordinances may be taken by the Mayors of Southampton, Weymouth, Melcombe Regis, Lyme, Plymouth, Dartmouth, Eastlowe, Foye, and Barnstaple, as well as by the vice-admirals of the counties of Southampton, Dorset, Devon, and Cornwall. Westminster. 10 Feb.—9 Charles I.

[9] Letters Patent for the repair, preservation, and maintenance of the harbour of Cattewater. The Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth shall 'for ever hereafter have the sole ballasting of all shippes and other vessells within the Sound and harbour of Catwater and Cawse in Plymouth,' reservation being made of 'the ballasting within the harbour of Hamoase to the Mayor and Aldermen of Saltash for and during such interest as they lawfully claim from and under the king's dearest sonne the Prince as Duke of Cornwall.' The Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth and the Mayor and Aldermen of Saltash shall henceforth have the care and oversight of the said harbour, unless injury to the same harbour should come from the defect or negligence of the Mayor and Aldermen of Saltash, in which case the care and oversight of the harbour are to remain wholly in the Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth and their successors for ever. In the recitals mention is made of a finding and certificate returned to the Lords of the Council by *Thomas Cramphorne*, then Mayor of Plymouth, Sir Francis Glanville, Sir James Bagg, Sir

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Nicholas Slayning, knts., Thomas Wise, John Harris, esqs., John Clement, William Hele, and John Caws, merchants, appointed commissioners by order of the Council, 1 Feb. 1635, to certify their lordships respecting the state of the said harbour and the best remedies for its defects. They find 'the said harbour of late yeares is much decayed and quard vp with gravell sand stones and ballast which appeared playnely to be occasioned by the great quantetyes of sand and earth which divers Tynners working in a Tynne worke called Clasiwell and other workes and Tynne Milles neare the rivers of Plym and Mew which fall into the said harbour convey out of their said workes and milles into the said rivers, and partly through the neglect of the Mayor and Burgessēs of Saltash water-bayliffes of the said harbour, by reason whereof great quanteties of Ballast have bene cast out of divers vessells into the said harbour, and in suffering a shippe sunck there eleaven yeares since or thereabout to lye there still without removing the same, and lastly by reason that the said rivers of Plym and Mew which run over a sandy ground neare the said harbour called the Lary on euery great water and flood change and alter their course there and carry and drive great quantities of sand and gravelle into the said harbour. And . . . that a necke of land called howsterte deviding the said harbour from the mayne sea was of late much fretted and worne away with the breach of the sea, soe that the sea without timely prevencon is likly to make a passage through it.' Westminster. 1 Dec.—13 Charles I.

[10] Commission under the Great Seal to *Thomas Ceely*, merchant, Mayor of Plymouth, *John Maynard*, esquire, Recorder of the same, the two Justices of the said borough, and to the Mayor, Recorder, and two Justices of Plymouth for the time being, to administer the oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance to 'all suspected persons who shalle come and passe through the said borough of Plymouth.' 20 Jan.—17 Charles I.

[11] Letters Patent of the grant of confirmation and release to the Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth of the advowson of the vicarage of Plymouth, together with all the annual pension of eight pounds issuing out of the said vicarage, and all arrears of the same, for ever; with Licence to the said Mayor and Commonalty to build a new and second church, and to divide the parish of Plymouth into

two separate parishes. The said Mayor and Commonalty undertaking to build the new church at the cost of the inhabitants, and to maintain a free school with a head-master enjoying an annual salary of twenty pounds, and further to maintain the hospital recently built in the same town for the relief of poor persons to be placed therein by the said Mayor and Commonalty. Westminster. 21 April —17 Charles I.

[12] Warrant (under the hands and seals of the Commissioners for executing within the borough of Plymouth the recent Act of Parliament for the good government and regulation of corporations) for the removal of Justinian Peard, Richard Evens, and John Paige, Magistrates of the said borough, and also of Richard Tapper, Caleb Brookinge, and Daniell Ely, Common-councilmen of the said borough, from their said offices and from all places of trust in connection with the government of the borough —Paige on account of his absence and continued residence beyond seas. [He had settled in Barbadoes.] 14 Aug. 1662.

[13] Certificate by the same Commissioners, that *William Allen*, Mayor, *Oliver Ceely*, Justice, *Christopher Ceely* and *Samuel Northcott*, Magistrates, *William Yeo*, Town-clerk; and *Thomas Durant*, *Richard Mayne*, *Thomas Yabsley*, *John Jope*, *Nicholas Karkite*, *Peter Gregor*, *Samuel Brett*, *Abraham Serle*, *Richard Clapp*, and *Walter Trout*, Common-councilmen, have refused to take the oaths and subscribe the declaration required by the aforesaid enactment, on being called upon to take and subscribe the same by the aforesaid commissioners, and removing them accordingly. 14 Aug. 1662.

[14] Warrant reciting preceding removals, and order for the appointment of other men, who have duly taken the required oaths and made the required subscriptions, to the offices vacated by the abovenamed officers of the corporation by reason of their refusal aforesaid: *William Fennens* Mayor, *Jonathan Sparke* Justice, *Phillip Shapcote* to be Town-clerk and steward, *John Harris*, *John Martyn*, *John Webb*, *George Strelly*, *John Gubbes*, Magistrates; and *Samuel Bury*, *Ambrose Thomas*, *William Warren*, *Thomas Stutt*, *Henry Pike*, *William Symons*, *John Lanion*, *Richard Fryer*, *James Jackson*, *Peter Scadgell*, *Peter Marke*, *Gregorie Martyn*, and *Andrew Horsman*, Common-councilmen of the said borough. 16 Aug. 1662.

[15] Warrant removing Jonathan Sparke from the office of capital burgess—his continuance therein being 'inconvenient for his Majesty's service.' 7 March 1662.

[16] Appointment of Henry Webbe and Philip Edwards to be members of the Common Council of the borough of Plymouth, by the Commissioners for executing in the said borough the recent Act for the good government and regulation of corporations. 21 March 1662.

[17] *First Charter Charles II.* Letters Patent for the confirmation to the Mayor and Commonalty of the borough of Plymouth, of all the franchises and privileges granted to them by the King's ancestors. Dated at Westminster. 20 Feb.—19 Charles II.

[18] Letters Patent of Ordinances for regulating the fisheries of Newfoundland. Recites and confirms the Ordinances made 10 Feb. 9 Charles I.; and makes fifteen new and additional Ordinances for the remedy of abuses that have crept into the Newfoundland fisheries, and for the better government of persons resorting thereto—these additional ordinances and confirmation of the earlier ones being made at 'the humble petition of the Merchants, Owners and Masters of ships and inhabitants of the Western Partes of this kyngdome adventuring to the Newfoundland Land in fishing voyages.' One of the new orders runs 'That every fisherman yearely carryed out of England bee a greenman and not a seaman.' Westminster. 27 Jan.—27 Charles II.

[19] Copy of the petition referred to in the preceding: 'The humble Remonstrance of divers Merchants Owners and Masters of ships and others of the Townes of Plymouth Dartmouth and the Western partes concerned in the Fishing Trade of Newfoundland.' After referring to the benefits coming to the whole country from a trade peculiarly advantageous to the Western ports, the petitioners observe:—'That this trade hath bin thus continued through God's blessing to good effect—going out in Aprill and home againe about Michaelmass leaving their remaines of Salt and Fishing provisions with their boats halled up (and covered with Rends) and soe still found all secure at their next returne—bringing home all the men to follow the winter occasions at home, and so were ready at the Spring to serve the King or to proceed to the Newfoundland again: the severall admiralls of the

fishing ships governing in each harbour by the assistance and advice of the other commanders in the same harbour, according to the lawes and constitutions of your Majesties Royal Father of blessed memory, established in counsell in the year 1633.' The seamen were joint-adventurers in these expeditions, with participation in their profits. 'One third part of the whole produce every yeare is divided amongst the seamen in proporcon, whereby many Thousands haue a benefitt in the expence and dispose of all things that concerne meat drink house and cloathing.'

[20] Copy of Order (25 Feb. 167 $\frac{1}{2}$) from the Lords of the Council, appointed a Committee for Trade and Plantations, for the Mayor of Plymouth to give their Lordships sure information on the points raised by the petitioners, and to appoint a sufficiently informed correspondent with whom their said lordships may confer:— Signed, Robert Southwell.

[21] Letters Patent appointing the Mayor and the four oldest Aldermen of Plymouth for the time being, also Christopher Warren, Lawrence Stuckley, and Timothy Hamlyn, Commissioners to administer the oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance within the said borough to the King's subjects entering it from foreign parts. Westminster. 2 Nov.—31 Charles II.

[22] Deed authorising surrender of Charter. 15 March 1683.

[23] Lease of Corporation estate to John Martyn and others for one year. 14 April 1684.

[24] Conveyance of same to John Martyn, John Dell, William Toms, and James Hull under trust. 15 April 1684.

[The object of these deeds was to secure the borough estate on the Surrender.]

[25] Lease of the same by Martyn and his colleagues to the Mayor and Commonalty. 24 June 1685.

[26] Release of ditto to Mayor and Commonalty. 25 June 1685.

[27] *Second Charter Charles II.* Letters Patent for the reincorporation and reconstitution of the borough of Plymouth. Appointing William Martyn, esq. to be the first Mayor; Sir Hugh Piper, knt., John Martyn, Isaac Tillard, merchant, Sam. Madocke, merchant, John Trelawney

of Ham, esq., William Martyn aforesaid, Thomas Stutt, merchant, William Symons, gentleman, Philip Andrew, merchant, John Dell, merchant, John Munyon, merchant, James Hull, merchant, and Lewis Stukeley, esq., to be for life the first Aldermen; John Paige, junior, Philip Wilcocks, Stephen Ackerman, Timothy Hamblyn, James Yonge, Robert Berry, George Orchard, John Rogers, Andrew Mathews, Nicholas Edgcumbe, Walter Ingram, and Joseph Webbe, to be for life the first Common-councilmen; *John Earl of Bath* to be for life the first Recorder; and Christopher Duke of Albemarle, *John Earl of Bath*, Charles Lord Lansdowne, Richard Lord Arundell, Bernard Greenvile, Sir Edward Seymour, Jonathan Tre-lawney, Copleston Bampfeild, baronets, Sir Richard Edge-cumbe, knight of the Bath, Sir Nicholas Slanning, knight of the Bath and baronet, Arthur Tremayne, Edmund Tremayne, Richard Strode, Nicholas Courtney, Edmond Pollexfen, John Harris, Philip Lanion, and Henry Watts, together with the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-councilmen to be the first Free Burgesses of the borough under the new charter. Westminster. 6 June—36 Charles II.

[28] *Charter of William III.* Letters Patent of In-speximus and Confirmation by *William the Third*, confirming the Charter of Inspeximus and Confirmation given to the Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth 3 March 3 Charles I., confirming charters and letters patent by previous sovereigns of England to the same Mayor and Commonalty, beginning with the charter of Henry the Sixth; with approbation and confirmation of the recited charters. The present letters appoint *John Munyon*, merchant, to be the first Mayor; *Francis Drake*, baronet, to be the first Recorder (for life); *William Symons*, gentleman, *William Cotton*, *William Tom*, *John Munyon*, *James Hull*, merchant, *Peter Foot*, gentleman, *Philip Wilcocks*, *John Warren*, *John Neell*, merchant, *Thomas Knottford*, druggist, *Richard Opie*, *William Munyon*, merchants, and *Thomas Bound*, tin-worker, to be the first Capital Burgesses or Masters of the Borough; *Edmund Pollexfen* to be the first Town-Clerk during life; *Thomas Payne*, gentleman, to be the first Borough Coroner; *Gregory Martin*, druggist, *James Yonge*, surgeon, *Joseph Webb*, merchant, *Robert Berry*, senior, *John Rogers*, *William Davies*, *Nathaniel Young*, *Nathaniel Dowrich*, merchant, *Samuel Allen*, *Thomas Lymbear*, *William Cock*, appraiser,

Nicholas Gennis, perfumer, Thomas Darracott, merchant, John Wallis, appraiser, Jonas Lavington, druggist, Samuel Howe, brewer, James Cock, Robert Wilcocks, merchant, Frank Hill, Robert Hewer, perfumer, Samuel Harris, wool-merchant, Robert Cowne, druggist, William Hurrell, and John Swymmer, to be the first Common-councilmen under the new charter. The following persons to be Freemen of the borough—Sir George Treby, knight, Chief-Justice of the Common Bench, Charles Trelawney, Francis Drake, William Courtney, William Davy, Walter Young, baronets, John Elwill, knt., Josias Calmady, George Parker, William Harris of Hayne, Arthur Tremayne, John Clobery, John Arcscott, Martin Ryder, Courtenay Croker, John Copplestone, Edward Fortescue, Nicholas Morris, Moses Bould, Henry Watts, esquires, Thomas Pyne and John Sprage, doctors in medicine, George Laphorne, Samuel Carkett, Philip Pentyre, merchants, and John Tallack, druggist. Westminster. 8 Dec.—8 Wm. III.

[29] Opinion of John Dunning, afterwards Lord Ashburton, touching the Mayor's office as Clerk of the Market. 1768.

[30] Award by J. Douglas and W. Grant, revising barristers, for the division of Plymouth into wards; and order of Privy Council confirming same, 4 Dec. 1835, with letter from Secretary Fox Maule.

[31] *Charter of Quarter Sessions Wm. IV.* Letters Patent of grant that a separate Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace shall henceforth continue to be holden in and for the borough of Plymouth. 27 Feb.—6 Wm. IV.

- [32] Vellum Record Book of 1812 containing
Copy and translation Act of Incorporation.
Copy of Water Act.
Copy of Act dividing the parishes of St. Andrew and Charles.
Translation of Charter of William III.
Copy of Correspondence with Lieut.-Gen. Mercer relating to Eastern Hoe, &c. 1807.
Copy of letter from Board of Ordnance, 1753, declining the erection of a fence at the Eastern Hoe, without prejudice.
Copies of Charters and Confirmations from Patent Rolls—3 Edw. IV.; 2 Richard III.; 19 Hen. VII.; 1 Mary; 43 Elizabeth.

[33] Another book containing copies of charters, abstracts of inquisitions, record in the 'Queen against Berry,' and extracts from the Black Book, including a list of Mayors to 1801.

[34] Similar but smaller volume containing copies of charters, abstracts of inquisitions, Acts of Parliament, exemplifications, the 'Queen agst. Berry,' the Act dividing the parishes, correspondence as above concerning the Eastern Hoe, and list of Mayors brought down to 170^o/₁₆.

[These three volumes cover much the same ground; there are also several office copies of the Act of Incorporation and the charters.]

[35] Imperfect Copy (Latin) of Inquisition taken at Exeter before Salamon de Roffe and his associates, justices itinerant, on the octave of St. Martin 9 Edward I. (1281) setting forth *inter alia* that the manors of Sutton, Maketon [Maker], and Kings Tamerton *cum filo aque de Tamer* were ancient demesne of the King, but had been given by Henry I. to Roger de Valletort by the service of a knight's fee and a half—that John de Vautort then held the manors of Sutton and Maketon, and Elias de Blakeston that of Kings Tamerton, while Edmund Count of Cornwall *tenet filium aque*, it did not appear by what warrant. And John and Elias came and said that they and their predecessors had held these manors before the time of Richard the King. The Abbot of Buckland held Buckland Monachorum, Bickleigh, and Walkhampton and the hundred of Roborough; while Robert Gyffard [whence Compton Gifford] held the manors of Egg Buckland, Compton, and Haueknol [Honicknowle]. Moreover it was presented that the ville of Sutton belonged to the Prior of Plympton, with assize of bread and beer, and this right was allowed. The Prior claimed that these liberties had been enjoyed for many years, by charter of the lord Henry (Henry III.) father of the lord the King that then was.

[Another inquisition, taken by Matthew de Clynedon in the same year, finds that the town of Sutton was upon the coast of the port of Plymouth, but no part of it upon the King's soil. A certain portion of the town north of the said coast was upon the soil of the Prior of Plympton, and the Prior had assize of bread and ale and rents to the amount of £14 9s. 6½d., and so had had them from time immemorial, and there were free tenants. Another part

of the town, south of the said coast, was upon the soil of John de Vautort, but the said John received nothing therefrom, save certain rents to the amounts of £11 16s. 6d.; and his tenants did suit to his court twice in the year. In this part of the town the Abbot of Buckland had assize of bread and ale. The port of Plymouth belonged to the king, and rendered yearly £4 into the Exchequer; and Matthew de Clynedon found that it would neither prejudice the King nor any others if Sutton were made a free borough, and the inhabitants free burgesses, saving the service to the lords.]

[36] Copy (Latin) of Inquisition taken by order of the King on the complaint of the Prior of Plympton, 8th Richard II. (1385), at Ekebokland, Wednesday next after the feast of the Holy Trinity, before Walter Cornu and Richard Gripston, on the oaths of Peter Whitelegh, Stephen Lautron, William Wyneslond, Ralph Bytheyes, David Treweman, Richard Wylberton, Thomas Stanton, William Worston, William Lake, Thomas Boyes of Hareston, Thomas Cut, and William Godegrome. They found that the Prior of Plympton and his predecessors from time immemorial had been lords of Sutton Prior, and accustomed to hold a Monday Court with assize of bread and beer and weights and measures, with jurisdiction over transgressors, and authority over millers, bakers, butchers, sellers of wine and hydromel, and cooks, and those who made bread outside the town and carried it therein to sell. That in this Court, held by the Prior's Seneschal, at the first sitting next after the feast of St. Michael yearly, twelve tenants of the same Prior, in the said town, were sworn to determine and choose a Prepositus of the same Prior and town, and him so chosen to the said Seneschal immediately to present, whereupon, having taken his corporal oath before the said Seneschal, the said Prepositus should from that time forth of the said Court be head, receiving for the Prior all debts, americiaments, fines, reliefs, and perquisites of the said Court, and all other like profits of the same Prior at the same place well and faithfully collecting and levying; and immediately after the end of his year of office well and faithfully accounting for the same to the aforesaid Prior in the Priory of Plympton.

But Humphry Passour, cunningly and falsely plotting subtly to usurp the rights of the lord King and to make himself Mayor of the aforesaid town, instead of John

Sampson, recently-chosen Prepositus—him to amove, and the said Prior and Church of the apostles Peter and Paul of Plympton maliciously to disinherit, the aforesaid John before the lord King and his Council of divers offences and misdemeanours assailed and accused. Moreover, under cover of a certain brief of the lord King to the bailiffs and honest men of the said town of Sutton Prior by the name of the town of 'Sutton Plympton,' certain burgesses of the said town Humphry Passour to the office of Mayor of the same town chose and elected, admitting him as such and obeying him in that office, whereas they would not allow the said John to enter and exercise his office. And in the King's Chancery the said Humphry Passour fraudulently, under colour of the brief of the lord King, sought to set himself in the mayoralty of the said town without the Court of the Prior; and the removal of the aforesaid John from the office and exercise of the said Prepositure procured and made, and the same office of Mayor, without sufficient authority and warrant, for a long time occupied. And further the jurors aforesaid say under oath that never was there Mayor in the aforesaid town of Sutton Prior before, neither ought there so to be, nor used there to be but a Prepositus until the day when the aforesaid Humphry caused himself to be chosen Mayor.

[The proceedings did not end with the inquisition; for in 1386 we find Passour rejoicing in defence of his right to the mayoralty that at various times during the reign of Edward III., and during the reign of the present King, mandates had been sent, both under the King's privy seal and by his letters patent, to the Mayor of the town, under the name of the Mayor of the town of Sutton Plymouth, and had thus appointed the inhabitants to have a Mayor. However, judgment was given against Passour and his friends, 'because it has not been the custom for a Mayor to govern in the town of Sutton Prior.']

[37] Three paper bundles of proceedings, *temp.* Ed. IV. and Hen. VII., touching the right of the Mayor of Plymouth to hold pleas for debt, &c. Act of Hen. VI. stated and right confirmed.

[38] Copy of Act reducing fee farm rent of £41 to £29 6s. 8d. 3 Ed. IV.

[39] Copy of Act discontinuing fee farm rent of

£29 6s. 8d. and granting the Prior of Plympton in lieu the vicarages of Ugborough and Blackawton. 25 Hen. VIII.

[40] Discharge of fee farm rent of £29 6s. 8d. 31 Hen. VIII.

[41] Copy of charter of Newbury. 1595.

[42] Book containing proceedings of committee appointed in 1812 for the purpose of examining and arranging the muniments, with rough list of documents. 1812.

[43] Papers touching borough records, chiefly letters, but commencing with report of committee in 1814. Gives details of number and results. 1814-1831.

[44] Book recording removal and return of muniments.

[45] Correspondence touching fee-farm rent. 1814-1816.

B. Ancient Books of Record.

[46] THE BLACK BOOK.

THIS is a large folio containing 360 leaves of thick paper, bound in oaken boards covered with leather. Commonly known, from the dark colour of its binding, as 'The Black Book,' it is called in the old records the 'town ligger,' entry being made in 1535-6 that for it and for writing therein all that was in the old ledger twenty shillings were paid. The earliest dated contemporary entry is for 1540; and the original intention evidently was to make the book a record of all matters of importance relating to the civic life. The fly-leaf is inscribed, 'Jesus Christus, Liber maioris et Communitatis burgi de Plymouthe in Com. Devon.' It is not paged, but each leaf is numbered, the first few excepted. References to the backs of the respective leaves are indicated by the appended *v.*

Mo that the kayes of the Castell be deluy'ed to these psones whose names followe which also haue the

one to m^r hawkyns mayre
one to m^r Randall ffor the olde towne warde
one to m^r Bull ffor the loostrete warde
one to m^r Elyott ffor the vyntry warde
one to henry harvy for the venors warde

Oaths of such as choose those who choose the Mayor, and of those who choose him.

The names of the xiiij psones that always be of the p'vy Cuncell and Chyffe men of the burgh & Towne of Plymouthe

anno Rs henrici viij xxxj^{mo}
Willms Randall Jur Thomas Gubb Ju^r Jacobus Horswell Ju^r
Johes Bygporte Ju Willms hawkyns Ju^r Johes Elyott Ju^r
Thom^{as} Clowter Ju^r Thom^{as} Byrfe Ju^r Robtus Dyghton
Ju^r henricus harvy Ju^r Johes pers Ju^r lucas Cok Ju^r
Thom^{as} mylls Ju^r

Ricus Edgecomb ar [query Lord High Steward.]

Andreas hyllersdon ar Ricordati burgi admiss est in libtatem Franchise

Nichus Fortescue ar admissus est in libtatem

The names of the xxiiij burgeses that be Sworne to the Coñon Councell wythyn the burgh of Plymouthe
 John Thom^s Richard lybbe henry martyn Robert h^ampton
 Rychard Cuscott Thom^s Crowne John Brokyng John
 Towson Wyllm Ayshlegh John Mone — Kensch^m
 John Rowe Thomas holwaye Robert Carswell John Taffe
 Wyllm Bullar Wyllm Wyks John Bovy John Vde Wyllm
 Eggecomb Stephyn burdon Wyllm Gybbons [John Grosse
 erased] Richard Saunder

‘The names of all theym that haue bene mayres Wythin the burgh of plymouthe syns the Towne was ffyrst Incorporat’ 1441 18 Hen. VI. to 1710 (pp. 1-30.)

[Historical notes commencing early in the 16th century—general and local—are entered under many of the Mayors; and the more important local ones follow.]

1441, *Wyllm Kethriche*.

This was the First mayre namyd by the Kynge and made by acte of plyament.

1442, *Walter Clovelley*; 1443, *Willyam Pollard*; 1444, *John Schepeley*; 1445, *William Nycoll*; 1446, *Wylliam Nycoll*; 1447, *John Schepeley*; 1448, *John Facye*; 1449, *John Page*; 1450, *Stephyn Chepeman*; 1451, *Stephyn Chepeman*; 1452, *Thomas Tregle*; 1453, *Vyncent Petelysden*; 1454, *Vyncent Petelysden*; 1455, *Famys Dorneforde*; 1456, *Vyncent Petelysden*; 1457, *John Carwynyk*; 1458, *Thomas Tregle*; 1459, *Wylliam yogg*; 1460, *John Pollard*; 1461, *Wyllm yogg*; 1462, *John Page*; 1463, *John Rowland*; 1464, *John Rowland*; 1465, *John Rowland*; 1466, *Rychard Bovy*; 1467, *Wyllm Yogg*; 1468, *John Page*; 1469, *John Rowland*; 1470, *Wyllm Yogg*; 1471, *Wyllm Page*; 1472, *Richard Bovy*; 1473, *Nichas Heynscott*; 1474, *Wyllm Page*; 1475, *Nichas Heynscott*; 1476, *Nichas Heynscott*; 1477, *John Pollard*; 1478, *Nichas Heynscott*; 1479, *Wyllm Rodgers*; 1480, *Thomas Tregarthen*; 1481, *Thomas Tresawell*; 1482, *Nichas Heynscott*; 1483, *Thomas Greyson*; 1484, *Pers Carswell*; 1485, *Thomas Tresawell*; 1486, *Thomas Greyson*; 1487, *Nichas Heynscott*; 1488, *Peryn Erle*; 1489, *Thomas Greyson*; 1490, *Nichas Henscott*; 1491, *John Paynter*; 1492, *Wyllm Thykpeny*; 1493, *Wyllm Thykpeny*; 1494, *Thomas Bygporte*; 1495, *Wyllm Nycoll*; 1496, *Wyllm Rodger*; 1497, *Thomas Tresawell*; 1498, *John Paynter*; 1499, *John Ilcombe*; 1500, *Wyllm Byle*.

1501, *Thomas Cropp*. In this yere apon the iiijth daye of Octobre landyd in plymouthe Kateryne daughter to the kyng of Spayne, and on Seynt Erkenwalds daye next insueyng she was maryed to p'ince Arthure.

1502, *John Horswell*; 1503, *John Paynter*; 1504, *John Brewne*; 1505, *Wyllm Tregle*; 1506, *Thomas Tresawell*; 1507, *Symon Carswell*; 1508, *John Paynter*; 1509, *Rychard Gew*; 1510, *Walter Pollard*;

1511, *Willm Brokyng*. In the same yere the lorde marques Dorsett, the lorde Howard, the lorde broke, the lorde Ferrys, the lorde wylughby & dyu'se other noble mē were sente to Spayne wth x m^l men, w^{ch} landyd at passage & returnyd after v monyths, & landyd in plymouthe & in cornewalle aboute alhallowtyde, and in the mean tyme on S. Laurens day the Regent & the Caryk of Brest were both brent, ij goodly shippes.

1512, *John Gryslyng*; 1513, *John pounde*; 1514, *Willm Brokyng*; 1515, *John Paynter*; 1516, *John Brewne*; 1517, *John Herforde*; 1518, *Wyllm Randall*; 1519, *Jno. Pounde*; 1520, *Wyllm Randall*; 1521, *Stephyn Pers*; 1522, *Thomas Bull*; 1523, *John Bovy*; 1524, *Willm Brokyng*; 1525, *John Pounde*; 1526, *John Herforde*; 1527, *Henry Bykham*; 1528, *Famys Horswell*; 1529, *Wyllm Brokyng*; 1530, *Wyllm Randall*; 1531, *John Bygporte*; 1532, *Willm Hawkyns*; 1533, *Xpofes moore*; 1534, *John Elyott*; 1535, *Famys Horswell*; 1536, *Thomas Bull*; 1537, *Thomas Clowter*; 1538, *Willm Hawkyns*; 1539, *Thomas Byrte*.

1540, *John Thomas*. Note that this year a Portuguese ship laden with pepper and other spices was cast away upon the German rock 'in the haven of Plymouthe, wherof was moche spoyle made aswell by the portyngales as by englyshmen of Plymouth & of the coñons of the contrey,' wherefore divers were imprisoned and more in jeopardy, and inquisitions were made.

1541, *Thomas Myllys*; 1542, *Famys Horswell*; 1543, *Thomas Holwaye*; 1544, *Thomas Clowter*; 1545, *Wyllm Randall*; 1546, *Lucas Coke*.

1547, *John Elyott*. In this yere was the Fyrst insurreccyon in Cornwall, where one bodye was slayne, and afterwards the Comons were pacified by the gentylnen of the countrey w^t small troble, but yett c'teyne of the chyff of the comons were hanged drawn & quartered.

1548, *Rychard Hooper*. In this yere was a greate insurreccyon throughowte all the Royaulme of Englonde,

and especially in the Counties of Deuon & Cornwall, in w^{ch} tyme the cytie of Excestre & the Castell of Plymموthe were valyently defended & kepte from the Rebelles, vntyll the comyng of the lord Russell lord priue seale & lord lieutenant vnto the kyngs ma^{tie} for that tyme in those west pties who, hauyng a greate armye w^t asmuch favour as he myght shewe, subdued the said Rebelles of which were slayne at the same tyme a greate nombre, and diu'se put to execucyon owte of hand, and certayne taken pison's & caryed to london and afterward hanged at Tyborne. Then was our stepell burnt wth alle the townes eydence in the same by Rebeles.

1549, *Wyllm Wycks*; 1550, *John Keynsham*; 1551, *Thomas Clowter*; 1552, *John Thomas*.

1553, *Lucas Cocke*. In the foresaide Lucas Cocks yere the Erle of Bedforde, the lord Fytzwaters w^t sondry other men of hon^r & also of worshippe, toke shipping at plymموthe in the quenes ma^{tie} shippes, & sayled into Spayne to Philippe eldest sonne & here vnto Charles the vth Empour to thintent to wayte vpon the saide kyng Phylippe beyng then det'myned to come into Englund. After this a noble man of Spayne, named the m'ques de les navas landed at Plymموthe, where the lord willm Haward lord highe admyrall of England was wth sondry of the Quenes ma^{ties} shippes, & Receved hym very honourably. The — daye of — the said kyng Phylippe landed at Sowthehampton and on Seynt James is daye then next folowyng was maryed vnto the quenes highnes our most drade sou'eigne ladye at wynchester.

1554, *John Ilcomb*. In this yere Thomas Gresham esquier the quenes ma^{ties} agent & factor rēturned owte of Spayne and landed at Dartmموthe in the monthe of Februarye w^t muche treaso^r brought owte of Spayne whereof some landed at Plymموthe in m'chaunts shippes some at Dartmموthe & at other portes.

1555, *John Forde*; 1556, *Thomas Clowter*; 1557, *John Dery*; 1558, *Willm Wycks*; 1559, *Lucas Cocke*; 1560, *Johes Elliot*, ar.

1561, *Willmus Lake*, *Edw White*. Note that Lake was chosen, but on his dying 10 Nov., White was elected in his stead.

1562, *John Forde*; 1563, *John Dery*; 1564, *Nycholas Slannyng*; 1565, *Nicholas Bickford*; 1566, *John Ilcomb*.

1567, *Wylliam Hawkyns*. In this yeare the wache on

mysdomer nyght was renewyd w^{ch} had not beene vsyd in xx^{ti} yeares before that tyme.

1568, *Lucas Cocke.*

1569, *John Martyn.* In this yere the newe Cundyt was byldyd by w^m hawkins.

1570, *Gregory Cock*; 1571, *William Holowaye.*

1572, *John Blythman.* Mo thatt this yere the kaye on southesyde, whereof the southe ende adjoneth to the Barbygan vnderneath the Castell, was Builded by the towne vnder full sea marcke, and Contayneth in lengethe one hundred and Thurtie Foot and in Bredethe fourtie and fower foot.

1573, *Wyllym Brokyng*; 1574, *John Amadas, ar*; 1575, *Walter Peperell*; 1576, *John Ilcombe.*

1577, *George Maynard, gener^o.* In this yere Fraunces Erle of Bedforde, the Counties his wief, the Erle of Cumberland, the L: Norris, the L: wharton accompanied wth divers others gen^t of good wo^{rp} came twice to this Towne, and were honorablie received at the townes charge.

1578, *Wylyyam Hawkyngs, esquyre.*

1579, *Gregory Cocke.* A greate plauge in plymouthe wheareof died about sixe hundred psons.

1580, *John Blitheman.* At Mighelmasse this yere Came Mr. Fraunces Drake home to Plymouthe from the Southe Seay and mollocus and wasse round about the world and wasse Lacke towe yeares & thre quarters and brought home great stoore of golde and sylver in blockes And was afterward in the same yere for his good seruice in thatt behalf done kneighted.—In this yere also the southe west tower of the Castell was newlie repireid and covered wth leade.

1581, *Sr Fraunces Drake, knyghte.*

The newe Compasse made vpon the Hawe.

1582, *Thomas Edmonds, gent.*

The ale stakes put downe & signes sett vpp.

The market bushell made Certayne double Wynchester.

The order for wearinge scarlet gownes put in execucon.

The sluice made w^{thin} the newe kaies.

The fumyng howses w^{thin} the Towne putt downe.

1583, *John Sparke.* (64. 50)

1584, *Christoofer Brokyng.* In this yere the stares weare bilte to goe into a bote at lowwater at the Cawse

at southside. ther was geven by the Quene's Ma^{tie} a yearlie rente of 39*li.* 10*s.* 10*d.* for the meintenaunce of y^e Iland. Sir Richard Grendefelde knighte dep^rted from Plymouth with vi shippes and barks for WinganeDehoy, wher he Caried vi hundred men o^r therabowts.

The kinge of Portingall arived at Plymouth the 7th Daye of September verye poore, & was Driven from his Cuntry by the kinge of Spaine ii yeares before, & was relleved by the Quenes ma^{tie}, & was sente for by her ma^{tie} to the Corte, where he was Conducted wth 50 horses or more.

S^r Fraunces Drake knighte dep^ted from plymouth the 14th of September for the west Indies, whom the lord p^serue and all his Companie, wth 24 shipes & barks & 20 pinases wherein he Caried wth hym thre thowsand men or more.

m^r John White of Lunden gaue to the maio^r of Plymouth & his brethren for ever a Cuppe of sylver Doble gilte worthe 13*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

1585, *Thomas Forde.*

1586, *Georgius Maynard*, gent. In this yere S^r Fraunces Drake knight gen^rall of iiii^{or} of her ma^{ts} Shippes, xii saile of m^{ch}chaunte shippes & of other smalle Barks & pinnaces wente here-hence to the seas the thirde daie of Aprill. He arriuede at Cales, where he did greatlie annoyce the kinge of Spaines fleete, & sett manye of fire, beinge Laden wth victualls prepared for England, and in that viadage tooke a greate Carricke of the Burthen of 1000 Tonnes or vppwardes, belonging to the said kinge laden wth Spices and other Commodities & brought the same into England to the Great comforte of her ma^{tie} & her subjects.

In this yere there was greate dearthe of corne in all places of this realme. Yett nottwthstanding by the helpe of god the inhabitaunts of this Towne were sufficientlie releived.

In this yere also the ii Judges of the Circuitte came hither of pleasor to see the Town & harborough.

1587, *Willmo Hawkins*, ar. In this yere the honourable lord Charells howord lord heigh Admiral of england, accompanied wth sundrye nobles men and others, amongst the w^{ch} was S^r Fraunces Drake knight and John Hawkins esquier havinge vnder his charge divers of the quenes shippes, sett fourth to impeache the kinge of Spaines flet, w^{ch} wer expected to come to invade this lande, arrived here in this harbourough wth other m^{ch}chaunts shippes in

number all 120 and here remayned, vntill intelligence was geuen that the enemyes were vpon o^r Coast, and then they putt fourth. This beinge the 21st of July the soundaie after the enemyes came in open seight of o^r harborough, and o^r shippes geiveng theym Chasse and so putt all to the eastward and hadd maynye feightes together. But, godd be p^sed, the enymye hadd never power to land somoche as one manne vpon any territorie of o^rs. in this seruice m^r John Hawkins & others were kneighted.

1588, *Hunfridus Fones*, mercat. This yere there ar 6 of her mā^{ts} shippes and ii pynases wth 18^o sailes of m'chaunt shippes, w^{ch} are in warlike manner gone to the coast of Spaine under the Comaunde and direction of S^r John Norrs kneight, and S^r Fraunces Drake kneight, lords gen'alles. they touke diu's places of Forces in Spaine, butt havinge a greate sicknes happeninge emongest theire men, they reto'ned w^howte entringe into the Cytie of lisborne, to which place theire cheif bent was. yett entred they the subbarbes and touke it and came to the gat of the Cytie, where it is, and the right honorable the Lord of Essex knocked wth suche instrument as he hadd in his hande.

1589, *Johannes Blitheman*, mercat. This yere the northwest tower of the Castell was covered wth leade, and 7 brass peics were planted vpon the iii^{or} Castells. this yere likewise were the platteformes at hawe tymbred, the gate a cocksyde w^{ch} is to be shutte everye neight was newe made, and the greatte platte forme by the gate att Iland, and the wall neere the same contayninge 257 fote was nowe newly made.

Mor bought two demy-colverines and two hole colverines of Iron and mounted them at the barbigan and bulwerkes.

Also this yere the comosytion was made betweene the towne and S^r Frances Drake for the bringinge of the River of Meve to the towne, for w^{ch} the towne haue paied hym ii- , and more cli., for w^{ch} he is to compoude wth the lls: of the land over w^{ch} it commethe.

1590, *Walterus Pepperell*, mercat. This yere on the — daye of December S^r Fraunces Drake Kneight, beganne [~~the River~~] to bringe the Ryu^r Meve to the towne of Piymmouthe w^{ch}, beinge in length about 25 myles, he wth greate Care and diligence effected [~~'pfrmed~~ ~~'erased~~], and brought the Riu^r into the towne the xxiiijth day of Aprill the next after p^sentlie after he sett in hand to Build sixe greast milles, two at wythy in Eckbuckland

pish, thother 4 by the towne the two att wythy and the two next to the townē he fullie fynished befor michelmas next after, and grounde Corne wth theym.

In this yere my L Thomas Howard went to the seas wth vi [?] of her ma^{ts} shippes and passed to the Coast of Spayne with theym, and my L of Cumberland wth one other of the Quenes shippes.

Also in this yere diuers conveyances were made w^{hin} the said towne for Convayeng the forsaid Ryu^r clongest the Towne.

1591, *John Sparke*. In September 1592 the Earle of Cumberlande tooke a greate Carricke of 16 or 17 c. tonnes richelye laden and broughte her into Dartmouth. also 1583

1592, *John Gayer*. This yere the towne builtd some of the Conduytts.

1593, *John Phillips*. This yere the two Judges of the Circuyt came hither to see the Towne and were honorable entertayned.

1594, *George Baron*. This yere were fyve newe belles cast at the Townes only charge.

S^r Fraunces Drake and S^r John Hawkyms went to the West Iñdias with xxxvj sayles of shippes and pynnaces and both dyed in the Jurney and S^r Nicholas Clyfford slayne.

1595, *James Bagg*. S^r Fardinando Gorges appoynted Captayne of the Forte.

1596, *Humfrie Fownes*. Note that wheat was sold for 30/- a bushell, and four ship loads of grain out of 'Danske' bought by the Mayor and others for the town 'to the greate comforte & releyffe, not only of Plymoth, but of the counties of Devon and Cornwall—they 'came from the furthest parts of Devon for the same.' The churchyard and other places fortified with Baracathes and gates made.

1597, *John Trelawnye*.

1598, *Martyn Whyte, John Blytheman*. Whyte dying, Blytheman succeeded. 'This yere was greate doubte of the Spannyards'; and the Earl of Bath came to Plymouth with 4000 men and some cornets of horse, who remained 'about three weekes and were well lodged and entertayned to the greate comforte and encouragement both of the Towne and countrey, who yf itt pleased god that the Enemye shoulde come were then readie and willinge to fighte.'

1599, *Richard Hitchens*. This yere a petition was deliuered to her Maiestie by the handes of Julius Cæsar, one

of the Masters of Requests, for the renewing of o^r Charter, and thatt the Maior shoulde be of the Coram and his Immediat predecessor in office Justice of peace for the yere followinge wth some other additions, whiche her Ma^{tie} most gratuslye graunted, and willed itt to be delivered to my Lorde Keeper and her ma^{ts} attorney to drawe the booke.

Note of fines levied on Anthony Mosley, son of the Lord Mayor of London; and on Francis Parrott and Abraham Colmer, merchants of London, for dealing in the town in hides and ginger. Also that two of the masters died, and that there were chosen two masters, four of the twenty-four, a town clerk and ten constables.

A greate controuersie throughe wronges offered to the Towne by M^r Crymes touchinge our Ryver.

1600, *Thomas Payne.* The xvth of December 1600 there was burnte in the markett place 22^{tie} chests of the popes Bulls and p^{ns}ons by order from her m^{ats} high Commissione^{rs} for Ecclesiasticall causes.

1601, *William Parker.* This yere Sir Richarde Luson went out of this harborough the viii of Marche with vi of her Ma^{ties} shippes and two other made ready to follow which did so and in the 23 of June 1602 he arriued here with a Carricke that he had taken, which came out of the Easte Indies laden with commodities of that Cuntrey, and in Marche followinge was souncke betwene the Ilandes and the Mayne. This yere also was the kaie made downe by John Smartes dore.

1602, *John Martyn.* This year the weicke before Christide S^r Richard Hawkyns knighte, who was taken in the south sea by the Spaniardes in the voiadge he beganne in Maye for the 1593, came home after he had byne prisoner.

This yeere Queene Elizabeth departed this mortall life at Richemonde the xxiiiijth daie of Marche in the morninge, and that same daie by nyne of the clocke James the Kinge of Scotlande was p^laimed in London to be oure king of England, and the last daie of the same moneth his Ma^{tie} was proclaymed at the Markett Crosse here in Plymouth to be kinge of Englande, whiche p^lamation was reade by M^r Sargent Hele our late Queenes Sargent at lawe, and was p^laymed by John Lupton our Towne Clarke, at which tyme here was greate triumphe with Bondfiers, gunnes and ringinge of bells with other kinds of musicke.

This yere the Cundyte was made within the Easte Gate in Maye 1603.

1603, *Sr Richard Hawkins*, knight.

1604, *Walter Mathew*. This yere Walter Mathew maior bylded a newe Cundict by the Great Tree at Brittainne Side att his owne costs & charges.

1605, *James Bagge*; 1606, *William Downeman*; 1607, *Robert Trelawney*; 1608, *Thomas Sherwill*; 1609, *John Battersby*; 1610, *Thomas Foznes*; 1611, *John Trelawney*; 1612, *John Waddon*; 1613, *John Scobell*; 1614, *John Clement*; 1615, *Abraham Colmer*; 1616, *Robert Trelawney*; 1617, *Thomas Sherwill*; 1618, *Nicholas Sherwill*; 1619, *Thomas Foznes*; 1620, *Robert Rawlyn*; 1621, *John Bownde*; 1622, *John Martin*; 1623, *Leonard Pomory*.

1624, *Thomas Ceely*. This yere Kinge Charles came with his whoole Courte to Plym^o & remayned here tenne days, to giue his fleete, y^t Consisted of 120 sailes, & his Army of 6,000 men, boath vnder the command of Edw. Lord Cecill, Viscounte Wimbleton their dispatch for Cales in Spayne, which they invaded.

1625, *Nicholas Blake*. This yere the greate plague raged in all this kingdome, & of itt there dyed in this Towne in this yere about 2,000; And a publicke fast thorough the kingdome was proclaymed to diuert God's Judgm^t, which was observed solely euery wensdaye, & thereon the plague stayed throughe his great merceye.

1626, *Thomas Sherwill*; 1627, *Robert Trelawny*, merchant, *Abraham Colmar*, Trelawny dying; 1628, *Nicholas Sherwill*, merchant; 1629, *William Hele*; 1630, *John Bownd*; 1631, *John Waddon*; 1632, *Phillip Andrew*.

1633, *Robert Trelawnye*. This yeere the Kings fleet set forth wth the first ship rate arrived in the Sound, Earle of Linsey Comander.

1634, *John Martyn*; 1635, *Thomas Crampporne*; 1636, *John Cates*; 1637, *Nicholas Sherwill*; 1638, *William Hele*; 1639, *Robert Gubes*; 1640, *William Berchie*; 1641, *Thomas Ceely*; 1642, *Philip Francis*; 1643, *John Cates*; 1644, *Iustinian Peard*; 1645, *Barth Nicholl*; 1646, *Christopher Ceely*; 1647, *Richard Eucnes*; 1648, *Timothy Alsopp*; 1649, *Oliver Ceeley*; 1650, *Robert Gubbes*; 1651, *Philip Francis*; 1652, *John Madock*; 1653, *Ri: Spurwell*; 1654, *John Paige*; 1655, *Christopher Ceely*; 1656, *Iustinian Peard*.

1657, *William Gefferie*. [About this date the mayors at times entered their names themselves, and appended their own notes of occurrences. Gefferie here records the completion of Charles Church in his mayoralty after some

disturbance by a 'paltry pretended churchwarden.' This seems to have been William Jennens. Several entries in the Commonwealth period have been wholly or partially obliterated.]

1658, *Samuel Northcott.*

1659, *John Kinge.* Charles the Second 'was proclaimed in this towne wth great tryumph, the Cunditts Running two dayes wth wyne & shortly after a curious psent of Rare wrought plate was psented his Maiesty by this Corperation, which was graciously Accepted.'

1660, *Oliver Ceely*; 1661, *William Allen* [here the list is broken by copies of the orders of the Commissioners who 'regulated' the Corporation in 1662]; 1662, *William Jennens*; 1663, *John Harris*; 1664, *Jno Martyn* [note of consecration of Charles Church by Bishop Seth Ward]; 1665, *William Harpur*; 1666, *George Strelley*; 1667, *Thomas Stutt*; 1668, *William Symons*; 1669, *Daniell Barker.*

1670, *William Cotton.* In this year his Majesty Charles y^o 2^d was in Plymo.

1671, *Peter Scaggell*; 1672, *John Lanyon*; 1673, *Henry Webb*; 1674, *William Weekes*; 1675, *John Dell*; 1676, *Andrew Horsman* [note that the King came again to Plymouth]; 1677, *William Tom*; 1678, *John Munyon*; 1679, *James Hull*; 1680, *William Symons*; 1681, *Daniel Barker*; 1682, *Peter Foote.*

1683, *William Martyn.* Note that in this mayoralty the charter was surrendered and a new one granted, the cost of all the grants being well-nigh £500.

1684, *Isaak Tillard.* On his death in the February after his election Martin succeeded. A new parliament being summoned, the members were chosen in the Guildhall by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Assistants 'according to the ancient usage,' the votes of freemen being rejected.

1685, *Saml Madocke*; 1686, *John Trelawny*; 1687, *Thomas Stutt.*

1688, *William Symons.* In whose Mayoralty God wrought a wonderfull deliverance in these Kingdomes in rescuing us from Popery & Slavery, by bringing over from Holland the Prince of Orange with a Fleet of ships & some land forces who landed at Torbay, Monday the 5th day November 1688, without any opposition, and so went on for Exon; where the Gentlemen and Countrey flocked unto him & soon after all the Tounes and Garrisons in England declared for him (Plymouth being the first). ||

1689, *Philip Andrews*; 1690, *John Paige*; 1691, *John Martyn*; 1692, *John Munyon*; 1693, *Philip Wilcockes*; 1694, *James Yonge*; 1695, *Robert Berry*; 1696, *John Munyon*; 1697, *John Warren*; 1698, *John Neell*; 1699, *Richard Opie*; 1700, *Joseph Webb*; 1701, *William Davies*; 1702, *William Cock*; 1703, *Nicholas Gennys*; 1704, *Thomas Darracott*; 1705, *Fonah Lavington*; 1706, *Samuel Allen*.

1707, *James Cock*. Note that an Act of Parliament was procured to erect a workhouse, and that the tower of Charles Church began to be built up from the height of 20 feet, 'which 20 foott was built with the Church in y^e yeere 1652 or about y^t time.'

1708, *Robert Hewer*. Note that about December or January 1708 a mighty lightning and thunder clap threw down one of the great pinnacles of St. Andrew Church; also that Col. Jory gave a ring of bells to the new church. Winter very severe, provisions very dear.

1709, *James Bligh*. Col. Jory erected the almshouses and gave a mace to the town, 'larger and better hath not been seen.'

The oaths taken in Tudor times by the mayor, town-clerk, chamberlain, freemen, aldermen, common-councilmen, constables, sergeants, recorder, supervisors, keepers of the keys of the common chest, and the searchers of fish and flesh, on assuming their respective offices; preceded by the Mayor's oath of 1606. (23-28.)

[The gaugers and aletasters swore to 'search, vewe and gage all and all manner of Barrells, kilderkins, Firkins, and other vessells made and to be made or occupied for ale and beere to be putt to sale w^hin this Borough of plymouth, or wherein any Brewer w^hin this Borough shall sell vtter or putt to sale any beere or ale. And you shall from tyme to tyme vewe and see that the same vessells be made and marked well and sufficientlie and beare and contayne their true contents.' They were to see also that bread was of proper weight and sold according to the price of corn in the market. 'Also you shall have diligent regard during the tyme of yo^r Office to all the Brewers and Typlers w^hin yo^r Office that they and everie of them make good and wholesome ale and beer for the bodie of man. And that they sell not any before it be by you assayed. And then the same be sold according to the price lymyed and ruled by the Mayor.' A water bailiff was appointed

yearly; the Clerk of the Market saw to unwholesome victuals; and there were sealers and registrars of tanned leather.]

Order discharging Lucas Cock, then elected Mayor, from that office in future. 1568. (31*v.*)

Order discharging William Weekes from being one of the 'twelve.' 1569. (31*v.*)

Order granting the Mayor £20 a year towards his charge howsekeeping and liverye--also as to feasts. 1559. (32*v.*)

Another order as to feasts. 1565. (32*v.*)

Memorandum that in case Dorothy the wife of Robert Ley die without heir the capital messuage of the late Nicholas Henscote will remain to the Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth for the use of St. Andrew church. (33.)

Memorandum that a house in Loostrete ward will remain over to the same. (33.)

Similar memorandum respecting the tenement of John Bryan, 'juxta crucem.' (33.)

Memorandum of sums to be paid to the wardens of St. Andrew for the use of 'the best copes and vestments,' and also of 'the second blue coppes,' at the funerals of persons who have died without giving the church twenty shillings. Provided however 'that the Bishop of Norwiche at his dirge shall haue the best coppes yerely without any thing paying, and also Robert Fuller for his diriges to have the second blue coppes and the best cope.' 12 Jan.—5 Hen. VII. (33.)

Precept of Philip Courtenay, knt., and William Huddesfeld, knights for the county of Devon in the last parliament (Hen. VII.), to the collectors of a fifteenth and a tenth within the said county, for the collection of the proportions thereof assessed as follows:

Burgi de Sutton prio^r & Sutton Vautard—£24 12*s.* 8*d.*, £12 being deducted on account of poverty. Compton, with 10th, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Stonehouse 2*s.* 6*d.*, 'terra tenentes apud Vautard ex pte Boriali le Mylle poole tenent^r soluere' 2*s.* 6*d.*; Kings Tamerton 10*s.* (10th & 15th); Maker 10*s.* (10th); Hundescombe 16*d.* Twngesylond 8*d.* (33*v.*)

Similar precept from the same to the collectors of a fifteenth and tenth, for the collection of assessed proportions thereof in the borough of Plymouth. 4 Feb.—20 Ed. IV. (34)

Petition of the Prior and Convent of the priory of Plympton and the Mayor and Commonalty of the borough of Plymouth to the King for an act of parliament, ordaining that the said Mayor and Commonalty henceforth pay a yearly rent of £29 6s. 8d. to the said Prior and Convent, in lieu of the yearly rent of £41 which the same Mayor and Commonalty were appointed to pay the same Prior and Convent, by an act of parliament made in 'the xvii. yere of reigne of Henry the sixte late in dede and not of right king of England'; the consideration for this abatement of yearly rent being the poverty into which the borough has fallen. (34v.)

Ordinance made 16 Nov. 12 Ed. IV. by Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth 'that eu'y man that is made freman of the sayde burgh shalbe a hoole brother or elles half a brother in oure Lady and saynet george is yelde And a hoole brother paying xiiid. by the yere And half a brother vid.,' that 'yf any of the comyns be made oon of the xxiiii^{ti} that then he paye yerely to oure Lady yle viiiid. And yf any of the xxiiii^{ti} be made oone of the xii, that then he paye yerely xiiid.' And that 'in no wyse hereafter no Foreyn man be amytted take neyther made Fremān herewithin.'

'John Yogge, John Shipper, and other foreyns putte owte of theyre ffredom.' (39v.)

Ordinance 12 Hen. VIII. of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Common Council of Plymouth that no freeman without special licence from the Mayor depart from the town 'by the space of xxviii. dayes next before the feaste of Seynt Lambert (onles he or they may be at home ageyne vpon the same day of Seynt Lambert' and that 'eu'y Freman of the same Burghe may be and gyue his attendance apon the mayre in the yeldehalle apon the same day of Seynt Lambert for the eleccion of a new mayre.' (40v.)

Articles and Ordenaunces provyded vtterly determyned And agreed by the Mayor of Plymmouthe, his brethren, Burges and Comons of the same perpetually to abyde. Most of these orders relate to the election of officers of the borough, and their government. The set of enactments ends with the constitution, made 4 Sept. 2 Rich. III., forbidding all persons within the borough to do their marketing before 9 o'clock a.m. 'Constitutum et aggregatum est per maiorem et communitatem predicti burgi, quod

de cetero non liceat alicui infra burgum predictum manenti emere butirum, caseum, oua, seu aliqua alia victualia ad burgum predictum causa vendicionis venientia ante horam nonam illius diei sub pena forisfacture rei sic emptæ et ad faciendum finem cum maiore.'

Act authorising the Mayor and his rent-gatherers to distrain for rent. 8 Hen. VIII. (43*v.*)

Order, by the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Common Councilmen of Plymouth, in guildhall assembled, for the expulsion and banishment from the borough of Nicholas Lowe and Avys his wife, who: 'on the Feaste of St. Mary Magdalen next to come shall dep'te out of the saide towne of Plymmouthe, and neu'r after that day to dwell ne ynhabyte resorte or abyde within the said towne by the space of iii dayes and iii nightes vpon the payne of xx*li.* to be leverd of the goodes of the said Nicholas Lowe and Avys in the name of a penaltye.' 9 July—8 Henry VII. (44)

Order, 9 July—8 Hen. VIII., entitled 'For him that rebells ayenst the Mayer.' (44*v.*)

'Yf any pson or psons of the Inhitaunce of the said Toune rebell and dysbey the mayer for the tyme being or distvrbe and lett him to doo and execute true Justice within the said Boroughe or drawe a knyfe hanger swerde vpon the Mayer or sett his hondes vpon his knyve hanger or swerde entending to drawe it vpon the Mayre or Bill Axe or Cleve or any other Aylements of werre, or letting of the Mayre and his offic's to mynistr their office according vnto the Kinges lawes then hit shalbe at the libertye of the said Mayre to punishe him or theym so offending in svche pryson within the said Boroughe as it shall please him.' The act goes on to state that freemen are to be imprisoned in the Guildhall; that any one declaring the counsel of the town to any foreign person shall be punished at the Mayor's discretion, put out of the council, and disfranchised for ever; and afterwards proceeds: 'Also yf any pson or psons in tyme coming seke any helpe and maytenaunce of any lorde, knyght, or eny other what degree or Condiscon he be of, ayenst the Mayre for the tyme being in letting and disturbing the said Mayre to execute his office, that he or they so offending lese theyr Frauncheses within the said towne for eu^r and to make a fyne and redempcion by the discession of the Mayre and Counsell.'

Act 17 Sept. 3 Eliz. for such as refuse the office of Mayoralty. (45.)

Extract from statute of 23 Ed. III., regulating the prices of provisions, and restraining victuallers from excessive charges. (45*v.*)

Extract from statute of 8 Hen. VI., requiring standard weights and measures to be kept for the common use in every city. (46.)

Orders for holding a yearly church-ale for the benefit of the church of St. Andrew at the feast of Corpus Christi. 'For the honor of God and for the crossing of the benefittes of the church of Seynt Andrewe of Plymouthe. It is agreed by the mayre xii and xxiiiith sworne to the Councill of the Burghe of Plymmouthe, that in the Feaste of corporis Xpi eu'y warde of the saide Burghe shalle fro hensforthe this the xth daye of June make an hale yn the pisshe church yarde of Seynt Andrewe aforesaid, and euery pson of the said warde to bring with theym except Brede and drinke such vytale as the like best, and have there suche and as many psons estraungers as they thinke best of theyr Friends and aquaynted men and women for the crossing of the saide ile paing for brede and ale as it cometh thereto for their dyners and sopers the same day.—Item, it is agreed that eu'y taverne of wyne and ale within the saide burghe to forbere theyre sale the same day of theyre wyne and ale, for the wele of the church eu'y pson of the xij. vpon payne of vis. viii*d.*, and euery of the xxiiith iiii*s.* iiiii*d.* and eu'y of the Coiers i pounce of waxe or the value of the same to the said churches behoufe * * * * Item, that no person that shall goe aboute with the shipp of Corpis Xpi bring no body there but him selfe to charge the yle. (47*v.*)

The names of all freemen to be entered in the 'town ligger' No 'Alien borne outwards' to be made free save 'psons of Normandy Gascon Syon Ireland Caleys Berwyke and the bordars of the same Being Englishe.' (48.)

Enactment forbidding freemen to buy wine, iron, or other merchandise of strangers within twenty days of the arrival of such merchandize in the town. (48.)

All matters from the King &c., to be entered in the lygger 'for the good gyding of the Towne,' and every article in the same to be read once a quarter or twice a year in the hall 'for the good remembraunce and good rule of the same to be hadde.' (48*v.*)

Act touching the election of mayors. 11 Hen. VIII. (49.)

Memorandum in Latin that the chalices of St. Katherine and St. Marie were with Petro ligger; St. Crucis, John Ilcombe; another, John Furneys; calix sancto, Petra Erle; calix, William Thikpeny; calix of St. Marie Attewille with peke.

Then in English that John Paynter had a chalice of St. Katherine from pers lygger; John Furneys two of the Rode delivered by William Belde; John Hawkins and William lewys a chalice of St. Erasmus. "m^o for to enquire for o^r lady chalice y^t remayneth wth pers lygg^r." (50.)

Order for cleansing the streets of the borough of filth, reciting the words of a statute of Richard the Second for relieving the public ways of cities and boroughs of dung and other sordid matter. 16 Oct.—21 Ed. IV. (50.)

The tenants of the 'Abbesse of Syon,' Ottermouthe, and Sidmouth, toll free in Plymouth, William Slade one of the tenants having 'brought their pryueleage vnder the Kings broad seale.' 20 Aug.—12 Hen. VIII. (51.)

Orders for the regulation of bakers, brewers, vintners, butchers, cloth-sellers, victuallers, fish-dealers and others. (51v.)

The Mayor comaundith in the kinges name of England that all maner of Bakers make good brede and of good corne and holsome for mannys bodye, and that they make a loffe for a peny ij loffys for a peny and iiij loffys for a peny, and that yo^r brede kepe weight att the first tyme vpon payne of a grevous am^ciamment and the second tyme a greavouser am^ciamment and the third favlte on payne of the pillorie and to forfaite their Brede and their body to prison and there to make a fyne att the Mayres will.

Also that all mann' brewers make good ale and of good malte holsome for man's bodye, and that they sell a gallon of the best in the keve for i^d q., and when it is cleare and stale in the Barell for i^d ob. And of the second ale in the kyve for iij farthings, and when it is clere and stale in the Barell for i^d, and that they sell no ale by wyne measure but onlye by ale measure and sealed. And that they sell none tyll the Ale Taster have tasted it, and so that it be good holsom and able for mannys bodye. And that no manner of Brewster neither hoggester sell none ale tyll they have sett out their signe on payne of forfeiture of all together and their bodies to prison there to make a fyne and Raunsome at the Mayres will.

Also that no man^r men sell no corrupt wyne nether reboyled wyne, neither mellid wyne ne no other but it be good and holsom for mannys bodie, neyther sett ij prices on one pype hoggshed or toun to rere the price that is to saie first for iiij^d and after for vj^d on payne, &c.

[The butchers were only to sell wholesome meat—‘no Bulls flesh, no Rammes flesh, ne Cowe flesh that be an Calfe and the Calf be quicke.’ They were also to bring ‘their kidneys in their muttons and their skynnes of all manner of flesh to market,’ and were not to make any filth in the shambles. Linen and woollen cloth were only to be sold by measures tested by the King’s standard in the Guildhall; and the only weights to be used were those of Winchester standard.]

Also that no Osleler nether no nother man oste no vacabundys nother no noyther man passing ij dayes and ij nights, but he be a man of knowlege and where whence he come and whether he will and whot his busynes be in Towne, and that no man walke vp and downe worken daies to ale and to wyne but he be a man of lyuelode a m^rchaunt other wayting apou any gentyman, on payne of puysonment of theire bodyes and a greuous fyne to be att the Mayo^{rs} will for yt ys suspicious.

Also that no hosteler nor taveⁿer by colo^r of their tauen or hostery suffer anye suspetious people of theire lyving to ryott accompanny or logge together as man and a woman but he knowe verieli that it be a man and his wyfe, and that no Taverner keepe in his hous harlott nother strumpett, but voyde her awaie hastely on payne of a greuous amercyament.

[No man to forestall before all victuals were in the market; none to regrate ‘before the towne be full served.’ No fish to be bought in boats, but all to be landed, ‘and that eu’y man haue a parte thereof that is present att the buying of the same pounce and pounce like yf it like them.’]

Copy of record of proceedings Trinity Term 10 Hen. VII., in the suit of John Crocker, knt., against John Paynter, Thomas Cropp, Andrew Batte, Henry White, and John Ilcome of Plymouth, merchants, for having broken into the premises of the said plaintiff at Plymouth and Rouburgh, and taken from his quarries there stones to the value of forty marks. (53.)

Statement of facts, touching the descent and powers of divers earls of Devon, in refutation of the claims and

pretensions of the burgesses of Plymton Erle, 'pro eo quod ipsi allegant concessione Willelmi de Vernona comitis Deuonie eis facta quod ipsi et eorum heredes in omnibus locis essent disonerati et omnibus tallagiis picagiis panagiis custumiis, &c., by londe and by stronde, &c., et sic quod ipsi exirent quieti, &c.—Et jam patet quod dictus Willelmus non habuit potestatem concedendi nisi in dominicis suis propriis &c.' (55.)

Copy of King's Letters Patent, dated at Westminster 27 Nov. 5 Rich. II., of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the charter granted by Reginald de Valle Torta to his free burgesses of Ess' [Saltash]. The witnesses of Reginald's charter being thus recorded: Hiis testibus Phele de valle torta, Regialdo de Ferreris, Rogero de Movanill, Nicholao de Halt, Rogero de Valletorta clerico, Henrico fratre ejus, Johele de Valletorta clerico, Johanne de la Crane, Johanne de sicca villa, Eustachio clerico, et multis aliis. (56v.)

Note of divers rents under Trematon, undated. firma aque (et pole) de Sutton (m^o Plymouthe) valet p aⁿ cu ptm x*li*. John Dabnoun and Roger the Porter mentioned. (57v.)

Copy of final concord made at Exeter, 54 Hen. III., in presence of Gylbert de Pruston, Geoffrey de Leuknore, Walter de Huly, and John de Oketon, the king's justices itinerant and others, 'inter Ricardum Regem Almanie querentem per Johannem de Wyke positum loco ipsius Regis ad lucrandum vel perdendum et Rogerum de valle torta impediens,' whereby the said Roger Valletort acknowledged the manor and castle of Trematon and sixty knights' fees with appurtenances in Cornwall and Devon, and the manor of Kalstoke and appurtenances, together with the advowsons of the churches of Kalstoke and of St. Stephen by Saltash to be the right of the said king, by the gift of the same Roger, to have and hold to the said king and the heirs of his body begotten for ever, but in case the said king should die without heir of his body begotten the said tenements with their appurtenances to revert to the aforesaid Roger and his heirs, to hold of the other heirs of the same king for ever. For which final concord the said king, at the instance of the same Roger, granted to Alexander de Oketon two hundred acres of wood with their appurtenances in the manor of Kalstoke, that is to say 'Boscus de Kelly,' to have and hold to the said Alexander and his heirs, together with the

manor of Innyswork with its appurtenances, of the said king and his heirs for ever, at an annual rent of sixpence for every service, custom, and exaction. (58.)

Copy of writ addressed by William Courtenay, knt., sheriff of Devon, to the Mayor and Bailiffs of Plymmouthle, 7 Dec. 22 Ed. IV., for election of two suitable persons to serve as burgesses for the said borough of Plymouth in the next parliament to be held at Westminster on the 20th day of next January. (59.)

Petition for redress of Raulyn Pape of Depe in Normandy, to the King of England and Lords of the Privy Council. Petitioner, whilst in the port and haven of Falmouth with his ship the Margaret of Depe, laden with Gasgon wine, iron, honey, olive oil, saffron, combes, and other merchandizes, was grievously plundered and outraged by Henry Hornebroke of Plymouth, Robert Tegg, John White, Pyers Melo and Cornelis his son, of Perban, who after seizing and, in defiance of the truce between the king of England and the petitioner's sovereign, taking possession of the petitioner's said vessel and her cargo, 'bete and wounded yo' said supplyant and his felowes, and aft' mayde them to be conveyed and put in an olde scaffe withoute any compas fyer or other comforte in the brode see to the gret jeopardye of theyre lyves,' from which perilous position he and his companions were rescued by a boat of St. Maudytt that met them by chance.—Extract from the prayer of the same petitioner's counsel to the Lord Chancellor and other Lords of the Privy Council, alleging that Pape gained neither recompense nor aid from *Nicholas Heyncott*, Mayor of Plymouth, though he had 'turned towards him' and in the presence of many and diuers notable persons then all being in the chirche of Plymouth shewed vnto him his hurtes and damages, and required him to putt vnder arrest the goodes of the said persons the which had robbed vnto suche tyme as he might be recompensed.—Finally 'thanswer of *Nicholas Henscott*, mayre of Plymmouthle, to the bill of complaynte put ayenste him by Raulyn Pape of Deepe.'—[*Nicholas Heyncott* was Mayor in the years 1473, 1475, 1476, 1478, 1482, and 1487, in one of which therefore these events took place.] (59v.)

Letters of safe-conduct and protection, dated at Exeter by John Earl of Wilethshire and Walter Lord Mongoye, commissioners to the King, for William Bureham, esquire,

John Roche, John Cornishe, William Richardson, and Charles Durke, of Ireland, who have taken the oaths of fealty and allegiance to their said sovereign. 6 May—10 Ed. IV. (61.)

Precept to the Sheriff of Devon, to levy a distress on the possessions of the burgesses and inhabitants of Plymouth, for payment of arrears of a certain annuity of ten marks per annum which the Mayor and Commonalty of the said borough are bound to pay to the Prior of Bath. 12 Ed. IV. (61.)

Precept to the Sheriff of Devon to cause Wm. Warwyke, Radegund Sauage, and Roger Vde, to deliver up a toft and garden in Plymouth to the Mayor and Commonalty. Jan. 5—21 Ed. [IV.?] (61v.)

The Libertye of the Tayllors Crafte.

Be hit knowen to all man^r of people that we Willm Rogger mayer of the Burgh of Plymouthe, Thomas Tresawell Recorder of the same Thomas byne Willm Nicoll John paynter Willm Thikpeny peryn Erle wth other moo com burges of the same burghe with all the comens of the same burghe haue yeuen and g^aunten vnto the brethern and Crafte of Tayllors of the same Burghe full auctorite and power to electe chese and make masters of theyre occupacon and Crafte, and they so made and chosen by them of the same occupacon and shall haue full auctoritee and power to rule and Correcte all things belonging to the said occupacon and crafte so Fyخته made and stablyshed they shall make or cause to be made at the cost and charge of the said Crafte a pagent yearly vnto Corpus xpi Ilde for the welthe and proffitt of the said Ilde on Corpus xpi day. And the same they shall kepe and maynteyn for eu' at their Coste and charge for the which pagent the said bretherdyn may be prayed for euer in the same Ilde. And on that yf there be any man of the same occupacon in the same towne not keeping household that then he or they so being in the said towne not keeping household shalbe noon of the said occupacon but that he or they shall make fyne with us the said mayer & Comens And also with the said occupacon and Crafte after the order and discession of men of the said Crafte by the ou'sight of the said mayer. And yf the said wardens and Crafte amytte any man to be oon of the said occupacon and Crafte And he happyn to destroye or

marre any man' of garment for lakke of vnderstondyng, and non cunningg yn that behalfe, that then he or they so hurted or greved shall warne the master or masters of the same occupacon thereof, and then the said masters of the same occupacon shall paye and contente for the garment or garments so destroyed as hit can be thought reasonable for the same hurte, hauing a recompense of the same pson or psons.

Provyded alway by this p'sents that the said master and Crafte and eu'y pson of the same shalbe ordered ruled and gou'ned by the mayer of the said burghe for the tyme being in eu'y thing according to the lbyte and fourme of the said Towne and burghe as any oder of the inhitaunts there being this g'unte not withstanding. 1496. (62.)

Note from *Domesday* re Sudtone. (63.)

Presentment of jurors, before Salmon Rolff and his associates, Justices Itinerant, at Exeter, 9 & 10 Ed. I., touching the manors of Sutton, Maketon, and Kingestam'ton.—Finding that the Abbot of Bockeland held the manors of Buckelond, Bicklegh, and Walkhampton, with the hundred of Rowbroc, of Isabella Countess of Albemarle, and that the said Isabella held of the King in chief.—Memorandum of the genealogy and doings of the same Countess Isabella. (63.)

Writ from the King to the Sheriff of Devon appointing Nicholas de Cheigny, William de Chiueleston, and Nicholas de Teukesbiri, Commissioners to inquire and ascertain by the oaths of good and loyal men, in the presence of the Prior of Plympton, John de Vautort de Clyst, and John Vautort de Modeton, if they wish to be present at the Inquisition, respecting the places pertaining to the King or his progenitors in the town of Sutton, and the extent and value of the same places; the said commission being issued on the occasion of a petition of the burgesses of Sutton to the King, praying for a grant to them and their heirs at certain yearly rent of a piece of waste ground near the port of Plymmouthe and another piece of land within the bounds of Sutton, in opposition to which prayer it is alleged by the aforesaid Prior, John de Vautort de Clyst, and John de Vautort de Modeton, who receive certain rents from the same town, that the king has no waste places in the town aforesaid.—With the statement of the reasons, urged by the Prior of Plympton, John de Vautort de Clyst, and John de Vautort de Modeton (the

same John and John being seignors of the third part of the town of Sutton) why the King ought not to grant to people of Sutton that they may be free burgesses and have a fair and market in the same town. (64.)

Copy of Inquisition taken before Robert Bondyn, Sheriff of Devon, at Exeter, die dominica in festo Sancte Trinitatis anno regni Regis Edward xi^{mo}., by the oaths of John Gyfford, William Kemell, Walter de Colrigg, Vincent de Wyneston, Alan de Lydeton, John de Secheuill, Thomas Collinge, John Adam, Robert Raff, Ralph Cocke de Bendon, Martin the clerk, and David Attewill, who find that before the foundation of the town of Sutton the King's progenitors had a certain piece of waste ground near the port of Plymmouthe, five perches long and one perch broad, and another piece of land in the withdrawal of the sea within the boundary and precinct of the said town of Sutton, containing six acres of land, where a certain house was placed, on which places the King's ancestors by their bailiffs held their courts, and every fishing boat coming to the same places for the purpose of drying sails and nets, and offering fish for sale, paid the King a rent of twelve pence, and also one penny on each load of fish there bought: so that the King's ancestors from the said profits and pleas received annually four pounds, even as the present King does. (65.)

List of names of Common Council of Plymouth. 23 Hen. VIII. (65v.)

Copy of agreement between *William Keterigge*, Mayor, and the Commonalty of Plymouthe of the one part, and John the Prior and the Convent of St. Germain, Cornwall, of the other part: Whereby in consideration of the charges and labours sustained by Richard Trenode, merchant, of Bristol, and by Thomasine Venour, widow of William Venour, late of Plymouth and sister of the said Richard Trenode, in causing Plymouth to be made a corporate town with a Mayor and Commonalty for ever, Henry VI., and in procuring divers franchises for the same town with the assent of the parliament holden at Westminster in the 18th year of the said King, and for the due repayment of the same charges and labours, the said Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth bind themselves and their successors to the aforesaid Prior and Convent and their successors in the sum of two hundred pounds of good and lawful money, to maintain for ever a chaplain to celebrate divine rites

daily, at the altar of the Blessed Mary Virgin, in the parish church of St. Andrew of Plymouthe, for the souls of the said Richard Trenode and Alice his late wife, and Joan his present wife, and for the souls of the said William Venour and Thomasine, and of the children of the same Richard and Alice, Joan, William, and Thomasine, and also of Richard Trenode, father of Richard Trenode aforesaid, and Dionisia his wife, mother of the said Richard, for the souls of John Venour and Joan his wife, parents of the said William Venour, and for the souls for which the same Richard Trenode, William Venour, and Thomasine are bound to pray, and for the souls of all who have died in the faith. 28 Aug. 1440. (67.)

Final concord and agreement, made on the morrow of the Feast of St. James, 4 Ed. II., by Matthew the Prior and Convent of Plympton of the one part, and the Burgesses of the Commonalty of the town of Sutton of the other part, in the presence and at the mediation of the Bishop of Exeter, the Lord Hugh de Courtenay, Peter Abbot of Bulfestre, the Lord Thomas Cilecestre, knt. and others, for ending a controversy between the said parties respecting a piece of ground in the borough of Sutton, on which a stone cross has been erected and certain stalls for the sale of fish, flesh, and other marketable things are situated. Eighteen stalls are let to the burgesses at a rent of ⁱd each per year, to be paid by the Prepositus to the Prior; and no more to be erected either there or elsewhere in the borough without license. Richard the Tannere puts his seal, the burgesses not having one. (67v.)

Copies of certain charters preserved in the Priory of Plympton.—(a) Grant by Ralph de Valetorta, son and heir of Reginald de Valetorta, lord of the manor of Suthton, to God and the church of the apostles Peter and Paul of Plympton and the canons serving God there, a convenient place in Suthton ‘*juxta surepolam ad firmandum stagnum molendini et molendinum faciendum*,’ together with all his right in the same ‘*surepole*,’ and all his liberty of making a mill in Suthton, and the millage (*multura*) of all his men in Suthton, and in addition three acres of land, with a suitable way thereto by the corner of his garden of Sutton (‘*anglo gardini mei de Suthtona*’) as anciently the fathers were accustomed to go to the fishery of the Canons at Sourepole (‘*piscarium canonicorum de Surepola*’); the said gifts in perpetual almayne being made for the safety of

the grantor's soul and of the souls of his ancestors and successors.—(b) Grant for life, in survivorship, by John the Prior and the Convent of the monastery of Plympton, to Ada Blogge and Isabella his wife, at a yearly rent of thirty-six shillings and eight pence, of the grantors' tenement at the hill in Sutton Prior, situated on the east part of the stalls and on the south part of the pillory there—the said tenants are to grind their corn at the grantor's mill 'de Sourepolemille.' Plympton, 20 June—10 Rich. II.—(c) Grant in fee-farm at a yearly rent of two shillings, of an acre and half of land with appurtenances in Sutton, at Martockes Wille, by John the Prior and Convent of Plympton to Margery Stilman, her heirs and assigns for ever. Witnesses John Austen, Henry Sampson, Robert Page, Luke Austen, John le Wymplere. 'Postea Galfridi Coche et modo Carwyneke.'—(d) Grant in fee-farm, at a yearly rent of six pence, of a piece of land in Billabiri Strete in Sutton Prior, south of a tenement of William de Northcote and extending 60 feet to the east to a way leading from Bilbury Street towards the market of Sutton and a way leading from Bilbury Street towards the Oldetowne—'Postea Ganger' postea Davuser et modo John Roulond,'—by John the Prior and Convent of Plympton to Robert the son of William le Spicer of Sutton, and Alice his wife, and to the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten, for ever. Monday next following the Feast of St. Paul 15 Ed. IV.—(e) Grant in fee-farm, at an annual rent of eighteen pence, by John the Prior and Convent of Plympton to John de Stok and his assigns of a piece of land north of the middle of the 'hyauedlond.' 'Postea Robt Sope q duxit in uxorem fil Johes de Sok & vendidit terr' in cart que est sup la howe vbi molendium ventritim Mauricij Prigge sit est pdco mauricio modo Willm Grysby.'—(f) The same John also grants another acre and a half near the heauedlonde, south of the middle, to Robert de Whiteleghe, likewise at 18^d. 'Postea Maur' Prigge . . . et impetunt de Robt^o Sope qm impetunt de Robt Whiteleghe qm impetunt et mo^o her' Thomas Warwyke and Wilmot his wife.—(g) Undated grant, for the benefit of the grantor's soul and of the souls of his ancestors and successors, by Reginald de Valletort, to God and the church of the Apostles Peter and Paul of Plympton, and to the canons serving God there, the right of fishing in the rivers Tamer and Lyner and in concurrent waters, save and except the pool 'sub aula de halton.'—(h) Undated

grant by Johel de Stanhust of the right of fishing through all his land to the canons of Plympton, 'qd si batilli ntri pprij adiuvire sibi obinamnt (?) in piscando in terra mea p equales porcoes captura piscm inter nos diudat'.—
(i) Undated grant in fee-farm, at a yearly rent of 14s. 6d., of three acres and a half of land with appurtenances near Sutton, near the tenement of William Locke, and a piece of waste ground adjacent thereto 'eodem wasto sup salistu maris' by John the Prior and the Convent of Plymton to William Berde of Sutton, his heirs and assigns, for ever. Witnessed by Baldwin le bastard, William de Kemell, and William de Bodokeshide. (68v.)

Grant by Maurice Berde of Sutton, 9 Richard II., to Thomas Atwode and Amy his wife, a piece of the grantor's garden in Sutton, south of the vicarage of St. Andrew. (71.)

Indenture of grant, for life, 37 Henry VI., by Vincent Pitlidsen, esquire, to Joan, widow of Roger Androwe, of a toft in Nutte-streete, Plymouth. (71v.)

Bond of William Bull, 31 May—11 Hen. VIII., to Isabella Grysling, widow of John Grysling, in £10, for obedience to the decision of William Pollarde, John Brone, John Bery, and Stephyn Pyers, arbitrators, touching the title to a wall lying in the Market Street of Plymouth. (72.) Corresponding bond of Isabella Gryslyng to William Bull. (72v.)

[The three precedent are noted as 'remanet in Custod Thoma Bigeporte.']

Charter of Henry. Copy of Letters Patent for the incorporation of the town of Sutton Pryour, and the tithing of Sutton Raf and parcel of the hamlet of Sutton Vautert (which town, tithing, and parcel are commonly called Plymouthe) and a certain parcel of the titling of Compton into a free borough, with one Mayor and one perpetual Commonalty, henceforth to be called the Borough of Plymouth. In the original Latin. (73.)

Bye law of 1567 for those who refused the office of Mayor. (79.)

Note concerning a commission in 1603 touching a dispute between the Town and Peter Edgcumbe as to a close of land on which the malt mill was lately erected. (80v.)

Deed of gift and conveyance, 31 Aug.—28 Hen. VIII of moiety of tenement with garden, in a lane in the east part of Kynterbury Street, by Margaret Pyne widow,

one of the daughters and heirs of William Taylor and Margaret his wife, daughter and heir of John Ferror and Agnes his wife, to William Hawkyens of Plymouth, merchant, and his heirs for ever. (83.)—Also deed of quit-claim, 4 Sept. 8 Hen. VIII., by the same Margery Pyne to the same William Hawkyens, in respect to the same moiety. (83v.)

Deed of gift and conveyance by Peter Gryslyng, one of the gentlemen of the king's chamber, in anticipation of the marriage of John Charletton, of Plymouth, mercer, with Anne the grantor's daughter, of a certain tenement with appurtenances in Marget Street in Plymouth, to the said John Charletton and Anne, and the heirs of her body by him lawfully begotten. 12 Sept.—28 Hen. VIII. (84.)

Letters by Peter, bishop of Exeter, at the petition of the inhabitants of the chapelry of St. Bude, and with the consent of David Blocklegh, Prior, and the Convent of Plympton in the diocese of Exeter, and rectors of the parish church of St. Andrew of Plymouth, and with the consent of John Stubbes perpetual vicar of the same church, of which St. Bude is a dependent chapelry; Ordaining and granting that henceforth the inhabitants of the said chapelry may have the sacrament of baptism performed in their chapel, and sepulture of their dead in a burial-ground conveniently near the same chapel, in addition to the sacred celebrations heretofore performed in the building. Provision is made in these letters for the maintenance of a separate chaplain for the chapelry, and the erection of a fit house for his habitation. 'Et ordinamus quod iidem incole moderni capelle predicte et eorum post se successores erigent ordinabunt et de novo edificabunt unum mansum sive domum competentem in terra sive solo sanctuarii dictorum proprietariorum eidem capelle Sancti Budoci contigni longitudine triginta pedum et latitudine xvi pedum infra muros * * * * pro residencia et habitacione capellani predicti.' Attached to the episcopal letters are the separate writings of assent by the Prior and Convent of Plympton, the vicar of the church of St. Andrew, and the proctors (John Reke, John Arny-stetell and Matthew Rede) acting for the inhabitants of St. Bude. 20 May, 1482. (85.)

Precept for the immediate payment to the King's General Receiver of the late monastery of Plympton, of arrears of moneys due to the King in the Court of Augmentations,

from the Mayor and burgesses of Plymouth, for the farm of their said town, from Henry Kelavewse, farmer of Celle St. Anthony, Cornwall, and Adam Travers, 'pro pensione de Ugburghie,' amounting in all to £78 19s. 11*d.* 1 Sept.—33 Hen. VIII. (90.)

Undated copy of ordinance of the King, with the assent and authority of parliament, that the advowsons of the parish churches of Uggborough and Blackeawton 'be from henceforth the appropriate and vnyted to the said prior and convente' of Plympton and their successors; the said ordinance being made in recompence for the discharge of a yearly rent of £29 6s. 8*d.* heretofore paid by the borough of Plymouth to the said Prior and Convent. (91.)

The Act sets forth that the Mayor and Commonalty being charged with the rent of £29 6s. 8*d.* 'by occasion whereof and other gret and intollerable chargs that the said borough and towne of Plymouth do dayly beare & be putt vnto the same boroughe and towne ys fallen in great Ruen and decay, and so like to contynewe in decaye yf that the same boroughe and towne be not shortly releved or other wise puyded for. Wherefore the King our Sou'aigne lorde att the humble petition of the said Mayre and Comonaltye and by them beyng pfectly instructed of the greate and intollerable Charges and losts aswell by the aduventure of the see and otherwise by the inhabytants of the same burghe and towne susteyned within these Fewe yeres to the valew of x n^l pounds and aboue as the greate and intollerable chargs that the said Mayre and comonalye and their p'decessours haue hadd in tymes past, and hereafter shall haue and be putt vnto for the yerly mayntenñce and saue garde of the said borough and towne and the porte of the same w^{ch} ys one of the most principall and fayreste ports at this tyme w^{hin} this Realme and the kay and only Defence of all the Countrey thereunto adioyning and necessary to be kepte and maynteyned aswell in tymes of peace as of warre. And nowe beyng in such Ruyn and decaye that they be not able of them selffs to maynteyne and bere out the expens and chargs that they dayly susteyne in the defence and mayntenñce of the said porte and to paye the said yerely Rent & pention as they nowe be bond and charged withall his highnes of his most prudent and benyvolente good mynde yntendynge aswell the releve and mayntenñce of his said Towne & burghe of plymmouthe, as also a due recompence to be had and

made vnto the said priour and his Successours of and for the discharge of the sayd yerely Rent of £29 6s. 8d.,' &c.

Letters of approval and confirmation, by Arthur Plantagenet, Viscount Lisley, lieutenant and vice-admiral of Henry, Duke of Rychemonde and Somerset and Earl of Nottingham; approving and confirming the certificate made at Plymouth on the 25th of the said month by John Wodhall, commissary-general of the Admiralty, certifying that the burgesses, tenants, farmers, lands and ports of the borough of Plymouth are exempt from the jurisdiction of the Admiral of England. Porchestre. 30 June—18 Hen. VIII. (96.)

Indenture made at Plymouth, 4 Jan. 34 Hen. VIII., between Thomas Chamond, esq. and the Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth, whereby the said Thomas grants to the said Mayor and Commonalty for ninety-nine years certain messuages lands and tenements, formerly belonging to John Jaybyns, in the borough of Plymouth and in the parish of Plympton, 'to thentent that they the seid mayre and Comynaltie their Successors and assignes with the revenues issues and profitts thereof comyng and growyng shall yerely duryng the said terme helpe aswell towardes the stipende of an honeste preste to s'ue wythyn the pishe church of Seynt Androw of Plymmouth aforesaid, & there contynue to syngge masse at the aulter of Seynt John Baptiste to py for the Sowle of the forsaid John Jaybyn and his fryndes, as towardes the maintenance and setting forth of any other godly act there * * * according to the tenor of the last wyll of the said John Jaybyn.' (97*v.*).—Also, another deed (4 March 34 Hen. VIII.) whereby the same Thomas Chamond grants to the same Mayor and Commonalty for a full term of ninety-nine years certain other lands and tenements, within the borough of Plymouth, formerly belonging to Thomas Tregarthen, to the end that the grantees apply the profits coming from the same to the celebration of divine service in St. Andrew Church, or to the maintenance of the defences of the town; a yearly rent of 4*d.* being reserved to the grantor and his heirs. (98.)

Coppe of a letter sent from the Councill to the Justices of Peax in the Countie of Devon for redresse to be hadd conc'nyng the buying of pylcherdes by straungers. 22 Aug., 1566. (98*v.*)

Award between John Brokyng and William Edgcombe. Oct., 1569. (99*v.*)

Cognizance of plea in Court of Common Pleas, Westminster, in a suit of the Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth. 10 Eliz. Parties, Thos. Browne and William Palmer. (100.)

Record of suit 10 Hen. VII. Parties: John Crocker, miles, against John Painter, Thos. Croppe, Adam Rawe, Henry White, John Ilcombe. (100*v.*)

Copy of exemplification of the record of proceedings in the Common Pleas at Westminster, Easter Term, 19 Hen. VIII., when Peter Grislyng, merchant, James Horsewill, gentleman, John Coram, yeoman, John Grace, tailor, William Hawkyngs, merchant, and Lucas Cocke, merchant, all of Plymouth, were attached to answer for their conduct in beating and wounding John Jurdon of the same borough, so as to endanger his life. (102.)

Commission by Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth to Edward James, appointing him their attorney to take possession of the goods pertaining to William Sparcke of Plymouth, merchant, when he was proclaimed an outlaw. —Also Assignment by the same Mayor and Commonalty to John Sparke of Plymouth, merchant, of all the goods formerly pertaining to William Sparke, the abovementioned outlaw, forfeited the said corporation by his outlawry. 12 & 13 July, 1597. (102*v.*)

Ditto, 13 James I. Digory Holman against John Tawley and Wm. May. (103)

Citation from Court of Star Chamber, 26 Jan. 44 Eliz., in suit of Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth against Wm. Crymes, John Browne, Rd. Browninge, Rd. Hele, John Edwards, and Rd. Cryppes. (106.)

Memorandum of appointment of *Mr. Fowell* to be town-clerk, by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-councilmen of the borough. 23 Aug., 1614. (109.)

Acknowledgment by Nicholas Eliot that he spoke unadvisedly and wrongfully in declaring that a certain rate, 'made for the raysing of a convenient stocke to set the poore on worke within the boroughe of Plymouth,' had been unjustly taken since the seventh year of the present king. 15 July, 1623. (110.)

Memorandum of the election at a general meeting of

the Common Council of Alexander Grosse, minister and preacher of God's word, to be the next incumbent of the vicarage of Plymouth. 12 Sept., 1632. (111.)

Act of Mayor, Magistrates, and Commonalty of Plymouth, for building a town-wall, 'for the better defence and safetie of this towne against those enemyes that dayly threaten our destruccon.' 1 July, 1643. (112.)

Copy of last will and testament of John Berry of Plymouth. 1 May, 1589. (134*v*.)

Copy of the last will and testament of Walter Pollard of Plymouth. Bequeathes inter alia to the 'store of o' lady' in St. Andrew. 21 Oct., 1527. (135*v*.)

Copy of Bill made establishing Howe's charity, the original of which will be found under Charities, by John Howe. (200.)

Copy of letter, 30 Jan., 1565, from the same John Howe to Mr. Derry, mayor of Plymouth, the original of which will also be found under Charities. (200.)

Indenture between Robert Charleton and David Downe registered July 24, 30 Hen. VIII., by Jacob Horswell, clerk of the borough of Plymouth. (205*v*.)

Memorandum of grant, for life and four years after grantee's death, by the Mayor xij and xxiv of the borough, to Sir Thomas Flyte, chantry-priest of Jabyens chantry in the parish-church of St. Andrew of Plymouth, and to his assigns, of 'the prystenhouse,' together with 'the chamber that he there nowe hath bothe vnder and aboue duryng hys lyff only without disturbance of any of his Felowes priestes there;,' made in consideration of Flyte's charges in repairing 'the kechyn of the prystenhouse.' 30 Hen. VIII. (206*v*.)

Copy of conveyance by John Talcazon, of North Petherwyn, gentleman, of all his messuages, lands, tenements in the borough of Plymouth and its precinct, to William Hawkins of Plymouth, merchant, his heirs and assigns for ever. 1 Oct.—37 Hen. VIII. (207.)

Covenants between Peter Gryslyng of Saltayshe, gentleman, and William Hawkyns of Plymouth, merchant, 20 Oct., 1545. (208*v*.)

Memorandum that Thos. Leighe granted, 22 Hen. VIII., to John Stotefford, Lucas Cock, and John Pomeroy, premises in Old Town in trust, and of their being handed over to Wm. Leighe. (210.)

Bond of Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth in £40 to Thomas Middelton of London, gentleman ; in security for the honest and stipulated use of £20 which the said Thomas Middelton had given the same Mayor and Commonalty in trust, for the redemption of articles pawned by people too poor to redeem the same, and for the extension of the terms for which money has been lent thereon. 24 Dec.—33 Eliz. (210*v*)

Copy of indenture of bargain and sale, whereby Elys Warwyke, son and heir of Walter Warwyke, deceased, gentleman, sold and conveyed his moiety of the reversion of a certain mansion, lands, meadows, and pasture, in Plymouth, county Devon, and all his interest therein forever, to William Smythe and Alice his wife, their heirs and assigns. 6 Jan.—6 Ed. VI. (211.)

[Some of these deeds are noted as entered by William Wills, others by Nicholas Slanning or Thomas Purkins, the Black Book being used as an Estate Register for private purposes.]

Release by John Derry of Plymouth to Thos. Searle of London. 1566. (211*v*.)

Release by Peter Gryslyng to Ann his daughter. 31 May—6 Ed. VI. (212.)

Receipt for 17*s*. 6*d*. in full of all debts between Stephen Taffe of Plymouth and Ozelio Demyranda of London, both merchants. (212*v*.)

Lease to farm, for eighty years, by William Smyth, late of Ilsington, gentleman, Robert Stidston of Sowthbrent, gentleman, and Anne his wife, Thomas Snellinge of Plimpton More, merchant, and Johan his wife, John Noseworthy of Manaton, yeoman, and Mary his wife, John Snellinge of Plimpton Marie, yeoman, and Richawde his wife, John Heddon of Brudgeruell, yeoman, and Wilmote his wife, and Maryon Smythe, of a moiety of a messuage with appurtenances in Plymouth, to John Hele the younger and William Hele the younger, sons of Nicholas Hele deceased, and their assigns. 1 June—4 Eliz. (213.)

Indenture of the sale by Richard Prynne, of the parish of Anthonye, weaver, of all his interest in a certain tenement and garden in Plymouth to Thomas Kinge of the said parish of Anthonye, his heirs and assigns for ever. 18 Sept.—4 Eliz. (214.)

Indenture of sale by Henry Brecknall of Plymouth,

merchant, of tenement with appurtenances in Plymouth, to Matthew Hoare of the same place, mariner, and Katherine his wife, their heirs and assigns for ever; a yearly rent of 1*2d.* being reserved. 23 June—8 Eliz. (217.)

Indenture of the grant by John Ilcomb of Plymouth, merchant, of tenement and garden in the said borough, in the High Street thereof, to his son John Ilcomb, his heirs and assigns, for ever. 22 Dec., 1566. (218.)

Indenture of the sale by Anthony Randall of Stauke Damerell, yeoman, son and heir of William Randall of Plymouth, deceased, of a certain toft in Plymouth, to Richard Keighte *alias* Keif of Plymouth, mariner, his heirs and assigns, for ever. 1 Nov., 1566. (218*v.*)

Indenture of the sale by Margerye Sparke, Stoke-damerelle, widow, sometime wife of John Norton of Plymouth, shipwright, of messuage and garden in Plymouth, to William Crowne, Stoke-damerelle, shipwright, his heirs and assigns. 4 Oct.—9 Eliz. (219*v.*)

Indenture of grant in fee-farm, at a yearly rent of twenty shillings, by the Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth, of a certain tenement with a garden lying in Wympilstrete in the said borough, to William Randell, his heirs and assigns, for ever. 27 Feb.—9 Hen. VIII. (222.)

Indenture of lease for eighty years by Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth, of tenement with appurtenances in the High Street of the said borough, to Richard Toowill, *alias* Richard Attewille, his heirs and assigns. 23 Oct.—21 Hen. VII. (223.)

Lease of tenement in Kinterbury Street, Plymouth, for fourteen years at 40*s.* a year rent, by Roger Libbe to Thomas Maye. 11 Nov.—25 Eliz. Preceded by a recital of proceedings in Borough Court. (224.)

Indenture of lease for thirty years, at a yearly rent of twenty shillings, by William Spearke of Plymouth, merchant, of a certain curtilage or enclosed place, with such quay or wharf as pertains thereto, in Plymouth, to John White of the same place, merchant, and his assigns. 20 Jan.—29 Eliz. (227.)

Deed of grant, by John Foote the elder of Plymouth, and Thomasyn his wife, of tenement with a curtilage and garden, in the said borough, and a certain other garden, to Christopher Browkinge, his heirs and assigns, for ever. 16 Jan.—19 Eliz. (227.)

Deed of grant whereby John Predice of Plymouth, merchant, and Mary his wife, one of the daughters of Thomas Sparcke, late of Plympton Morrys *alias* Plympton Earle, deceased, William Oliver of Plymouth, cordwainer, and Margaret his wife, John Cosin of Plymouth, merchant, and Christian his wife, and William Cocke of Plympton Morrys *alias* Plympton Earle, yeoman, and Elizabeth his wife, grant and confirm divers messuages and tenements in the borough of Plympton Morrys *alias* Plympton Earle aforesaid, to Christopher Brookinge, merchant, William Neyle, yeoman, Nicholas Howe, tailor, and Nicholas Kneighte, merchant. 10 March—37 Eliz. (228.)

Deed of sale and conveyance of three tenements and one little room in Plymouth, by Hugh Sampson of the said borough, merchant, to William Hele of the same place, merchant, his heirs and assigns, for ever. 9 Oct.—22 James I. (230.)

Copy of 'an acte' of Parliament of 32 Hen. VIII. 'for reedifieng of decayde houses' in 'the boroughest and townes of Shafton, Shucbury, Byrtporte, Dorchester, and Weimouthe, within the countye of Dorset, and the boroughest and townes of Plymouthe, Plymton, Barstaple, Tavystock, and Dartemouthe, within the countye of Devonshire, and the boroughest and townes of Lancelston, Lyskerde, Lestudyell', Bodman, Truru, and Helston, within the countie of Cornwall, and the boroughest and townes of Brigewater, Taunton, Somerton, and Ylchester, within the countye of Somersset, and the borough of Maldon in the countye of Essex, and also the borough and shire town of Warrewyk in the countie of Warrewyk, whiche nowe ar fallen downe decayed and this tyme remayne unreedyfied.' (288.)

Order made, 17 April, 1683, by the Mayor and by seven of the twelve Magistrates of the borough that for the five years next ensuing the Common-councilmen of the borough shall have no voice in the choice of burgesses to serve in the said Common Council, but that the Mayor and Magistrates shall during that term elect the new Common-council-men; it being found of late years that the members of the Common Council, when invited to elect into their body some of the persons named for such election in a list prepared by the Mayor and Magistrates, persist in choosing the persons of 'meaner condition' to the neglect and slight of 'persons of quality and knowne loyalty' named

in the said list.—At the foot of the order is the following note, ‘Memorandum that this act of these few magistrates was an usurpation and contrary to the constant practice of this borough, either for any but y^e four and twenty to choose their members, or for any to make constitutions but the major part of the whole body which ought to consist of 37, these arbitrary constitution-makers being but eight, and of these the wise Mayor and his leader Mr. W^m. Jennens together with two others, viz. Mr. W^m. Cotton and Mr. W^m. Tom, being soon turned out of the government by his Ma^{tie}.; for notwithstanding their pretences of loyalty, but three of them were continued in the new charter.’ (290*v*.)

Constitution, made 6 August, 1730, in common assembly in the Guildhall of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the borough of Plymouth, that henceforth the inhabitants of the borough, having served apprenticeships with freemen and inhabitants thereof, shall in accordance with ancient usage have the right to be sworn and admitted freemen of the town; and that the eldest sons of freemen shall on the death of their fathers be entitled to the freedom of the borough. This constitution being made for the determination of controversies and lawsuits on the point. (291.)

Constitution that the capital burgesses be elected by the Mayor and capital burgesses only. 26 Aug., 1730. (293.)

[A list of freemen begins on folio 296, evidently giving the names of all freemen at the date the book was first written, and is continued year by year, stating the admissions under the various Mayoralties, to 1658. The continuity of the list is broken between folios 313 and 317 by a table of contents.]

Two orders respecting days for wearing ‘skarlette’ and ‘banketts’, respectively 1560 and 1609. (315*v*.)

A note of the 10th and 15th chargeable.

Sutton prio ^r Burg	xxiiiij ^{li}
Sutton vawter	x ^{li} xij ^s viij ^d

Allowed £12 remains £22 12*s*. 8*d*. (316.)

Order that the 24th money shall go towards the maintenance of the Council Chamber.

Final entry—Plymouth burnt 3 times—1377, 1400, 1403.

[47] Incomplete volume, which seems to have been intended for a copy of the chief entries in the Black Book—originally *temp.* Elizabeth and James I. It gives the older oaths and some of a later date, including that of Charles II. against taking arms against the King; the declaration against the Solemn League and Covenant, subscribed by William Jennens; also oaths of allegiance to William and Mary, Anne, and George I.

The last entry in this volume records proceedings consequent upon an inquest held by *Thomas Payne*, coroner, on the body of Joseph Austen, Feb. 8, 32 Ch. I., who being found *felo de se*, his goods were claimed by the Mayor and Commonalty.

[48] THE WHITE BOOK.

THIS is a vellum-covered volume, endorsed on the outside, 'The Book of Constitutions,' and noted on the fly-leaf as having been given to the Mayor and Commonalty in 1560 by John Ford 'for all defaults and other orders.' It was used for entries from 1560 to 1754, chiefly for the formal record of 'acts' or 'constitutions' made by the 'twelve' and 'twenty-four,' to many of which are appended the autograph signatures of the assenters. Beyond these orders of the town council it also, however, contains many entries of miscellaneous interest affecting the borough. There are 268 numbered leaves.

Contributors towards the charge of the Greate Bell without the borough, 15 Feb. 1560—namely: Sir R. Edgcumbe, 13s. 4d.; Sir John Howe, clerk, £5; John Borowe, 20s.; town of Tavistocke, 40s.; parish of Maker, 20s.; parish of Plymstock, 7s. 6d.; parish of Rame, 5s.; John Sperke, of Plympton, 5s. (1v.)

Fine of Roger Rawlyn, sergeant, 'for not settinge vpe a glove on S^t Peter's daie beinge a Faire daie.' (2.)

Forfeiture of goodes. (2.)

Contributions of xij and xxiiij towards the great bell. (2.)

Licence to Christopher Burrowe for opening his shop window in 1560, fine 1s. 6d. (2v.)

Grant of tenement next the churchstile. (2v.)

Margaret Grayse, Agatha Mayowe, Johan Caussen, Edmunde Healle, tynker, and his wife, expelled the town. (2*v.*)

Surrender of lands to Mayor and Commonalty. (2*v.*)

Order that Lucas Cocke be disburdened of Mayoralty, 1560, made voyde in 1585. (3.)

Stones brought to the Cawsse. (3.)

Payment of 30*s.* to the use of Thos. Gibbons. (3.)

Promise by R. Hooper to bring into the Guildhall the wrytynges relating to Mr. Howe and the almshouse. (3*v.*)

Memorandum establishing the Grammar School.

xiiij Die July 1561.

In the guilhaille w^t thassent of John Eliott Maio^r w^t the more pt^e of the xij and xxiiij^{ty} ther assembled it was determyned concluded and vtterlie agreed vpon that one Tho^ms Brooke should supplie thoffice and function of a teacher or Scholem^r w^tin this towne so longe as he therin shall decentlye behave hym selfe and in consideracion of an annuall stipend of x^{li} quarterly to be paid by the receivo^r he the said Scholem^r shall freelye teache all the children native and inhabitaunt w^t w^tin the Towne and that he also for his lodginge and refuge shall hawe to his owne vse the chambers over the almes howsse chapell and the said chapell for his scholehowsse and that he shall teache no other but gramer and writinge. Itm ther it was by thassents aforsaid fullie agreed that all suche p^{rs}ons whose names be herin ingrossed as hawe given anye some or somes of moneye toward and for the stipend aforsayd shall for nonpayment of such somes of moneye as they of ther mere good willes hawe gyven toward the vse aforsayd be Distreynd and Distreinable for the same. (4)

[The names are:]

John Elyott, mayor, 13*s.* 4*d.*; Thomas Clowter, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Lucas Cocke, 5*s.*; Richard Hoop[er], 5*s.*; William Weks, 10*s.*; John Ilcombe, 10*s.*; John Derye, 5*s.*; Edward White, 5*s.*; Nicholas Bickford, 6*s.* 8*d.*; William Lake, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Nicholas Slannynge, 13*s.* 4*d.*; William Hawkyns, 8*s.*; John Foord, 6*s.* 8*d.*—The Twelve.

William Symons, 20*s.*; Robert Hampten, 16*d.*; Edward Cocke, 16*d.*; Thomas Byrth, 2*s.* 8*d.*; John Sampson, 6*s.* 8*d.*; John Hawkyns, 8*s.*; Thomas Hampton, 5*s.*; William Howe, sen., 1*s.*; Thomas Crowne, 4*s.*; John Maynard, 2*s.* 8*d.*; John Martyn, 5*s.*; Gregory Cocke, 2*s.* 8*d.*;

John Waddon, 2s.; Thomas Perkyns, 2s. 8d.; Walter Pepperell, 2s. 8d.; Christopher Earle, 13s. 4d.; John Vosye, 3s. 4d.; Henry Brechnall, 2s.; William Brokinge, 16d.; Richard Henscott, 4d.; Mr. Edmund Euston, 10s.—
The Twenty-four.

Richard Lybbe, 10s.; George White, 3s. 4d.; Robert Holman, 1s.; George Bolton, 16d.; John Rewbye, 16d.; John Greninge, 8d.; John Lyght, 1s.; John Worgow, 2s.; John Lewys, 4s.; William Griffyn, of Compton, 2s.; Wm. Chiswyll, 4s.; Wm. Jeffrye, 16d.; Thomas Williams, 1s.; Wm. Griffyn, 1s.; John Whyte, 1s.; Wm. Makye, 8d.; Wm. Blake, fletcher, 16d.; Wm. Gill, 16d.; John Peny, 10d.; Roger Tremlynson, 8d.; Also Lyle, 10d.; Robt. Wood, 20d.; John Bealbery, 2s.; Thos. Turner, 16d.; John Sounde, 2s. 8d.; Nicholas Barford, 2s.; John Bery, 2s.; John Temycombe, 2s.; John Harvy, 16d.; Thos. Hoylle, 3s. 4d.; Thos. Barrett, 6s. 8d.; John Roche, 1s.; John Hoop[er], 20d.; Also Pera, 3s. 4d.; Nicholas Browne, 5s.; Thomas Bickley, 5s.; William Brown, 10s.; John Genyns, 3s. 4d.; John Hayleston, 16d.; Wm. Huchins, 6s. 8d.; John Estcott, 3s. 4d.; Walter Battishill, 3s. 4d.; Bawdon Hooker, 2s.; John Burnard, 5s.; Richard Pers, 2s. 8d.; James Hampton, 16d.; Henry Blase, 16d.; John Foote, 1s.; Wm. Battishill, 2s.; Margaret Bunting, 16d. (5.)

Bond of town cancelled. (6.)

Receipt of 6s. 4d. (6.)

John Blitheman fined 6s. 8d. for non attendance on Sessions day. 27 June, 1503. (6.)

John Forde dispensed wth all for beinge Maior. 1567. (8.)

Names of Keepers of Town Chest. (12v.)

List of writings of the almes house lands remaining in the town chest, and of lands given the almshouse. 1561. (13.)

Order that Wm Brookinge receive rents for an orphan during minority. (13.)

Order for the admission of freeman. (13v.)

'The guifte of W^m Symons for not being of the xij.' (14.)

Collection for the poor. (14.)

Order that no stranger gather in church by Testimonial. (14.)

Promise by Mr. Elyott to timber 'and cover the lytell house in the market place.' (15.)

Order that no resident should buy or cause to be bought meal brought to the town on pain of forfeiture and other punishment. 1564. (15.)

Banishment of a vagabond. (15.)

Thomas Catvyn punished for pickering. (15*v.*)

£8 yearly given to the almshouse—Howe's gift. (15*v.*)

Order that every person born within the borough and apprenticed in the same, and any person born without the borough and apprenticed therein shall pay 18*d.* on being made free and no more. All others admitted to pay 10*s.* 1566. (16.)

Margaret Edwardes banished. (16.)

'Mr. Mayor willeth and requireth' that all persons who had received alien servants within a year were to discharge them within a month on penalty of 10*s.* fine. 1566. (17.)

Orders with regard to the sale of pilchards. No alien was to lade or buy fresh pilchards above the number of 1,000 in one day; no man, not being free, to buy or sell above 5,000. 1566. (17.)

No townsman to 'father out' straungers goods. (17*v.*)

Order that any person suspected of selling or promising to deliver pilchards before they were saved, or of having received money beforehand from any non-inhabitant to make [cure] the same, should be called before the Mayor and questioned thereon on oath, and if guilty, not allowed to make any pilchards that year. No woman, whether wife, widow, or servant, to set or make a price for or upon any pilchards brought into the town, under penalty of ten shillings fine (to be paid by the husband or master, if no widow) and personal punishment at the Mayor's discretion. 23 and 26 Eliz. (17*v.*)

Gils lake, Thos dedge, Katheryn Bennett, and Christian Marsh, to be banished if found in any evil company or deserving any evil report. 1568. (18.)

Also Perrotte, widow, John Evans, and John Cooke banished. 1569. (18.)

Order on presentment of the Grand Jury that persons damaging or destroying hedges or fences within the Liberty should be placed in the stocks three market days. (18.)

Orders for 'the good kepyng of the poole & water side under the ffull sea marke.' 1568 (Wm. Hawkins, Mayor).

In primis that no owner maryn^r nor other pson cast over borde into the water or vnder ffull sea m^rke w^hyn the cawsey owt of any shippe or vessell any man^r of ballaste or the swepyn or clensynge of any shippe or vessell apon payne of fforfeetenge of vj^s viij^d for eu^y suche offence and to cary away agayne the same thynges so cast oveborde or else to pay xl^s.

Itm that no anker be caste owte of any shippe or vessell into the oose or vnder the ffull sea marke without a boye apon hym or a pole to stond by the anker that the people may knowe where the anker lieth apon peyne of fforfeeture of iij^s iiij^d for eury such offence and also to compound w^h the p^{tie} that shall recyue any damage thereby.

Itm that no Stones Tymber or other thynges vnder ffull sea marke be cast to any comon p^rudice & lefte there ij tydes apon payne of fforfeeture of iij^s iiij^d and also to agre wth the p^{tie} that shall receyue any damage therebye at any tyme or tyms.

Itm that no gravyn pytts nor other pytts be made vnder the ffull sea m^rke & not ffilled agayne & made playne w^hyn ij tydes next after they shall haue done wth the same eu^y pson so offendyng shall fforfeete for eury suche defaulte sixe shillings viij^d.

Itm that all landyng kayes accustomed to be mayntayned be kept wthout fallyng into decaye apon two monethes warnyng to be gevyn by the water baylyffes or by one of them apon payne of fforfeeture for eu^y suche offence v^s.

Itm that no psonne ne psons nor there s^runts bryng any kynd of stingkyng thyng to the waters side as ffyshe flesh, deadd beasts as dogges Cattes Swyne or any other thynges apon payne to fforfeete for eu^y such offence iij^s iiij^d.

Itm that all mann^r of Shippyng that dothe discharge w^hin the Cawse any parte of their ladyng shall in likewise take their ballaste for the same shippyng w^hin the cawsse by the assignement of the water baylyffes on payne to fforfeete for eu^y such offenc xx^s.

Itm that no shippe ne vessell take or receyue in their ballaste excepte they make pvision that they ffall no parte of the same into the water bytwene the shippe & the lighter on payne to fforfeete for eu^ye suche offence x^s.

Itm yf any psonne take any Stone or other thynges whereon to stappe into any bote or shepyng & leaveth them vnder the ffull sea m^rke one tyde shall fforfeete for eury suche offence xij^d.

Itm that no psonne ne psons bury any tymber in the ose but in suche lawfull place as the water baylyffe shall resvnabyllie apoynte on payne to fforfeete the same tymber or any thyng so buried.

Itm that no guttyng ne heddyng of ffyshe be caste on the kayes or lefte upon the kayes, but that the same be caryed from tyme to tyme w^howt the cause upon payne to fforfeete for eu^ry such default xij^d.

The Mayor and constables were to aid and assist the water bailiff, half the penalties to Mayor and Commonalty, half to the bailiff. (19.)

'Wynewyts' for freemen to be 10s. a year; for unfree 20s. 1569. (20.)

Copy of St John Pollard's bill. (21.)

Copies of various official oaths. (21v, 22.)

Grant of house to Nicholas Saunders. 1566. (22.)

Trials between party and party to pass every court. (23.)

Copy of feoffment by M^r Jerom Mathewe—all his manors of Wodford and Compton Gifford to Walter Basset, Anthony Mouncke, Hugh Ackland, and Thomas Maynard. (24.)

Fine for refusing office of Mayor £40. 1569. (25.)

Open confession of slanderous words. (26.)

End of a controversy between Wm. Edgcumbe and R. Phillipps and Henry Mynge. 1570. (27.)

Order that no burgess be chosen but 'onelic suche men as be towne dwellers and of the counsell of the towne.' 1570. (27v.)

Recognizance levied on Vinsent Scoble. (27v.)

Order that none should grind corn away from the town mill on payne of forfeiting three times the just toll per bushel; millers who wronged to restore threefold. A house for weighing corn. 1570. (28.)

William and John Hawkyngs farm the town mills and buy a house at Popes Head to weigh the corn in before it is taken there, a man and horse being kept ready on due warning to fetch it from the houses of the inhabitants. 1573. (28v.)

All feasts and banquets to be done away with. Six years to elapse instead of four before re-election of Mayor. 1571. Time extended to eight years, 1597. (29.)

Order that every person should aid constables as required. Every inhabitant to be provided with a good black bill or a clubbe for time of strife on penalty of 3s. 4d. 1572. (29.)

Order that each of the twelve should provide a decent scarlet gown within one year after election on penalty of 40s. 1572. (29.)

Order that 12d. a hogshead be paid on London beer; none to be sold above 4d. a quart. 1571. (30.)

The town mills to be leased. (30.)

Order that no one buy commodities coming to the town by sea without making the Mayor privy thereto, that the Mayor and his brethren, if desired, might buy for the town. If so bought, every freeman to buy the portion of goods apportioned. 1575. (31.)

John Speall and his wife, Margaret Cullcombe, Elizabeth Browne, and Johan Rewe charged to depart the town by May. 27 Eliz. (32.)

John Sparke provides a cellar for receiving strangers' goods, being answerable therefor, but not charging rent, to be recompensed by a moiety of the monies the town ought to receive thereon. Cornish tin 1d. a piece. Devon $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 1578. (33.)

All goods brought by sea to be put before purchase into the common hall, 'the longe Seller adjoyninge the Crane Kaye'; penalty £5. (33v.)

Further stringent order against the purchase of fish by women, including hake, but allowing women to make provision for any household. Persons bringing hake to the town were to sell to every freeman equally some indifferent portion. 1584. (34.)

Oaths administered to buyers and sellers of pilchards. 1584. (34v.)

Those who will not swear forbidden to deal in them. (35.)

Order that no captain or governor of St. Nicholas Island be appointed, but such as are thought fit by Mayor and Commonalty. 26 Eliz. (36.)

Tax laid of 8d. per last, towards defence of town, on all pilchards saved, except for household use. 1590. (36v.)

Receipt for writings by Hugh Pynson. (37.)

The copie of certayne auntyent wrytynges remayning with Mr. John Hele of the Inner Temple whiche came to his handes by reason of the lands in Plymouth which he

purchased of John Predyaux of Holbeton, approving playnlie that Plymouth was a maior^s Towne before Kyng Henry the Sixte is tyme as by the same deedes it doth apeire. (39 *et seq.*)

Indenture of lease to Robert Palye and Isabella his wife, of tenement with appurtenances in Sutton Prior near Stylmanstrete, by Claricia, widow, and Thomas, the son and heir, of John Wike. Dated at Sutton Priors on the Lord's day next before the feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist, in the presence of William Rogherewe then maior of the town of Plymouth ('tunc maior ville de Plymouth'), William Venour, John Horswood, John Huchen, Richard Gylle, notary, and other witnesses. 13 Hen. IV.

Release by William Grene, clerk, and John Jabyen, to Henry Boon and Richard Cockeman, of all those messuages lands and tenements in Sutton Priors and Sutton Vautort, in which the said William and John were enfeoffed by the deed of the said Henry. Witnessed at Sutton Priors by William Bentley, then mayor of Sutton Priors, John Horewood, Thomas Ware, John Mey, Richard Gylle, notary, and others. 22 Sept.—6 Hen. V.

The copie of certeyn auncyent wrytynges remaynyng wth Thomas Smyth, which came to his handes by reason of Alice his wiffe daughter to M^r Bulle, approving playnlie that Sutton Pryors w^{ch} is nowe called the burgh of Plymouth was a maior Towne long before Kyng Henry the Sixt is tyme.

Grant by William Elys and John Broherede of tenement with appurtenances in Sutton Pryors, to Richard Parkham and Joan his wife. Dated at Plymouth in the presence of Walter Crocker, then maior of Sutton Priors, John Sampson, Geoffrey Gladwyne, William Greene and others. 20 April—18 Rd. II.

Grant by Richard Parkham of tenement with appurtenances in Sutton Priors, to William Elys and John Bicharde. Dated at Plymouth, in the presence of Walter Crocker, then mayor of Sutton Priors, Geoffrey Gladwyne, William Gryne, Reginald Hulle and others. 8 April—18 Rd. II.

Grant by Laurence Deuerous of Bristoll and Joan his wife, formerly wife of John Cross, of tenement with appurtenances in Sutton Pryors to John Ely of Plymouth, baker, and Joan his wife, their heirs

and assigns for ever. Dated at Sutton Priors, 'die Mercurii proximo ante festum Nativitatis beate Marie virginis,' in the presence of Henry Boon, then mayor of Plymouth, John Mey, Henry Toot, John Herry, Hugh Boys, and others. 20 Rd. II.

To these copies the transcriber appends the following note: 'I fynde beside ten auneynt dedes amongste the said Thomas Smythe is evidences with seales of greatt credytte by the whiche it is manyfest that Sutton Priors, & sythyns by the nomynation of Kyng Henry the Sixte named the burgh of Plymouthe, was a town of auneynt name and hadd yerelie an officer chosen by the name of P^rpositus or Custos Ville de Sutton Priors, whiche then dyd rule & governe vnder the Kyng. The moste pte of the same dedes beare date in anno regni Regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi decimo, some in xvi^{to} of the same kyng, some in octavo of the same kyng, some in quadragesimo secundo Edwardi tercii, whiche is a hundreth yere before the tyme of our incorporation & aboue.'

The copie of certeyne auneynt wrytynges remaynyng with Leonard Hylle w^{ch} came to his handes by reason of certeyn land w^{ch} he purchased of Margaret Hoyster, wyddowe, approving playnlie that the towne of Sutton Priors, w^{ch} sithence is named Plymouth by King Henrie the Sexte, was a maior's Towne longe before kyng Richard the second is tyme.

Grant by Edam Ilbarde and Richard Whyte, of tenement with appurtenances in the town of Sutton Priors, to John Stoke and Constance his wife, and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten for ever. Dated at Sutton Priors, in the presence of John Venour, then mayor of the town of Sutton Priors, William Colet, Stephen Durneford, William Gylle, John Wyks and others. 51 Ed. III.

Grant by John Stoke, of a tenement with appurtenances in the town of Sutton Priors to Adam Ilbarde and Richard Whyte, their heirs and assigns for ever. Dated at Sutton Priors, in the presence of John Venour, then mayor of the town of Sutton Priors, Maurice Berd, Thomas Woode, John Blake, John Ludham, clerk, and other witnesses. 51 Ed. III.

Release and quitclaim by William Sper, cousin of John Pepe, in respect to a tenement with appurtenances in the town of Sutton Priors, to William Langman his heirs and assigns for ever. Dated at

Sutton Pryors, in the presence of Humfrey Passour mayor of the town, Maurice Bearde, William Rogherewe, Roger Gould, John Holecombe, and other witnesses. 6 Rd. II.

William Weekes binds himself to maintain and repair during life the 'cause at Cookside that I dyd there make.' Gave four good wainscotts and 3s. 4d. to make pews in the church. (43.)

Presentments to be continued. (44.)

Robert Doble disfranchised. 1576. (44.)

When Thomas Venner's wief died. 1584. (45.)

Grant of Townclerkship to Wm. Wyls, jnr. 1580. (47.)

Orders made by County Justices on Statute of 1576. (48.)

A Scottish shipload of rye ordered to be bought for relief of the poor. 1586. (51.)

Order that inhabitants who do not do their duty in the night or day watch or find some efficient substitute be fined 8d.—4d. to go to the sergeant for procuring another; 2d. to the sergeant; 2d. to the poor men's keep. 1586. (52.)

Copy of acquittance to John Facye. (53.)

Walter Battishill, Humphry Fowyns, and Christopher Selie agree to pay £3 6s. 8d. annually at the wynewyts audit for the Town Tavern. 1580. (54.)

Order that any who on any attack being offered by the enemy, absent themselves or withdraw from the town, against their duty and allegiance, shall forfeit all his or her goods and chattels within the liberty, be utterly disfranchised, and never again allowed in the town to dwell. Aug., 1587. (55.)

The 'dicke from the old mylls' to be forthwith repaired 'even vnto the Castle wall.' Mr. Strode to be withstood touching a building he pretended to make in the lambhay. 1594. (56.)

Order that masters be empowered to act in other divisions as well as their own. 1587. (57.)

Order that all who will not pay rates be fined according to station—Aldermen 40s.; councillors 20s.; freemen 10s. 1588-9. (57.)

Peter Anthonie fyned for misdemeanour in open face of the Court. (58.)

Order that the masters go with the Mayor every Court day to Guildhall, on pain of 12*d.* fine. 1591. (58.)

Order setting forth who should inhabit the Castle 'in time of warre,' as directed by Mr. Mayor [Humphry Fownes]: 'North easte tower—Mr. H. Fownes, mayor, Mr. Baron, gent., Mr. Bagge; Peter Sylvestre, John Battersby, Thoms Reynoldson, Robart Trelawnic, John Elston, James Pickforde. Southe east—Mr. Blythman, Mr. Peppll, Mr. Sparcke; Mr. Thomas Drake, Mr. Martyn, Mr. Westlake, Robte. Mydwynter, John Facy. South weste—Mr. Phillippes, Mr. Whyte, Mr. Payne; Wm. Downeman, Nicholas Shere, Wm. Browne, Vyncent Scoble. North west—Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Trelawnic, Mr. Hytchens, Mr. Goddarde; Mr. Parker, Walter Mathew, Wm. Rogers, John White, John Jope.' From the arrangement, the first names in each case (those here separated from the others by a semicolon) are evidently those of the aldermen. 1589-90. (58*v.*)

Order that no merchant or other inhabitant bargain for deal board, corn, grain, salt, or other victual, wyne only excepted, up to £5 value in all cases except deal boards and they £10, until the Mayor had been appraised and decided whether he would deal for the profit of the town generally. 1597. (59.)

Order for the regulation of fishwomen, the following only 'as most meetest' being allowed to sell—Cyslie Barons, Johanne Straunge, Katheren Earle, Cyslie Sherwill, Thomasine Prince, Rabitch Dune, Elizabeth Lanne, Else Bree, Agnes Clifford, Else Gilbert, Elizabeth Harte, Nell Seelye, Else Laurell, Elizabeth Evens. 1597. (60.)

Goods taken by water bailiff appraised. (60*v.*)

Inhabitants rated towards fortifying and defence. 1598-9. (62.)

Order that no freeman take into his house any not free or stranger without leave of the Mayor. 1600. (62.)

Vagrants sent away by passports. (62.)

Order touching wearing of scarlet for the 'better decencie and reputation of the towne.' 1598-9. (63.)

The Grand Jury complaining that by continual bringing of stones, sand, and other things to the keys the pool is injured—ordered that every lighter should each year carry away a lighter of 'ose robbell or filth' until the pool should be sufficiently cleared. 1600. (63.)

Order that no attorney of the Borough Court should bring writs for removing cases, pleadable, on pain of exclusion. (63.)

Copy of Judges' orders concerning Tinnors—Crymes & others. 1601. (64.)

Only freemen to be chosen burgesses of Parliament. (64*v*.)

Order discharging John Scoble of the 24th 1601; and annulment of same 1614. (64*v*.)

Order that no water be taken from the great pipe without leave—penalty £40. 1602. (65.)

Order against those who disparaged and spoke slanderous speeches of the Mayor and authorities. 1602. (66.)

Fine of £10 levied on a Sargeant for arresting a freeman on an execution in his house. (66*v*.)

Mr. Battersby fined £20 for assaulting John Harris in the hall before the Mayor, and bound to the peace; Harris ditto. (67.)

All Town leases to be made in open sessions, sealed with the Town Seal, and signed by the Mayor. 1602. (68.)

Neither 'Furors nor Auditors to discharge any person amerced. (68.)

Grant of 'pcell of the stronde & pte of the poole of Plym^a.' (68*v*.)

Fines inflicted because Pascowe Pepperell had forestalled the market, buying coal at 7*s*. 10*d*. the quarter, and selling at 8*s*. 8*d*. on Pepperell, Michael Colwill his partner, and the selling shipmaster. 1603. (69.)

Fine for buying 'prewnes' of a Frenchman. 1604. (69*v*.)

Order with regard to letting lands. (71.)

Fine and imprisonment inflicted for buying rye within the cawse contrary to order. 1605. (71*v*.)

A Licence for keeping a Court of Admiralty. (72.)

Observations for Mr. Mayor. (72*v*.)

Order that speakers of slanderous speeches against the Mayor and his brethren should be imprisoned ten days without bail and fined. 1605. (74.)

Order to pull down the old and build the Jacobean Guildhall. Aug. 1606. (75.)

Price of ale and beer fixed at 13*s*. 4*d*. and 6*s*. 8*d*. the hogshead. 1608. (75*v* & 78.)

Constitution against regrating. (75v.)

Ordinances for keeping the streets clean. (76v, 77.)

Order against the abuse of carrying beer in vessels through the streets on the Sabbath, being a breach thereof —penalty 40s. Leave given, however, beer might be so carried for the supply of strange ships. 1610. (79.)

Constitution against slanderers of the Mayor, twelve, and twenty-four. (80.)

Constitution against those who refused to answer their presentiments. (81.)

Constitution for grinding at the Town Mills. 1614. (82.)

Millers who stole corn ordered to pay treble. (84.)

Order that nothing be cast in the pool within full sea marke. (85.)

Constitution against subscriptions to certificates tending to the publike disgrace and hurt of the government of the borough. (86.)

Order for monthly collections in church for the relief of the poor and the releasing of captives. 1617. (87.)

Order that no dismissed '24^{tie} man shall sitt amongst those that are of the 24^{tie}.' (88.)

Constitution that none but the Recorders and Justices wives should sit in M^r Mayor's seat in church. 1622. (89.)

Order to be observed by all common brewers. 1626. (90.)

1. Inprimis that they soe contrive their brewinge and their peoples ymploym^{te} that they forbear all manner of worke on the Lords day that they may wholly apply themselves to the attendance of religious duties as fully and freely as any others.

2. Itm that they be carefull that their fires be soe well attended that noe danger growe to the towne or to any their neighbours by the ill handling thereof.

3. Itm that after the 15th day of March next they doe not fill any caske grate or small wth beere or ale to be spent here or wthin the lands, but that the same caske have on it the marke of the Brewer Owner thereof and alsoe have on it the number of gallons playnly mark'd on wth a burnt marke truely and playnely signifying the number of gallons conteyned in the same.

4. Itm that they sell noe beere after the xvth day of March next above the price of x^s the hunder barrell or Tierce or xv^s the hhd or iij^d the gallon.

5. Itm that they entertayne noe servant w^{ch} hath not been before the tyme of his reteyner resyant w^{hin} this borroughe the most part of the three yeares last past w^{thout} the leave and allowaunce of the Mayor for the tyme being and three of his brethren, such allowance to remayne registred.

Order for yearly rent of £2 6s. 8d. from the Poor's Portion to the Mayor and Commonalty, in lieu of the lands by them given. (91.)

Order for free fishing in New England by the House of Commons, notwithstanding the patent of Sir F. Gorges and his associates. (92.)

Gift of Mark Cottell by his will to the poores' use. (92v.)

Award made by Attorney General Noy that the Vintners in the borough should pay no money, but give yearly on the feast of All Saints two gallons clarett, at St. Stephens two gallons sack, and the same on New Years Day. 1631. (93.)

Note that the Earl of Bedford, Lord High Steward, gives up his fee of £10 to the poor. 1631. (93v.)

Order that six of the grand jury take cognizance of the lands belonging to the town yearly at Easter, and regulat- ing grants of leases. 1634. (94.)

Order for building the new church and division of the parish thereunto belonging. 1634. (95.)

Order that each magistrate with his assistants take order for cleansing the streets in their respective divisions. 1634. (96.)

'The King's writt concerning the same.' (97.)

Order for annuity of Thomas Bedford, chosen lecturer at instance of King and Bishop. [Had preached in Plymouth almost 4 years.] 1635. (98.)

Order that none be chosen Mayor who had been Mayor within six yeares. 1643. (99.)

Private petitions and certificates having been prejudicial to the interests of the borough, and having caused inconvenience, ordered that no inhabitant or freeman shall presume to subscribe to any petition or certificate, or solicit others to do so, unless the said petition or certificate have been debated on and approved of in the Guildhall by the Mayor, Magistrates, and Town Council. 1645. (100.)

Order that the revenues of the market be assigned to the successive Mayors—the charge and trouble of the office being so great and the allowance so small. 1646. (101.)

Order that the accounts of each Mayoralty be properly made up before the last day of August yearly, the audit having been much neglected. 1646. (102.)

Order for the due audit of the accounts of the Orphans' Aid. 1647. (103*v*.)

Order for the more due payment of the several subscriptions for the better maintenance of ministers in Plymouth. Martin Parre made treasurer. 1651. (105.)

Order confirming all previous orders and constitutions for the well governing of the borough and the preservation of the poole, and directing them to be put in execution. 1651. (106.)

Order disfranchising Ambrose Thomas for divers high misdemeanours. 1651. (106*v*.)

Fine of £5 levied on Jacob Jackson, of Rotterdam, for discharging certain pieces of ordnance from his ship within the cawse. 20 Nov., 1651. (107.)

Fine of 20s. levied on Maxamilian Bush for discharging a certain great gun with a bullet on Capt. Hooper's key. 12 Jan., 1651. (107.)

Order for reholding the yarn market in the churchyard weekly on Thursdays. 1651. (107.)

Order that bakers observe the assize of bread ; that none be brought into the town for sale, save on Mondays and Thursdays, being market days ; and that none be brought at any time by foreigners. 1651. (108.)

Order that a fourth part of the malt mills, &c., be leased to the Orphans' Aid in consideration of £1,400 (part of a greater fine) owing to that charity by the Mayor and Commonalty. The marshes after the expiration of Sir F. Drake's estate to be leased. 1653. (109.)

[The needs of the town—mainly incident to the siege—had been so great that the Corporation had taken from the funds both of the Orphans' Aid and Poor's Portion, and had borrowed from other sources. The three orders which follow sprang out of the same necessity.]

Order touching the exchange of lives on leases of town property. 1656. (110.)

Order to grant an annuity of £24 out of the town marshes to any one who would buy the same. 1660. (111.)

Order that no woman go about 'trucking' to ships without leave, under penalty of 5s. fine; and to be set in the stool and haled up three times. Boatmen to be fined 5s. 1657. (111*v.*)

Order that the Corporation might give security to their creditors by granting mortgages. 1661. (112.)

Order settling the revenues of the market on the Mayor, on his paying thereout £12 annually for the use of the town and £30 to the Orphans Aid. 1662. (112*v.*)

Order for adding lives to leases on fines, &c. 1661. (113.)

Order confirming the preceding and providing that properties should be surveyed before being leased. 1663. (113*v.*)

Orders for keeping the streets clean and for the watch, in penalties varying from 4*d.* to 20*s.* Jan. 1671. (114*v.*)

1. Every inhabitant to keep clean the street next his premises.

2. Wednesdays and Saturdays all filth to be swept to heaps next the channel—before 10 o'clock in Vintry and Venours Wards, before one in Old Town and Looe St.

3. No heaps of filth to stop in public places above 24 hours.

4. No person to lay dirt under the walls of another.

5. No filth to flow into the streets from piggeries or stables.

6. No dunghill or mixen to be a public nuisance.

7. No pig dung or slaughter house offal to lie in the street four hours between 30 April and 25 Aug.

8. No pigs to stray in the streets.

9. No filth to be thrown near the conduits or in the Kennels, and no things to be washed at the Conduits.

10. Every householder to hang out lights from Allhallow-tide till Candlemas until 9 o'clock when no moonshine.

11. Constables to keep due watch.

12. Every inhabitant to keep watch when warned personally, by note, or by 'marke on door,' or find substitute.

13. Sergeants and Scavengers to do their duty.

14. Constables to aid sergeants.

Order reciting the inconvenience caused by the non-residence of members of the Corporation, and directing that the places of all then absent should be filled up if

they did not return within a year; and that for the future two years' absence should vacate the office of a magistrate or councilman. 1672. (116v.)

Order touching the keys and slip in Sutton Pool claimed by Wm. Jennens and John Warren, declaring them to belong to the Corporation, and that freemen had a free right to their use as to others. [Litigation followed.] 1672. (118.)

Order that no magistrate's daughter above the age of ten, unless a magistrate's wife, should sit in the seat of the magistrates' wives. [This arose out of a dispute between Mrs. Harpur and Anne, daughter of Wm. Jennens.] 1665. (118v.)

Order reciting the assignment of the revenues of the market to the Mayor, and stating that the £30 paid by him to the Orphans Aid was allowed out of the town rents. 1688. (119.)

Order with regard to the water supply, providing for laying new lead pipes and the repair of old ones, and revoking all water grants. 1713. (121.)

Order to similar effect. 1732. (124.)

Order fixing rents and fines for water supplied to brewers. 1735. (126.)

Order reciting that the town was burdened with debt; therefore stopping the Recorder's honorary stipend of £5, and small allowances to officials generally. 1738. (127.)

Repeal of ordinance of 1634 touching the letting of property. 1740. (128v.)

Order that the Michaelmas feast be discontinued. 1743. (129v.)

Order that the Mayor be allowed £150 annually to keep up the feasts at his election and swearing in, and the four quarter sessions feasts. 1753. (130.)

Order that the Mayor be allowed £100 annually for feasts at the election, swearing in, and freedom days, and that the four quarter sessions feasts be discontinued. 1753. (130v.)

Order doing away with the Michaelmas feast, but retaining the freedom and election day feasts and the grant of £100. (1754. (131.)

[This is the last date on which the White Book was put to current use, and many blank pages follow.]

Note of leases and wrytyngs of the burghe, William lake Mayor. 1561. (190 *et seq.*)

'Table of all suche thinges as are contained in this booke.' (259.) [Begins with folio 60.]

'A briefe and true Table of all matters conteyned in this booke made the xiiiijth of September 1598.' (261.) [This begins with folio 1, and is finally continued on to 259.]

Entries of apprenticeships made before the Mayors, 20 April, 1602, to 1608. (262*v*, *et seq.*)

The names of all those y^t doe dwell in the towne nott free w^h fynyd w^t the towne for thys p^sent yere m^o 1566.

Phillypp Cocke, [W]m. (?) lyghe, James wyght, [Rober]t (?) mast^r, Nicholas holman, [W]m. (?) Cowrtys, John Doble, Wat^r perott, John Gale, Willym Colle, James Allyn, Robert Johns, — Cottye [mar]tyn pke, Nicholas browne, William wat^s, — Edmownds, — hanekock, Rehead lawghye, Robert Cowrtys, Thomas Collys, [P]atryck dyngle, Jos. (?) gyll, Thomas pyers, John grang^r, John hawkyn maryn^r, [A]byll Maye, Robert pycke, Robert Smyth, Raffe (?) Curber, Richard (?) Ambrose, Richard (?) harvye, — Doram, Rog^r Swyngeby, phyllypp barber, John wetherall, John blytheman, Thomas moryssh, nyghyll Jones, wylyam buttler, george skarlytt, John hewberd, John tanslow, m^r bandfyld, Arnold Johnson, martyn lovet^r, Thomas trypplyn, John gybbyns, gyllom godfraye, Edward thruston, gyllom bachyler, Thomas mathew, harrye lovyll, martyn darton, W^m Rog^rs brewyr, W^m bennytt maryn^r, W^m Rog^rs maryn^r, Robert plymton, george tye, John martyn marin^r, Robert Grygg, collyn weyver, Jerman blake, lewys helyer, Ellys Welshe, John nycholas taylor, Xpofer browkyng, vynson browsye, Rog^r Rowlyn, John Vde, Thomas Collyn cop, John pomry, John blake, John bowman, John francklyn bak^r, Sander skobyll, John Gryffyn, Recherd Smale, Cornelys morse, laurens Rowland, John towre, John halse, W^m Collyng, m^r Cottyll, Francis burdon, Edward Crosse, John towker, John bromhyll, harrye Rawlyn, laurens wyllyams, martyn pottran, Thomas Davyes, Thomas Wyllyams marin^r, W^m bryant, John nycks, Charles glowbb, Recherd byrt, Thomas horwyll, Arthur yeats, John Rowke. (268*v*.) [Some of the names near the margin of the leaf are defaced.]

[49] SIMON CARSWYLLE'S BOOK.

IN vellum cover, endorsed, in modern handwriting, 'Borough of Plymouth: Records of Court Leet, also of Courts held at East Stonehouse.' These matters, however, form but a small portion of the contents, which include many important entries touching early local history. The volume seems to have been a kind of common-place book, kept by Simon Carswylle, attorney, coroner of Plymouth *temp.* Henry VII. The contents are :

Deed by Peter Eggecomb touching Marysland.

Entries of Manor Courts of East Stonehouse, 7 and 8 Hen. VII.

Jury, June 26, 8 Hen. VII., (1493), John Bastard, John Hunne, sen., Abraham William, Mathew Boyes, Nicholas Lucas, Philip Hoper, Walter Seyncler, Thomas Holand, John Vggon, John Blerek, Stephen Adam, John Jenyn, Thos. Bole, Walter Matthew.

The following were presented because 'domas suas esse ruinos' and fined *1d.* each : John Maye, Dionysius Guynne, Lawrence Durgan, William Hotewyn, Thomasine Roberd, Galfrid Grose, John Vggan, and Richard Symon.

Richard Denys, John Dorsett, and Richard Bonde, fined *3d.* each for certain defaults.

Hugh Walys, Robert Bastard, John Milet, John Guygge, Walter Wilcocke, Edward Purtor, and John Thomas, presented for having dung on their premises near the quay, fined *1d.* each.

Other insanitary offences proceeded against, namely :— 'Habent fumus iacent in regia strata apud la key qui noc vicin omn—tocius ville'; 'Habent fumus et alia vilia iacent in vico ad noc.'

Stephen Adam and Alice his wife, ordered to satisfy John Hunne with *3s. 6d.* for bread bought of him—'per pane ab eo empt.'

Entry that 'le key' was out of repair, and that it was the part of the tenants to repair the same—'Omnes tenent' de Eststonhous repar tenent^a.' Sufficient repair to be made by the octave of the nativity of John Baptist on penalty of *40s.*

Silver cup taken as heriot in case of Philip Hurde, jnr.

Court of Radclyffe, Plymouth—Salt'am mill named; names of people given, 8 and 9 Henry VII., include:—Thomas Dowrysch, Rd. Bovy, John Bekett, heirs of Wm. Godyng, heirs Wm. Erle, Simmons Cole, heirs of Herford, Johanna Tolle, heirs Wm. Whytechurch, John Dawe, John Burgh, Nich. Charletton, Radegund Dailly, Wm. Tomson, John Hunne, Walter Colle, Thomas Nicholasson, heirs Edm. Gantell, heirs Wm. Selman, John Bekett jnr., Vincent Hagge, John Gye of Horebrygge, Wm. Joseph, Wm. Bate, Margaret Henscotte, Walter Pollard, John Kyng, Thomas Gayner; Thomas Creipe, heirs Hagge, Alice Benett, Margaret Hygge, John, Elizabeth, and John Chapyn, Roger Holand, John Ilcombe, Wm. Coke.

Manor Courts of Mutton. 10 Hen. VII.

Borough Courts of Plymouth, first being June 12, 19 Edw. IV; then 8 and 10 Hen. VII.

Garden next 'how lane' south of 'Notestrete' let to Stephen Chepman and John Baker for 20 years 2s. a year.

Memo. of plea of debt by Lord Willoughby de Broke against Nicholas Martyn and Agnes his wife.

Thomas Treffrye admitted freeman 'ex dono maior'; John Lane by patrimony. Oct. 29—8 Hen. VII.

'Ad hanc Cur veii Walfus prediaux in Guyldhall coram Willo Thyckpeny maior Burg pdicti Thoma Tresawell Recordator et mults alijs de coitat' and took a 'shoppa' in Wympelstrete which belonged to Alexander Vppecot. April 22—8 Hen. VII.

Memo of the death of John Hawken, who held a garden in Fynewell Street.

At other Courts we find :

Itm that Thomas Lane ought to repair 'Regiam Strat' near the Whytecrosse; that Walter Pollard had obstructed a conduit in Barnehay; and that Richard Gele ought to repair a conduit in Buckwyllane.

Wm. Thykpeny, the mayor, fined 2*d.* for 'occupat patryk strete' by night with stones.

Complaint against one John Auryman that he had a certain dog 'voca Shype byter,' killing sheep by night.

Thomas Tresawell, John hycks, William Ley, and others 'pesuer' fume' in the Slypp next to Tresawells, fined 3*d.* each.

Places mentioned:—hygh strete, mody strete, Cat strete, Fynewyll strete; a toft south in Buckwell strete belonging 'ad domus Elemosinars'; Roches parke 'juxta m'toks

wyll' west of the way leading from Britayn side to the mawdelyn; 'le hors pole.'

Robert Ayer keeper of the pynfolde.

Courts of Pie Powder held Feb. 9 and 10, 8 Hen. VII., at 9 a.m., before William Thyckepen, mayor.

Inquest by Simon Carswyl, coroner, Dec. 21, 22 Hen. VII., on the body of John Jago. Ditto June 6, on the body of Peter of St. Tomas, a Fleming, killed by Wm. Cardygan, another Fleming. Ditto Aug. 24, 23 Hen. VII., on the body of Margaret, wife of John Russell, who fell into a 'ffurness ou' burne sedying hote.' Ditto March 4, 19 Hen. VII., on the body of Margaret Capell, servant of Richard IIunte, who was drowned in a 'fonte' on her master's premises called Tyepytt.

Entry of an inquest held at East Stonehouse, December 10, 1502 (18 Hen. VII.), before John Wolcotte, coroner of the King in Devon, on the body of Robert Mathew, jun., of Eststonehows, fysher, on the oaths of Henry Blyrycke, Walter Gawe(?) *alias* Synkeler, John John, John Sawter, Reginald Phyllypp, John Hunne, Stephen Adam, Reginald Carter, John Blyrycke, jun., Thomas Chelway, Thomas Maryner, and Thomas Martyn, whose verdict was that on the 8th December, at 11 p.m., John Croste (or Creste), of Lypson, groom, stabbed Mathew in his belly at his house at Stonehouse; Elizabeth, Mathew's wife, being an accomplice.

[Stonehouse at this date was in the parish of St. Andrew.]

Rental by Simon Carswell of lands in Plymouth, Compton, and Revelstoke—a bakehouse at bilbury brigge, gilwell, crossedoune, mentioned. [Probably Carswell's own.]

Rental of Whytchurche ('vx' mee') and lands at Tavistock, Walkhampton, Peter Tavy, Bucketorr, myleston, hawesbrygge, kyngsbrygge, mylton, and doddebroke.

Rental of lands in Plymouth belonging to Dean and Chapter of Exeter:—In Bilbury Sfrete, 'Katt strete,' two acres 'apud le how iux^a le fyre buken'; big stable in Bilbury street; tenement 'iux^a le Grete deche ap^d le Catte'; Barnehay iuxta Bylburybrygge; 'Seynt Katryn ys lane'; land on Crossedowne.

Copies of entries of Borough Court causes, Ed. IV., Richard III., &c. Simon Carswell named as an attorney. Occupying 30 pages.

Robert Willoughby de Broke had land in Plymouth—
'Fote lands' near Cranecrosse.

Certificate from Thos. Gale, Mayor of Clyfton Hardenes
[Dartmouth], that Simon Carswyll was a free burgess.
2 Hen. VII.

Receipt by Richard Pomery, Sheriff of Devon, of 40s.,
Plymouth fee farm rent.

Copy of letters of safe conduct and protection given
by *William Thyckepeny*, Mayor of Plymouth, under his
seal, to John Cropp, of the same borough, certifying 'quod
quidam Johannes Cropp inhabitator infra dictum burgum
visitare intendit presiosum sanguinem domini nostri Jesu
Christi de Haylys et abinde Sanctum Johannem in patria
de Scotland, et sic domorsum ad retornandum per beat-
issimam virginem Mariam de Walsenham et per Sanctum
Thomam de Cantorbury, et abinde eundum in patriam pro
aliquibus negociis, et sic ad retornandum per regem
Henricum apud Wyndesore et abinde apud Plymouth.'

Maister mayer charyth and comaundyth yn our sou'ayng
lord the kyngs be halffe that all man' of stranges resortyng
to this towne bere no wapyn swerd byll glevys or other
wapyng vppone the forfayture of the same wapynng and
there bodys to p'son & ffyn and Ransom to the Kyng.

And also that none of then habytance of this said
towne w'oute the mair ys comaundement were no wapyn
vppon the forfayture of the same excepte siauntes and
constables or suche as be assigned thereto by the mayr or
suche officer as ben w^t yn the said towne for oure said
souraigne lard the kyng.

Itm that eu'y strang loged w^t yn the said towne be atte
his loggyg sone vppon vj or vij atte clocke att leste. And
thake vppon theyme to loge eny pson or psons butte as
they wolle onswer for theyr goode beryng.

Itm that no vacabundes or travelyng men or beggers
passing thorowe the cōntray a byde here ovyr a day and a
nyght vppon the payne of ymp'sonment and theyr hosts to
onswer yn lyke wyse for the same. And also that all
man^r of vytelers w^{yn} this said towne sell theyr vytaill att
aresonabyll p'se aswell to stranges as to deynzyens vppon
payn of forfayto^r of the same as well yn brede, fflesch,
ffyshe, wyne, ale, Eggs butt^r chese & all other vytaill so
that eu'y pson as well strangrs as other maybe resonably
yntretyd.

And also that eu'y pson loged yn the schypps a nyght take theyr loggyng there be tymes by the owr aforsaid.

And also that no pson nor psons w'tyn this said towne take vppone hym tobe owte of his house ovyr viij atte cloke excepte offyces or wachemen by the mair there to assigned.

And god save the king and send vs pease.

Agreement of Rd. Thomas with Thomas Phyllypp to navigate the *Trinity* of Plymouth to St. Lucas for 10s. 16 Hen. VII.

Lease by Sir Peter Edgecombe and Joan his wife, of mill in east part of Plymouth to Richard Yeo and John his son.

Ditto to Richard Gewe, Alice his wife, and William their son, of Marisland.

Ditto to Thomas Cripp and Joan his wife, house and garden in Plymouth.

Ditto to Thomas lygh, house, garden, and close, in Plymouth.

Ditto to William Russell and Richard his son, of land at Tungsland.

Certificate by *Thomas Bygport*, Mayor, of agreement between John del Hoyo and Rolandus molis *alias* Rolandus morissa, master of the *St. James* of the Groyne, shipwrecked by great winds coming into the port of Plymouth by night. 17 Jan. 1494.

Borough Rental, Michaelmas, 6 Hen. VII., to Michaelmas, 7 Hen. VII. Total £23 13s. 7d.; tenants 152. To wit: Thomas Tregarthen, heirs of Jayben, heirs of William Cornu, Domⁿ psbiteros ij^s j^d, Wm. Rogger, Robt. Harry, Ste Hamelyn, Ralph Chompelayn, heirs of John Rowlond, Thos. Grayson, William Tregoll, Wm. Chopyn, Wm. Baylly, Rd. Pomeray, John Bailly, Isabel Dourygge, Thomasia Lawry, Ten Sce Crus vj^d, John How, Wm. Russell, Wm. Taylor, helyer, wife of John Mayen, heirs Wm. Bykbury, late Geo. Elysworthy, heirs Nich. Henscotte, Margaret Henscotte, heirs Robt. Hylle, Awing She, Rosa Sherman, Andrew Alenson, Rd. Bovy, Cornelius Burgs, heirs of Eggbeare, late Thos. Byminor, Alexander Vppecote, Walter P^rdyaux, Thos. Wyett, Robt. Bear, John Carkeke, John Furnes, Thos. Phyllypp, Wm. Nycoll, Thos. Byne, John Greselyng, jnr., Rd. Dowrysh, heirs John Foote, heirs Hugh Davy, Thos. Bulle, jnr., heirs Belworthy, heirs Trecarrell, Wm. Brune, Alicu Bovy, heirs John Benet, John

Rogemont, John Colles, Jn. Banadon, Nich. Holand, Wm. Gole, Garrard Barry, Decan et capit Exon vij^s j^d, heirs of Margaret and John Stubbys, heirs Wm. Geoge, heirs Thomas Gew, Thomas Browse, Thomas Cotterell, Thos. Bykporte, heirs Prymeton, heirs Rd. Page, Robt. Savage, Joan Stubbys, heirs John Elwyn, Joan Fox, Andrew Hunt, Thos. Cropp, Peter Carswyll, Frat'nitat corpis xpi j^d, Peter Lygger, John Beke, heirs Vincent hage, Marquis of Dorset, Walter Dusty, John Grysby, Rade Gund Bailly, Wm. Lucas, cordwainer, heirs of Porter, Thos. Tresawell, Foxhole ix^d, Joan Daw, Elias Crocker, John Parker, Isabel Sarges, Margaret Cornysh, John Mona, Custod domq Eleosinar ij^s iij^d, Custod sci marie vj^d, heirs of Spyller, Dymn^r et Moreshed, Robt. Hayes, Custod Eccleie Sci Andr de plyoth vj^d, Lord de Broke, heirs John Cok, Walter Pollard, Wm. Polhorman, Thos. Ford, Thos. Furlong, Thos. Gaym', Thos. Coche, Wm. Cokeram, Robt. New, Rd. Code, Rd. Gele, Robt. Holbeme, Thos. Kelly, Jn. Chopyn, Wm. Rede, Hen. Gray, Walter Yewan, Rd. Dabnon, Joan Pownard, Peter Carswyll, Joan Baker, Thos. Yogge, Jno. Ilcombe, Thos. Sayer, Walter Honychurch, Robt. Laurans, Joan Newton, Jno. Morles, Jno. Glynne, heirs Jno. Hawken, Philip Hop, Peter Eggecomb, Peter Erle, Rd. Whytley, Wm. Colman, John Bucke, John Horswyll, Wm. Attre, Thos. Butsyde.

Shambles—Wm. Bold, Robt. Warwyke, Rd. Gue, Wm. Joseph, Wm. Chopyn, Robt. Ayer, Matthew Chupyn, Gelam Bocher, Rd. Drap, John Moysen, Robert Hore, Roger Joseph, Thomas.

Undated grant, not later than Hen. VII., by Richard Burnard, Johanna his wife, and Margaret, formerly wife of Richard Crosman, daughter and co-heiress of John Jordan, Tavistock, to Wm. Drake, smyth, tenement in Tavistock.

Grant by John Belleworthy, citizen of London, to Walter Amadas, Wm. Fokeray, and Wm. Staplehyll, of Dertemouth, of tenement in Tavistock west of hawkmesley. 6 Hen. VII.

Grant by Thomas, Abbot of Buckland, of an annual rent of 20s. out of Buckland to Sir P. Edgcombe, in consideration of his good counsel. 10 Hen. VII.

Philip Devowe to Rd. Wille, land in Tavistock. 13 Hen. VII.

Grant by Wm. Shere, vicar of Southpetherwin, of annual rent of 20s. to Sir P. Edgcombe.

Indenture of Laurence Morton' to Cornelio Burgs de Plymouth, sutor, and Isabel his wife. 10 Hen. VII.

Agreement between William Adam, jnr., John Pawlyn and Cristina his wife. 15 Hen. VII.

Grant by Rd. Maynard, of Foghanger, to John Harry, of Stone, lands in Lyfton and Twyneow.

Grant by Wm. Rogger to Thomas Lawry, 'capell,' and Wm. Nycoll, of all his lands and tenements in Plymouth. 12 Hen. VII.

Grant by Dean and Chapter to Gerard Barre and Joan his wife, of land near 'le hawe.' 4 Hen. VII.

Grant by *John Ilcombe*, Mayor, and Commonalty to Rd. Orange and Katherine his wife, of premises in Batter Street—property of Walter Pollard and John Carkeke adjacent. 8 Hen. VII.

Grant by *Wm. Page*, Mayor, and Commonalty to John Banadon of 'vno Celarne et vno Schopa,' lately held by Richard Kendall. 16 Edw. IV.

Mondegantell, or Mongantell, mentioned in Venours Ward.

Notes of lawsuit ending in an agreement, as to lands in Plymouth, Compton, and Revelstoke, between John Peke, or Pyke, and Thomasie his wife, and Sir Peter Edgecombe and Simon Carswyl.

Deed reciting *inter alia* that, 13 Edward IV., Jacob Dernefford, Wm. Curner, London, John Tanton, parson of Rame, and Wm. Dernefford, had lands in Est Stonhows 'ex dono' and feoffment of Jacob Dernefford, sen., armiger:—a garden in 'Southyll streteshynde, between Wynrech Downe S., Calispke E., high way W., tenementa of Margaret Wyllyam N.; also property between John Crokker W., John Merser E., 'lito maris' N. John Wyse, armiger, also named, and land 'infra le Estberton de Stok'; 'ac aliud clausio . . . de Westberton' and one on the N. of the cemetery of Stoke called Churchehyll. 12 Hen. VII.

Deed of same date referring to the same property, which is granted to John Melett and Lawrence Serle, 'custod capell sci georgii martir de Est Stonhous' for use of same.

Deed of following month (Jan.) in which John Bastard and Thomasia Powne (Bastard having had a lease in the property named) grant to John Knebone and Margaret his wife, property at Southyll—Crocker's property, modo Har-

man's, west, Merser's, modo Seyntcler's, east. Witnesses Sir Peter Edgcombe, Lawrence Durgga, Henry Onychow, Robt. Harry, John Crok.

Undated grant by Thos. Bulle, of Plymouth, of land at Grenewyll, in Mewy, to John Elberton, *alias* Medelton, and John his son.

Accounts of Robert Stephyn, collector in Plymouth for the Dean and Chapter of Exeter, one year from Michaelmas, 18 Hen. VII. 'Magni hospicij' mentioned and Totewyll. Collector's Stipend 13s. 4d. Joseph Sante and John Grete, bailiffs.

Stonehouse rents of assize (John Knebone, bailiff). Michaelmas, 1495, to Michaelmas, 1496, £41 os. 2d.; 'customary works' 11s. 6d.; together £41 11s. 8d.

Notes of other Courts of East Stonehouse follow.

Bond by John Trelauny and Johes pson to Stephen Maister and John Maynard in £40, to abide an award relative to property in Lynkynghorne.

Letter from John Earl of Huntingdon, Admiral of England, to the Mayor and bailiffs of Lostwithiel and bailiffs of the water of Fowey, touching certain vessels. Fowey. Feb.—16 Hen. VI.

Admiralty Inquisition at Fowey, 16 Hen. VII., before Hugo Yon, deputy to Nicholas Baron de Carrewe.

Precept to under bailiff of Sutton Pole to levy 26s. 8d. and 6s. 6d. costs on goods and chattells of Andrew Rawe, of Plymouth, maryner, under order of the Court of Sutton Pole, at suit of John Cole of Plymouth, ffyscher. 22 Aug.—16 Hen. VII.

Richard Duke of Gloucester, Admiral of England, to Mayor and Constables of Plymouth to stay the crayer *John Curtney* of Salcombe, unjustly taken in the time of war between England and France. To be brought before the Duke's *locum tenens* at Plymouth. 23 April—19 Ed. IV.

Edward Prince of Wales to the under bailiff of the water of Sutton Pole to summon 12 men of Plymouth, 6 of Stonehouse, 6 of Yalme and Newton Ferrers, and 6 of horston, for a court to be held Aug. 7 before Nich. Henscotte, *locum tenens*. 28 July—19 Ed. IV.

Notes of actions in the court of Sutton Pole under Prince Arthur. 10 Hen. VII., &c.

John Earl of Exon, Admiral of England, to the mayor and bailiffs of Bodmin for arrest of certain persons. 7 Hen. VII.

Various writs and warrants, by Sir P. Edgcumbe, sheriff of Devon, John Moyles, J.P. of Devon, Thos. Tresawell, Thomas Byckeport, N. Henscott. Hen. VII.

'An abstracte of the Chartoure and of the fredome w^hyn the burgh of Plymouth.' 9 pages, followed by three of a full translation, the rest being torn out.

'Knowe ye that wher as the towne of Sutton pryor and the tythyng of Sutton Raf and parcellys of the hamelet of Sutton vautor which towne tethyng and pcellys Comynly be callyd and namyd Plymouth and a sertayne of the tethyng of Compton wythyn the Cowtye of deuynshere beyng and sett so ny to the stronds and costys of the see and soo many and soo greate and soo Comyn applying of fletys of Shyppys and of vessylles aswel of Enymys as of others yn the port of the same towne tethyng pcellys of the hamelet and tethyng of Compton lying that fro time to time hyt hath be that the towne tethyng and pcellys aforsaid a fore thys tyme of x tymys yn gretter ptye of the same for the faute of Co and aswell the same yn tymes of oure nobyll executours often broke and distreuyth and aswell the ynhabitans of the same of theyre goods and catellys nyghtly and dayly Spoylyd and many of theym of the ynhabytans by the same enymys take & lede to the owte contries and there kepte yn to the tyme that they had made fennans and Ravnson and they were yn harde kepyng p'sament and vnm'cifull kept yn gevys stocks and other wayes and other evyll losts and vnpfytabyle not lytyll to the same towne Tethyng and pcellys of the hamelett and of the Tethyng of Compton and to the ynhabytance of the same yn tymys past eu^r and were hade and many ither yn tymes to Time they doth but yf relef fortifyng and betteryng of the towne tethyng and pcell aforsaid the other remedy be vyded be howfull by the apetycyon to us yn our plement beyng at Westmyster the xijth daye of Noue'ber last past holden' and then it is enacted 'for the Rest of the malys of oure enymys theryn dayes applying and for the saluacon of the Towne tethyng and pcellys aforsaid and that the ynhabytance of the same the Rather that the towne tethyng and pcellys aforsaid be fro hensforthward a fre Borowgh In corporat of one Mayer and of on Comynaltie for eu^r and hytt shalbe callyd the borowgh of plymouth . . . and that the aforsaid borowgh By the

ma'kys and bowndys vnder wretyn all tymes that ys to Wete bytwyne the hyll callyd the Wynderygge by the Banke of Sowre pole a yenst the North on the grete dyke otherwyse callyd the greate deche and fro thens ayenst the North vnto Stoke dam'ell flete and fro thens by the stronde of the same flete vnto mylbroke brygge ynclewdyd and fro thens to the yate of thorne hylle pke ayenst motley pkelane and fro thens vnto lypstone brygge ynclewdyd and fro thens by the secstronde to the lary poynt To the Catte to henstone fyse store and Est kyng and fro thens to the said hylle callyd Wynderygge as the m'kys and bonds eu^r were that be derectyd and fyxed fully and opynly schewyth.'

[In the old copies of the Act Charter the 'Catte' is spelt 'Caae,' which gave rise to the idea that a certain Hingston *Quay* was one of the boundaries. The word, however, in the original roll, as here, is *Catte*, i.e. the Cattewater.]

Notes of proceedings in Plymouth Borough Courts.
Hen. VII. 30 pages.

[50] SERJEANT HELE'S PRECEDENT BOOK.

A vellum-covered quarto, endorsed 'Precedent Book, 1593 to 1601. Not connected with the Mayor and Commonalty, but probably left with their papers by one of the Town Clerks or his deputy. May be preserved as a curiosity.' This volume was identified by Mr. J. C. Jeaffreson, when he examined the Corporation Muniments, as 'a more important literary curiosity than the inscriber of the foregoing words imagined; for the book was the Common Form and Precedent Book of Plymouth's Recorder, Serjeant Hele, and a comparison of its writing with the penmanship of the lawyer's letters, make it clear that the collection was from the first to the last line written by the Serjeant himself.' The entries, chiefly copies of legal documents, cover many points of local history. The following are the more noteworthy:

Sir John and Richard Hawkyns sold, Dec. 1592, to Peter Houghton, two-thirds of the *Good Fortune*, of London, on a voyage towards Bordeaux or Rochell or the parts thereabout, and of her profits and prizes. She took a prize laden with Newfoundland fish, and Houghton appointed

Nicholas Hals and Richard Jones, his attorneys and procurators.

Mermaid, of Dartmouth, mentioned in charter party. 1593.

John Harrys, of Launceston, corporall of the *Content*, of Plymouth, Robt. Robinson captain, sells his share of the prizes to John Newe, and he to Nicholas Halse for £34.

Letter of attorney referring to the twelfth part of a tinwork at Mewie called Lunche. 1595.

Will of Oliver Harrys, of Plymouth. Small bequests to poor people, and to the poor people of almshouse and Maudlyn. March, 1595.

Decree by court of Nants, touching Symon Lucas, dwelling in the 'ffose' of Nants, and Anthony Godard of Plymouth, merchant.

James Erysyse of Erysyse, captain and sole owner of *Recovere* of Falmouth. 1594.

Popes Head in Looe Street mentioned, 2 James. Crane-crosse N. & E. of Sutton Poole, W. of Cockshedd lane, S. of heirs of Wm. Paynter.

Stephen Weyks of Plymouth, mercer; John Hacker, capper, named. 38 Elizabeth.

The *William and John* of Plymouth mentioned. 1601.

Deed by covenant of gift in marriage. 32 Eliz. Parties, Thos. Burdon, of Plymouth, and his son Richard, and May Chapell, daughter of Robt. Chapell, of Langtree.

Lease by Peter Edgcomb, esq., to John Robyns of Plympton, of premises north of High St. Stonehouse and south 'of the Stronde of the Salte Streame,' Robyns to 'obaye pforme & fulfill all suche Rules directions & orders as the said P. E. & his heirs wth the consente & Francke agreem^{nt} of xij discreete & able psons of & wthin the said Towne and liberties either before this tyme haue or shall at anye tyme or tymes hereafter agre on & sett downe for the Weale good estate and government of the said Towne & of the people wth for the tyme beinge shalbe resydente & abydinge wthin the same.' 30 Eliz.

Jno. Joope & Rd. Spurell, merchants, of Plymouth, mentioned. 37 Eliz.

Lease of herbage, &c., of Saltram Woods; and agreement between Jno. May, yeoman, of Saltram, and Nich. Dyer, Plympton. 21 Eliz.

Lease by John Sparke to Rd. Raddon of two houses lately built by Raddon on 'Fryerie Greene.' Poundhouse park close by, adjoining Friary Garden. A road from the White Fryers Gate towards Catt Downe. 1587.

Grants of land 'lyeinge in Lanscowe' within 'Thissell pke,' north of the way from Plymouth towards 'Oston passage.' 1604.

Rd. Fisheborne to John Johns, tenement in Southside St. 33 Eliz.

Land of 'John drake' in the Old Town. 45 Eliz.

Will of Wm. Bryant of Plymouth. 44 Eliz.

Grant of bailiffship at Plympton.

Release by Edmund Porteworthie, of Wembury, of lands in Mill St., Plympton St. Mary, and Newton Ferrars. 1595.

Property given as bounded west by Kinterbury St., north by Stilman St.

Grant by John Fortescue of 'Vallepitt' to Rd. Shere, son of Walter Shere, of Keme, of property at Plympton. Meryfild Crosse and Mayden Well named. 2 & 3 Phil. & Mary.

Serjeant Hele lets to his servant, Jn. Ryder, a close of land and quyllet of meadow between the lane leading from Plymouth towarde the 'late Salte mylle' south, lands of almshouse west, the 'old mylle poole' called 'Soore poole' north. 38 Eliz.

Will in part of Peter Trenaman, Tamerton Foliott. 1592.

Richard Swinsbury of Plymouth, tailor, mentioned.

Lease by Wm. Newton, of Crabaton, to Martayne White, of Plymouth, of part of Efford property. Places named—Torwoode, Ryland, Little Torre, Middle Marishe, Vtter Marishe, Inner Marish, the quarry, and Poole Meadow; moiety of fishing in demylpoole and in 'the greate Ryver called Plyme Ryver'; sand lears in the Vtter Marish; 'the Crabe Tree.' 40 Eliz.

John Thake of Plymouth, cordwainer; Joshua Havell, merchant—mentioned.

Feoffment by John Restorla of St. Austell to Rd. Kendall of St. Austell, generosus, John Restorla of St. Columb Major, tynner, and Thos. Rosvere, St. Austell,

of Higher Torre, Compton Gifford, in the parish of Plymouth, in occupation of Thos. Cole and Wm. Russell, Tenement in Wike St. held by Wm. Rowe, and garden occupied by Margaret Cremes,—to his own use for life, then to John Restorla the younger, son of Nicholas Restorla, and his heirs. 25 May, 1585.

Mortgage by Thos. Moon of Plymouth to Henry Moon.

Covenant in lieu of jointure and dower by John Predyaux, touching Luyston als Lucestone, Ermengton, granted by him to Henry and George Legasseke, for the behoofe of Thomasyne Edgecomb, whom Predyaux would marry.

Feoffment by Rd. drew of Downton to Abraham Colmer for £198, of Trevashuant, in Lanrak.

Will of John Penwarden of Plymouth, tailor. 43 Eliz.

Grant by Wm. Doble, Plympton, to Henry Battishill of Plymouth, clothier, lands at Blaxton occupied by John Durrant.

Lands in Buckwell St. *temp.* Elizabeth, of—Almshouse of Plymouth, Thomas Burdon, Christopher Moore, John Brewen, John Fry, Walter Warwicke, Thos. Derry, Rd. Prynn, Mayor and Commonalty.

'This Indenture made the thirteenth daye of Aprill in the thirtethe yere of the reigne of o^r Sou'eigne ladye Elizabeth Betwene the righte worp^{ll} S^r Frances Drake knight of thone ptye And Anthony Plott of Plym in the Countye of Devon gent of the other ptye, where the said S^r Frances Drake by his deed bearinge date the firste daye of Marche in the nyne & twentithe yere of the reigne of o^r seid sou'eigne Ladye Quene Eliz. Did Demyse lease graunte confirme & to farme lett vnto Florence Gilman nowe wyfe vnto the said anthonye And to Edward Gylman All that one messuage or tente wth a Courtelage & garden theirvnto adioynenge scituate lyeng & beinge wthin the Boroughe of Plymouth in the northe pte of a streete there called Loostreete in the south pte of the lands of the heirs of Burgeys in the Easte pte of the lands of John Coad Esquyer and in the weste pte of one garden there beinge the inheritance of the seid S^r Frances Drake, sometyme in the tenure of John Weeks And also all that the said Garden (to weete) the Corn' Gardyn sometyme in the tenure of the said Joⁿ Weeks lyenge directly to the

Eastward of the saide messuage or tenemt w^h seid messuage or Tente Courteledge & gardyn there were inthe tenure or occupacon of the said Florence & Edward To have & to holde the seid messuage or tente Courteledge & garden theirvnto belonging, as also the saide laste recyted garden before by these pnts dymysed & graunted. [The lease to the Gilmans was on three lives paying 10s. at the four principal and most usual feasts.] These Indenturs nowe wytnes that the said S^r Frances Drake aswell in consyderacon of the great charge w^h the said A. P. hath bestowed in buildinge vpon the p'myses as for dy'ise other speciall respects and consideracons hym movinge hath demysed & graunted and by these pnts dothe demyse & graunte vnto the said A. P. all & singular the p'myses demysed to the said F. and E. G.' [Term threescore years in reversion on the death of the Gilmans—10s. a year—Plott doing all repairs.]

Obligations touching the venture of the *Judith* of Stonehouse to Newfoundland.

The *Speedwell* of Milbrooke 'lying in the Ryver of Hamose' to take a voyage to Ireland.

Humfreye Parker deputes and authorises Lewes Hurleye to 'Demaunde & take of all & eu'ye of the kings ma^{ties} subiects & others arryvinge & cominge w^hin the kaye & peere of St. Ives . . . or baye of the same or other the precincts & lymytts of the same vpon eu'y pounce waighte of Tobaccoe that from & after the daye and date of these pnts shalbe broughte into the saide peere Baye or p'cincts of the seid Towne of St. Ives Sixe shillings & eight pence of lawfull english monyes over & aboute the vsuall Custome of ij^d upon eu'y pounce.'

Grant by John Hele and others, of Blackestone, Plympton, to G. Jones & his wife Margaret.

Thornfield, Plympton, inheritance of John Trelawny.

Petition to Mayor and Magistrates on a lawsuit arising out of one Thomas Dennys setting a mastiff on the 'orator.'

Petition of Jone Smith, widow, Thomas Davyes and Jone his wife, for a commission into the title of certain property. Sir W. S [trode] and Sir R. H [awkins] asked for with J. C and W. C esquires. Commission sat at Rd. Stremer's house in Plymouth. 1604.

Answer of John Rype and Elizabeth his wife on the complaint of John Warringe.

John Tryncke of Brixton ; Amy his daughter his heir.

Complaint of Thomas Ford, of Howe, Plimstock, merchant, touching his sale of pilchards to Symon Lucas, a merchant stranger of Nants in Little Britton. Sold fourscore and ten barrels for fourscore and one pounds, delivered at Howe. Anthony Goddard of Plymouth has goods and money of Lucas, and has been told to pay but refuses. Goddard or Gottard denies this, and does not see 'why he should pay money when he oweth none.'

Condition for adventure to St. Lucas for the *Margaret* of Saltash.

Conditions for the executors of Christopher Brooking.

Papers connected with Court of Admiralty and the goods of Rd. Honney, of Fowey, who died on board the *William and John* of Plymouth, whither he had been brought without permission.

Reference to a will of Wembury.

The *Sweet Rose* of Salcombe, Robert Asherman master, for Newfoundland.

Grant by A. Pollard to George Baron, of Broad Park and Middle down, part of barton of Lipston.

Rogers Garden, Trew St., Plympton, mentioned.

Letters of recommendation from Elize Hele to 'Good M^r Bere' and 'Good M^r Burton.' 1602.

Ditto from Thomas Upham.

[The three seem to be in favour of one Hugh Maye, whose father had been misled respecting him.]

C. Sessions and Constitution Books.

[51] *Sessions Book*—1675-1694 [At end is a copy of order respecting Popish Recusants, 1678.]

[52] *Sessions Book.* 1704-1726.

[53] " " 1726-1743.

[54] " " 1743-1759.

[55] " " 1759-1767.

[56] " " 1768-1772.

[57] " " 1772-1783.

[58] " " 1783-1796.

[59] " " 1796-1808.

[60] *Corporation Order Books.* 1755-90.

[61] " " 1790-1801.

[62] *Constitution Book.* 1772-1795.

[63] " " 1795-1812.

[64] " " 1812-1824.

[65] " " 1824-1835.

[66] *Bye-Laws Book* (extracted from the Sessions Books)
1726-1743.

[67] " " 1743-1758.

[68] " " 1759-1767.

[69] " " 1768-1772.

[70] " " 1772-1795.

[71] " " 1795-1812.

[72] Book of Extracts of Bye-Laws, Ordinances, &c., 1803-1812. Made by a Committee appointed in 1812 to examine the town records connected with the liberties and franchises of the Mayor and Commonalty.

[73] Vellum book recording the proceedings of the Aldermen. 1816-1835.

D. Freedoms and Apprenticeships.

- [74] *Freedom Book.* 1764.
- [75] " " 1824-1834.
- [See *Black Book* for earlier lists, and *White Book* for list of 'Unfree.']
- [76] *Freedom Certificates in books.* 1762-1767.
- [77] " " " 1768-1784.
- [78] Bundle of parchment certificates of Freedoms. 1791-1844.
- [79] Ordinary elections to the Freedom. 1801-1829.
- [80] Extraordinary " " 1803-1831.
- [81] Papers touching Mr. Searle's claim to the Freedom. 1819-1821.
- [82] Letters and papers touching resolutions passed 2 Nov., 1832, at a Common Hall of the Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth, for the grateful recognition of services rendered by thirty-eight members of the Medical Profession of the said town during 'the late destructive visitation of malignant cholera,' and for the admission to the freedom of the borough of all those of the said gentlemen who are not already burgesses thereof.
- [83] Papers concerning proposed changes in appointments to Freedom. 1800-1829.
- [84] Proposed New Charter. 1826-1828.
- [85] Proposed hospital for decayed freemen. 1827-1829.
- [86] Bundle of certificates of reception of the Communion.
- [87] Roll of declarations against Transubstantiation.
- [88] Book of Oaths.

[89] *Apprenticeship Book.* 1570-1706.

Contains also many entries of sales and purchases of horses, and at end an account of monies spent by Matthew Boyes for John Sparke the younger.

[90] *Apprenticeship Book.* 1610-1683.

Contains also at the end various accounts—of expenses against the Enemy in 1599, and of the money spent by Matthew Boyes in obtaining the Elizabethan Charter; likewise of gifts to the Poor since 1595.

[See also the *White Book* for entries of apprenticeships: As preliminaries to the freedom it was the custom to make these engagements before the Mayor.]

E. Elections and Appointments.

[91] Portfolio of indentures of returns to Parliament 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries.

[92] Poll book of election, May, 1780, between Sir F. L. Rogers and Mr. John Culme, at which the freeholders claimed to vote.

[93] Papers referring to the election of members of Parliament. 1802-1830.

[94] Papers referring to elections of Mayor. 1800-1829.

[95] Papers referring to election of Aldermen and Councillors. 1820-1829.

[96] Papers touching the right of electing Aldermen, and proceedings against Mr. Lockyer as being illegally elected. 1816-1817.

[97] Miscellaneous Lists of Aldermen, Councillors, and Committees. 1801-1826.

[98] Papers recording elections by 'scratching' to places in the Corporation and various offices, with resignations—17th, 18th, and 19th centuries.

[99] *Voting paper* for election of *Francis Peugelly* Town Clerk. 1705.

[100] *Voting paper* for election of *Richard Bidlake*, Town Steward. 1791.

PATENTS OF APPOINTMENTS.

[101] *John Hele*, Recorder. 1609.

[102] *Sir W. Strode* „ 1611.

[103] *John Maynard* „ 1640.

[104] *Matthew Boyes*, Town Clerk, 1605.

[105] *John Forwell* „ 1613.

- [106] *Edmund Fowell*, Town Clerk, 1625.
 [107] *William Yeo* „ 1647.
 [108] *Robert Berry* „ 1699.
 [109] Counterpart of ditto.
 [110] *Richard Waddon* „ 1722.
 [Copy of deputation.]
 [111] *Aaron Baker* „ 1725.
 [Copy of deputation.]
 [112] *Charles Fanshawe* „ 1769.
 [113] Bond by same not to absent himself from the borough more than fourteen days at a time, save assize and term times.
 [114] *Stephen Rcede*, Broker, 1611.
 [115] Deputation of Ballast Master within Cattewater and Cawse, 1638.
 [116] *William Splatt*, Common Measurer, 1643.
 [117] *Richard Rosdew*, Coroner, in place of *George Woodward Mallett*, 1791.

RESIGNATIONS AND SURRENDERS.

- [118] *Philip Shapcott*, of Town-Clerkship, 1665.
 [119] *Edmund Pollexfen* „ 1699.
 [120] *Philip Vyvyan* „ 1764.
 [121] *John Heath* „ 1768.
 [122] Correspondence touching *Sir W. Elford* and the Recordership, 1825-1828.
 [123] Papers touching office of Chamberlain, 1806-1827.
 [124] „ „ Constables, 1802-1822.
 [125] „ „ Town Sergeants and Corporals, 1805-1821.
 [126] „ „ Increase in Justices.
 [127] „ „ Office duties of Town Clerk.
 [128] Miscellaneous. (1814-31.)

F. Receivers' Accounts.

THE Receivers' Accounts of Plymouth form practically a complete record of the financial history of the borough from 1486 to 1807. They consist essentially of a series of annual balance sheets entered into volumes, as brought up at the end of their terms of office by each successive Receiver (or Treasurer), a member of the Corporation annually appointed to that post. Vouchers were then produced, and each year's accounts duly audited. In the extracts which follow, the names of the Receivers for each year are given, and a selection from such entries as seem, for various reasons, of special interest. Many of the items, both of receipt and expenditure, recur with little change year by year over long periods, but many others have considerable general and local interest, and the citations might have been largely extended, especially from the earlier years.

[129] THOMAS TREGARTHEN'S BOOK,

SO named by Mr. Jeaffreson, though not strictly to be classed among the Receivers' volumes, is the oldest book of account which has been preserved among the Municipal Records, and is therefore best dealt with here. It is cased in a thick leather wrapper, and the entries range from 22 Ed. IV. to 25 Eliz.

The fly-leaf is inscribed 'Iste liber deliberatus fuit Thome Tresawell maori ville ac burgi de Plymouth xxj die Octobris anno regni regis Edwardi iiij^{ti} xxij per Thomam Tregarthen maorem burgi predicti anno precedente viz. anno xxj ejusdem domini regis.'

Account of the moneys, received by John Dawe, mason, for materials and labour in building an aisle on the south part of the church of St. Andrew of Plymouth, in accordance with the agreements of a certain indenture; amounting in all to £44 14s. 6d. 21 Ed. IV.—3 Rich. III.

Three pages of church-accounts under this heading: 'This boke pteynyth to the cherche of Seynt Andrewe of plymouth made y^e xxiiij^{ti} day of Auguste the yere

of the Reyngne of Kyng Edwarde the Fourthe aft^r the cōqueste the xxij^{ti} for to putte in wrytyng alle ye ornamēts of the saide cherche and aswell alle pcell of mony longynge for y^e repacion of y^e same churche w^t the expens and costes of the same as here aft^r is made mencyon in y^s boke in wrytyng in dyvrs pcells. Furst is made mencyon is y^e leffe of such mony as is assynned and gr^unted by dyu's psons to y^e makygn of the southe Ilde of the saide chirche, y^t is to wite.' Includes accounts of Church ales and of expenses on the 'stypell.'

'The Receytes and Paymentes of Thomas Tresawell maire of Plymouth the iij yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the VII.,' open thus, 'Furste payd to John Andrewe mason for Saynt John ys Ile yn Seynt Andrewe ys churche.'

Tresawell's accounts for 3 Hen. VII. come first; then come Tregarthen's, Michaelmas 21 Ed. IV. to Michaelmas 22 Ed. IV.; Tresawell's again follow for the next year—being irregular.

21 Edw. IV.—farm of Sutton Pool, £1 4s.; from Vyntry Ward, 30s.; Old Town, 20s.; Venars Ward, 28s.; Stonehouse 'quarter pence,' £1 1s. 4d.

Tresawell received for 'dawnsyng money' of 'Agnes dowster of Kat'yn hoker,' 11s.; 'Johne s^uuant of Thomas Crophe,' 11s.; 'Jonett potter,' 9s. 9d.; 'Johna filia Will Nycoll,' and Roger Payne not stated.

The smith paid for iron work of 'the wyndowe yn Seynt John ys Ile.'

Fifteenth in Mayoralty of Thomas Clowter—Collected in Old Town Ward, £10 2s. 4d.; Vyntry, £5 5s. 10d.; Loo Street, £4 19s. 6d.; Venor, £2 11s. 6d. Kings Tamerton, 10s.; Maker, 10s.; Stonehouse, 2s. 6d.; Vawtars gronde, 2s. 6d.; Houndiscombe, 16d.; Tungsolnd, 8d.—£1 7s. Total, £24 6s. 2d.

Note that the town had only been in the habit of paying £22 12s. 8d.; but £12 that had always been deducted being demanded—'therefore a new setting was made through the whole towne':—Old Town Ward, £4 14s. 6d.; Vintry, £2 11s. 10d.; Loo Street, £2 8s. 10d.; Venor, £1 3s. 6d.—total, £10 18s. 8d. Tything of Compton, 6s. 8d.

From 3 Hen. VII. this ledger was put to no use until 7 Hen. VIII., when the auditors of the borough began a series of yearly accounts of the collectors of tonnage in the port of Plymouth, and of the collectors of the assize-rents of the borough from 6-7 Hen. VIII. to 24-5 Eliz.

[130] OLD AUDIT BOOK.

First *Receivers' Book*, otherwise called the '*Old Audit Book*.' The volume begins with some accounts of 1486; then comes a gap with some blank leaves; next loose accounts of 1487-8, including some connected with the church of St. Andrew. From 9 Hen. VII. the entries with one exception are consecutive and complete to 2 Eliz. At end are three leaves of account, 16 Hen. VII.

1486. *Wm Tregyll.*

Itm	Ress of Robert boke ffor y ^e Rerrayg off y ^e carreyer when thay brovght home y ^e wole shype	v ^s
Itm	Ress off thomas hokeyer ffor y ^e porter shyp	xx ^s
Itm	Ress off John Paynter is account	v ^{li} iij ^s iij ^d
Itm	payd ffor vj lovys of sugg ^r weyng xxviiij q ^r at vj y ^e lb y ^e whyche was gevyn to my lord steward and vnto Syr John Sapcott at plymton when we made owre benevolence of c mark for the hole town of p. [part disallowed.]	xiiiij ^s ij ^d
Itm	payd to y ^e men y ^t made clen the pytt ffor the cokeyng stoll	v ^d
Itm	payd to Wattkyn y ^e masson ffor ij dayes labor yn y ^e elde hall	viiij ^d
Itm	payd xnto mastr mayer by y ^e hond off my wyff to pay y ^e pryer of plymton	vij ^{li} v ^s viij ^d
	for the hole yere is rent for the town & xxxix ^{li} vj ^s viij ^d & on Symon & Jude is Day to y ^e said p ^r	xx ^s
Itm	payd vnto John Gill y ^s sarment agaynst Crysmas yn Redy mony at y ^e may ^{rs} comandement [disallowed]	iiij ^s iij ^d
Itm	payd ffor strawe ffor y ^e preysseyners y ^t was brovght yn y ^e Clynke	ij ^d
Itm	payd vnto John Samson ffor his fye off The bolwarke	iiij ^s iij ^d
Itm	payd ffor foreys to make the ffyr bekyn at hawe iij tymes	ix ^d
Itm	payd ffor candylls ffor y ^e bollwarke when they dyde wayche ther	iiij ^d
Itm	payd vnto Syr John em ffor John Brovn ys tabyll y ^t playyd to organs for iij wekks [disallowed]	iiij ^s

Itm payd vnto mast ^r tresawell when he went to london y ^e xvij day off december ffor to speke to my lord broke for ye benyvotence	xx ^s
Itm payd vnto men that fyt y ^e tymber owte off aman ys hovs when he was troblyd	ij ^s
Itm payd ffor ij gallonys off wyn ffor y ^e mayer and his brethren when they sawe y ^e franchise a but	xvj ^d
Itm payd for wyn to y ^e Collectors y ^t fet y ^e quynsyn y ^e iiij day off May. And for bred y ^t they had	ix ^d
Itm payd to John Gell ffor setyng on the ffytters apon y ^e prest ys lyggs	ij ^d
Itm payd vnto John Adreyan ffor kepyng off y ^e carreyers	v ^s
Itm payd vnto John Adreyan for bryngyng off a boot off stonys to y ^e caws	iijs iiij ^d
vij barrys of yerryn ffor y ^e wyndow off the presyn hovs [supplied by Pers the smyth]	xix ^s iiij ^d
Itm payd to y ^e stanyer off totnys ffor y ^e taynyng off ij standeres ffor y ^e town w ^t vjs viii ^d y ^t y ^e may ^r paid	xiijs iiij ^d
Itm payd vnto y ^e stayner off toteneys ffor staynging off ye gret baner ffor y ^e town	xx ^d
Itm payd vnto Wyllm Seyet y ^e westment maker ffor franggyng off y ^e gret stremer ffor y ^e town	ijs iiij ^d
Itm payd ffor mendyng off y ^e mast at y ^e caws	ij ^d
A commission brought relating to the tinner.	
Itm payd vnto Jhamys the goldsmythe ffor mendyng off rystaffer ys mase	x ^d
Itm payd vnto Adreyan ffor y ^e gret boot of stonys ffor the caws	iijs iiij ^d
Itm payd vnto Jheffrey thomas barber ys man ffor making off ij molds & for castyng off iiij ^{sxx} and xij pe ballys off led & eyrryn for thykpeny ys bolwerke	xij ^d
Itm payd vnto the whaycheman att Rame ffor kepyng off ye bekying ther & brinyng iiij tymys	iiij ^d
Itm payd vnto Wyllm bovy ffor the kepyng off the bolwerke ffor a yere	vjs viij ^d
Robert bucke master of the carryer paid cost for her £8 7s. 8d.	
It p ^d to the breton for sewyng of the forsayle	iijs v ^d ob.
It p ^d for v bolt of canvas for the forsayle	iiij ^h iijs iiij ^d

It p ^d for a pole of the church	. . . . .	ij ^d
It p ^d for a foote of lede	. . . . .	ix ^d
It p ^d for a compas	. . . . .	viiij ^d
It p ^d for a gallon of ale to the feleschipp that bare the anker to the smythe.	. . . . .	ij ^d
It p ^d to John perse for iiij gowns v desyns of cloth valet	. . . . .	xxxj ^s iiij ^d

1487. *John Paynter.*

Itm Rec ^d of Willm brewne for the comyn seale	. . . . .	vj ^s viij ^d
Itm Rec ^d of mychaell force for an outlawry	. . . . .	iiij ^d

Total receipts with arrears, £59 8s., and there were several outstanding accounts for the 'carryers.' Charge 8*d.* a time for the little boat, 16*d.* for the large one. The boats were hired by—John Ilcombe, a frenshman, owners of the 'brokyn shypp,' Wm. Roger, Thos. Yogge, John Gew, Thomas Grayson, Thos. Cropp, Richard Bovy, Thos. Bulle, 'the marchants of the andrew,' Jenet Elwin, Wm. Dawe, Wm. Nycoll, John Perse, and the Prior of White Friars.

It p ^d to master bowrynge for the on halffe for the Recorder y ^s fee	. . . . .	xxij ^s iiij ^d
It ^m p ^d to Jam ^s the goldsmyth for the mendyng of John gele ys mase ij tymes	. . . . .	xvj ^d
It ^m p ^d to master mayer to be burges of the plement	. . . . .	xxvj ^s viij ^d
Itm p ^d for Scherpyng of a yryn Crowe	. . . . .	j ^d
It for pavyng of the Strete by the Church Style.	. . . . .	ij ^s viij ^d
It p ^d to the smyth for the yreworke of the wyndow of Sent John ys yele	. . . . .	xlij ^s ix ^d
It ^m p ^d to John Andrew for to purvey stufte for the ij wyndowes of Sent George ys yele	. . . . .	xx ^s
It p ^d to John Adryan for on tyme the grete Caryer & for on tyme the litell caryer y ^s lade w ^t stones the syde wall of Sent George ys yele	. . . . .	v ^s
It p ^d to the old man the synger by the comande- ment of master mayer master henscot & oders for to go to plymton to fetche mass y songs	. . . . .	xij ^d
Much work done on the 'Cawse.'		

1493-4. *Rauf Tywarne.*

Here ffolwyth the resseyts resseyved for the Towne Caryer.

In pmis res of the Anne of Fowey	iijs ^s iiijd ^d
Itm res off John Frynes for vj tyde	iijs ^s
Itm res of Willm Brokyng for iij tyde	xviijd ^d
Itm res of John Bryan for vj tyde	iijs ^s
Itm resseyved of Edward Carswyll for ij tyde	xij ^d
Itm res of John Ilcombe for iiiij tyde	ijs ^s
Itm res of John Paynto ^r for a tyde	vjd ^d
Itm res of Thomas Phylipp for ix tyde	iiijs ^s vjd ^d
Itm res of Willm Nicoll for a tyde	vjd ^d
Itm res of John horsewyll for a tyde	vjd ^d
Itm res of Andrew Rawe for a tyde	vjd ^d
Itm res of Willm Rogger for ij tyde	xij ^d
Itm res of Janett Dawe for ij tyde	xij ^d
Itm res of Thomas Phylipp for a tyde	vjd ^d

The Receiver had a gown worth 10s. annually.

Itm for Bryngyng of the cheynes from the Cawse yn to the castell	viiij ^d
Itm for hongyng vppe of the belle at how	j ^d
Itm p ^d to Thomas hoker and his company when they flett the captayne of the lord Gray goten is barke a lond	viiij ^d
Itm p ^d to Thomas hoker and his company when they sarched Rawlyn a Tere ys shipp	viiij ^d
Itm p ^d to Richard ligh for Rydyng to london to warne y ^e mair of y ^e yndytement	xx ^s

1494-5. *John Horswyll.*

Furst rec ^d of Rychard yeo for y ^e myllys at iiiij dyu's tymes	xx ^{li}
It rec ^d of Rychard Gew for y ^e olde Caryer y ^t was solde	xx ^s
It rec ^d for a hoggshed of Rochell wyne y ^t was gevyn to y ^e mendyng of y ^e grete Gvn	xiijs ^s iiijd ^d

The town had a lawsuit with Sir John Crocker, which cost apparently £20 8s. 2d.; wine was given to the Judges—Halewyll and Sapcote—and the Sheriff.

It to G. Forde for a hoggshed of wyne gevyn to Mr Shyryff to be oure good mast^r yn making of Sr John Crocker is vij panels a yens^t vs xxiijs^s iiijd^d

The Under Sheriff had 3s. 4d. for 'making of o^r vij panells,' with a quart of Malmsey; and the Sheriff another hogshead bought of Walter Rowe, costing 20s. Four rybbys of beef, 10½d.; two copyll of hake, 5d.; paid 'to helpe to rewarde y^e Jury,' £1 6s. 8d. once, and 6s. 8d. a second time.

It p ^d to Cotewyll for y ^e renewyng of y ^e pyctur of Gogmagog a pon y ^e howe	vij ^d
Coste done to mast ^r Eggecomb by advys of m ^r Mayr m ^r Record ^r the xij & the xxiiij when he was made Knygt and Shyryff.	
ffirst for ij Sug ^r loffe weyeng x li qrtr iiij li qrtr y ^e of at xvij ^d and ye vj li at ij v ^d sm ^a	iijs x ^d
It ij botells of Redde wyne pce	ix ^d
It a potell of Malmsey	viiij ^d
It a Galon of Clarett wyne & bayne wyne	viiij ^d
It a botell of bastard	v ^d
It do dos of pownegarnarde a pownde sedo & a dos do of Orenge	viiij ^d

Ye towne hous mentioned that was Edward Elseworthy
ys hous.

Coste don a pon mendyng of y ^e Shamells & y ^e towne Shopp y ^t Watkyns peyams hold and helyng of y ^e olde yelde hall.	
It a helyer iiij dayes mete & byre	ijs
A hoggshed of Rochell wyne y ^t a ffreshman geve to y ^e towne for hurtyng of y ^e grete gon.	
It for a carpett to cov ^r y ^e May ^r is Sege yn y ^e church	xiijs iiij ^d
It for wyne y ^t was dronken yn the mornyng when y ^e Mayr & his brethern went to m ^r Shyryff	viiij ^d
It to Cornelys Goldsmyth for mendyng of y ^e lytell mace	xij ^d
It to S ^r Willia ^m Courteney at S. Carsewylls hows ij galons of wyne at his dyn ^r & a galon at Sop [supper] by cause he was one of o ^r best Jurors	ijs

1495-6. *Richard Gew.*

Itm p ^d for mendyng of a Cunditt yn the tene- mente some tyme Nicolas Elsworthy ys	xviij ^d
Itm p ^d to Willm Thyckepeny and to Willm Bree burgs of the pliament the same yere	xl ^s
John Andrew, mason, made a morestone window for guildhall.	
Itm p ^d for my horse hyre to Ryde to Ayspton to see Mr. Yogge when he was Seke	ijs viij ^d
Itm p ^d to the pavyer for mendyng of the Kyngs hey wey yn Spesery strete	ij ^d

New weights and measures were provided and fetched
from Exeter by William hosyer, costing 11s. 8d.; and John

Paynter was paid for keeping 'kyngs beme and wyghts.'
John Brewne had 7*s.* 6*d.* for a 'banker and ij quyshyn
clothys for the bynche yn the Eldehalle,' and John Bowen
for making and other stuff 1*s.* 6*d.*

Itm p^d for repacion of y^e howse called y^e Ilond . xv^s
Itm to Thomas Yogge when he came fro London
at seynt Tomas ys day yn the towne ys name
yn wyne . viij^d
Itm p^d to John Kyrton for Rollyng of the
Chartour . xxxix^s ij^d

Rewards paid to the mynstrells of the 'kyng,' 'my lady
of bedford,' and my 'lord of Oxford.'

Itm p^d to John Banadon for the Resseyte of the
toneage y^t ys to say (xxxviiij^s ij^d) of every
li ij^s sum . iij^s ix^d
Itm p^d for the bryngyng yn of the Dane and for
kepyng of the same Dane shyp . xx^s

William Berry had 1*s.* pension for keeping the guns for
a year.

1496-7. *Richard Oreng.*

The Recorder had 20*s.* and Bree 13*s.* 4*d.*, as burgesses.
'Tawny' for the wayts, 13*d.* a yard.

Itm p^d to aman y^t was send vnto Exeter when
the Captyn was at Exet^r to Spy tydyngs . ij^s vj^d
Itm p^d to Thomas Martyn and his cōpany to
saylle to penle to speke w^t m^r Treffrye . xvj^d
Itm delyv'd vnto viij mē y^t wer send by y^e mayer
to my lord of devonshyr yn Cornewalle to
defende pkyn [Perkin Warbeck] . liiij^s iiiij^d

'Grene Jacketts' were provided them at 8*d.* the yard—
8 yards; and of 'whitt' 8 yards at 7*d.* the yard.

Commissioners came to Plymouth 'to se the quarry y^t
M^r Crocker suyth srteyne mē of y^e towne for'

1497-8. *Nicholas Trelan.*

Itm p^d to Rauffe Gylbard and to Richard mewton
collectorr of the ayde for my lorde of
plympton . xxxij^s iiiij^d
Itm p^d for the towne vnto the Kyng's collectours
for the ayde . xl^s
Itm p^d to Symon Artour for makyng of ij quyshen
clothys for m^r mayer ys pew w^t y^e toune ys
armys vppon y^m . ij^s viij^d

Two 'Goteyskynnes' cost 10*d.*, 'flocks to fylle them' 10*d.*, and half a skin of gold foil 6*d.*

The Mayor went to Exeter when the king was there, at some cost.

Wm. Stayner had 1*s.* for painting the town arms on a town book.

Itm yn wyne to my lord pnce ys Covncell at y^e
mayer ys housse xv^d

1498-9. *Harry Hornebroke.*

A gallows cost 4*d.* in timber, 1*s.* for making, and a pillory 3*s.* 8*d.* in making.

Item for a ladder to peryn Erle to hang the thevys x^d

Item p^d to vj men to go to the Galowes w^t Jagge vj^d

Item yn ale vppon the same mē iij^d

Item yn halter for to hange the thefys and to bynde ys armys v^d

Item to Russell to sett y^e ij pson's in the pelory iij^d

Item to John Wylle for setting on of the pson's ys Geves and for smytyng of the same vj^d

Item p^d to John Gryslyng for xxx galons iij pts of bastard geven to Mr. Bowryng for his comyng hyder to do execucion vppon Cornet & Kelly xvij^s xj^d

Work done on the old town ward tower, the castle generally, and the 'byschoppe ys towre.'

1499-1500. *William Carswyll.*

The mills in this year brought £19; alewyts £3; rollage and package £1 10*s.*; market 10*s.*; pound 5*s.* 3*d.*; wynewyts 10*s.*; rents of assize £13.

John hylle gave the Mayor and his brethren £3 for an old house; Wm. Brokyng 10*s.* for a piece of ground in bylbury strete; Richard Gew 4*s.* 2*d.* for 5 sheep. Total receipts for the year, with arrears, £56 14*s.* 7*d.*

Itm ress of Roger peyne for the towne custume for xvj doss of cloth of arrerage xvj^d

Itm for turvys for makyng of the butts x^s

Itm yn mony yeven to the pvyncyall of the whytt frers for a sorman xx^d

Itm for a pece of tyne vayng ij C q^t xix^{li} for the organys iij^{li} vij^s x^d

Itm p^d to William Russell which putt on Wyllm Wellys yn to the pelory ij^d

Total spent for the year £48 0*s.* 6*d.*

1500-1. *John Joseph.*

Item more y gave a Reward vn to my lord steward ys sruant for bryngyng of a buck the which my lord sent vn to y ^e meyr & hs bretheryn .	iijs viij ^d
Itm p ^d for flour to bake y ^e same venyson . . .	vij ^d
Itm p ^d for pep to y ^e same	vij ^d
Itm p ^d for trencherys	i ^d
Itm p ^d for bred	ix ^d
Itm p ^d for Red wyne	xvij ^d
Itm p ^d clarett wyne	ijs vj ^d
Item p ^d to byrdwoode for bakyng of y ^e venson .	vij ^d
Itm p ^d to the pryer of whytefryers for a nelme for ye stokys & the skytyng stole . . .	iijs iiij ^d
Itm p ^d for a chayr to y ^e skytyng stole . . .	vij ^d
Itm p ^d for iij potellys of wyne when mast barefote made a srmon	xij ^d
Itm p ^d to Wyllm Jen ^r for vj dayes do to make the pale yn y ^e markytt strete	iijs iiij ^d
Itm p ^d for makyng clene of gogmagog	vij ^d

Four pence spent on a potell of wyne for two chanons of Plympton; the dean of Exeter had two loaves of sugar and three gallons of wyne; 4^d. each paid for setting men in the pillory.

1501-2. *Nicolas Trelan.*

Expenses connected with the landing of Katharine of Arragon entered as follows:

Itm p ^d to Richard Gewe for vj oxen the wich wer p'sented to my lady prynces	vi ^{li} vjs viij ^d
Itm p ^d to Gelam Mellow Bocher for xx shepe the wich wer p'sented to my lady prynces	xxxiijs iiij ^d
Itm p ^d to Willm Chopyn for iiij shepe that wer p'sented to my lady princs	viijs viij ^d
Itm p ^d for ij hogshedds of Gaston' wyne wich was p'sented to my lady princs	xl ^s
Itm p ^d to M ^r Yogge for a hogshed of clarett wyne p'sented to my lady princs	xvjs viij ^d
Itm p ^d for a pipe of meskedell p'sented to my lady pryncs . . . . .	.xlvs viij ^d
Itm a reward to the pryncs ys mylstrells	ijs
Itm to the Erle ys mylstrells of Spayne	xx ^d
Itm to the pryncs ys ij foteymen at his deptynge	ijs
Itm delyu'yd to my lady pryncs ys amner to wryte oure supplicacion yn Spaynysch and in latyn, and to be owr salucyt'	x ^s

Itm a reward to a purcyfant y ^t brouft' vs y ^e kynges lett's	ij ^s iij ^d
Itm p ^d to the bell ryngers for my lord prynce ys dyryge and at masse	xij ^d ob.
Itm p ^d to Willm Tolle to bere the kynges letters to my lord Broke at Sherborne	v ^s
Itm p ^d to Willm Rogger to bere letter to my lord Broke at Excetre	ij ^s iij ^d
Itm p ^d iij galons of wyne to S ^r Willm Covrtenay, S ^r John Arundell and to ij gentylnen of the kynges hous	ij ^s
Itm p ^d for ij hogsheddcs of wyne of Bayon, wich was sent to my lord Broke at Bere	xxxij ^s iij ^d
Itm for ix pegonys to amend the old geld hall, [subsequently spoken of as the prison]	ij ^s

1502-3. *John Brewe.*

Itm for stelyng of the greate slagge	vj ^d
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Paynted cloth was made 'ageynst my lord broke ys comyng,' and the guildhall made fine with plaster of paris. Watch kept when the 'ffrenchman of warre chastyd yn a spaynard of warre.'

1503-4. *John Powne.*

Itm for mendyng of the glasse wyndow yn the Gldhall	ij ^d
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Walter Bovy had 13s. 4d. fee for keeping the castle, bulwarks, and guns; and £9 6s. 3d. was spent on the bulwarks. John Style had 26s. 8d. as a burgess; Elford, town attorney, 13s. 4d. as a burgess, and 13s. 4d. for looking after the town affairs in London.

1504-5. *Thomas Cocke.* Two great guns bought out of Spain under indenture with the gunmakers, paid for by xxij 'doss of whytts' worth £7 11s. 8d., which was packed in canvas and sent to Saltash; customs 3s. 6d. 'Loops' made in the bulwarks for the guns; and the end of the great gun calked with oakum, with a piece of iron nailed over the mouth 'to kepe hym close.'

Itm for iij chesys sent yn Spayne for a reward to the makers of y ^e same Gunys prmysed vpon the bargyn	x ^d
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1505-6. *Thomas Cocke.*

Itm p ^d to the purcevant for bryngyng of the Kyngs lett ^r when the kyng of Castell landed here	ij ^s
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A messenger sent with John Style into Cornwall to lord broke.

The freight of the two guns from Spain cost 11*s.* and 1*s.* for bringing them to Plymouth from Ayshe.

Itm more p^d for bred and drynke for caryng of them from the watt^r syde to the Gldhall iiiij^d

1506-7. *Wat P'diaux.*

Itm p^d for a man and a horsse ij tymes to go for nicolas Adam of loo to make the crosse and the vanys on y^e Stypell xvj^d

The iron work of the steeple came from Plympton. Much outlay this year on the great gun and bulwarks. Palmer, mason, had 2*s.* for six days; Gunday, labourer, 8*d.* for four days.

1507-8. *John Gryslynge.*

It for xx quarters of Stone cole for the kyll at Castell pce the qtr xx^d sum xxxiiij^s iiiij^d

New gowns provided for the ways.

Differences arose with men of Plympton as to the land-leave, and Lord Broke was spoken to. An acre of wood at Cutheyll bought of Pers Edgcumbe for £5.

1508-9. *Stephyn Pers.*

Itm rec^d of dyu's straungs this yere lvj hake gyven to the Cawsse which were dryed & solde for vj^s viij^d

This is the first of many similar entries.

It p^d to maist^r mayre for hiȝ pencyon this yere beside vⁱⁱ p^d for the m'cyments yn full payment of xⁱⁱ vⁱⁱ

This is also the first of many similar entries.

Wm. Mower, helyer, paid 6*d.* a day and to find himself.

Another acre of wood bought of Mr. Edgcombe, who sent the Mayor and his brethren venison.

Itm for mete and drynke for the beggers that labored abowte makynge clene of the Castell a daye iiiij^d

The Cawse pynned and pointed by Newcomb the mason and his fellows; and stones fetched from Prince Rock for the Castle.

Itm for makynge of a pew yn the Churche for m^r mayre xx^s

Itm for makynge of a Cage for scolds iij^s

1509-10. *Wm. Randell.*

It delyu'yd to John Bryan for harry Strete and hym beyng burges of plement for the towne for ther labo^r and Expences durynge the plement and for rewards and pleasurs gyven to dyu's lords of the Courte to be fryndely to the toune. x^{li}

It delyu'yd to Willum bulle to by ij gvnes yn Spayn for the towne iij^c & do of hake vj^s for the C pce the C (xiijs^s iiij^d) sm^a xlvjs^s viij^d

Men worked in John Paynter's close 'for the conveyance of the wat^r yn to the way.'

£12 paid for two mill stones out of 'Roan' for the town mills; custom for the same 5s.; a 'peyre of hose-cloth' given to the man who brought them 2s.

1510-11. *John Pawlyn.*

Itm for a hoggshed of bayne wyne which was dronke yn the m'kett at the pcession for the byrthe of the prynce xiijs^s iiij^d

Four gallons of Rompney at 8d. were also drank the same time.

Itm for makynge of the butts at howe iij^s iiij^d

A new pan weighing 26 lb. sold for 4d. the lb.; a brasen pot weighing 41 lb. at 2d. the lb.

1511-12. *John Bullewyke.*

Itm rec^d of the pryor of plympton gyven towarde the repacon of the Cawsey x1^s

Itm Rec^d of Rogger Beare of plympton for xij quarts of Colys & vj bushell pce the quart^r ijs^s ij^d sm^a xxvijs^s vj^d

Rent of 'Soure pole mylls' entered at £21.

Itm to John the mason and Edward Salerman for iij tydes at the Cawssey ix^d

A quarry broken within the new bulwark. The new Cawse mentioned and 'grete stones' brought there. A dry wall made in the Castle from Old Town tower to Venar tower; and a new house put up at the Cawsey—masons' labourers had 6d. a day, as it was harvest-time.

Itm for a cheyne of Jren for the Cawssey weyenge viij^c j quart^r viij^{lb} at (j^s q^r) the lb. iiij^{li} xvij^s ij^d

Itm to ij Carpyntes for makynge of the frame for the bell at Seynt Katyn Chapell ij dayes eu'ry of them (vj^d) a daye & fynde them selfe ijs^s

Work done on Thykpeny's bulwark, the new bulwark, and the west bulwark.

Itm to John Gryslyng for a hoggshed of wyne which was sett a broche & dronken vppon the key when the pryot of plympton & his Company werē here to rescuwe the town when it was said the Frenshemen had brende Fowey	xx ^s
Itm for alē to dyu's men that holpe to Slynge the grete stonys at the Cawssey	viii ^d
Itm p ^d to the hermyte of Seynt Katyn to mende the tyle yn the Chapell the which was broken w ^t the gvnne	iiiij ^d
Itm p ^d to the pson of Rame for the waccheman at penlee	xviiij ^d
Itm to the Spaynarde for carage of stonys to the Cawssey	xxij ^d

John Gryslyngs servant drowned 'yn Slyngeynge of Stonys for the Caussey.'

Itm for vj newe Ors for the bote	ij ^s viij ^d
Itm to palm ^r & his man at the Cawssey for makinge of gvnne stonys x dayes	ix ^s

Edward Peryn of Totnes taken up on suspicion of felony because he had certain gold on him, and sent to Exeter. The Recorder had £3 13s. 6d. 'because he labored that the towne had the golde which was taken w^t the same man'; and twenty-one 'dokatts' of the money were given to John Gryslynge, and went to the 'repacon of the Cawsse.'

1512-13. *Thomas Bulle.*

Itm Rec ^d of Docto ^r Barber the whiche he gave towarde the makinge of the dike at howe by the wat ^r side	xij ^d
Itm to Stephyn Rede at Aysse passage for iij qrtes of lyme to the newe lope for the portyngal gvnne at x ^d the qrt ^r	ij ^s vjd
Itm for xj molds of tymber to make gvnne stonys by	xx ^d

A gun under 'Seynt Katyns' mentioned, 'John Walshe is bullework,' the 'gvnne of loostrete warde,' and the 'westmasto' gun. Gun stones were supplied at 1d. each. Two guns were bought of John Ilcomb for £8; gun chambers are frequently mentioned; and a 'slynge

chamber.' The watchman at Rame had 2s. for his year's wages, and 4d. 'for a rewarde to come & geve warnyng of shypps at see.'

- Itm for a barell of ale & for bredde to make the men of Stonehouse to drynke when they were here at mavster iiij^d
- Itm for copyll of Capons, of Chekons and for puffyns for a psent to my lorde Admyrall & for a Fisser bote to sett m^r mayre & his company a borde my lorde is shyp xij^s vj^d
- Itm for a kussen of Carpett worke for m^r mayre is pewe iiiij^s

1513-14. *John Ilcomb.*

- M^o that ther was taken owte of a Flemyng shyp this yere yn the tyme of warre vj Frenshe men pson's w^t the which was taken of ther goods yn the said shyp viij butts & j hoggshed of Romney where oon butt went to vlage the other so remayned but vij butts & j hoggshed of the whiche ther was solde to dyu's psons vj butts & j hoggshed pce for the butte liij^s iiiij^d & the hoggshed for xxij^s iiiij^d sm^a xvij^{li} iij^s iiiij^d
- Itm Rec^d of oon of the forsaide Frenshemen that were taken pson's yn the said Flemyng shyp the which was a pilott yn the same shyp for his Raunson (xls) & of ij other of them (xx^s) a pece beside oon of them that dyed & beside ij of them the whiche went home for their Raunson and came not ageyn iiiij^{li}

Six other Frenchmen paid xx^s each ransom, one each being taken out of a Spanish and a Flemish ship, and four taken prisoners by the towne. The master of the Fleming had £3 10s. for the wine; which was put into John Paynter's court. John Palmer took the last cask in payment for work on the Cawssey.

- Itm to a man to make vppe the ffyre bekyn j^d

Wm. Randall's gun and John Ilcomb's gun named; also 'Stephen Pers is gonne'—he held the town barne by the howe. A good deal of timber used on the bulwarks. 'Gun stones' fetched from the Moor; in after years made of Staddon stone. A messenger sent to London to know if a Danish ship should leave or not, had 16s.

1514-15 *Thomas Sayer.*

John Ilcombe for 'tabelynge' five Frenchmen and four men eight weeks had 13s. 4d. A Fleming who told the Mayor that the six Frenchmen were in the Flemish ship had 1s. 6d. Two trusses of furze cost 11d. John Lucas, sergeant, had 8d. for cutting gogmagog.

Itm for bredde & drynke for peter hare and other Gunne's at the charging of the gynnys when the Spaynarde shipps were comyng yn ageyn aft^r that Thomas Rowland & Fote were slayne. [A commission sat on the Spaniards.] iij^d

[The guns were taken backwards and forwards to the Hoe from the Guildhall, &c., as required.]

1515-16. *John Lane.*

Several entries touching 'makyng of the ffrounte of the Guyldehall.'

It payd to the glasyer for glas & glasynge of the holes brokyn yn the guyldehall wyndow xiiij^d
 It for apples for the ladds that M^r Mayre had aboute w^t hym when he vewyd the Francheyse [similar entries subsequently] j^d
 It gyuyne in Rewarde to the Kyngs Bereherde v^s
 It in Rewarde to luskum for his dogge at the bere baytyng iiij^d

1516-17. *Henry Harvy.*

The mill cause repaired. A 'brytton bote' taken. The third mace mentioned as borne in the mayoralty of John Paynter. Seven pounds of rope for 'seynt Katyn is bell' cost 7d.

It for pers apples and notts for chylder to go aboute the Franchise iiij^d
 It for ale the same tyme ij^d

1517-18. *Nichas Trelan.*

It p^d for Castyng downe & makyng ageyne of the oldewall by the Fryers lane & rydding of the strete there to ij workemen a grote v^s iiij^d
 It p^d for a man & his Oxen to fetche one of the grete slyngs fro m^r paynt' is palls to the hall pale iiij^d
 It p^d to William Annys in full paym^t of a gounne that was bought for venōs warde & aft' solde to the towne xx^d

1518-19. *Peter Grislyng.*

Itm Rec of Willm Randall & Willm lake for londlyff of ij ton & a pype of yron (xx ^d) & for lx quart's of Cole ij ^s vj ^d	iiij ^s ij ^d
It for drynke to the Company that sett home the Towne Gonnes fro the how	iiij ^d
It p ^d to Mast ^r Jerman of Exett ^r for arrs of his paymet to hym due at thexecucion of the Spaynards in the tyme of Willm Brokyng m ^r	vj ^s viij ^d
It p ^d for Salt for hake of the Castyll at dyu'se tynes	xvij ^d
It for calkyng of the lopys of the grete bulwark	xi ^d
It for a waynescott for the kyngs armes	vij ^d
It for makyng of the same	vij ^d
It for golde to paynt the same	vj ^s vj ^d
It for a Reward to Jelys & his company for shutyng of ordenns when my lord broke was hyre	xvj ^d
It for mourestones to stand at the bonds	vj ^s viij ^d

1519-20. *John Charelton.*

It p ^d for bryngyng vp of the Skoldyng stole from Wm Pulls Kaye to the guyldehall pale	
It p ^d for berynge of ij Gonne Chambers from the west how to the grete bulworke	ij ^d

A suit by the 'pshe of Seynt Mary of plympton wrongfully Imposd ageynst vs & or pshe for Repacion of the Churche yarde wall of Plympton.'

1520-21. *Henry Harvy.*

It p ^d to Rogg Elforde town attorney for his pensyon	xiiij ^s iiij ^d
It delyuryd to m ^r Bykporte to pcure a new Comysshon for the Towne walls	xx ^d
It for thattachment of one hutton beyng a vacabonde for his fyndyng & the Inqsicion of the tales that he tolde apon his attachyng [horse hire to London 4 ^d]	v ^s

A dispute occurred between Plymouth and Dartmouth concerning the landleave, which came before the Sessions at Exeter.

It p ^d to Symon Wering for hys labo ^r aboute the ordenns shotyng at my lorde bysshopp beyng here	xvj ^d
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The Mayor and others rode to Chudleigh to give the bishop a present.

It paid for v gresyd Congers for my sayde lorde of Exetter is present	xxj ^s
It for ij ^c of swete Orynges & ij ^c of seure orynges	iijs ^s iiij ^d
It for a box of fyne marmalade	ij ^s
It for ij potts of consrua	iijs ^s
It for a frayle of grete Fygs	iijs ^s
It for xx ^{li} of Reasons of the son	xx ^d
It pd for the Caryeng of the same present	iijs ^s iiij ^d

1521-22. *Henry Ley.*

'Whytleys kyll' and the bedesmans house mentioned.
Much expenditure on guns.

It p ^d to ayshaley for makyng of the portyngale gonne chambre in Spayne	xx ^v
It p ^d for a Rope to wynde vp the chayne weyeng lxvi lb.	viijs ^s vj ^d
It for a staple to Waye vp the chayne weyeng ix ^{li} of yren at (1 ^d ob) the pounce	xiiij ^d ob
It gyuyn in Rewarde to the dyver that dyvyd vnder wat ^r	iijs ^s iiij ^d
It for a greate yarde to lye w ^t the Chayne at the cawse	xx ^s
It for lvj of yrework for the end of the yarde	vjs ^s iiij ^d

A carpenter had 3s. 6d. at 7d. a day 'to make the Wyndyng for the cheyne at the cawse,' timber costing 2d. Iron put on the mast of the cawse and 'balche' provided for the rope of the chain; 1s. paid for carrying the chain to and from the cawse, and 16d. to Shuge for mending it. Nails and spikes bought for the end of the sayleyarde.

1522-3. *Robert Dyghton.*

Powder bought of a Spaniard. Coke the smith had 4s. for making 35 'pylletts' of iron for the 'slynge.'

The watchman of Rame had 4s. for his year's wages, and 1s. for his labour in coming to Plymouth sundry times.

It for iiij Congers w ^t marmalade & other things sent to my lorde of exetter for a present [carriage ij ^d]	xviijs ^s iiij ^d
It p ^d for Caryage of the felon to exett ^r y ^t was takyn owte of the greyfryers	x ^s
It for hangyng vp the maste at the cause	iiij ^d
It for a chayne for the Cawsey weyeng 1 ^c viiij ^{li}	xx ^s

It for a smal chayne for the mast weyeng xxiiij^{li} ij^s x^d ob
 Itm payed for a Bembe for the Bulworkes that
 goyeth on & on the greate bulworke vnder
 Seynt Katyns ij^s viij^d

1523-4. *John Clawce.*

Thomas Bull paid 22*d.* for 22 hake gathered for the
 causeway by him in his mayoralty. Recorder's pension
 £1 6*s.* 8*d.*; attorney's 13*s.* 4*d.*

Itm for a Rope & new makyng the Wyndlez of
 the Cheyne xij^d
 Itm gyuyn in Reward to the Kyngs Joculars vj^s viij^d
 Itm in Rewarde to hym that Caryed the Kyngs
 Camell ij^s
 Itm in Reward to the wayts on mydsom^r nyght
 watch vij^s
 Itm p^d for pap threde & Caryng of gonnys in to
 the Churche Yarde & makynge of wyldefyre
 at the Watche xij^d
 Itm p^d for wyne sent to the Commyssoners at the
 Fryers xv^d

1524-5. *William Haukyns.*

Total received with arrears £63 3*s.* 1*d.*; spent £60 9*s.*

Itm Receyuyd of Walter Ad^m Srgeant in the
 tyme of Thomas Bull m^r in full payemt of
 the pquysits of the coale by hym gatheryd
 that yere ou^r & beside v^s ix^d pdonyd to
 Thomas bole x^s vij^d

19*s.* 10*d.* received for ransom of a frenchman taken by
 William Bull. A 'portyngale' paid 6*s.* for 'gonpouldre
 wastyng.' Two pottles of wyne to 'my lady Trevanyan'
 cost 1*s.* 1*d.*

Itm for Caryng of a hogg^d of wyne to the
 Vycarage iiij^d
 Itm p^d for ij gallons of wyne sent to Sr pyers
 Eggecombe & to my lady his wyff at theyre
 fyrst home comyng ij^s
 Itm for a hoggd of Gascoyne wyne gyuyn to my
 lady Eggecombe xxxiiij^s iiij^d
 Itm for a hoggd of wyne gyuyn to Master
 Vycar xxxiiij^s iiij^d
 Itm p^d in Restitucion to the Towne of Dartemouthe
 for landelyfe taken before thappoyntemt made
 betwyxt vs vj^s

It p^d for 1^c of Wode at the Tryvmphe . . . xviii^d
 It for a hoggd of Wyne & Caryage of the same
 at y^e tryomph xx^s iiij^d

1525-6. *Robert Pers.*

Two shillings given to a pursuivant who brought news
 of the peace. Pyper and Clouter mended the Kokyng
 Stole.

1526-7. *Christopher Moore.*

It p^d to M^r Mayre & his breth^{er} for theyre costs
 rydyng to Exetter ffor reformation of the
 Tymes xxvj^s viij^d
 It p^d for vpysettyng [setting-up] of a Clok in the
 yeldhall & for the same Clok bought of
 Ric laurence xxiiiij^s vj^d
 It p^d for Weyer for the Clok xv^d
 It p^d for yreworke for the Clok to Coke the Smyth . . . xv^d
 It p^d for nayles for the Clok frame iiij^d ob
 Itm p^d for Clensyng & ryddyng of gogmagog
 apon ye howe viij^d

1527-8. *John Thomas.*

Itm Rec of master herford for the Clok of the
 yeld hall that he bought of the Towne xxvj^s viij^d
 Itm Rec of tharrogosye [the argosy] for defendyng
 theyre shyp ageynst the Frenshemen that
 wold have taken her xvj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d
 Itm Rec of ij Spaynards for lyke defens xxvj^s viij^d
 Itm p^d for wyne at the welcom of the Frenshe
 Kyngs capteynes when they were comaundyd
 to com a lond out of theyre shipps to be
 spoken w^tall for the peace to be kept w^tn
 the porte ij^s
 Itm p^d ffor fyndyng of the said Capteynes &
 theyre Sruants iij dayes when they were
 kept alond ageynst theyre wylls xxvj^s viij^d
 Itm spent in wyne when the frenshemen went
 hens xij^d
 Itm spent in wyne when the Spaynards p^d theyre
 money xxj^d

'Vlage' for two butts of malmsey sold by the town
 4s. 7d.; 20d. spent in wine on the prior of Bodmin; a new
 bulwark made at the Hoe.

The bulwarks were manned to defend the 'arrogosye
 ageynst the frenshemen' by Stephen Pers, William Bull,

Christopher Moore, William Hawkyns, John Pers, Richard Horswell, Simon Weryng, Richard Gerrard, Nicholas Sark, Langharne, and Lawrence, with men waiting on them. Wm. Hawkyns sold the town 196 lbs. of gunpowder at 6d. a pound.

Itm p^d for John Tasses longbote & his maryners
to Rowe the mayer & his brether to plympton xx^d

1528-9. *John Pers.*

Itm p^d to Willm Bull to Ryde in to Cornewall
to ffatche the Cope of Jabyen's Chauntry iij^s iiij^d

Itm in Reward to Wyllm Ayshlegh to bere the
Chart^r to exetter for the matt^r in varyans be-
twyxt the Towne of plympton & vs for Cou'age ij^s

Itm gyuyn in Rewarde to the duke of Suffolkes srunt
w^t the Daunsynge bere & the dausynge wyff xx^d

Wm. Hawkyns had £8 in part payment for two guns
sold the town.

A shilling was received of a Spaniard for a 'fray';
3s. 4d. of John Norton for a 'bloodshed'; 1s. of 'lewys
meadows & the ij pegons for Carde playenge'; 20d. for
a window forfeited to the town in deodand; 6s. 8d. for the
fynes of henry martyne, John mone, Robert h̄mptoy &
Alst Saunder, brewers, for 'brekyng of the asseyse of ale.'

1529-30. *Thomas Sayer.*

The 'Guners gonne' 10s.; Cleansing of gogmagog 8d.;
Hawkins had another £8 for the brass guns.

1530-1. *Thos. Symon.*

John Pollard and Thos. Vowell paid as burgesses;
the latter at 16d. a day.

It p^d for a Carpytt of Doznek for the Table in the
geldehall to henry harvy iij^s iiij^d

It p^d for a new payre of mylstones bought for the
new horsemylls iij^{li} vj^s viij^d

It p^d for S^r pyrse Eggecombs dynn^r when he had
Communycacion with master mayre & his
Councell of o^r lybertye of o^r water of soure
pole mylls x^s

1531-2. *John Bovy.*

A Horse forfeited as deodand sold for 6s. 8d.

Itm Receyued for a broken Chalice that was solde
in pte of payment for the dett due by the
Churche to the Towne wayeng xvij vn^{cs} &
ij qters price the vn^{ce} iij^s vj^d iij^{li} ij^s ij^d

Itm Rec for a strayer nag that was sold iij^s iiij^d
 It p^d to Mr Brokyng to acqyute home a broken
 chalice that lay w^t hym to pledge xxv^s

1532-3. *Lucas Cock.*

Wm. Hawkins, sergeant, had 8*d.* for cutting gogmagog.

1533-4. *Thomas Clowter.*

Itm p^d to the pryor & Covent for theyre pension
 for half a yere due at Ester last past xiiij^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d

Itm p^d to the same pryor & Covent for theyre
 pension ffor thother half yere from Ester to
 mighelmas after xx^{li} a yere for as moche as
 the Towne is now hensforth yerely discharged
 for on of (ix^{li} vj^s viij^d) by acte of plyament
 that past this yere x^{li}

It p^d for iij qrtors hake sent to m^r Crumwell xx^s

A dispute with Plympton Priory was left to the
 award of Sir Wm. Courtenay, Sir Piers Edgcumb, and
 others.

1534-5. *Thos. Byrtc.*

It p^d for srten dry hake sent to m^r Secretary
 [Cromwell] xiiij^s iiij^d

It p^d for cariage of the same from hense to london xij^s viij^d

‘Vowell and his adherents would have sued out a *quo
 warranto* against the town.’ £4 3*s.* 4*d.* received for 25
 ounces of plate—‘Receyued of the prysts comen store,
 and delivered in payment by Xpofer Moore.

1535-6. *Thomas Mylls.*

It p^d for the Custom of a shypp of whete that
 wold not have discharged his whete here
 onles he were discharged as well of the
 kyngs Customs & subsydye as of all other
 customs xv^s

It p^d for the exequyes holden and kepte ffor the
 soule of Sr Wyllm Cortenay Knyght in his
 lyff tyme a speciall good master to the
 Towne vj^s x^d

£1 paid for a new ‘lygger’ [the Black Book] and
 writing into it all that was in the old.

Wm. Somaster, Thos. Symon, Wm. Venour, Peter
 Grysling, and Antony Burre, and his wife, brought suits
 against the town.

1536-7. *John Ude.*

Itm Rec for the 'Castell lake reed of Straunge
bots that mored themselffe wⁿ the Caussey
this yere vij^s ix^d ob

Word came to the Mayor that 'James Horswell was
comaunded to avoyde the towne.' Pillory made. Harry
Bold bought brasen guns in Flanders. Dispute in port
between French and Spanish ships.

Itm for a potell of Clarett wyne and a potell of
white wyne gevyn to S^r pers Eggecomb the
pryo^r of plympton and other gentlemen when
they sate yn Comyssyon at the white frers viij^d

1537-8. *Henry Martyn.*

Twelve shillings paid as tonnage by an Alicant ship that
grounded within the Cawsey.

Itm gyuyn in Rewarde to the Quenes Srunt that
brought the quenes letters of newes of the
byrthe of oure moste noble pnce Edward vij^s vj^d

Itm p^d for settinge vp of the morestone of the
m'ke of the lyberty that stonds at lypston
brydge ij^d

Letters from the king to restrain piracy; two watchmen
had iiij^d 'that watched the water syde for pyratts.'

1538-9. *John Brokyng.*

Itm for a ffustyan blankett & for a harte of Sylu^r
and gilte whiche was taken from lytell Rawe
the taylor for an Excheyte to the Towne vj^s

Itm p^d for caryeng of Thomas mychelson the
clerke to the bysshop of Exeters pryson x^s vj^d

Itm p^d for caryeng of a grey Freere to the
Gayle of launceston for suspecyon of treason iiij^s iiij^d

Itm p^d for a paynted pap to sett upon the hed of
Richard Clowter gardyn' for open piury vj^d

Divers 'platts of the Towne and porte' made.

Itm p^d for a Carpytt gevyn in the Townes name
to my lady Russell at my lords welcome to
this Contrey vij^{li}

Lord Arundell came to the town as well as the lord
president, and salutes were fired. Last payment made to
prior of Plympton.

Itm p^d to Thomas the Sexton by the graunte of
the mayre and the Consull of the towne xiiij^s

M^r Speckott's 'house in the vyntry pluckyd downe by the kyngs enquest.'

1539-40. *John Keynsham.*

here followth thaccompte of willm hawkyngs, m^rchaunt, made before the auditors in the tyme of John Thomas mayre a^o xxxij h viij of certen of the Churche Juells & other thyngs to the said willm hawkyngs delyu'yd in the tyme of his laste mayraltie a^o xxx h viij.

ffirste delyu'yd to the said Willm hawkyngs a Chalice belongyng to o^r lady store ij Cruetts of Silu^r a lytell pax of Silu^r the Roode shoes a Crowne for the ymage of o^r lady certen small beds stones of Silu^r a Crucifix of Silu^r, a bokyll & a pendant of a gurdell weyeng lix vnecs & do
 Itm more delyu'yd to the said willm hawkyngs an olde Crosse that stode yn the hande of the ymage of Seynt Savyo^r weyeng i vnce & iij qrtrs
 Itm more delyu'yd to hym certen offeryng pens & a lytell shype of Silu^r hangyng apon Seynt Clers cloth weyeng . . . i vnce & do
 Itm more delyu'yd to hym by the hands of Thomas Clowter a Chalice that was at o^r lady chapell at quary well weyeng . . . xij vnecs

Sm^a lxxiiij vnecs & iij qrtrs
 The which was sold one wth a nother for iij^s and iij^d the vnce

Sm^a of the money xij^{li} ix^s ij^d
 Itm more the said willm hawkyngs had of Seynt Clers store xliij^s xi^d
 Itm more he had & rec of John bovy for wax of Seynt Clers taps and other taps . . . vij^s ix^d
 Sm^a lij^s ix^d

Sm^a Tot^l Rec by the said willm hawkyngs xv^{li} xxiiij^d
 Whereof paid to willm wiks for that he paide to Robert Dighton for Seynt Kat'yn Chalice that lay wth hym to plegge xx^s

Itm p^d to John Moone to acyute a chalice of the Churche that lay wth hym to plegge . . . xxxiiij^s x^d ob

Itm m^{tr} John hals hath in his honde a Chetyll whiche he had of the wardyns of Seynt Androw is store at Compton

m^o to coll for o^r ladyes Cote & her chids cote & for the vestments of Crymson velvett that Sr. John Melyn gave to the Churche.

Itm p^d to the pyshe preste and to v other psts
 iij Clerks iij Ryngers and the bedeman for
 master hyllersdons obytt ij^s vj^d

Horswell and Wm. Hawkyns burgesses, Horswell had 16*d.* a day. A Juggler had 20*d.* for playing before the Mayor and his brethren on St. John's day; and six players 6*s.* for 'playeng of an entrlude in m^r mayre is house the satrday before xij the day.' 'Tyn works' were viewed by Thomas Elyott, Holoway, and Keynsam, who gave their verdict to Commissioners at Plympton. There was also a presentment touching the haven, and by the commandment of the Lord High Admiral, Rowe and others took view of Cattewater.

1540-1. *John Ude.*

A tempest broke some of the loops of the bulwark & divers things were burnt there.

Itm p^d for the Repacion & mendyng of James Walshe is bote of Kensale in Ireland the whiche his Cosen John Walshe stole away in Ireland & brought hither to this towne for Carpynters wags mete and drynke pytche tarre yreworke & makyng of thacquittance the whiche bote for dyu's consideracions was delyuryd to the said James xlvij^s v^d

A commission sat on the stealing of pepper from a Portugal ship, and a 'blak portyngale' was sent to Exeter as thief.

Itm p^d for ix yards of cloth to make a coat for Tom hordson the ffoole pce the yard viij^d vj^s

A breton bote wth wyne thatt was stolen in bretayne and brought hither to the towne.

1541-2. *Wm. Edgcombe.*

The following this year farmed the revenues:—John Elyott, landleave, rollage, and package, £5 6*s.* 8*d.*; John Brokyng, alewyts, £5 6*s.* 8*d.*; John Hawkyns, wynewyts, 10*s.*; John Brooking, pound, £1 4*s.*; Rd. Smale, market and shambles, £6 12*s.*; John Brokyng and Rt. Hampton, mills, £24. Tonnage yielded £1 8*s.* 6*d.*

A tonne of wyne, costing £5 6*s.* 8*d.*, was given the lord admiral to move the king for the discharge of the Plympton pension, and the town was relieved accordingly.

3*s.* 8*d.* paid for viewing the 'streame Brok that descends doune hurtfull to the haven.'

It p^d to William hawkyns baker for cutting of
 Gogmagog the pycture of the Gyaunt at
 have viij^d
 Itm p^d for the shrowdyng & buryeng of Johanne
 lyons whose hangyd her selffe by meanes
 whereof her goods were forfeytt to the
 Town iijs iiij^d

John Ilcomb taken to Exeter gaol.

Ferrers, burgess, had a doublet of satin for his fees.

Some Bretons confessed to being pirates.

Palmer and men had 16^d because they went to fetch
 gunstones, but by reason of the 'pyllous wither' were
 obliged after long labour to put back.

1542-3. *Robert Hampton.*

The town mustered by the Commissioners; and the
 Mayor has his costs of 1s. paid for riding to Plympton
 to the Commissioners 'that wold have had this towne
 to have mustered there before theym agaynst oure auntient
 custom to the troble of all the towne if it had not been
 punted and discharged.'

Charges paid of those who rode to the petty sessions at
 Ermington against the tanners.

The Mayor and his brethren had a survey of the Church
 lands.

The town gave two sets of harness for the war, and
 Edgcumbe made two new guns of two broken ones for
 £4. Much outlay on defences.

Complaint made to the Court of the misbehaviour of
 'the men of hampton that wold have taken awaye the
 portyngalls that were laden wth gascoyn wynes.'

1543-4. *Stephyn Burdon.*

Itm Recd for ankerage and kelage of straungers
 this yere v^s viij^d

The aliens in the town petitioned to remain when
 ordered to leave by the Court. Adam Williams town
 attorney. Commissioners sat in Plymouth about the
 Tinworks.

Itm p^d to the waycheman at Rame when the
 sowthermen came home iiij^d

Itm for a can of ale that was dronke at the hye
 crosse xv^d

Itm to Richard Cawse for cariage home & owte
 of the gonne chambers on assencion daye iij^d

Two limbs cut off the 'tree beweste the towne to make forelocks w^t all.'

Itm to the waycheman at Rame when the bekenys were burnyd iiijd

Itm for his comyng hither by nyght when the newfoundland men came yn viij^d

plate & juells delyu'yd to willm hawkyns m^rch^{ant} the xiiijth daye of February a^o xxxv^{to} h viij yn the tyme of Thomas holway to by therwth for the Towne gunpowder bowys & for arrowys.

ffirste the ffoote of the crosse weyeng xl vn^{cs} & do gilte at iij^s & x^d the vn^{ce} Sm^a vij^{li} iij^s iij^d

Itm iij Sylu^r candelstycks pcell gilte weyeng cxxj vn^{cs} at iij^s vj^d the vn^{ce} Sm^a xxj^{li} iij^s vj^d

Itm a pax of Sylu^r pcell gilte weyeng xv vn^{cs} & do at iij^s vj^d the vn^{ce} Sma liiij^s iij^d

Itm a Chalice vngilte weyeng xij vn^{ces} & j qrtr at iij^s vj^d the vn^{ce} Sm^a xlii^s x^d ob

Itm a Chalice gilte weyeng xx vn^{cs} iij qrtr at iij^s xj^d the vn^{ce} Sma iiij^{li} xix^s vj^d ob

Itm a shyp of Sylu^r pcell gilte weyng xviii vn^{cs} at iij^s vj^d the vn^{ce} Sma iiij^{li} iij^s

Itm more the said Mayre delyu'yd hym to sende one to london xv^s

Sm^a of the vn^{cs} ccxxviiij Sm^a of the money xlj^{li} xiiij^s v^d

Whereof rebate for tynne & sawdyer vij^s & also p^d therof to the said Willm hawkyns & to Thomas Mylls to them due for money that they layde owte for the townys besynes iiij^{li}

So reste xxxviij^{li} xj^s v^d

This was spent by Hawkyns thus: 10 barrells of gunpowder in London, 1009 lbs. at 5*d*. per lb., £21 5*s*.; 20 bows at 2*s*. each, £2; 'xxx^{ti} sheffe of arrowys at xxij^d the sheffe,' £2 15*s*.; cwt. of saltpetre and carriage, £2 15*s*. Other expenses, canvas for bow cases, &c., £3 19*s*. 1*d*.; left, £5 1*s*. 11*d*.

1544-5. *Rychard Hooper.*

A 'tryumphe for the takyn of Boleyn' and a hogshhead of wine drunk at the high cross. John Palmer had 8*s*. for six dozen of shot; two brass pieces of the king were brought from Dartmouth, powder and shot from London; work done on the new dyke; much expenditure on the defences; iron shot of different sorts bought of a Fleming;

powder obtained from a Spanish ship, and two dozen of 'morys pyks' from a Portuguese; three months' wages for a gunner, £2 2s.

Itm to the players of the town towards their charges	xx ^s
Itm for vytellyng the pynnys that dyscryed the coste	viijs viij ^d
Itm to the company that went in the pynnys	xx ^s
Itm to the carpenters whyche amended the pynnys	iijs ij ^d
Itm to John Elyott for v pound of gunpowdre and for shott for the pynneys [3s. 11d. for bread and beer].	iijs
Itm to John Isand for xiiij pownde of ire shott	ij ^s iiij ^d

1545-6. *Thomas Crowne.*

£13 6s. 8d. received from the Recorder 'ready money geven by the Country towards the mayntenance of o^r bulworks & ordynance'; £18 12s. of Wm. Hawkyns part payment of plate sold by him in London; £14 11s. 8d. for plate sold by Richard Saunders. 91 lbs. of plate sold for 2½d. the pound—£1 1s. 10d. Money gathered towards defences. £4 paid to Hawkyns for the burgesses of the parliament.

Itm pd for a mortar weyghtyng j ^c iiij q ^{tr} vj ⁱⁱ at iiiij ^d the pound	iijs ⁱⁱ vijs ^s iiiij ^d
Itm pd for drynke on maye daye for the men of stonehouse	iijs ^s iiiij ^d
Itm p ^d for caryng of ij empty pypys to make boyes for the gonners to shote to	ij ^s iiiij ^d

1546-7. *John Dery.*

Itm paid to the dyvers for a chambre for the slyng w ^{ch} was bought of the argoseya	v ^s
Itm for viewyng of the tyn worke	iijs ^s iiiij ^d
Itm for wasshyng of the towne fflag	ij ^d
Itm for the dyryge & herse w ^t other charges for the buryng of kyng henry the viij	vij ⁱⁱ vjs ^s & ob
Itm payd for the chargs at the tryvmphe for the coronacyon of Kyng Edward the vj	xliij ^s
Itm payd to Sr Came for makynge a Sermon here at the Coronacion	v ^s
Itm p ^d to John Sprye for makynge a platt & for Carryng the same to Sr Peter Carew [he also painted a drum]	xiijs ^s iiiij ^d

Itm paid for the Confirmyng of the Charter v^{li} ix^d
 ✓ Itm pd for fysshe when the vj vysyters of the
 kyngs lond were here xvij^d
 Two hogsheds of wine (£5) given Mr. John Pollard
 when made serjeant.

1547-8. *John Ford.*

A hogshed of wine (20s.) spent at the triumph for the
 victory in Scotland [Pinkey]; bread for the same 'bankett'
 1s. 4d.; 6 gallons ale 1s. 6d.

Itm pd to them w^{ch} made the bankettyng housse
 and for nayles viij^d
 Itm p^d for meate & drynke for them w^{ch} played
 the antycke the same tyme xij^d
 Itm pd to them w^{ch} toke paynes to sett forthe the
 boats to fetch the vysyters from Aysshe xij^d
 ✓ Itm payde to the watche man of ~~Raine~~ Raine for
 bryngyng newes of xxx sayle of shyps sene
 at the see the xvijth of October iiij^d
 ✓ Itm delyured to henry blase for hym & his com-
 panye the viijth of Aprell when they Rode
 w^t Sir Richard Eggecombe into Cornewall
 agaynst the Rebells there xxvj^s viij^d
 Itm paid for a dowsen of bowestryngs for them v^d
 ✓ Itm pd for a dowsen of faggots & a quart of
 rhede for doying thexecucyon vpon the
 Trayto^r of Cornewall viij^d
 Itm for tymbre for the gallawes xij^d
 Itm for makyng the gallowes & for workyng at
 the howe xiiij^d ✓
 Itm paid to John Wylstreme for doying execucyon
 vpon the Traytor vj^s ✓
 Itm to lawes man for leadyng the horse when the
 traytor was drawn to execucon iiij^d
 Itm for ij pooles to putt the hede & the qrt^r of
 the said trayto^r vpon & for ij Crampys of
 Ieron for to staye the pole vpon the gyld hall x^d
 Itm pd for the dyn' of the vndershyryff of Corne-
 wall beyng here when the traytor was putto
 execucyon v^s
 ✓ Itm paid to John Mathewe for Caryng a quart^r of
 the trayto^r to Tavystoke xij^d
 Itm paid to Wyllm Byckford for wyne at the
 Recevyng of the Traytor of Cornewall xvj^d

- Itm geven in Rewarde to the pst w^{ch} brought the
 Counsaylls lres for the fort to be made on
 saynt Nichos Irlond xij^d
- Itm for Sir Fraunces Flemyng ys expences when
 he rode into Cornewall to view a pece of
 grownd to be made an Irlond iiij^s

Fleming was taken to St. Nicholas; and there are several entries touching him, men taken to him, and the works on the island. Sir Gawen Carew was taken to the island; and Wm. Hawkyⁿs, burgess, John Elyott, John Thōmas, & Richard Hooper, went to London about it, and had £2 each. Spry made two more haven 'platts.' Thos. Williams, town attorney.

- Itm deluyed to Thomas Washyngton pryst the
 xxvjth of Maye when he Rode to london to
 be a suety for the Chauntrey land xx^s
- Itm paid to the kyngs fylder v^s
- Itm pd for Englyshe songs for the quere viij^s viij^d

Brokyng had 15s., and 5s. in the next year, for a horse that died at the riding into Cornwall.

1548-9. *Wm. Hunt.*

- Itm Recd of the said Rychard Hooper for steyn
 Newland fryshe sold w^{ch} was taken here in
 the haven in a Normans shippe in the tyme
 of his mairealtie sold at Sondrye p[']ses lxxvij^{li} xv^s
- Itm for sendyng the madd man owte of the towne
 ij tymes viij^d
- Itm paid to Gripe for caryeng of gonnes to the
 Mawdelyn & home agayne viij^d
- Itm to a syngyng man w^{ch} holpe the quer ij^s
- Itm pd to the dyvers for savyng^g one of the gonne
 chambers vj^s viij^d

Rd. Hooper, Jn. Brokyng, & Thos. Crowne bought two pieces of ordnance of the town for £6; guns carried to and from the Hoe, Island, and 'poltor'; John Hampton made guns, Geo. Bolton a gun; guns bought of a Fleming for £13 10s.; dyke on the Hoe repaired; Wm. Hawkyⁿs had £14 as burgess; a warrant procured for the chantries.

The mayor and his brethren had bread 1s., white wine 2s. at the high cross on Midsummer night, a potell of sack 8d., a gallon of london bere 4d., and 9 gallons of ale 2s. 3d.; they also had wyne and beer when they met in council.

1549-50. *Gylbert Page.*

Total receipts, with balance brought over of £81 3s. 3d.,
 £152 4s. 4½d. mills, £24; rollage and package, £3 8s. 4d.;
 Alewyts, £5 6s. 8d.; wynewyts, 14s.; pyndfolde and close,
 £1; market and shammells, £5; castle hake, 4s. 8d.;
 fishing within the cawsey, 3s. 4d.; freedom money, £4 12s.;
 rents, £19 17s. 9½d.; fine for wares bought and sold by
 'foryners' contrary to liberties and customs, £6 13s. 4d.;
 tonnage in previous year, 13s. 4d. Expenditure, £89 0s. 8½d.

Itm geven vnto Richard howell pryst for his
 paynes comyng to preach vj^s viij^d

Itm paid for a quer of paper to make a boke for
 the gatheryng of the money for the powre
 people iij^d

Itm pd to a man for his labour Rydyng to the
 quarrey to speke for stones for the kyngs
 works at Alderney viij^d

A tun of Gaston wyne 'geven to my lord of Bedford.'

Itm paid for plats of Ire to amend the boxe of
 the plumpe of the well of the south syde and
 for Arnolde Rawlyns labour abowte the same iiij^s iiij^d

Itm paid to the players w^{ch} played in the churche x^s

Itm for my horsse hyer & my charges in Rydyng
 to M^r Recorder abowte the women w^{ch}
 gathered to saynt ffrans xij^d

Itm paid to John harreis for settinge vppe the
 ffre dome stone betwene the towne and Stone-
 housse ij^d

1559-60. *Henry Breacknall* [a gap to here].

Bell bought and brought from Totnes; money paid at
 Buckfastleigh; 3s. 4d. for nursing a child at town's charge.

Itm p^d to players of london w^{ch} plaid at the
 mayors requeste in the vycarage xiiij^s iiij^d

Lord Robert Dudley's players had 20s. for playing in
 the church.

Itm to M^r forseland of bovy & his company for
 vewing of the ground wherebie freshe water
 myght haue byn brought into the towne xvj^s x^d

[AT END.]

Thys byth the pftts receuyd by me William Bele,
 mayer of Plymowthe, aⁿ xvj^o hen^o vij for the ffyne of xliⁱ
 made to kyngs yse ffor wrong Customs.

It Receyuyd of Symon Carswyll for the hundert of Tavystock	c ^s
It of Robte Steuyns for the hundert of plymton	c ^s
It of Spyller for milbroke	xviijs x ^d
It Receyuyd of Westcott for Syn Jarmayns	xxvjs viij ^d
It Receyuyd of Tybott for Cargrayne	xx ^s
It of Nithercott of Okehinton	xl ^s
It receyuyd of harry hornebroke in pte of pay of vyntery ward	xl ^s
It of Richard Gew in pte of pay of the old town ward	xxxjs iiij ^d
It receyuyd of Denyse leche in pte of veners warde	xix ^s
It receyuyd of Water Pollard in pte of pay of lostrete ward	xvjs iiij ^d
It receyuyd of Willm Clarke of Styklepath	iijs iiij ^d
	Sm ^a xx ^{li} xv ^s x ^d

A list of persons who had lent money to pay this fine of £40 to 'my lorde broke' follows:—John Paynter, £3 6s. 8d.; Wm. Thyckepeny, £3 6s. 8d.; Wm. Rogers, £3 6s. 8d.; Thomas Crosse, £2; John Horswell, £2; Wm. Bryan, £2; John Offord, £3 6s. 8d.; Wm. Byle, £3 6s. 8d.

[131] RECEIVERS' BOOK.—No. II.

1560-1. *John Veyseye.*

36 perches of school house wall built at 10d. a perch; gifts to Mr Howe, founder of the charity.

Itm to the boyes of the towne	vjs viij ^d
Itm to two men for wardinge vpon the Ilond when the Brittons wer ther	iijs
Itm paidē for the Cuckinge stoole	vjs viij ^d ob
Itm for the Clocke w ^t the charges in settinge vp the same	vj ^{li} xiiij ^s ij ^d
Itm to Mr Stidston for mendinge the foorde at Plymbrudge	xx ^d

1561-2. *John Cock.*

Debt due on ending of Iland account, £54 7s. 8d.; Recorder's fee, £2 13s. 4d.; John Copleston, town counsellor, 13s. 4d.; Vincent Calmady, town attorney, 13s. 4d.; Thos. Parkins, town clerk.

Much outlay on school house and house in churchyard; 3000 helyng stones brought from Plympton; making and maintaining the butts on the Hoe, 6s. 8d.

Itm paide to John Keye for rynginge the bell for
halfe a yere x^s

John Voysey did a 'bloodshed' in the town's behalf—
fine remitted.

Richard Lybbe fined for playing at unlawfull games.

1562-3. *John Waddon.*

Itm received of John Webber of plympton for a
fyne of a peyce of tyn adiuged by the
recorder to the towne by exchete as theyff
stolen x^s

Itm receaued of dyu's psons inhabytyng wⁿ this
towne this yere past beyng not free xxx^s x^d

A 'syllu' whissell' taken in payment for £1 6s. 8d.

1563-4. *William Brokinge.*

Wm. Will, town clerk; 6s. 8d. to John Waddon for a
mast for the town barge; 13s. 4d. paid for a child with
Robert Hawker. Money mentioned as due to the town in
Wales.

1564-5. *Walter Pepperell.*

'Howe chaple' mended; work on the Cawse; several
entries of charity—to man of Cornwall 'that burned his
house'; poor man of mawdelyn of Plympton; hospital of
Launceston; and John Lewis for 'loste of his eye.'

Itm paid to Robert woode for the scole m's table xxxv^s

Itm payed for the Gotters of Clome that m^r
howe bought xxxv^s

Many entries for an unnamed building, total about £120.
There were pillars; Arthur Champernowne had 40s. for
pillars, and 27s. 8d. was paid for nine 'more' stones for
pillars. 'More' stones brought by boat, and a load of
'poppell' stones. 12 pillars made; quantities of iron,
bars, and hooks. Glass 10d. a foot. Later it is said the
fore front of the market-house was made in this year;
and in 1568-9 we have 'the newe gildhall.'

Itm payed to merioke for helying of a sicke
mayde vj^s viij^d

Messrs. Southcott, Chyverton, and Gill 'sat in com-
myssion touchyn the de kaye of the towne.'

1565-6. *John Vcsie.*

Itm rec^d of a brytton for gevyng of a blow y^s
yere xij^d

Itm payed to players in the Church vppon St.
John is daye vj^s viij^d

Itm payed to the scolem^r & children of Totnes
whiche played in Christmas x^s

Ten shillings to an Irishman for making the Guildhall
vane; leads of market cross mended; Wm. Flecher 8s. 8d.
for feathering ten sheffe of arrowes.

Itm for the litell scolem^r iij^s viij^d

Schoolmaster's fee, £2 13s. 4d.; 10s. for his table and
bedstead.

1566-7. *Edward Cocke.*

Bartholomew Pope, town attorney; 5s. a hundred of reed
for the Mawdlyn. Morice dancers 5s. for a breakfast;
20d. new cutting the Gogmagog.

Itm gave to the company of St. Budockes on
May day x^s

1567-8. *Walter Pepperell.*

Itm paid for Cuttinge of the man's legge of xvij^s

1568-9. *Robert Cottell.*

Thos. Edmonds, gent., farmed town custom for £15;
ivy removed from castle wall. Mr. Bell the schoolmaster.

Itm payed to Mr Trevanyon for an annytey of
xix yeres after iiiij^d a yere vj^s iiiij^d

Itm payed to Robert Kylburn for one quart^r is
wages to beate the beggers out of Towne ij^s vj^d

Itm payed to the players of Tavistoke v^s

[132] WIDEY COURT BOOK.—No. III.

THIS is an important volume of borough accounts, which
was found among the papers of the Morshead family of
Widey Court in January, 1880, and restored by them to
the Corporation. The volume was in the possession of
the Mayor and Commonalty on June 17, 1679, when it
was shown in evidence, as noted therein, in a cause
pending between them and Richard Strode. Since then
there is no evidence that it was ever in the hands of the
Corporation, though the probability is that it remained
with them until one of the mayoralties of John Morshead,
1753-4 and 1762-3, and then being removed for some

purpose was by accident omitted to be returned. It contains 600 folio pages, and is by far the most valuable volume of the Corporate accounts, which its recovery renders complete for just four centuries; and it contains numerous references to general as well as to local history.

1569-70. *Walter Peperell.*

Itm for three piece of Cane stone sold to John dyer of Sent Stephins this yere	xv ^s
Itm Rec of a Flemyn for shotynge in a hand gonne & Killynge of a heron w th in the cause [i.e. in Sutton Pool]	xxiiijs ^s
John Sampson 'for grayng of his barke & lefte the pytte vnfylled'	xx ^s
John Fytz, recorder, received £4 4s. and Gill, school-master, £4.	
Itm payed for drynke geven to the Egiptians	x ^d
Itm payed to one that went into Spayne w th lres	v ^s
Itm payed to Robert Sprye for payntng of the maye pole and the balle at M ^r Mayres	vjs ^s iiij ^d
Itm paied to two men of bodmyn that trayned the men upon the hawe on mydsomer nyght	vjs ^s
Itm paied to Will ^m Edgcomb for a stone for the compasse	xx ^d

Dinner given to Sir Arthur Champernowne and a French lady; also to Earl of Bedford. Money spent on bulwarks and ordnance.

1570-1. *Walter Peperell.*

Fine of 12*d.* levied for serving an Admiralty warrant 'wthin the libertie of Plymouth contrarie to the auneyent libertie & Custome of the same burghes, beside iiij dayes imprysonmt.'

Itm payed for a bote & men to carry the pclamation aboard the prince of Orenge is shippes	iijs ^s
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1571-2. *Walter Peperell.*

Conduit and Market Cross mended, and much work on school and market-house.

Itm p ^d for wex to Seale the indenture for the burgizes of ye pliament	ij ^d
The Clerk of parliament had 4s. and the porter 8 <i>d.</i>	
Deodand taken of a black gelding for killing a man, 5s.	

1572-3. *George Burgoyne.*

Hawkins paid £42 for the town mills; the previous year's rent having been £30; market-house rent, 14s. 4d. Mayor's stipend at this date, £20. Mr. Coplestone, town counsel, received 14s. 4d.; and Bartholomew Pope, town attorney, the like; while Roger Newporte had 40s. for keeping the ordnance.

Nearly £70 spent on the letters patent for the benefice.

1573-4. *Christopher Brokyng.*

Peter Silvester paid £6 for a lease of a close of land by 'Stonehousse mylpoole.'

Itm Rec of the procours of the vicarige this yere	xx ^d
Itm payed for setting vppe the syllynges in the new halle	xvj ^d

Tinworks viewed; 1s. paid to a man that 'begged for his fees'; Coplestone had wine at various times; and a hogshead of wyne was given to 'my lord of Bedford.'

Itm p ^d to John Grepe for carrieng of one to the Gowle that cutt a purse	vj ^s viij ^d
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Afterwards it is said that a boy 'cutt a pursse.'

Expences for fortifying 'Sent Nicholas Ilond,' £8 13s. 6d.

1574-5. *John Oxenford.*

Thomas lymbery fined 10s. for making 'pylcherds contrary to thorders & custome of y^e Towne.'

Officials mentioned this year:—John Hele and Thomas Maynard, town counsel; Lee, town attorney; Wystlek, schoolmaster, salary £20; Chambers, preacher, salary £20; Gille the curate, salary £6; a Mr. Philpote had 6s. 8d. for preaching.

Itm p ^d to hym thatt played apon the hoby horsse	vj ^d
Itm p ^d to Margarett vile for healyng of Mary Notte	xiijs iiiij ^d

A similar payment to Margarett Cruste.

Itm p ^d to the barber for healyng of her throte that wold have killed her self	xiijs iiiij ^d
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Itm p ^d to one that came w ^h beares	ijs vj ^d
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3s. 4d. paid to players who played when Humphry Fownes was married; and a dinner given to Sir Humphry Gilbert and others.

1575-6. *John Sperk.*

£4 made by profit of salt bought by the Mayor to the town's use.

William Mynterne mentioned as schoolmaster.

Itm p^d to Ballamy for cuttynge of the flemyns
 cres xij^d

1576-7. *William Blake.*

Itm p^d to certayne men that vewed the River at
 the requeste of m^r mayo^r & his brethern for
 their paynes & for their charges aboute the
 same lij^s v^d

Paid to the goldsmith for four maces for the sergeants,
 £2 2s. for making and £3 11s. 10d. for silver; for gilding
 three maces Peter the goldsmith had 25s. 3s. 4d. paid for
 making the butts on the Hoe; this became almost an
 annual charge.

A drawyng table of 'wenscott' and a frame for the
 school cost 12s.

1577-8. *John Sperke.*

10s. paid as fine by John hoyell of Exon and Nicholas
 Webber of Plympton for redemption of certain kersies
 'forreyn boughte & forreyn sold, the escheator having half.'

7s. 6d. paid for the gallows whereon Clerk was hanged
 at the Hoe; carrying the ladder there cost 4d., and the
 hangman had 3s. 4d.

£86 3s. 3d. spent on entertaining my lord of Bedford
 and my lord and lady of Bedford on two visits; while
 sixpence was paid for 'suger' when 'S^r Richarde Grayne-
 ville did muster upon the hawe.'

1578-9. *Humphry Foues.*

Itm pd to Ric. Stidston for the captives xvj^s

16d. paid for a gallon of wyne to Sir Humphry Gilbert.

Itm gevyn to the yonge Bassett the preacher xl^s

1579-80. *Stephyn Weyks.*

Itm pd to w^m hawkins esqyre for money laied
 owte in pcuryng the patent for the Ilonde,
 and for his charge in the suyte thereof xxij^{li}

1580-81. *George Baron.*

Rent of benefice £36; tenth 51s. 2d.

Itm rec of S^r fraunces Drake keneighte, employed in the
 howse appoynted for ye Bridewell 1^{li}

Roger Symes, preacher, received 15*s*.

Itm pd to Willstreme for raminge the graves in
the churchyearde vj^d

Itm pd to Raulyn for caryinge of earth thither v^s iiii^d

Pavy also had xx^d for carying 4 dos of earth thither.

Itm pd to Roberte Sprye for the picture of the
Turke on Maye daye xvj^d

Itm pd to the fletcher for fetheringe of seaven
sheaves of arrowes vj^s

There was much money spent on the defences and arms.

4*s*. 4*d*. paid for carrying a letter to Sir R. Grenville.

1581-2. *Henry Whyctacres*, gentleman.

Hawkins paid £8 for Southside keys, and £40 for mills.

Sir F. Drake received £20 for his stipend; Kympe
mentioned as schoolmaster; and William Gill as curate.
13*s*. 8*d*. paid to Kempe towards building his studie and
trimming his chamber, while Vincent Scoble's men had 1*s*.
for 'despatching the studie.'

Itm p^d to Mother Cornelis for bathinge Riches
daught^r x^s

Itm p^d to a woman that attended her xij^d

£4 spent in entertaining Deigo Bottellio, Portuguese
ambassador.

26*s*. 8*d*. was sent to relieve the Kingsbridge people in
the time of the plague: 2*s*. spent on the leper boie for two
weeks; and £3 7*s*. 8*d*. paid for maintenance of the sick
people in Heywood's house.

Itm p^d for all the charges in making the compasse
as by a Bill mentioninge the pticulars thereof
shewed at this Accompt appeareth vi^{li} xvij^s ij^d

Payment made to Robert Horswell, clerk, for 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ years
on behalf of the church, which the 'churche must
awnswe.'r

1582-3. *Matthew Hoare*.

Edward Chollwiche named as town attorney.

Itm paide for the entertaynment of S^r frauncis
Drake, knighte, when his ladic came firste x^{li}

Itm paide towarde the helpe of Geneva this yere xiiij^s

Itm paide for sendinge for Edwarde Wents
woman to Totnes xx^d

1583-4. *John White.*

New stairs mentioned by the Cawse.

Fine for making of the price of pilcherds.

Drake pays £40 rent for the town mills, and 50 continues.

Itm pd to hym [the paver] to take in a poore boaye	iiijs
Itm pd to two schollers the xjth of June	iijs iiij ^d
Itm gewen to a scholler to bringe hym to Oxenforde	vjs viij ^d
Itm pd to John Humfries for carrienge of Lres to S ^r Fraunces Drake	viijs ^d
Itm pd to one to keep her childe on nighte	xj ^d
Itm pd to Wilstreme for bringinge the water above grounde to the Conditt	v ^s
Itm pd owt this yeare in sondrie worke, as in fortseyeinge, buyldinge, entrenchinge, and other munytyons boughte for the fortification of St. Nicholas Island	ij ^c lxxix ^{li} xiijs iiij ^d ob

1584-5. *John Trelawnye.*

Itm rec for a trespace done at the Southside, & for playing at booles iijs vj^d

3s. paid to three men out of Turkey bound for London.

Itm paide to a man to goe to London wth Lres to S^r Frauncis Drake and M^r Hele touchinge or Burgesses for the Parliamente xxiijs

Itm paide for a supper for the Justices when they came to veiue the course for bringinge the water vnto the towne xxxijs

Itm paide for victualls wine beare and other pvision carried from hence vppon the downe v^s vj^d

Itm paide for the hire of three horses att that tyme ijs vj^d

Itm paid to a poore man to shewe them the waye xij^d

Itm paide to Sprie the painter for ridinge to mevie aboute the water v^s

Itm paide for his horse hire then xij^d

26s. 8d. spent in a dinner on Capt. Williams and Hunning and others for helping in the suit of the Island.

Itm paid for conuaienge of the water over the Southside Kaye thatt rennes from M^r Sperkes newe streate iijs

Itm paide for m^r Carewes diett when he rode
about the water ij^s v.ij^d
Itm paide to m^r Hele for his helpe att London
for furtherenge of o^r sute for bringinge in of
the water as by his bill apperethe ix^{li} j^s vj^d
Itm paide to M^r Christopher Harris for the helpe
about the water as by his Bille appearethe xvij^h vj^s

A new street paved leading toward the new key.

Itm paide to the goodwife Bulle for amendinge
the windowes of the Guildhall vij^d

White's cup mended by Peter Anthony. It often came
to repair.

M^r Hawkins had £4 and Martin White £8 11s. 4d., for
'S^r walter Rawleghes diett,' while the Mayor had £5 for
the dyett of Drake and 'my ladye and othere justices.'
Sir John Gilbert also entertained.

Itm paide to George Baron for his paines and
charge in sollicitinge the Cawse for the
Bringinge home of the water to the Towne
w^{ch} is enacted spendinge xxvij daies vij^{li}

Itm paide more for drawinge of the Acte maneye
tymes writen ij^{li}

Itm paid to Sprie the painter for makinge of a
plott of the Towne and parrishe wth a
Bowrder Carried to the Counsell x^s

Item for amendinge of the fflagge & auncient xvij^d
£117 17s. spent on the Island.

More to hym [the Receiver] xxvj^{li} for money disbursed
by hym this yere to S^r Fraunces Drake knyght for the
townes adventure wth hym in this viage.

1585-6. *Humfrie Fowmes.*

One Glanville of Tavistock fined 20s. for buying and
selling in the town, not being free.

Itm rec for ou^r stipende for o^r Island at o^r ladie
daie 1586 xxxix^{li} x^s x^d

George Starrlinge had 40s. for his clerkship and £4 for
'plaienge vppon the waites.'

Itm pd for wyne gewen to the prince of Cundie v^s x^d
A watch house built on the Hoe.

A 'fleete of Scotte came in.'

Corbyn the drummer had 2s. a day; and twelve men 4s.
to wear the armour on May day.

Sprie had 8d. for painting shooting marks.

Itm pd for the hire of a bote w^{ch} was sente to
Cawson the xxviiijth of Auguste to knowe
what the shippe was there ij^s
3s. subsequently paid to John Traunton and six others
for rowinge out into the sounde the last of September
to see the fleet of shippes.

A ship stayed in the Sound by S^r John Gilberts order.

Itm pd for a spille for the compasse iij^d

Itm pd to the drume^r to call the prince of Cundies
company aborde xviiij^d

Itm pd for Fishe for the Laborers w^{ch} made
ditches the xxth of June xix^d

5s. for a sermon to bandiche the preacher.

Itm pd for victualls for the Bote w^{ch} was sente
over into Brittainne for the discoverie of the
Spannishe Fleete xxv^s j^d ob

Gill the curate had 10s. for his relief in his last sickness,
by consent of certain of the masters and at the request
of Hele.

Steps taken against those who made pilchards in
Cawshambaye.

1586-7. *George Baron.*

Itm rec of S^r Fra Drake knight for the Townes
advent^r xviiij^{li} xv^s

Many entries of payments for fortifications.

Itm to w^m Salter & others for Carrieng of one
w^{ch} killed a man vppon Catte Downe &
others arrested by S^r Frauncis Drake & sent
to the gayle xxxiiiij^s iiiij^d

Itm pd to nicholas Lane for Carrienge of a letter
to m^r Edgcombe vppon reporte of the
Spannishe flecte to be on y^e coste vj^d

2s. paid to the boatmen that went to discover a fleet.

Itm pd to certain Laborers working at the Diche
sente thither when the Brut was of y^e
Spanniards viij^s xj^d

Work done on the Custom house.

1587-8. *Anthony Goddard.*

Itm for Conveyinge to Stonehouse of the dombe
man that was made to speake ij^d

Rogues and vagabonds were commonly sent off to
Compton or Stonehouse; occasionally to Stoke; and

this year Stephen Kaye had 1*d*. for leading 'the man that would not speake'; and Thomas Babbe 3*d*. for conveying banished folk out of the town.

Twyne to bind 7 men that barded a garnesey man in Plymme iv^d

Itm pd to Edwarde Fentwill for carryenge a Confession vnto S^r Walter Rawley w^{ch} was taken of one arryved out of spaigne ij^s viij^d

Itm pd to M^r Ric Hawkins for a Silver Cuppe w^{ch} was geiven to the Lo. Warden [Sir W. Raleigh] xij^{li} ij^d

Itm for fishinge [fetching] the Smythes Synder ij^d
There is another entry for carrying 'Synder.'

Itm pd for iiiij^{li} of powder spent at the cominge in of S^r Fraunces Drake iiij^s vj^d ||

Fish market removed.

Many entries of defensive works; four demy culverins and three sakers bought of Richard Hawkins; and work done on the dikes in April.

Itm pd to Robte Scarlette for goinge oute to discover the Spaynish Fleet vj^s ✓

Itm pd for a horse hire to drawe the Carte when the Irish woman was Carted iiij^d

There were frequent carting entries, and on this occasion the cart had to be 'amended.'

Itm p^d to John Gibbons and Henry Woode for watchinge at Rame hedde iiij daies when the Spaynyerds were vpon the Coaste x^s

Itm pd to Phillipp Boyes in Consideracoñ of certayne Treasure Troue xx^{li}

1588-9. *John Geare.*

Drake and Norris bought of the town callivers, muskets, and pikes from the Island.

George West named as town Gunner, and Gill and Knight as curates. The Mayor's allowance now £30. _____

Itm paid to Ballemay & his fellows for whipping of women about the Towne xij^d

Item paid to Edward Hill for rowing up to Howe to adurtise the Lo: Chamberlen of the Spaniard that Cam into Bigberie Baie ij^s

Item paid to Ballemay for Carieng of a fackebon to the Tithingman of Compton iiij^d

A lame person and a 'hore' also carried thither, and one Syme to be whipped.

Two hogsheds of beer with bread were given to the poor at the Market Cross; and a shilling given to 'one that gathered for the hospitall house of bristall.'

Item paid to George Sterling for riding to M^r Champron of Modberie wth Sir Fraunces Drake his lre for staieng of the monies w^{ch} hath bin gathered of Armenton hondred for fitting out of the Shippe xviii^d

6*d.* given to St. Lawrence hospital, Bodmin; and 6*d.* to Plympton; these were leper houses.

Sick Soldiers quartered in Vincent Scoble's barn.

Item to Ballemaie for whipping a Qeane ij^d

Item paid for thongs to make whippes j^d

Item for sending of Sir Fraunces Drakes warrante to Plympton and to Millbrook & for wache & ward for staieng of marine's and souldie^{rs} vj^d

Item to Cresse for setting vp of the freedom stone at lipson in M^r Barons ground, and for hewing of S^t Androe cross in the stone going to Stonehowse x^d

£4 18*s.* paid M^r Harris for Drake and Norris and other gentlemen dining with the Mayor.

1*s.* to a man of Ashwater whose house had been burnt.

10*s.* to Sprie for a plott of the towne.

3*d.* to John Gybbons for 'frankencense,' apparently used in the prison.

Spaniards carried to Plymstock by Ballemaie.

Item to a Boie for Rynging of a Bason before them [*i.e.*, that were 'carted.']. ij^d

Letters written to the Justices for 'monei w^{ch} we should receave for fetting out of a Shipp against the Spaniards.'

Item for fyve yardes of frize geaven to the blind Cornish for a gowne v^s x^d

Item to a bagg pipe plaier for going about the freedom xij^d

Item to John Jope bestowed vpon the shipp and the Pynnace that Srved vnder the Lo: Admirall iiij^{li}

Carpet for the table in the Guildhall xxiiij^s

14*d.* paid for making frize jerkin and breeches for davie Bryant, the cloth costing 5*s.* 6*d.*

1589-90. *Thomas Payne.*

Saunders mentioned as preacher, and Mynterne minister.

Itm pd to Cyceley Pennye for shrowding ij
women xij^d

Barnacote had 2s. for burying them.

Itm pd to ye bell Cryer y^t none shoulde goe to
Stonehowsse & for whippinge of six hoares viij^d

A letter sent to the Earl of Bath for a garrison.

6s. paid to Mynterne 'for a benevolence graunted for
Geneva of the Clergie for this pⁱshe.'

Itm pd for ij boates to Carie m^r harrys & others
to howe stert for vewinge the Grounde for a
forte ij^s

£5 for a supper for Drake and his lady and other
Justices.

Mr. Edmonds and Mr. Page had 12^d. each for a horse to
ride to Buckland.

Itm pd for Charges of spanyardes brought in by
the Rawe Bucke & Gallion dudeley for their
dyett & sendinge theym to exeter & for
their guyde xxiiij^s

Itm pd for a staffe to [take] the levell of the
water & for mendinge the hedde, being
broken & for ledde vj^d

Itm pd for hire of a horse to buckeland for
Rattenburye about y^e water xij^d

Itm pd to Thomas Burden for ij horses hire, to
mevye for vewe of the water xx^d

Itm pd att the Church howsse of Mevye for wine
& milke ij^s vj^d

Ten freedom stones with the castle 'graven in vj of
them for the Milpoole.'

Dinners at W^m hobbes and m^r Spearckes 'for S^r
Frauncs Drake & iij Justices att the eatinge of a bucke
and a doe.'

Itm pd Peter Vosper to goe to Buckeland to
knowe when the Judges did Come xij^d

Itm pd for a horse for henrye Ellys to ride to
meet the judges xij^d

Itm pd for a Clocke burnt of one of exeter y^t died
of ye plague v^s

Itm pd Robart lampen for Plūnyng & vewinge
the grounde for the water Course from mevie
for vj dayes x^s

Itm pd haywoode for vj dayes & newe writinge
 the vewe iiij^{or} tymes viij^s vj^d
 Itm pd nicholas Jeane for iiij^{or} dayes iij^s
 Itm for their dyett viij^s vj^d

£115 13s. 11d. spent on St. Nicholas Island.

The accounts of the year left the town indebted to the receiver £69 17s., besides 40s. paid to M^r Mynterne, of which the churchwardens ought to pay half, and 'more to deducte owte of this Charge for monye by m^r Blitheman rec of Richard hawkins in parte of painnt of 1^{li} given towards the bringinge in of the water w^{ch} xv^{li} the towne standeth indebted to the water xv^{li}

1590-91 *Willyam Browne.*

Itm rec of m^r Thos Myddelton to be employed for Certayne godly vses xx^{li}

Itm rec of Ric Hawkins gentleman and James Bagge for their fyne comynge tarde on S^t lamberts daye vj^s viij^d

Lady Drake came several times; and Sir John Hawkins and others had a £3 supper.

Itm to Sallamon and his man for plaunchinge of the m^rkett howsse xvj^s viij^d

Itm paid for provision when the mystresses Rade first to vewe the water Course iij^{li} x^s viij^d

Various messengers sent to Sir F. Drake; some specified as 'about the pilchards,' which brought several justices to the town.

Itm for the hyer of a horse for a Trumpeter to Ryde in compayng to the Riu^r xij^d

Itm pd to 4 trumpetore thatt were att the leate by M^r Maiors comãdement v^s

Itm pd for horses for them iij^s

Itm to a messeng that was sente to S^r Frauncs Drake xij^d

Itm to a messenger sent to m^r harrys xij^d

Itm for hyer of two horses to Carry provision to the leate ij^s

Itm for bredd carryed to the leate vij^s

Itm p to m^r whitakers for wyne to Carry to the leate xl^s vj^d

Itm to Henry Ellys for 8 dozen of bredd spente at the S^rvaye of the water xj^s ix^d

Itm vij^s

Handwritten notes and calculations:
 120
 57
 31
 21
 250
 114
 21

Itm to John Hoop to Carry owte plancke to make the bridge att Mawdlyn	iiij ^d
Itm pd to woorckemen to make the bridge	iiij ^s
Beam and plank cost 7s. 6d.	
Itm given to Robert lampyn in reward at the bringinge in of the leate	ij ^s vj ^d
Itm pd for x pounds wayghte of powder thatt was spente att the bringinge in of the Riu ^r	xvj ^s viij ^d
Itm to John Rewbye for a dynner att the bringinge in of the Ryu ^r	xvj ^s
Itm to the gunn's thatt daye	xvj ^d
Itm more spent vppon theym then	iiij ^s iiiij ^d
[All these entries are before those of May-day.]	
Itm to Willyam Stockam seruaio ^r of the woorck- men of the leate in rewarde	xij ^s
Itm to the pson of Meavye in Clothe asmuche as cost	lj ^s
Itm to John Stevane one other S ^r uaio ^r of the same woorcke	xiiiij ^s
Itm given to the old Celye in rewarde for diu's Courtesies and travailes in the townes busynes	v ^{li}
Itm for wyne when Moore the Plumer was here	iiij ^s
Itm given to Moore the Plumer toward his charge cominge hither	v ^s
Itm gave to a Plumer that came from Totnes in reward	v ^s
Itm pd to one that all his stufe was Burned for avoidinge the sickness	x ^s
Itm paied over and above the Charges in this accownte before mentyoned w ^{ch} amountethe to xvj ^{li} xvij ^s ij ^d for and in bringinge in of the leate and beside the monye given to S ^r Frauncs Drake the some of, as by a bill of particulers appeared, the some of	xlviij ^{li} viij ^s vij ^d
Itm paied for leade for to Convāye the water w ^{ch} is in waight 99 ^c $\frac{2}{3}$ 16 att viij ^{li} the tonne	xxxix ^{li} xv ^s ij ^d
Itm paied toward the Plumers labor	xv ^{li}
Itm pd to m ^r Founes w ^{ch} he disboursed to suche as their howsses were shutt vppe of the Plague	v ^{li} xix ^s
Itm given to the ij lampyns in reward touchinge their paines taken aboute the leate	xxvj ^s viij ^d
Itm pd to m ^r Founes toward the Charge of suche as were kepte in for avoidinge of sicknes	v ^{li} xix ^s

- Itm given to Robert lampyn and his brother in reward for their paines aboute the water [entered twice] xxvj^s viij^d
- Itm pd to Willyam Rogett for kepinge a post horse xx^s
- Itm pd to Peter Anthonye for Certaine silver wrought for the towne xxiiij^s
- Itm paied to m^r heles man for wrytinge oute of the articles of agreement betwene the towne and S^r Frauncs Drake vj^s viij^d
- Itm paied to Peter Sylvester for a tonne of wyne w^{ch} was given to the Judges for their paines and helpe touchinge the water Course xx^{li}
- Peter Silvester went to London and paid £3 6s. 8d. to Francis Howe to allow the payment of the Island stipend.

1591-2. *James Bagge.*

- Itm rec of Willyam Browne for y^t w^e he was sett to paie toward the bringinge of the water v^{li} and for monyes that he received of the water monye more then he hath accompted for all amounting to xxvj^{li} iij^s xj^d
- Itm rec of Diu^s persons toward the charges of bringinge in of the water over and aboue that w^{ch} hathe byn paied owte to diu^s psons vppon soundrie reckninge w^e ought to be paied whereof mentyon is maide in a bill of the particulars thereof iiij^l xvij^s
- 10s. paid for the 'pygge dryvers' wage.
- Itm pd fower men to watche the townes end for to stay the people of the infected places xvj^d
- Itm pd Venicombe to open a Cheste xij^d
- Thomas the tithing man of Compton, John Wyllyams the plumber, Peter the post, Russell the post, and Christopher the taylor named.
- Sixe days pay to two men that served the paver [i.e. labourers] iiij^s iiij^d
- The 'plumpe' in Hawe Lane frequently mentioned year by year and kept in repair by contract.
- Itm pd Rycharde Willyams a man whypt and sent away ij^s vj^d
- Itm pd^r m^r Edward the surgion for dressing a psoner ij^s vj^d

Itm pd for a man that did attende m ^r Addams [Adams had to do with fortifications]	ij ^s viij ^d
Itm pd Lampen to take the levell of the grounde w th m ^r Adams	ij ^s
Itm pd the Fletcher to fetch the p ^{son} e of Meavye	ij ^s
Itm pd Richard Sellye to Carrye M ^r Adams to M ^r Carewe	iiij ^s vj ^d
Itm pd Sprye the paynter for a plott of the Kayes	iiij ^s

Afterwards he had 10s. for a like plott and 6d. for a ruler.

Itm pd for mesuringe the grounde	xvj ^d
Itm pd Mathewe Starkey's wyfe for selleradge of the pypes of lead from the 17th of Septem- ber to the 16th of September 1592 at 8d. p weicke	xxxiiij ^s iiij ^d
Itm pd for two lynes for M ^r Addams	x ^d
Itm pd for makinge of the brydge by the mylles & other worke	viiij ^s

John Trowse and his company named.

Edward Cholwich, the town attorney, paid for a suit between M^r Elliotte and the town.

Itm pd Sprye the paynter for a patten for measuringe the towne	xv ^s
Itm pd in guyft to m ^r Addams	x ^{li}
Itm pd for him and a man there dyett & othere ten dayes	l ^s
Itm pd for m ^r Champnowne his man and a boie for 4 daies to conferre w th M ^r Addams & to wryte his letters to the Courte with m ^r Receaver	xxvj ^s viij ^d
Itm pd m ^r Addams and two men that came out of Cornwall with hym	xxx ^s
Itm pd m ^r Addams and his man when he came agayne from London	xv ^s
Itm pd for a dynn ^r to S ^r Fr ^a unce Drake at his Comynge from London and his ladye and other gentlemen and others of the towne	iiij ^{li}
It pd for bringinge M ^r Addams letter from London	vj ^d
Itm pd for a dynner, expectinge S ^r Robert Cessell Comynge w ^{ch} came not, but my ladye Drake. M ^r Harries M ^r Stroude and some of the M ^{rs} of the towne	iiij ^{li}

20s. was paid at the eating of the venison; and a £3 supper given to S^r Walter and his company and others.

Itm pd to m^r Spearcke maior for the charge of Carriage of the water a Cocke syde . xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d

Itm paid to S^r Frauncs Drake, knight, towarde the bringinge in of the water w^{ch} the Receavor allowed him in his rente dewe for the milles for one yere att Michaelmas, 1592 xxx^{li}

1592-3. *Johu Martyn.*

Willyam Kympe paid £40 for farm of the vicarage, and George Baron £10 for rent of the vicarage house.

William Sarman fined 6s. for bringing corrupt mutton to market.

Itm rec of Peter Siluester for water money xxx^s
of M^r Kympe for the like xv^s xlv^s

Itm rec of a ducheman for a fyne for a hains offence by hym and his compayny done ccc^{li}

Itm pd for buyldinge of three Cundyts and bringinge of the water to the Guyldhalle in ledd cxlix^{li} vj^d

1s. 6d. given to a Frenchman of Brest that lost his ship.

Itm pd a sporte maker on the Coronocan daye v^s

4s. to Hill the fisherman for going out in his boat 'when speaches was that the Spaynyards were come.'

The 'pattayne of the forte' sent to London.

4s. 4d. spent in wyne when Drake and the masters went to view the tin work.

2s. 6d. for a sermon to M^r Fountayne preacher.

Itm pd to Platter of Bucklande for casting the hawe bell 225 ponde at 2d. p ponde and 19 ponde of mettell at 6d. p ponde xlvij^s

Itm paid a woman mysused by the boyes of her appells and baskett on saynt mathewes daye vj^d

1s. paid for two days loan of a pitch pot; and 40s. for a copy of Saltash Charter.

Itm paid to S^r Frauncs Drake kneyght in full paiement of the ccc^{li} thatt the Maio^r and Coaltye were to paye hym for bringinge in of the Riu^r and p^rchas of the land ou^r w^{ch} the same is broughte, whiche is allowed owte of the mille rent w^{ch} was payable this yere xxij^{li} xvj^s viij^d.

1593-4. *William Downeman.*

Itm rec of S^r Frauncs Drake knight for rent of
the Towne Milles and towne Closes of land
this yere xxxiiij^{li} iiij^s iiij^d

Payton succeeded Edmonds as 'customer.'

John Baggtor fined 6s. 8d. for selling by false weight.

Thomas Ford paid £5 to be dismissed of the twelve.

Myntrell mentioned as both preacher and minister, and
5s. paid to Tanner as a preacher.

Itm pd for buryenge a neger on Catt downe vj^d
'The Bulworke at Fishernosse' mentioned.

Itm pd for wyne frute and Cake on St. Mathewe's
daye & for the boyes spoyle in the m^rkett xvij^s vij^d

Conduit made at Southside, the lead pipe bought of
John Welles of Exon. Wine to the 'Stonehowsemen' on
May day; 114 pounds of powder spent on Midsummer
night; 9s. paid Spry for two platts, 'one for my L. of
Bath & the other for m^r Sparke.'

Itm pd Christofer Taylor for buyldinge the watch
howsse at the becone vpon the West hawe x^{li}

1594-5. *John Golson.*

William Marwood 'Customer.'

Itm rec of a Flemynge to whom the Islelonde
made a shootte xij^s

£6 for a fine of linen cloth of nicholas Glanville of
Taustock, bought in the borough by his man of a Burton,
seized by the Town as foreign bought and sold.

Itm rec for a fyne of one that wilfullye kylled
Joseph Gubbes, his pigge, in the streate x^s

£26 received as Town Custom of the prize goods
brought from Brazil by Fenner's and Goddard's ships.

£44 6s. 8d. subscribed to defend the causes in lawe and
secure the guard of the fort to the town.

£159 4s. 10d. collected towards the bells by Peter
Anthony and W^m Neyle. They were cast in a furnace
built in the town, and cost £293 12s. 4d. Drake and
Hawkins gave a broken piece of brass ordnance.

Capt. Parker gave a piece of ordnance to the town.

'Two yonge gentelmen' apparelled whose father was
slayne in her ma^{ts} seruice in Brittain.

A dispute with Mr. Strode about the Lambhay, where
the town had a kiln or kilns.

Itm p for hue & Crie made after Sr Fr^aunces
drakes musitions ij^s vj^d
Itm pd for passinge awaye of a molato w^{ch} laye
about the streate vj^d

1595-6. *John Batten.*

Upham received £10 as preacher; Myntrell disappears;
Irish beams taken to the Church.

£8 paid to John Burdon for bringing the water to the
old Conduit.

6s. 8d. to Spry for a 'plott of the forte and of the hawe.'
A gibbet erected in Market St.

Itm given to a poore woman w^{ch} had byn carted vj^d
Itm pd for caryenge her awaye iiij^d
Itm pd twoe boyes that carryed the basons then ij^d
Itm pd a foteman sent to Saltayshe for oysters
for my lord Admirall vj^d
Itm pd John Trounce for mendinge of the leate ij^s

A felon sent to gaol who stole the Earl of Essex's plate.

A tun of wyne given the Earl of Essex and the Lord
Admirall £24.

Itm pd W^m Berrie towards the hurt done to his
housse by meanes of the barracathes there vj^s

A bridge barrel sent to London 'found att Caushame
baye & left there by the Spaynyards.'

Capt. Parker's ship set out at the town charges.

The hawe lane made clean by two men at the return of
the fleet from Cales.

1s. paid to a boy that brought news of Spanish pinnaces.

Six men by the mayor's command 'attended' on mistress
Prickett, when she was carted.

Several entries of money spent on sick soldiers and of
the expense of burying dead ones.

1596-7. *Thomas Reynoldson.*

Goods of an outlaw seized by the town.

Itm rec of m^r Fownes for monies gayned vppon
sale of Corne this yere clⁱⁱ
Itm to John drummer for warninge all the In-
habitaunts to be in aredynes w^h their armor vj^d

Two other entries of same sort, one warning 'the Townes
men to muster on the hawe.'

The town, aided by the country, set forth a ship 'in
Cales acton.'

Itm pd Thomas Edwardes for prohibitinge the
Townes men from Carriage of fier by neight ij^d

Itm pd for Carriage a lame man on a barrow to
Compton Tithinge xij^d

Letter carried to 'Stonehowsse and Saltaishe about the
pressinge of marryners.'

Itm pd for 4 pounce of powder to shoutte of the
peices in the Church yearde iiij^s

Itm pd for 18 pound of powder that charged
the 4 peices of ordyn^an^ce in the Castell at
the landinge of Earle of Essex xvij^s

Vincent warned the Tithingman at Stocke to receive
'a lame & impotent man.'

Itm pd Thomas Edwards & Vinsent for killnge
of a dogge in the Towne by m^r maior's order xij^s viij^d

John the drumer again warned the Townes men to make
ready their armour and the captaines and soldiers to repair
unto the Castle.

Edwards carried a woman distracted of her wits to
Plymstocke.

Itm pd him [Edwards] for callinge w^h his bell all
saylors before the presse master iij^d

£8 4s. paid to Sir Ferdinando Gorges Clark for the use
of his master for sixe soldiers at the island 7th Nov. to
18th Dec., 41 days at 8*l.* a day per man.

Letters from the 'Privy Counsell' sent to the Vice
Admiral and Leutenant of Cornwall.

Itm pd him [Christopher Taylor] for midsomer
quarter for settinge of the watch and for
keeping Cleane of furnture and for his
paynes about the Barracathes iij^{li} vj^s viij^d

Itm pd S^r Fardinando Gorgs knight for three
quarters of a yeres Annytye ended att the
feast of St. Mychaell Tharchangell xxij^{li} x^s

Hele made an agreement between Saltash and Ply-
mouth, and had £14 in lieu of two hogsheds of wine.

John Cooper warned the Townsman to hang out
'Candells and lanterns.'

Itm pd for erectinge of the barracathes and for
other Chargs layed out aboute the same clxxij^{li} vj^s ij^d

Itm pd for makinge the Gallerie in the Northe
side of the Church xliij^{li} xv^s vj^d

1597-8. *Robert Trelawnie.*

Walter Mathewe and Richard Kynge fined 4s. for 'being absente when the Jurye wente aboute [the bounds], they being sworn of the same.'

£10 received of certain constables 'towards the Chardge of settinge fourthe of y^e Shippe at Cales viledge.'

£132 6s. 8d. paid by Edmond Dockett, gent., 'to redeeme his goodes w^{ch} he hadd forfeited beinge indited of man slaughter in killing of one John Wilson.

Itm rec of diu's psons vpon a Collection towards the charge of the defending of S^r Fardinando Gorges lxxxxvij^{li} ij^s vj^d

Itm pd to Vyncent dyer for his wage for one whole yere for keepinge the beggers and wandringe parsones out of y^e towne xxvj^s viij^d

Itm pd Ballamie to make clene the angell vj^d

4d. paid for buryng two Spaniards.

Itm pd the Belman to Cause all those y^t hadd owinge vnto them anie thinge from the souldyers to seeke for the same, they beinge then deptinge ij^d

Itm pd for boate hire for Carryedge of y^e magistrates of the Towne to M^{rs} harris her funerall ix^d

'An outrage was here,' Capt. Parker being kept in the forte, and the sergeant of the fort sent to Gaol.

Order for the 'm^ryners of a shippe y^t Came from Barbarie to remayne a borde in regarde of their sicknes.'

John hele said to be molested by Gorges when about the town's business; and Hazard named as a preacher.

Itm pd to S^r Robte Cecyll for his yerely annytye [as Lord High Steward] or fee given him from the Towne during his lffe x^{li}

Itm pd towards m^r Sparcke, m^r Baron, and m^r Parker's Charges at ye Courte aboute the Townes busynes more than was collected: viz., to m^r Sparcke, £13 8s.; to m^r Baron, £48; to m^r Parker, £46 cxxxvij^{li} viij^s

Itm pd for brynginge the water in pipes at the Foxehole, and for makyng a Cundytt there xlviij^{li}

Capt. Parker was paid £23 'for his shippe y^t serued for the towne in the Cales acton,' and another £10. Bagge also spent £82 on the ship, and Battersby £9.

1598-9. *Walter Mathewe.*

'S^r Rychard' [Champernowne] was to pay the town for 54s. paid out 'for bordes to sett fourthe S^r Champnownes Barracathes on Hoe Stert'; *i.e.*, Mount Batten. £12 11s. 10d. collected in Vintry Ward by rate 'touchinge fortificacon of this Towne vppon approche of the enmie this last yere.'

Itm rec of Capt Cooper for digginge a docke by
Smarts Kaie x^s

20s. received of 'Kinges Chirurgione for his Chestre' forfeited for a manslaughter; he was fetched by hue and cry.

Itm pd for carryenge a lre to M^r Maynerde of Tauestocke and for his paines in cominge hether aboute S^r Frc^e Drakes last will and Testam^t viij^s

Sinbarde, a preacher, had 13s. 4d. for six sermons; and there was also a preacher named Baxtor; while an old Cornish preacher had 5s.

Various entries of amending the leat and making the leat by the middle mill, also 'ridding' the leat.

Itm pd for cutting downe of the Furses & brembells vpon the diches of y^e west hawe xvij^d

Itm pd Mathewe Boye for Chargs in makinge and seekinge the Annytie given to the Town by S^r-John Hawkins kneight deceased. iij^{li} xv^s

1599-1600. *Walter Mathewe.*

Total receipts, £361 19s., chiefly made up as follows: In hand, £36 15s. 5d.; keys and tonnage, £8; rollage and package, £24; landleave and town custom (from strangers), £7 6s. 8d.; pinfold, 40s.; ale and beer wayts farm, £22; wine wayts, £10 (three paying); fines of freemen, £8 9s. 2d.; shambles, £37; mills, £34 4s. 4d.; rents, £39 13s. 9d.; freedom book, £4 18s. 3d.; fines of court, (£4 10s. of unfree), £7 16s. 9d.; rent of St. Budock, £4; rent of the vicarage, £10; farm of vicarage (Kemp), £40; measuring, 16s.; rent of castle hake and fishing within the cawse (nothing); £20 from Totnes (part of £50 awarded thence towards the Cales ship); £20 for right of the town to one Lucas's land; Lord Mayor of London's son fined £5 for escheat of hides; and two London freemen £10 on certain ginger. Payments, £391 6s. 2d.

Itm pd M ^r Seriuent Hele for his Councell at the first time aboute the Leate	xx ^s
Itm pd a man for watchinge of leighe the Taylor beinge suspected with Venicombes wyeffe	iiij ^d
Itm pd for London beere for my Lo Byshopp	iiij ^d
Itm pd for hallinge the duckinge stoole to ducke the cookes wyeffe and James Coyts wyeffe	iiij ^d
Itm pd for Carryinge a Ire to m ^r Thomas Drake	xij ^d

Tokens and towe papists carried to Gayle.

The water course altered by East Gate.

Notice given that no strangers should be taken in as under tenants or servants without the Mayor's licerse.

20s. were paid to Hele for his council about the leat at another time, and 10s. to M^r Moore; while the Mayor and the rest of the masters went to Oaston on the same business, the boat costing 3s. 4d.

Itm pd Thomas Reanalsen for charges in rydinge to Shurboure to speak w th S ^r walter Rawleight [Lord Warden of the Stannaries] aboute the water Course	xxvij ^s iiij ^d
Itm pd Robte Trelaine for a hodgehead of clarett wyne geven to M ^r Sient Hele	lv ^s
Itm pd M ^r Boyes for lawes causes for the Towne as by his byll appeareth, touchinge the leate	xj ^{li} ix ^s vj ^d

40s. paid to John Anthonie that came to be town clerk.

1600-1. *James Bickforde.*

Thomas Drake is now renting the mills at £34 4s. 4d.

Itm receaved of W ^m Neelde and Richard Jeoye Collecto ^{rs} of the Rents yerelic to be pd to the Towne by suche as haue the water brought and Converted into their houses into Cocks	iiij ^{li} ij ^s
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[The first definite entry of water rents collected.]

Itm receaved for a Bason and ewer of siluer guilte wayeing seuentie sixe ounces att vj ^s viij ^d p ounce w th M ^r Stallenge brought hether from london as a Remeaner of cx ^{li} w ^{ch} he hadd allowed him from the Towne towards the Charge of the imposte of pilchards and w ^{ch} Bason was sold to m ^r Paine, amounting to the Some of	xxv ^{li} vj ^s viij ^d
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Itm pd for half a hogshed of Clarett wyne giuen
to m^r Moore of Tauistocke for his kindnes
and paines touching o^r water Course xi^s

20s. to Hele for counsell touching the water.

Itm pd Fredricke Chirurgion for ripping of Joⁿ
drumm^r ij^s

10s. paid for a 'greate bote' to take the whole corpora-
tion to the Lord warden [Ralegh] at Radford.

Itm pd for calling in the Popes pdons and for
making a fier to burne them v^d

Much work done on the Castle and Island, there being
rumours of Spaniards.

Itm pd the widdowe Penwarden towards her
husbands Chargs he being arrested and sentt
att Trematon att the suite of the Maio^r of
Saltaishie ij^s

[This was a dispute about the measuring of salt.]

The Mayor had to disburse large sums in fitting out the
Queen's ship *Tremountaine*.

Luxton, the town clerk, paid money about 'following
the water.'

The new charter 'lately by his meanes and industrie
renewed purchased' of Mathew Boyes for £170.

1601-2. *William Can.*

Itm rec of Nicholas Goodridge of Totnes
m'chaunte vppon an agreement made be-
tween the Towne & him for an offence
Comitted by him thesaid nicholas in burn-
ing of a Cheste in the Councell Chamber,
wherein were Contayned divers evidencs
and writings Concerninge the Towne c^{li}

£10 found in the chest of Beaton John, who died in the
almshouse.

A chapel in the fort mentioned.

N. Downeman fined £20 for not suffering the conduit
water to pass to the cock and Conduit on Southside.

John Battersbie fined £20 for striking John Harris with
his truncheon in Guildhall before the Mayor; and Harris
£6 13s. 4d. for misbehaving himself towards Battersbie as
captain of the watch.

Itm rec of Joseph Gubbes for an offence in
speaches on S^t Lambarts daie at thelecton
of the newe maior x^s

Itm rec for a peice of golde taken for an
 escheate from Katherin Briant, widdowe,
 beinge founde vnder the Southside Kaie,
 and there hide by a Spaniard v^{li}

Thomas Tooser named as town attorney.

Two Spanish books sent to the Lords of the Council.

Sick people lodged in the 'ploe milles'; and pressed
 people kept in the Guildhall.

The fish market made against the Churchyard wall for
 £18 19s. 4d.

New Key near Smart's pallaiss built at a cost of
 £58 1s. 5d.

On the ending of the controversy with Saltash the
 two Mayors dined twice together at Stonehouse at a cost
 of 26s.

Walter Mathewe and Thomas Sherwill rode to Exeter
 about the schoolmaster.

M^r Bagge was paid £32 as a Burgess of the Parliament
 for himself and man 64 days at 10s.

Spaniards kept in M^r Hawkins's house.

1602-3. *William Neele.*

£4 18s. paid for water rent; and 10s. for rent of the
 pool by the East Gate; while £22 6s. 10d. was collected
 towards building a Conduit in Bilbury St.

26s. 8d. found about one Trefrie 'which hanged himself.'

5s. paid to Capt. Edwards for intelligence from Spain;
 10s. to 'Wrambie and his wife to keepe them out of Towne.'

Two Papists apprehended by S^r Richard Hawkins man.

Itm pd to a pore scholler beinge a Hungarian v^s

Itm for Cuttinge and settinge vp of the Kinges
 & Townes armes in the new Cundyte v^{li} xj^s vj^d

A large lead cistern provided to the Conduit without
 the North Gate. Downemans Key mentionēd. Expenses
 on the vicarage and in proclaiming the King.

Itm paid for 4 dayle bordes to stopp m^r Manbies
 dore iiij^s

Itm paid for m^r Drakes Comission as by the
 pticulers appeareth v^s viij^d

Itm paid for a dynn^r for m^r Drakes Comissioners
 when they were here about the water Course xl^s

Itm paid m^r Towne Clarke for writinge out a
 Copie of M^r Drakes lease of the milles and
 for his mans horsehire for two daies xiiij^s

- Itm paid him for writinge a Copie of the deed of p^rchase of the Water Course in p^rchment beinge two skynes of p^rchment xviiij^s
- Itm paid him for writinge of a paire of Indentures w^{ch} were for certaine houses given to the vse of poore fatherless children by M^r Walter Mathewe v^s

Upham the vicar died; £11 5s. paid Wallis his successor for money laid out by him about his induction; and £6 13s. 4d. for salary from August 22 to September 29.

A key made at Martyns dore.

1603-4. *James Mayne.*

- Itm received of Collectors towarde the new buildinge of new Bridge iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d

Robert Sprie paid 40s. for making the water course in the olde towne.

- Itm paide to John Woulcombe towardes the amendinge of new bridge which the leate brake downe iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d

[Marginal note, 'This m^r Drake must paye.']

- Itm paide for a dynner for S^r John Hele m^r Crymes and m^r Drake when they were here abowte the water Course vi^{li}

- Itm given to M^r Walter Elforde his Freedome and one hundred of dealebordes in regarde of the inheritance of the weare heade of the water that cometh hether to Plymouth, wher the maior and his brethren do vsuallie ride once a yere iiij^{li} xiiij^s

[Margin] This some of £4 14s. was repaid againe in the an account following to the next Receuo^r and the bords are yet owing vnto M^r Elford.

[These boards were probably left over after making the launder by which the leat was originally carried along 'the mighty rocks' below Yannadon.]

£6 18s. 8d. paid about the hanging of Peeke. Captains Fall and Chambers sent to gaol.

M^r Hitchings paid 32s. 6d. which was owed him by Robert Morrishe 'who was hanged and the Town seased on his goodes.'

The undersheriff paid *not* to return townsmen on juries.

£29 paid to R. Hawkins for 87 days in Parliament at 6s. 8d. a day; Bagge, the other member, had £40.

1604-5. *John Waddon.*

Item rec of W ^m Jerman & John Jope Butchers for killinge of a Bull before he was bayten .	v ^s
Item pd to hym [Robert Sprie] for payntyng of Byshipp Staffords Armes in the Castle. . .	vj ^s viij ^d
Item p ^d for two sermons to two strange preachers	xiiij ^s ij ^d
Item p ^d to the Ent ^r lude players to departe the Towne withoutt playing	ij ^s vj ^d

[One of many entries of a similar cast (this about the earliest) showing the growth of Puritan feeling. A few years previously all strolling players were made welcome. Still the Morice dancers and musicians were paid on May-day.]

Item pd to a woman for sarching the deed . . .	xij ^d
Item pd for an Ordynarie to Bentley vppon the Comysson betwene the Towne & S ^r Thomas wyse	xviij ^s x ^d

Tynwork visited by Mayor and others.

Item geuen to m ^r Jackson when S ^r Richerd Hawkins called the Townes Chre in ques- tion to haue the same confirmed	ijij ^{li}
Item paid for Boats to settou ^r m ^r may ^r & others on St. Mathewes day over the water att Hingeston poynt according to the Auncyent Custome for weving of the Bounds & lymitts of the Borroughe	xj ^d

M^o that the Condet w^tout the Eastgate by the Tree was buylte at the p^{per} Coste and Charge of m^r Walter Mathewe, then maior.

1605-6. *Thomas Founes.*

Item pd for a dynner for S ^r Thomas wise, knight, and others w ^{ch} came aboute the water Course	xviiij ^s
Item pd for the Gunners for shooting of the Ordyn ^{ance} vppon the tryumphe for y ^e joyful deliverance of ye King and State from the Treason of Percie & others	ij ^s

Irish people sent away in M^r Streng's ship.

5s. for horse hire for Thomas Love to ride to Exon about the *Virginia* voyage.

School house enlarged by certain rooms.

Item pd to do: Steward for Councill vppon
Plantagenetts graunt xxx^s

Item pd to Robte Trelawney for three hoggesheds
of Clarett wyne geuen to S^r Thomas wise,
kneight, for the soyle in the leate in his
Orcharde at Stoke Dam'ell through w^{ch} the
Towne water is Conveyed, and for his right
in the wast grounde & key by the Barbacan xiiij^{li} x^s

Thomas Sherwill searched in the Tower for the Town
Charter, and a copy was had.

John Gibbons served two warrants on the Tynworkers.

Sir Richard Hawkins brought a suit against the Mayor
which the town defended.

£794 8s. 1d. stated as the whole charge of 'buyldinge
the Guyldhalle & the fleshamells w^{hin} this Borough and
for redeemyng of Thomas Saunders & myles Saterfords
leases of the two houses by the Churchstile in y^e mayoraltie
of m^r James Bagg 1606.' The bulk of the money was
borrowed, some paid, and bills given for the rest, the last
to expire in 1612. John Martyn and Walter Mathewe
supplied the timber; George Sheere the ironwork; John
Burden was the plumber, Mychaell Bountie the glasyer,
while Pascoe Peppell sold lime.

1606-7. *Joseph Gubbes.*

Item pd for a gutter of ledd for conveying of
water into Philipp Cornellis his Curtlage v^s

Richard Roe paid for walling up the tree on the hill
without west gate.

Item pd for Ducking a woman and for a swiftng
gardell & Cordes to make her fast ij^s vj^d

Item pd for two hoggeshedds of Clarett wyne sent
to S^r Thomas wyse kneight in full payment
of the Composition betweene hym and the
Towne for the soyle of his lande in the
water Course and his right in the grounde
& soyle of the Southside Key viij^{li}

1607-8. *John Madocke.*

Old Towne Gate and the water course into the Town by
the Town Mills amended.

Item pd to hym [John Burden] for amending the
same leddes [pipes] the laste greate froste,
beinge an extraordynarie charge xl^s

Item geuen to m^r Walter Elford one hundred of
deale Boardes w^{ch} are deli^ued and also his
freedom for y^e absolute inheritance of the
hedd weare in the Ryver and the water leate
of the water of meawe als meavy that runeth
thorough his lande towards Plymouth w^{ch}
Boards cost iiiij^{li} xiiij^s

1608-9. *Nicholas Sherwill.*

Item to two men y^t warded at y^e Barbacan to see
y^t no victualls were carried aboard y^e Piratts
one day xvj^d

Item pd for paper for ticketts the said yere for
Corne xij^d

1609-10. *John Waddon.*

Leather forfeited as insufficiently dressed.
A rock dug away in Loo street.

Item geuen by m^r mayo^r and his bretheren to m^r
Worth the schoolemaster in respecte of his
presente necessitie as a benevolence iiiij^{li}

Item pd for removing the front of Hughe
Cornishes house in the olde Towne iij^s

Item pd for a dynner for divers gentlemen of the
Countrie w^{ch} came hether about a Composi-
tion for the Corne markett xl^s

1610-11. *John Clement.*

The old corne market house mentioned.

Item pd for levyng of the ground about the
Compassse xij^d

1611-12. *Robert Rawlyng.*

Item rec of M^r James Bagg for the morestone
pillers of the market Crosse xl^s

The walk under the Guildhall mentioned.

Item paid to a lame Captayne that had l^{ies}
pattente vij^s

1612-13. *Thomas Wolridge.*

Inn-keepers and Tiplers fined for not entering into
recognizances—a frequent entry—and beer brewers for
selling beer at excessive prices.

Item pd for taking a boye out of his grave to his
bodie vewed viij^d

Item pd for ayde money to the Ladie Elizabeth v^{li}

1613-14. *John Bownde.*

Paid to the Earl of Suffolk, Lord High Treasurer, for his fee being High Steward £10.

1614-15. *William Hill.*

Two dollars taken from a Fleming as base silver & sold. A new carpet of green broad cloth for the Guildhall and new cushions.

Sir John Digby, Lord Ambassador for Spain, entertained by the Mayor.

Paid to the King as a free gift according to letters received from the Privy Council £106, of which £80 17s. 4d. was subscribed by the inhabitants.

[The list which follows is at the end of the volume].

Here followeth the names of such as did contribute towards the free guift to the Kinge by order of a lre from his maties priuy Counsell and the seu^rall some by each of them disbursed Anno RRg Jacobi Anglie 1615 :

Inprimis John Clement Mayo^r xl^s; M^r John Scobell xl^s; M^r John Blighman xl^s; M^r John Martyn xxxij^s; M^r Walter Mathew xl^s; M^r Robert Trelawney xl^s; M^r Thos Sherwell xl^s; M^r Tho: Fownes xl^s; M^r John Battersby xl^s; M^r John Waddon xl^s; M^r Abraham Colmer xl^s; M^r John Fowell xxvj^s viij^d; John Jope sen xx^s; Thomas Reynardson x^s; Wm Neile xij^s iij^d; Nicho Blake xx^s; Wm Cann xx^s; Rowland Breufforth xx^s; Leonard Pomeroy xx^s; Nicho: Sherwill xx^s; John Bownd xx^s; Joseph Gubbes xx^s; Wm Predis x^s; John Predis xvj^s; Tho: Wolridg xx^s; Jo: Maddocke xx^s; Wm Hill xx^s; Richard Brendon xx^s; Tho: Ceelie xx^s; Nicho: How xij^s; Philip Andrew xij^s; M^r George Barons xv^s; M^r Wm Elford x^s; Richard Morehowse xij^s; Tho: Glanfeild x^s; Frederick Christian viij^s; Hugh Maye vj^s viij^d; Jacob Stevins v^s; Michaell Marnen vj^s; Moyses Goodyceere xij^s; Fraunces Cocke x^s; Ric Raddon v^s; Oliver Webb v^s; Edward Hoyell iijj^s; Ric Paine ij^s; Jo: Cause x^s; Jo: Campe ij^s; Ric Northeren ij^s; Jo: Gaye vj^s; Ambrose Bagtor v^s; Edward Buckham vj^s; Jo: Symons vj^s; Hugh Langford j^s; Robert Doble ij^s; Geo: Johnson x^s; John Paige x^s; Henry Laurence x^s; John Legg iijj^s; M^r Bligh x^s; Thomas Blackoler iijj^s; Adam Morgan ij^s; Ric Lawrence v^s; Humfrey Turner iijj^s; Nicho: Bickford iij^s iijj^d; Ric Streamer vj^s; Robert Sharpe v^s; Geo: Burradg v^s; Laurence Ryland v^s; Jerom Roch viij^s; Jo: Harris x^s; Tho: Carvell v^s; William

Hele x^s; Richard Wilcocks v^s; John Elford v^s; Phillipp
 Cornellis v^s; Edward Palmer v^s; John Andrewes vj^s;
 Jo: Beard v^s; Ro: Dewe v^s; William Hawkins ij^s; William
 Sharpe v^s; Erasmus Emyn vj^s; Richard Hamlyn v^s;
 Robert Pollard v^s; Edward Cocke x^s; Fraunces Glover v^s;
 Richard Everard v^s; Nicho: Elliott vj^s; Tho: Cramphorne x^s;
 Steven Trevill xij^s; Ric Trevill xij^s iij^d; Tho: Hawksland x^s;
 W^m Bligh iij^s; Edward Deacon v^s; Humfry Thomas x^s;
 Christopher Shorte iij^s; Ric: Gubbes vj^s; Peter Johnson v^s;
 Tho: Hall vj^s; Tho: Moreton viij^s; Ro: Bampfild ij^s;
 Ro: Humfry ij^s; Peter Trennlin ij^s vj^d; Tho: Dibb ij^s vj^d;
 Tho: Hardwell v^s; Simon Triscott ij^s; W^m Davies ij^s;
 Wm Heynes ij^s; Tho: Wolsdon ij^s; Jo: Brooking vj^s;
 Wm Cole v^s; Jo: Munnyon iij^s; Jo: Davies Chirurgion x^s;
 Richard Maior xj^s; Christopher Pomery ij^s vj^d; John
 Fryer ij^s; John Ireland v^s; Thomas Woode v^s; Thomas
 Burges v^s; Edmond Lynes vj^s; Jo Jope jn^r x^s; Michaell
 Weekes ij^s; Richard Woode ij^s vj^d; Richard Goode ij^s vj^d;
 Jo: Rogers sen^r ij^s; Ric Rawson iij^s; Michaell Pryer v^s;
 Tho: Stockman v^s; Henry Reede iij^s; Jo: Jerman viij^s;
 Nicholas Sheppard vj^s; Henry Moone viij^s; Luke Creede v^s;
 Peter Webb viij^s; Ric Derry iij^s; Peter Foote ij^s; Jo:
 Moxey x^s; Robert Sumpter xvij^d; Richard Nicholas xij^d;
 John Wotton xij^d; Ric Mattecott ij^s; Jo: Reddicliffe ij^s;
 Edward Collins xij^d; Wm Pynce iij^s; Peter Edgcombe vj^s;
 Stephen Reede ij^s vj^d; Christopher Trewyn ij^s; Reynald
 Streamer viij^s; Nicho: Colwell x^s; Jo: Pyke xij^s; Istaffe
 Dockett ij^s; Robert Stephens ij^s; Digory Holman x^s;
 Walter Glubb v^s; Henry Shere viij^s; Nicho: Peirse iij^s;
 Jo: Miller v^s; Tho: Moore iij^s; Jo: Bennett ij^s; Ro:
 Humfry ij^s; Tho: Hearnes (?) v^s; Henricus Smarte ij^s vj^d;
 Abraham Jennens xij^s; Nicho: Opy gen x^s; Ric Gayre vj^s;
 Geo: Sheffeld v^s; Wm Birch x^s; Geo: Vaughan iij^s;
 James Newte xvij^d; Nicho: Tresane xvij^s; William
 Weekes ij^s; Nicho: Harris xij^d; Jo: Shynne ij^s vj^d; James
 Boulton xij^d; Wm Carkeete v^s; Lewston Barnes v^s; Geo:
 Dicks ij^s; Jo: Fownes v^s; Jo: Rowe v^s; Tho: Follenge v^s;
 Edward Bray v^s; Eliz: Sheere vid ij^s; Wm Goddard xij^d;
 Edward Scoffin xij^d.

Here followeth the names of such as did absolutely
 refuse to contribute towards the free guift to the King
 in the yeere of our lord 1615:

M^r James Bagg; M^r Wm. Parker; M^r Jo: Trelawney
 doth not pay because the King owth him xx^{li} on a privy

seale; M^r John Yard; Peter Silfester; Ro: Rawlyn hath not paid because the kinge oweth him xx^{li} on a privy seale; James Bickford; Jo: Oliver; Nicho: Harrell; Ambrose Diggins; Charles Crooke; Walter Carkeete; Tho: Loue; Tho: Bennett; Frs Taylor; Jo: Cotton; Frs Tawley; Edward Childe; Alex Sheere; Jo: Rogers jn^r; Samuel Berry; William Draper; Roger Colwell; Ric Hunte; John Smarte; Ric Jeoy; William Richards; W^m Moore; Jo: Evans; Jo: Tawley; Michaell Symons; Tho: Miller; Antho. Tallant; Edw: Avery; Peter Marten; Pascan Rowe; Jo: Gibbons.

1615-16. *Richard Brendon.*

Goods found, owner not known, appropriated to Town use.

Robert Alden, recusant, sent to London on suspicion of high treason.

1616-17. *Thomas Ceelie.*

Itm Rec of M^r Abraham Jennens for the Custome of certaine figgs w^{ch} he bought of a Dutchman that rann awaie and left it vnpaide. The rest is to be recou^ded of the Dutchman when he shall be founde xv^s

Itm pd for guildinge kings armes and painetinge the Guildhall ij^{li} vij^s

Itm pd for drawinge of S^r Frances Drakes picture and other charges towarde that ij^s

Itm pd for S^r John Hawkins and S^r John Heles Armes and placing them in the Guildhall windowes xxxij^s vj^d

The 'Prinse' made a claim within the Cawse; and Thomas Sherwill searched the Rolls in London and took counsel thereon.

Allowed M^r Robert Trelawnye beinge Mayor for entertayninge S^r Walter Rawley and his followers at his house w^{ch} was done by a grall consente ix^{li}

Sir John Duckhame, Chancellor of the Duchy, entertained, his followers being lodged in M^r Johnson's house.

It allowed for a pownde of Tobacco w^{ch} was geven to S^r John Duckhame viij^s

It paid the drum^r for calling S^r Walter Raleighs company aboard xij^d

1617-18. *Nicholas Sherwill.*

Entry of rent for 'fishinge w^{thn} Fishers nose over agaynst the Beare's head.'

Itm rec of William Hawkyns for the rent of the two Hawes	xviij ^{li}
Itm pd for a small grate of wyre before the Armes in the Guildhall	xiiij ^s x ^d
Itm pd for one hundred of dry virginea fish, and a quarter of one hundred of Corr fish sent to Sr William Strode for his paynes in the townes busynes	xxx ^s
Itm pd for amendinge of the Kinges Armes, and for two newe armes the Princes and the Dukes	xxv ^s

£99 13s. 3d. spent in defending the towne against the Prince's claims.

1618-19. *John Fope.*

Alexander Maynard and John Glanvill both town counsel.

Itm given by a free consent towards the buylding of the stone brīdge in Plympton Marsh [amount struck out]	xl ^s
Itm given to the Lady Elizabeths Players being 20 ^{tie} persons, who had the Kings band for playing aswell by night as by day	iiij ^{li} vj ^s

Mayor sued ineffectually in the Starre chamber by Peter Grisling.

William Mannourry indicted for high treason 'for clipping and washing of gold.' [This was the French physician who is connected with the arrest and death of Raleigh.]

1619-20. *Phillipp Andrewwe.*

Rec for two old rapiers w ^{ch} sometymes did belong vnto one Emilie and Harris, and w ^{ch} were sold towards the defraying of their charges in Sending them to the goale	vj ^s viij ^d
Itm pd Peirs the Footpost for bringing of Ires from the Lords concerning the Plantaçon in the Newfoundland	xij ^d
Itm pd for taking downe the Gates of the Towne and placīng them in the Steeple and Castle as by a note shewed at this accompt appeareth	xvj ^s ix ^d

1s. to two poor men taken by the Turks.

£20 paid to Strode for his services in Parliament and for 'assisting the Towne w^hstanding the Patent for packing and salting of fish and for other things.'

£5 spent in entertaining the followers of Sir Walter Ashton, ambassador into Spain.

Itm allowed the sayd M^r Mayor [*Thomas Forvnes*] for entertayning of Doctor Pridiaux Vice-Chancellor of the Vniversitie of Oxford his company and followers who lodged in his house, w^h said Doctor at the request of the Towne hath been helpfull and beneficiall to two poore schollers sent out of this towne . ixⁱⁱ

Itm allowed the forsayd M^r Mayor for entertayning thold Recorder [*Sir W. Strode*] and the newe vpon the chaunge of the Recordershipp and for entertayning M^r *Glanwill* nowe Recorder at the time of passing the Advowson and Assurance to M^r Nicholls the Lecturer . iiijⁱⁱ

£10 paid William Neele of Dartmouth for his travell to London with merchants of Exon and elsewhere 'about the suppressing of the French and Spanish Companies of London,' in which Dartmouth and Totnes likewise joined. Thomas Sherwill also went to London in 1613-14 against the French Company and the unjust fees of the Customs officers. He further aided John Scoble in procuring the renewal of the Town Charter in the latter end of 1614. Altogether there seems to have been a general balancing with Sherwill. The Plantation in the Newfoundland was withstood.

Thomas Rich town attorney.

1620-21. *Thomas Crampporne.*

Item given to S^r Robert Mansell knight Generall of his M^{ties} Fleet agaynst the Pyrats of Alger at his goeing to sea for a present two fat sheepe two sugar loafes twelve capons and six fat gennies v^{li} ij^s iiij^d

Itm given to two heralds (vizt) S^t George Richmond and Blewemantle w^h came into the Country to veiwe the armes and seales of all Corporacoñs and gentlemen for the fees for themselves and their Clarkes iiij^{li} xvij^s iiij^d

£8 10s. paid to Charles Kiddewe for his 'clayme in the houses built by him on the viccaridge neare the churchyard.'

Itm pd M^r John Savage of Exon for the dyalls
and Clocke Set vp in the Guildhall . . . xxxij^{li}
Setting up and materials cost £12 5s. 5d. more.

1621-2. *William Birch.*

A chain and whistle of silver taken from a Frenchman sent to Gaol for killing a child of Ellis Eggbeares. A Frenchman made to pay 20s. for breaking down the quay.

John Rattenbury as well as Rich a town attorney.

William Hele sent by the Mayor to the Privy Council in Oct. and Nov., 1621, 'to shewe cause wth other port Townes of the decay of trade and scarsity of mony in this Kingdome.'

Itm pd for a bason and ewer of silver gilt cont
95 ounces 3 qrters at vj^s x^d p ounce wth xx^s
given for ingraving a mapp of the Towne of
Plymouth in the said bason xxxij^{li} xiiij^s iij^d
and iij^s given to Rōbert Spry the Paynter
for drawing a plott of the said towne, wth
bason and ewer was by the towne bestowed
vpon *John Glanvyl* Esq Recorder of this
borroughe for his attendaunce at the last
Parliam^t being one of the Burgisses of this
borroughe xxxij^{li} xvij^s iij^d

Labourers paid to bring 'the Quarts juggs cans and other measures from the Tavernes and beerehouses to the Guildhall'—the unlawfull ones melted.

Timber drawn over the keys when 'my Lord Ambassador came hither.'

1622-3. *Rowland Breuffourth.*

1623-4. *Richard Gayer.*

24s. 6d. paid to M^r Foster, one of the officers of the Ordnance, for taking notice of the ordnance in the fort.

Itm pd for a small siluer seale wth the Townes
Armes for the siluer & making vj^s ix^d

Thomas Davies had 3s. 6d. for bringing news that the Prince was passing the harbour, whereon the bells were rung.

Itm pd for Alixander Baker the Jesuit for charges
concernyng him xiiij^s vij^d

Itm pd to John Skinner goldsmyth for three new
Mases xix^{li} xv^s viij^d

More for Jronn for the same Mases iij^s

Payd by *M^r Pomerey* maior for a pte of the charge disburst for the putting down of the Lizard light w^{ch} would have ben burdansom to all this cuntrie besydes that w^{ch} was collected pd by him to Ed: Cock to haue discharged the xl^s for the fee farme dew to the King w^{ch} was apointed to be payd to the prince his officers butt he pd itt to M^r Gawen the prince his auditor. . . . For the first iij^{li} xix^s iij^d; the second xliiij^s viij^d.

1624-5. *Moses Goodyear.*

£4 4s. received of one Covell of London 'who was taken arrested and imprisoned vpon the statute of Bankrout for extraordinary watches and guards vpon him.'

Itm received in mony w^{ch} remayned in two purses

in the deske w^{ch} was taken from Duch

Pirats xliij^s ij^d

Petitions sent to the King against 'the Pirats of Sally,' and orders from the Council to guard the coast against the pirates. A company of 'Turks' sent to Gaol.

Itm pd for new making the three small maces

and for silver added vnto them and for

gildinge ij^{li} xiiij^s vj^d

Town seal graved by John Bardsey 6s. 4d.

£150 given to the King on his coming to the town, Sept. 15, 1625; £3 6s. 8d. for a purse to deliver it in; £33 3s. 4d. to the attendants; 6s. 8d. to make clean 20 'helbarts' for the King's guard.

Itm paid for boate hire to fetch Drake the Piratt

on shore xviiij^d

The castle repaired to make a prison for soldiers, and part of it 'burnt by the negligence of the souldierrs' costing £23 5s. 4d. There was a piece of ordnance at the Barbican.

Houses at Oreston and certain ships visited 'suspected of the sicknes.'

Itm pd for clensing of the sinks and other buy

lanes against the King's coming to this

towne xxij^s iij^d

The Recorder's scarlet gown trimmed against the King's coming.

The Receiver allowed 3s. 4d. 'for soe much he could not receive of S^r Ferdinando Gorges kt towards the Lizard light.'

Itm for making of a house wth deale boards att
Lipson in M^r Roberte Trelawnyes grounde
 for sicke folkes, wherein there bee one
 hundred and eight cheife deales besides
 others and other charges as by the p^ticulars
 appeareth ix^{li} ix^s x^d

[Marginal note] 'This some of ix^{li} ix^s x^d is to be charged
 to the Accompt for the Pest houses.'

Itm pd for settinge vp of boardes to make a
 lynney on the Southside Key xxxiijs ij^d

Itm pd for making of three houses on husteart
 wherein there is three hundred and three
 Quarters of Deale boards wth sparrs and
 other charges as by the p^ticulars appeareth
 xxvj^{li} xii^s ix^d

Itm pd for making of a jibbett on the howe xxjs j^d
 [Note] 'To craue allowance of the Kinge for all these.'

1625-6. *John Page.*

Itm pd for taking down the gate and wall by
 thold M^r John Martyns ijs iiij^d

Itm pd for clensing of the prison being very
 noisome by meanes of the infection ix^s ij^d

Itm pd for the charge of the setting vpp of the
 house in the feilds out of the Towne wheren
 the Mayo^r was chosen being wholly occasioned
 by meanes of the plague then in towne
 xxviijs xi^d

1626-7. *John Fope.*

Itm rec^d of William Lowdwell for taking the
 water into his house v^{li}

New market house, which had cost £9 13s. 11d., pulled
 down and carried away, and afterwards repaired and fitted
 above the higher mill.

Gates and walls repaired. Ordnance and other defences
 put in order.

Itm pd for charges about the old Caws in raying
 the same higher that boates may not come
 over it iijs xiijs iijs^d

1627-8. *Robert Trelawny.*

Francis Earl of Bedford Lord High Steward; previous
 entries of his predecessors commonly say high steward.
 A box provided for his patent.

£136 7s. spent in renewing the Charter.

- Itm pd for repaying the wall w^{ch} standeth next the sea leading from the Barbican towards the Lambe hay being thrown down by the fall of a wall w^{ch} belongs to the Lyme Kills there ij^{li} xv^s vj^d ob
- Itm pd Liuetenñt Burthog being enterteined by the Towne for the exercising of the youth of the towne in military disciplyne x^{li}
- Itm pd M^r Nicholas Sherwill for powder and match for suppressing the saylers when they were in a mutiny xvij^s viij^d

News sent to the Lords of the Council upon the 'first intelligence of the Earle of Denbeighes departure from before Rochell with the Fleete without relieuing the said Towne.'

- Itm allowed hym [The Mayor] for a Journy to Truroe in M^r Blakes Mayoraltye to conferr with the Maio^r of Truroe concerning the shippe required by the Lords of the Counsell to be sett out xvij^s

18*l*. spent in repairing the town pikes broken by the sailors.

1628-9. *Richard Tapper.*

- Itm rec of Regynald Streamer one of the overseeres of the poore for Fower yeares Rent of three tenem^{ts} whereon the workehowse for the setting of the poore on worke is lately built neare the Churchyard, ended at Michaellmas 1629 ix^{li} xij^s
- Itm pd a wanderer that came to shewe feats of activitie to be gonne x^s

Thomas Starky killed by Cornelius Lawrence; Lawrence by Richard Mason; Jonas Worth by Francis Caloier; John Jones by Adam Turtle. [Query a riot.]

Order from the Council to prevent the landing of the soldiers from Rochell.

The wall and steps about the great tree without East Gate repaired; and the wall without East Gate.

1629-30. *Nicholas Bennett.*

1630-31. *John White.*

- Itm recd of William Warren for suffering of Thomas May and Stephen Caunter to play at dice in his howsse xl^s

Itm rec ^d of Thomas May and Stephen Caunter for playing at dice at the howse of William Warren and Mary Morgan	xxvj ^s viij ^d
Itm rec ^d of diverse other persons for playing att vnlawfull games	j ^{li} vj ^s iiij ^d
Itm recd of John Pike for selling of a quart of beer for two pence	xx ^s
Itm recd of William Darke and Henry Old for giving interteynem ^t att vnlawfull tymes contrary to the Statute	xx ^s
Itm rec ^d of a Lubiker for heating of pitch aboard his shipp w th in the cavse	xx ^s
Itm rec ^d of diverse persons that swept durte into the Cannells and wasted water at the Conduitts contrary to the orders	vj ^s x ^d

The fines for gaming, selling without license, &c., were, 'as they ought to bee, charged to the poores Accompt.' They had been entered here by error, and were allowed the Receiver again.

A suit in the Star Chamber against the Mayor, &c., touching wyne and ale waits, ended by Wm. Noy, cost £192 9s. 4d.

Itm paid M ^r Horsman for a stipend given hym by the Towne	v ^{li}
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1631-2. *James Waddon.*

Land enclosed near 'thold mills'; John Bound paid £40 for a grant in fee farm and granted the town an annuity of 6s. 8d. for ever.

Itm paid to watchmen for watching of a child Kild by Johane Cradocke	ij ^s iiij ^d
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1632-3. *Hunfry Gayer.*

1633-4. *Bartholomew Nicholls.*

Eliot of Exon fined £3 for buying tallow of an Irishman 'being a straunger and making breach of the priviledges of the towne.'

Itm paid Pascow Rooe for his Charges & horse hier vnto Shatster to view the water by m ^r maior's appointment	ij ^s iiij ^d
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£9 19s. 3d. spent in removing 'lyttetor' to London to give evidence against a Jesuit.

The Earl of Bedford had his fee as high steward bestowed in apparel for 16 poor men.

Itm paid for boat hier for goinge to howe sterte
to vieu the breach of the Sea ther iij^s ij^d

1634-5. *Richard Spurwell.*

Itm payd M^r Nicholls and others that went to
vieu the Towne Leate vij^s iiiij^d

New Key paved and edged about with moorstones, and
a crane placed.

Itm payd for M^r Maio^{rs} and others Chardges in
riding Fiue iournyes to Exon abut the twee
shippis and towards M^r Clem^s Journye to
London about the same businesse l^j^{li} vij^s x^d

M^r Mason named as town counsell.

Itm payd Edward Arnold in full dischargde of a
demande due from Jno Lawrenson Hebr
high Jerman whoe was maynteyned att the
charity of the Towne of Plymouth att the
Uniu'sitye ij^{li} xviiij^s

£10 paid to Michael Herring, merchant, of London,
which he had disbursed 'about the Newfoundland trayne
which sayd sume is to be made good agayne vnto the
Towne on the next Newfoundland rate.'

1635-6. *Ferome Roch.*

Itm payd for the freeinge of two escapes of
murther this yeare iiiij^{li} xij^s

1636-7. *John Sherwill.*

Itm payd for a present sent the R^{ht} Ho^{ble} the
Earle of Northumberlande Generll of his
ma^{ts} Fleete Royall att his beinge here wth
boate hyre vij^{li} xviiij^s iiiij^d

1637-8. *John Sherwill.*

Itm for a prsent giuen M^r Risdon to pcure out
of his hands such writenges as concerned
Vauters Fee lately bought by the Towne of
m^r John Hawkyns, and a man and two horses
two Journyes to fetch the sayd writenges v^l iiiij^s

£3 7s. 10d. paid for copies of writings concerning
Sutton Pool out of London.

£2 10s. paid toward the purchasing a house near Exon
for a Bridewell.

£3 0s. 3d. paid for costs of a lawsuit with the Vicar ;
and 20s. laid out in London 'for the surrenderinge vpp of
the Patronadge of Plymouth.'

Rolles mentioned as town counsel.

1638-9. *Moses Goodyere.*

Soldiers exercised and fitted with arms.

Itm payd the salt peter man for not troublinge ye
Towne for carriadge and to gett his carriadge
elsewhere v^{li} vj^s

1639-40. *Phillipp Francis.*

Dung key built on the stronde at the end of Looe St.

Thirteen soldiers sent to the North, and coat and
conduct money paid.

A new pavement laid in the way leading from the
Church Stile to D^r Wilson's house.

Itm giuen the souldyers of the Forte when M^r
Mayor and his brethren went to visite S^r
Jacob Ashleigh & his Lady xxij^s

1640-41. *John Sherwell.*

Deeds for the purchase of Vauters Fee enrolled.

£68 10s. paid out in procuring the Advowson by Robert
Trelawney. £80 laid out by John Waddon for the like
and passing the bill in Parliament. Waddon also paid for
298 days attendance in Parliament, £89 6s. 8d.

1641-2. *Phillipp Francis.*

Tithe of the mills £10.

Itm recd of D^r Aaron Wilson by the hands of
M^r Robert Gubbes in parte of a debt due
from the saide D^r Wilson to the Maior and
Coialtie of this borrough by bonde the summe
of tenne powndes due vnto the saide D^r Wilson
frō the saide M^r Robte Gubbes as Governor
of Orphants ayde for the tythes of the mills x^{li}

1642-3. *Christopher Ceely.*

Itm payd for makenge a wall att M^r Alsoppes
howse an other by D^r Wilsons howse & a
thirde in the way leadeinge to Totehill iiij^{li} vj^s xi^d

Itm pd for repaire of the wall behinde St.
Catherines lane xxvij^s

Itm pd for Carryeinge gunnes into M^r Fowells and
M^r Elliotts gardens where they were mounted
for y^e better defence of the towne ag^t S^r Ralph
Hopton and to gunners y^t attended one
month there iiij^{li}

Itm payd for Carriadge of gunnes to the Town
Gates & into the old Towne & for Lanternes
for the guardes and for shott xxix^s ix^d

- Bells rung when the Earl of Stamford came.
- Itm pd for makinge two newe handmills at the Castle vij^{li} vj^s x^d
- Itm paid for worke done about fortifyinge the frieris and for Carriage of deales thither and to Old Towne gate and Carrying away Rubble that stopped vpp the entrance of Barkers lane iij^{li} iiij^s xi^d
- Itm paid the Charges of building the Cobbe wall behind the Ould towne xxv^{li} v^s iiij^d
- Itm paid in Expences and for horse hire for myself and M^r Evans ridinge to Exon with a peticon from the Towne to the deputie Lieveteiⁿts when they mette there on a treatie with the Cornish gent ij^{li}

£19 14s. 2d. spent by the Mayor on timber and plank for building the town gates; £20 in entertaining Col. Ruthen and other officers and gentlemen of Devon and Cornwall; £30 on the Earl of Stamford and the Deputy-Lieutenants—both at several times; £10 on 'some of the Burgesses of Parliam^t att their being in Plym^o aboute the treatie betweene Devon and Cornewall'; and £20 for other extraordinary entertainments.

1643-4. *Olliner Ceelye.*

A Spanish pike with head bought for the town standard. £10 allowed for entertaining the Lord Admiral and others.

- Itm payd for a jarre of oyle for the makinge salues for scalded sould^{rs} vij^s
- Itm pd for a rolle of Spannish tobacchoe sent the Speaker of the howse of Comons assembled in Parliam^t for a gratuitie from the Towne vj^{li} x^s

1644-5. *John Allyn.*

Itm pd for two longe Verre beames for the Towne Crookes [for pulling down houses in case of fire] x^s

- Itm pd for a Chamber pott for the hall xvij^d

£14 5s. 8d. spent in a present of wine and sweets for Lord Roberts on his departure for London.

- Itm pd Andrewe Horsman Clarke master of the freeschoole for three yeares stipend att Michas laste w^{ch} was not paid in the times of the warres lx^{li}

The Lord Marshall and Vice-Admiral Batten entertained.

1645-6. *Hugh Cornish.*

Oliver Ceely and Nicholas Edgcomb fined 6s. 8d. for not wearing their gowns in Sessions.

Several messuages, lands, and tenements called Corpus Christi leased to John Paige for 99 years on lives; fine £125.

Town Colours altered.

Wall at Hustart repaired. £1 15s. 2d.

New gutters made to bring the town water without the Old Town Gate—£7 12s. 3d.

Itm pd for a Sermon preached on Markes day
being a fee of Marke Cottles x^s

Prisoners detained because the country was not open for them to be sent to gaol.

Robert Arundell sent to London to procure money for the garrison.

Present given to Col. Weldon at his first coming.

New cage in the Old Town built.

Five Portugells sent to Rochell in the *Peter and Robert* at the town expense.

£20 spent in entertaining Fairfax and others.

Itm pd Batten for mending the drawbridge at Gascoine's xvij^d

1646-7. *Nicholas Edgecombe.*

Robert Gubbes leased part of the Friery Garden 'divided by the erectinge of the Town line.'

Itm recd of M^r John Allin for goods distrained & sould of Joⁿ Harris drap for refusing to beare y^e office of a Comon Counsellman beinge lawfully elected hereunto the s^d goodes beinge sould in open survey x^{li}

Itm recd of M^r Thomas Sherwill of London for eight yeares arrearages of an annuitie of v^{li} p annm given by M^r Thomas Sherwill M^{te} decd out of his lands att Hundiscombe to the towne to buy powder two yeares of the eight beinge abated him in regard of the troubles his beinge the firste payment of that annuity beinge to Continue fvee and twenty yeares xxx^{li}

- Itm recd for arrearages of rente of the milles
in parte of foure yeares rents due from M^r
Tapson xliij^{li} viij^s
- Itm pd Christopher Tyacke Chirurgeon for
visiteinge shippes whose company were
diseased & came from the west indies v^s
- Itm pd M^r Rowe minister of God's word for a
gratuity beinge a stranger and preached
often heere xx^s

A messenger from St. Iues with notice of a ship coming whose company had the plague.

Some poor Irish people likely to become chargeable transported.

John Madocke and Robert Doble sent to London twice to sollicit the Parliament for pay for the garrison. The eight drummers of the town regiment had £4 10s. a piece for their services from the 'beginning of the troubles.' Doctor Vivian had £20 gratuity. £4 6s. given by M^r Cely, Mayor, to M^r Hughes and the rest of the ministers.

1647-8. *Lawrence Beele.*

Letter sent to Sir Hardress Waller to Exeter about disbanding the garrison—sent express.

£148 to Waddon for Parliament service. Waller and Col. Weldon entertained.

1648-9. *Richard Goodyear.*

Roger Tolle paid 20s. fine for his freedom. Peter Treby and Thomas Rich, attornies; Edward Fowell, counsell.

- It paid for two horses bought & employed in the
Cleansinge of the Towne & for Cartes &
pottes for carryinge away the Dunge xvj^{li} xiiij^s viij^d
- It paid ffyve yeares Rent arreare due to M^r Longe
of Bristowe paid by him to the Minister of
Tidnum, beinge m^r Laurence his guift v^{li}
- It paid for a shollop sent out to the parliament
shippes for the gyvinge notice of the passage
alonge of the revolted shippes j^{li} iiij^s vj^d

1649-50. *Caleb Brookinge.*

Total receipts with balance of £48 8s. 8d., £574 19s. 10d. Keyage and cranage £24; tonnage, struck out; land-leave and customs, £23 8s.; beer and ale waits, £14; rent of pinfold, £2; freedom book, £3 18s. 6d.; of those made free, £41 2s. 4d.; mills (Hospital and Tapson's exors), £34 3s. 4d.; town rents and water cocks, £73 15s.;

those who keep their shop windows open not being free, £2 10s.; measurage £1 6s. 8d.; rollage and package, also portorage (17 pay), £10 16s.; castle hake 1s. 4d.; flesh shambles, £3; coverings and standings in market, £10; drawing stones out of Barne Park, £3; rest fines of leases. Total payments, £583 9s. 4d.

The Hoe Gate made, leading from the Barbican to the Fort. 10s. 6d. to Richard Wilcocks for new gilding the town maces.

[In this year both numerals and Arabic figures are used].

It pd William Gaire the stone Cutter for renewing of the Freedome Stones being spoiled by the late warres ij^{li} ij^s vj^d

It pd to the Ministers of St. Andrewes and Charles Church to Compleat their Stipends more then recd of the Collections and tithes thesaid yeare lix^{li} ix^s jd

1650-1. *John Gubbs.*

Capt. Gardner and Capt. White apprehended that escaped out of the Town prison.

It pd for a hoggshead of Sacke p^rsented to Admirall Blake £12 06 06

£17 18s. 10d. for new building the Vicarage house by the Vicarage gate.

It pd for demolishinge part of penny comequicke worke and for Clearinge the way there. 2^s 0^d

1651-2. *Thomas Yeabsley.*

Two elm trees cut down in the Churchyard 'for the better buildinge of M^{rs} Prynne's Almshouse there.'

'Money Collected within this Burrough towards the supply of New England' sent to London by M^r Herringe.

Sir George Ascue, Ambassador to Portugal, entertained. M^r Francis Hacker, of London, had a piece of plate costing £10 given him for solliciting the Town's business at the Council of State—with the Town Arms.

It paid for makinge & settinge vpp the States Armes in the Guildhall 04 00 00

Bench made about the windmill on the Hoe. Ministers of St. Andrew and Charles had £10 to make up their stipends.

It paid Sr George Aiscues seamen to drinke for appeasing of them in a mutinie in Towne after they returned in the States Service from Barbadoes 00 15 00

The highways at Lipson and pavement at Lary mended by order in sessions.

Sheets and bedties bought for wounded seamen.

1652-3. *Peter Greger.*

Annuity of 10s. a year left by Anne Pryn to the Mayor and Commonalty to bee by them employed for the preaching of a sermon yearelie for ever on the Third day of December in Remembrance of the Townes then deliverance from the enemie. Anno 1643. [This was charged on a house in Nut Street, and paid by Justinian Peard.]

Hendricke Petersen and Hendricke Blocke paid £3 and £2 for opening their windows, not free.

Highways new made at Pennycomequick and Maudlin Hill.

Christopher Tyacke, the town surgeon, paid £6 for his fee.

1653-4. *John Kinge.*

Two parts of the Town Marshes leased. One to Robert Gubbs, fine £202, rent £10, for one and twenty years from Michaelmas, 1660. The other to John Gubbs for 99 years on lives from Michaelmas, 1660, fine £316, rent £20. Leases dated Oct. 5, 1653. The Marshes were measured to contain about thirty acres.

Sundial at the Barbican mended.

Item paid for expences in wyne & Bisketts & other Charges on proclayminge the Lord Protector 02 10 00

£6 14s. 6d. spent in new building the Yarn Market; and £2 10s. on a Banquet for Mrs Trosse, daughter of Mrs Burroughs of the city of Exon, and her company.

Tankard given to Capt Potter for bringing in Capt Beach, a Pirate. A butt of sack given to Generall Blake Rydinge in the Sound.

1654-5. *William Cotten.*

It Recd of Margaret the wife of Anthony Skynner for a Fine beinge Convicted for breach of a Late Ordinance of the Lord Protector

against Duells Challenges and all provocōns
therevnto in Abusinge Mary the wife of
Benjamin Dymond, whereof the said Dymond's
wife had £10 soe Remaines £20 . 020 00 00

It pd to Daniell Call and severall other psons for
makinge vpp the Towne Lyne and to Scouts
and other Charges at the Caveleirs last
Cōminge into the West at Southmolton 011 03 04

It pd for an Indictm^t ag^t Quakers . . . 00 03 00

M^{rs} Miller had £10 in lieu of stones promised her by
the Town towards buildinge her almshouses in the Church-
yard.

A fourth part of all the Griest Mills assigned to the
Orphans Aid on payment of £1400.

Suit brought against the town by William Lalore, a
Frenchman, for Philip Lynches escape out of the town
prison.

1655-6. *Daniell Barker.*

Ioachim Gevers named as unfree.

East Gate leased. Several leases granted; £50 of one
fine being 'reserued towards the building of an Exchange,
and is to be issued forth by the Mayor and Cominaltie for
that vse when suche a worke shall be begunne.' The £50
set aside for the Exchange was, however, disbursed towards
the building of a new school house in the Orphants Aid.

5s. paid to Generall Desburrowes trumpeter.

1656-7. *Daniell Ely.*

Hoe Gate new built by Timothy Alsop and leased to
him for 99 years.

It pd Henry pike for entertayning the Turkish
Ambassador That came from Argeire to his
hignes the Lord Protector . . . 004 01 08

It payd M^r Timothy Allsopp for An Act of
Parliam^t wch hee pcured for the makinge
of a Rate for the better maintaynance of the
Ministers of this Burrough wth the printing
& other Charges and also one other Act of
Parlimnt for the setting & new building of
the Wiccaridge howses wthn this Burrough 042 05 00

It paid for bringinge the water from Will parke
to St. Andrewes Streete the summe of . . . 07 11 00

£2 14s. paid for bricks for the New churchyard.

1657-8. *Calebb Brookinge.*

£22 4s. 6d. spent on the new pound by Frankfort Gate. New Cucking Stool made and the Cage renewed.

William Allin rode to Ilminster about Mr. Conduite the schoolmaster coming to Plymouth, thereafter settled in the Orphans Aid.

£3 10s. spent at the 'proclaymence of his highnes the Lord Protector of the Comonwealth of England.' Ten trees planted in the New Churchyard. New Shambles and Leather Hall built at the cost of £177 10s. 9d.—Leather Hall over.

[133] RECEIVERS' BOOK.—No. IV.

1658-9. *Wm. Allen.*

Abraham Blocke paid 10s. for liberty to trade; other like entries. Hendricke Blocke and Hendricke Peterson £3 each for leave to open their shop windows for the year. Yarn market rent, £9; leather hall, £1; town rents and water cocks, £74 9s.; such as were made free, £7 2s.; scavenger paid £8 a year, 'scavage' sold; Wm. Warren, Henry Pike, Thomas Pike, Jas. Jackson, Widow Gavers, 2s. each in wine wyts. £420 7s. 5d. charged for new school.

It paid for a peece of plate Beestowed on M^r

Howe minister by the Towne for a Gratuity
for his favo^r done the Towne in Soliciting
the towne buisnesse with the late Lord
Protecto^r 7 2 0

Chr. Ceely £28 1s. as burgess; Timothy Alsop ditto
£45 from Jan 19, 1658, to June 7, 1659. Receipts,
£1120 17s. 4½d.; Expenditure, £1035 16s. 3d.

1659-60. *Samuel Brett.*

Item paid m^r Tymothy Allsopp for newes Bookes
and postage of Letters the said yeare 4 0 0

Item paid m^r Tymothy Allsopp for two Royall
peeeces of plate bought by him of Alderman
Vynar of London by order from the Maior
and Cominalty of this Burrough, which vpon
their speciall Request was p^rsented to the
Kings most Excellent majesty vpon his
happy Restauration of the Government of his
dominions by the hands of Sir William

Moorice Knight, the Kings chiefe Secretary of State and Samuel Trelawny esq^r Burgesses of this Burrough in this p^rsent parliament, *Sargeant Maynard*, Recorder of the Burrough and *Edmond ffowell Esq^r* the towne Councill the summe of fflower hundred poun ds . 400 00 00

1660-1. *George Ceely.*

Wm. Rolles, blind man, had annuity of £5. Gilbert Yard, councillor, examined town writings touching Lord Arundell's suit concerning Sutton Pool.

1661-2. *Peter Gregor*, ejected; *Rd. Fryer.*

It paid Docto^r Lyonell Gatford, Docto^r in Divinity as a p^rsent fro y^e Towne 20 0 0

1662-3. *Richard Fryer.*

1663-4. *William Harpur.*

Itm recd of seuerall Butchers for killinge of Bulls without beatinge and watering of hides the same year 1 0 2

Itm paid for a greate Bulleroape for a Stake and vnto the Smith for beateinge of Bulls 16 0

Nath Conduitt, clarke, had £40 for his stipend at the free school, and his sister £10. Dutchmen kept from landing, Holland having the plague.

1664-5. *Lucas Cocke.*

1665-6. *William Tom.*

Custom £239 2s. 4d.—double the average; *John Rowe*, merchant, fined £40 because he would not be sworn a magistrate. Town cast in the suit of Sutton Pool, and had to pay Lord Arundell's costs of £550 and their own.

Item paid vnto John Watkins his p^ticular disbursments against *Onesimus Cad* for the Takeinge and Carryinge away of his bible by an Attachment of the Court of the Hundred of Roborough in m^r Jennens his Majoralty 2 10 0

1666-7. *Henry Webb.*

North-east castle lately demolished. Stephen Forstrete leased a moiety of the Western Tucking mill with right to set racks on the void ground called the Great Hill. This mill had been leased to John Chare, fuller, and *Abraham Chare's life was on it*. The other mill had been in Robert Brey, now *Thos Bowden*. Morice, member, had £20.

Item paid for the Rebuildinge and Repairenge
the Guildhall (the greatest part whereof
being pulled down by order of Sessions) 264 0 0

1667-8. *James Hull.*

1668-9. *John Dell.*

Item paid for ducking of Bobb Anne Lang 5 0
Fetherstone 1s. for 'mending St Francis Drakes' picture. 11

1669-70. *John Munion.*

Landleave of East Country boates and others
their loadinges of Corn and Coales on the
Townes Kayes the said yeare . . . 12 16 9

1670-1. *Thomas Knottefford.*

A dial bought of John Bennet to put on the Barbican,
and stone to stand it on, cost £3 18s. John Somerton
£6 for cutting the arms of the King, town, and Drake for
the conduit without Old Town Gate, this year rebuilt.

Item paid severall ministers for preaching in the
old and new church att severall times for a
halfe year since M^r Brawler went away 18 10 0

1671-2. *William Weekes.*

£2 to Pearse the painter for nine maps of town and
harbour; cellars over against Barbican leased as 'Old
Cawse.' Thos. Westcott presented for refusing to take
an apprentice, contrary to statute of Elizabeth.

1672-3. *Andrew Horsman.*

Petition to king about custom. Capt. Akerman's maid
and Fowler's maid fined for throwing filth into the channel.

1673-4. *Samuel Hayne.*

1674-5. *Richard Cowes.*

Wm. Pearse, £1 15s. for painting M^r Lanyon's arms;
M^r Nowell a piece of plate (£1 10s.) for his pains about a
diall for the Exchange; Wm. Jennens £20 to defray the
Newfoundland charges.

1675-6. *Anthony Smith.*

Town 'Scavage' produced £36 2s. 6d.; Compass on
'M^r Tillard's Hoe' removed and re-erected at a cost of
£2 10s.; M^r Martyn Ryder £10 for procuring the New-
foundland patent.

1676-7. *Philip Wilcockes.*

Item paid for erecting of a seate in the old Church
when his majesty King Charles the second
was here at Plymouth. . . . 32 10 4

1677-8. *Richard Opey.*

Item paid for mending the drum which was broken
on freedome day and to severall men which
were then abused by some rude fellows . 1 9 6

1678-9. *William Munyon.*

Jerome Roch the younger £2 for drawing map of town.

1679-80. *James Yonge.*

£37 10s. paid for a 'large silver salver Cawdle Cupp
and cover embost and thick washed with gold' weighing
75 ounces, given to John Spark one of the burgesses, 'in
token of the Respect and Gratitude of this Town for his
faithfull and diligent service.'

1680-1. *Thomas Bound.*

Old Corn market High Street, lane from Pope's Head east.

1681-2. *John Allen.*

1682-3. *George Orchard.*

1683-4. *Robert Berry.*

Treat to Jefferies and others by Mayor, £20. Cost of
surrendering old charter and obtaining new £417 19s. 5½d.

Item rec^d of W^m Plyer the Miller of Weston Mills
the sume of twenty shillings which at the
earnest request of the said Plyer and some
friends who interceded for him and upon
consideracon of the said Plyer's poverty was
accepted by the Major & Cominalty for his
offence in diuerting the Townes water running
through the Tything of Weston peurell . 1 0 0

Item paid for the pictures of the King's most
excellent Matie his Roy^{ll} Highnesse James
Duke of Yorke and John Earle of Bath
now remaining in the Guildhall . 16 2 0

1684-5. *Timothy Hamblyn; Robert Berry.*

1685-6. *John Rogers.*

1686-7. *James Young.*

Other expenses about charter, £200 2s. 8d.

1687-8. *John Rogers.*

Item paid Richard Reade the baker towards his
expenses at the Assizes for psenteing of
Peter Marten the miller for mingling and
mixing of stinking and putrified corne &
pease with good and wholesome corne and
for vseing other cheats in the towne mills . 7 0 0

1688-9. *Walter Ingram.*

1689-90. *Nicholas Edgcumbe.*

Lanyon's Exchange taken down, to be rebuilt at some future time; lead removed to preserve it from embezzlement, and sold for £30 12s. 6d.

£88 18s. 1d. spent on raising fortifications on Piggs Point and Batten when French fleet on the coast, with ammunition and vtensills of war—£16 18s. 10d. subscribed.

1690-1. *John Tom.*

Item given to the people at the Dock when the

Major & Aldermen were there entertained . 2 0 0

1691-2. *William Cock*, mercer.

1692-3. *Nathaniel Younge.*

John Bedford, schoolmaster, had £20 a year. £98 14s. 6d. spent on the quays, taking in and building New Quay, repairing Foxhole Quay, all the quays at Southside, and repairing streets.

1693-4. *Nicholas Gennys.*

Strayer Park used for burying prisoners. [The present burial ground in Westwell Street].

1694-5. *James Bligh.*

Two poor cripples of the town sent to 'the Bath,' costing £9 3s.

100 guineas to John Trelawny, Esq., for his services to the town in Parliament. Ground filled up and added to New Quay.

1695-6. *Ben. Berry.*

£139 15s. spent in endeavouring to get a restoration of old charter.

£4 19s. 6d. to Justinian Buckingham for repairing the water engine.

1696-7. *Nathaniell Younge.*

Item paid m^r John Helliar the Lymner for drawing the Kings picture at large with a gilt carved frame and for repairing other pictures in the guildhall ffourteene pounds.

Sir F. Drake £364 10s. 6d., what he actually spent in obtaining restoration of charter.

£20 to the Mayor for treating county gentlemen 'the day the charter was brought.' The Mayor had a commission as Major of town militia.

1697-8. *Jonah Lavington.*

1698-9. *Thos. Darracott.*

1699-1700. *Robert Hever.*

Regular income about £550, with fines £872 2s. 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.
Expended £821 4s.

Item paid towards defraying the charges of putting vpp Moorestones on Dartmoor in the way leading from Plymouth towards Exon for guidance of Travellers passing that way the sume of 2 0 0
Bishop Trelawny entertained by Mayor.

1700-1. *Thomas Edgcombe.*

£1 10s. paid for passage of a woman to Newfoundland.

1701-2. *Andrew Phillips.*

1702-3. *John Reade.*

1703-4. *Thomas Hele.*

Nath Northcott, jun, had £6 8s. for the Queen's picture with a gilt frame, and varnishing others.

1704-5. *John Fletcher*, grocer.

1705-6. *John Horsman.*

A new cupola put on the Guildhall.

1706-7. *John Genuys.*

£100 14s. 3d. paid M^r Justice Opie for travelling about and money spent at the Assizes of Devon, Somerset, Dorset, Bristol, &c., and in London, 'to continue the Victualling Office in its present Settlement.'

1707-8. *William Hurrell.*

1708-9. *John Veale*, mercer.

1709-10. *Abraham Joy*, merchant.

Exchange site 24 ft. 3 in. north to south, 28 ft. east to west, leased 99 years on lives, and 21 years absolute thereafter.

£11 paid to Richard Willcocks for Town Seal to Col. Jory's freedom. Three silver boxes, £1 17s. 3d. A treat to '4 Indian Kings.'

1710-11. *John Webb.*

Charles Trelawny and Sir George Byng, the members, gave £100 each for use of Corporation. £90 paid to Wm. Roche, late mayor, for two silver gilt maces.

1711-12. *William Bartlett.*

Two actions of Trover and Conversion brought against Roche, removed from the Mayoralty, and Webb, to

recover the town regalia, charters, &c., at a cost of over £200. Roche had to pay £41 11s. 6d. for three old maces, and he and Webb paid £30 towards the costs. John Murch had £16 11s. 6d. for the old Corporation maces, which Roche had 'unduly sold him.' £5 6s. 8d. paid for watching Guildhall to 'prevent some ill designing persons from attempting the Towne Seale.'

1712-13. *Samuel How.*

Mat. Roe succeeded Andrew Phillips as coroner. Helliar painted Guildhall.

1713-14. *Samuel Brent.*

Sam Blatchford gave £14 for two old Corporation maces. Digory Elliot paid £2 for license to exercise currier's trade. William Smith had £40 for building Fish Shambles.

1714-15. *Wm. Arthur.*

Chas Abraham £23 8s. 4d. rebuilding Old Town Conduit. Helliar £7 5s. for drawing Kinge George and for a frame.

1715-16. *Nicholas Winston.*

£7 spent about obtaining reversionary patent for Sutton Pool.

1716-17. *Edwin Somers.*

£16 16s. 4¼d. paid for the 'Regalia or Trophy belonging to the company of the Militia of the Towne Comanded by the R^t Worshipfull the Mayor for the time being as Major.' Helliar painted the 'Townes Arms and Trophys on the Majors Drums.'

1717-18. *John Pike jun^r*

Silk sashes and tassels provided for the militia.

1718-19. *Thomas Phillips.*

1719-20. *John Tapson.*

1720-1. *Matthew Roe.*

Edwards of Cawsand and others prosecuted for town duty at cost of £72 14s. 6d.

1721-2. *John Helliar.*

John Fletcher sworn Mayor 1721, died day after; his wife had £24 for his expences Election Day, Freedom Day, Michaelmas Day; John Elford his successor taking profits of shambles and markets.

1722-3. *Thos. Phillips.*

1723-4. *John Hellyar.*

1724-5. *John Lyne.*

Old mills mentioned south of Southside.

1725-6. *Thos. Johns.*

1726-7. *Lancelott Hicks.*

1727-8. *Edward Hoblyn.*

1728-9. *Edward Stert.*

Two new fire engines bought.

1729-30. *Sam Allen, jnr.*

Paid to the Prince of Chesroan 'as the Benevolence of this corporation to him £5 5s., and for his travelling expenses to Liskeard 19s.'

1730-1. *Michael Nicholls.*

161 doz. of timber wedges used in wedging the town quays.

1731-2. *James Richardson.*

John Enty's house 'near the meeting house' [Batter Street].

Item paid for advertising the survey in the prints

for setting the water cocks 18 0

1732-3. *John Facey.*

Ald. Hellier £2 1s. 6d. mending and varnishing pictures in Guildhall.

1733-4. *James Richardson.*

John Steevens £30 salary as town steward.

Also paid M^r Smithurst and M^r Jordain for

Stamps paper and printing the water leases
(the printing whereof 40s.) 15 9 6

1734-5. *Samuel Wallis.*

1735-6. *John Hicks.*

10s. to Thos. Bluett for a sentry box at the Mayor's door.

1736-7. *John Ellery.*

M^r Tolcher £24 2s. 6d. for a gold box for Prince of Wales's freedom.

Mayoralty house bought for £168; £280 paid towards the repairs. Mayor had £21 allowed for his loss when Mayoralty house burnt.

1737-8. *Fonas Morgan.*

17s. for freight of King's picture. £748 19s. 10½d. spent on Mayoralty house.

[134] RECEIVERS' BOOK.—No. V.

- 1739-40. *John Marshall.*
 1740-41. *James Richardson.*
 1741-42. *John Fletcher.*
 1742-43. *Anthony Porter.*
 1743-44. *John Elford.*
 1744-45. *Henry Hewer.*
 1745-46. *Richard Beach.*
 1746-47. *George How.*
 1747-48. *James Richardson.*
 1748-49. *John Brabant.*
 1749-50. *John Kerby.*
 Total receipts £2799 18s. 3d.; payments £2307 2s. 10³/₄d.
 1750-51. *John Forrest.*
 1751-52. *George Beardsley.*
 1752-53. *John Roberts.*
 1753-54. *William Hambly.*
 1754-55. *Jacob Shaw.*
 1755-56. *Abraham Pike.*
 1756-57. *Robert Phillips.*
 1757-58. *John Nicolls.*
 1758-59. *Josph Freeman.*
 1759-60. *Robert Phillips.*
 1760-61. *John Freeman.*
 1761-62. *William Veale.*
 1762-63. *Jacob Shaw.*
 1763-64. "
 1764-65. "
 1765-66. *William Veale.*
 1766-67. *Thomas Blight Darracott.*
 1767-68. *Samuel White.*
 1768-69. *Henry Tolcher.*
 1769-70. *Samuel Hunn.*
 1770-71. *Henry Tolcher, jun.*
 1771-72. *Warwick Hele Tonkin.*
 1772-73. *Samuel Hunn.*
 1773-74. "

- 1774-75. *Samuel Hunn.*
 1775-76. " "
 1776-77. *George Winne.*
 1777-78. *William Crees.*
 1778-79. *Joseph Jessep.*
 1779-80. *William Swan.*
 1780-81. *Andrew Hill.*
 1781-82. *James Scott.*
 1782-83. *Andrew Hill.*
 1783-84. *James Hawker.*

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- 1784-85. *James Hawker.*
 1785-86. *Ephraim Booth.*
 1786-87. *William Symons.*
 1787-88. " "
 1788-89. *Bartholomew Dunsterville.*
 1789-90. *Andrew Hill.*
 1790-91. *Richard Birdwood.*
 1791-92. *William Clark.*
 1792-93. *Robert Fuge.*
 1793-94. *Richard Birdwood.*
 1794-95. *Thomas Cleather.*
 1795-96. *Benjamin Fuge.*
 1796-97. *Peter Birdwood.*
 1797-98. *Richard Fillis.*
 1798-99. *Rev. John Dunsterville.*
 1799-1800. *Samuel James Squire.*

Received (with balance £513 2s.) £3052 2s. 1d.
 Expended £2082 15s. 1d.

- 1800-01. *John Clark Langmead.*
 1801-3. *Henry Woolcombe.*
 1803. *William Langmead.*
 1803-04. *Joseph Pridham.*
 1804-05. *John Pridham.*
 1805-06. *Edward O. Osborne.*
 1806-07. *John Blight.*

[136] JOSEPH COLLIER'S ACCOUNT BOOK.

This is a general Account and Memorandum Book of Joseph Collier, town steward, but classed in this category.

1752. Disbursements on the Fishing Feast held the 24th July 1752.

July 16	Paid Jn ^o Jessep for a Rump & Breast peice of Beeff w ^{tt} 48 Pounds at 2½ ^d lb	10	0
22	a half hun ^d of Lemons	6	0
	1 lb of Tobacco 1 ^s 4 ^d Pepper 3 ^d Mustard 3 ^d	1	10
	A loaf of D: R sugar 6 lb 14 oz at 11 ^d lb	6	4
	3 Gall ^s of Jamacia Rum to Jn ^o Brabant	3	9
	4 dos ⁿ Pipes 8 ^d Salt for the Boyling Beeff 1-6	2	2
23	Rich ^d Gard for 5 Ribs & fore part of a Surloin of Beeff w ^{tt} 61 lb at 3 ^d lb	15	0
Aug st 1 st	Paid Rich ^d Northmore for 15 lb of Bacon at 6½ ^d lb	8	1½
	for the men for fishing	5	0
	for the women servants	4	0
	for Hops & Baurm	3	8
	for Cabage, Turnips, & Carrots	1	0
	for Candles, Salt & Vinegar	1	2
	for 16 lb of Butter at 5½ ^d lb	7	4
	for Cyder	14	0
	for Bread	5	0
	for Carriage of the things out & home	5	0
4	Paid Jonas Morgan for 3 Gall ^s of Red & 3 Gall ^s of white Wine	1	10
	for lent of 5 dos ⁿ Knives & Forks	5	0
	for 2 Sacks of Beans	4	0
17	for y ^e Serjants Horse hire & my own	8	0
Oct 24	p ^d Jn ^o Arthur for 2 Bush ^s & half of Malt	15	0
		£9	1 4½

There are entries in other years for washing and drying linen, grinding malt, nets for the fishing, port and mountain wine, flour, cheese, &c. This was the cheapest year of seven given; the dearest was in £1757, 10 14s. 11½^d.; the average, £9 13s. 7^d.

John Jordain printing 24 quires water leases, £2 10s.
New pipe laid down Butchers lane to ye Great Tree.

March 11. To Cash p^d for an advertizment in
the Sherborn Paper for setting y^e malt mills
& Postage up of the same 0 2 10

1752, Nov. 8. To a Gold Box wth y^e Towns
Arms neatly engraved on y^e Cover, w^{ch} was
presented to L^d Anson wth his Patent of L^d
High Steward of this Borough 27 5 9

Silver boxes with freedom to Sir F. H. Drake, Gen.
Mathers, Gen. Lagonier, Ad. Knowles. 'P^d Hen^y Gold
for collecting £1 6s. 6d. freedom money at the Dock 2s.'

1752, Nov. Trees planted at cost of town on and near
'y^e late Horsepool'; Thos Northmore and his sons levelled
the ground, &c.; Sol. Northmore, Sir F. Drake's gardener,
looked after the planting. 60 elms from Lophill.

1753, July 19. To two Pewtor Soope Dishes
for the use of y^e mayoralty House when the
Bishop was Entertained there 3 9

5 doz pewter dishes at 9½d. lb; plates 9s. and 10s. a
dozen; 2 dosⁿ best hard mettlespoons 6s.

June 23. Trefusis Lovell paid for nine moorstone steps.
The great grate at the bottom of High St. mentioned.

Browse put about elms. Velvet cushion given Corpora-
tion by M^r Anstis.

1754, June 10. 'To a Pewter Chamber Pott for the
use of the Council Chamber' 2s. 6d. 'By the Old Pewter
Chamber Pott' 1s.

Twenty-five loads of moorstone gutter for the Conduit
water drawn for 14s. 2d. Will Roberts £1 1s. for 'Liquoring
the Leather Hose belonging to y^e Fire Ingines.' John
Kerley had three water leases without fine for his new
house on New Key and tenement behind in Vintry St., on
undertaking to clean and repair the common sewer there-
under in his term, 1752-73.

1755. John Fox 7s. for 'a large Chest to make a Cart
to carry off y^e Peas & Bean shells from the Market
place.'

1755. 16 elm trees bought of Robt Hull of Exeter
taken from Smarts Key to the 'walk outside Frankfort
gate'—'y^e Towne wast.'

'A Buckett for Dyer y^e Cobler at y^e end of the
Shambles.'

Robert Heydon £1 1s. for painting town arms on table fixed on end of Shambles.

Freedom boxes to Admls. Moysten and Holbourn and Major-Gen. Earl of Howe; but Moysten's was given to Capt Lockhart.

Nov 22. Two Marble Stones fixed to show the Corporation's Right on Lambhay Point.

1756. 'Tozer the Madman' cut down an elm tree.
Freedom box to Prince's Surveyor, Edward Bayntun.

1757, Sept 15. To Cash gave the Masons & Labourers that are laying in y^e moore stone Chañel for the Leat to run in on Yenadon Common by order of Alderⁿ Richardson & Aldermⁿ Triggs when there to survey it . . . 5 0
To my horse hire to attend that service . . . 2 0
To my disbursments on y^e Fishing Feast held y^e 29th July 1757 as p^r Recte . . . 10 14 11¼

Oct 26. To my Horse hire to Yennadon Common to view & measure the stone work done by Tho^s Richardson & Jn^o Eastridge on y^e Town Leat 2 0

Gold freedom box to Prince Edward; silver to Capt Gilchrist, Lord Howe, Sir R. W. Bampfylde, Sir W. Courtenay, and — Courtenay, Esq.

1759. New head to Sergeant's pocket mace.

Freedom boxes to Lord Mansfield and Horace Stanley, lord of Admiralty. John Eastridge and Oliver Anstis drew plans and elevations of Old Town Gate.

Dec 11. Engines drawn back from 'Curtiss fire.'

Aug 23. P. Adams 2s. 6d. for printing 100 advertisements 'for discovering y^e Persons who rinded y^e Corpor Elm Trees.'

1760. £1 10s. from some officers that broke down 'y^e Pilory.'

Twelve earthen pans and six pitchers for mayoralty house, 10s. 6d.

1759-60. Freedom boxes for Vice-Adm. Pocock, Adm. Gerry, Adm. Holmes.

Town rubbish thrown on piece of ground east of way to Hoe from Little Hoe Lane.

1761. Trees bought from Topsham for 6d., and planted on waste.

1762. Bank of leat 'near Lewis Jones' repaired by 'cob.' An arch bridge built 'over the Leat before Murrys gate to Lewis Jones's cawse' for which the turnpike paid. 'The Budle cleared under Coits hedge at y^e farther end of Lewis Jones's Cawse.'

£15 paid for a year's rent of water for 'y^e Prison & Hospital at Cockside.'

Oct 31. £26 paid for gold box to give Duke of York with his patent as Lord High Steward.

Silver freedom boxes, costing £1 14s. each, to Capts. Harvey, Barrington, Harrison, Gen. Durvie.

1764. Freedom box to Bishop Kepple, £1 12s. 6d.; others at £1 14s. to Lord Egmont, Lord Carysfort, Pp. Stevens, Secretary to Admiralty, and — Pitt.

This year Collier died, and Joseph Collier handed over all his papers as steward to the Mayor, Thomas Bewes.

The water was taken to the Barbican in 1751-2, costing £681 19s. 5¼d. Main 2½ in. pipe cost £393 0s. 2d.; 1088 yards of ground were opened; there were 125 lengths of pipe near 12 ft. each, costing £172 2s. 7½d., and 671 yards more were dug.

G. General Accounts—17th Century.

[137] Account of the cost of building the Guildhall and Shambles, 1606-7.

[138] Account book of Monies raised in Plymouth by Assessment, 1611-24. Also contains statement of monies paid for 'setting the poor on worke'; monies gathered for the sick and during the plague, 1625-27; and monies spent in placing out poor children, 1626-7. At the end are accounts of monies raised and paid on account of the poor from 1612 to 1642; monies raised for the relief of captives with the Turks and Moors; also of French refugees from St. Martayne and thereabouts, in the time of the wars intended against Rochelle.

ROUGH ACCOUNT BOOKS OF TOWN DUES AND CUSTOMS.

[139]	Bushelage and Keelage,	1618.
[140]	”	” 1621.
[141]	”	” 1624.
[142]	”	” 1625.
[143]	”	” 1627.
[144]	”	” 1628.
[145]	”	” 1629.
[146]	Moorage,	1621.
[147]	”	1624.
[148]	”	1625.
[149]	Cranage,	1620.
[150]	”	1623.
[151]	”	1624.
[152]	”	1626.
[153]	Tonnage and Keyadge,	1621.
[154]	”	” 1622.
[155]	”	” 1625.
[156]	”	” 1626.

[157]	Ale and Beer Wayts,	1617.
[158]	„ „	1624.
[159]	„ „	1626.
[160]	„ „	1627.
[161]	„ „	1632.
[162]	Town Custom,	1620.
[163]	„	1621.
[164]	„	1623.
[165]	„	1627.
[166]	„	1628.
[167]	„	1633.

[168] ACCOUNT OF THE MONIES RECEIVED
BY THE COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENCE OF
PLYMOUTH AGAINST THE KING, 1644 et seq.

Publiq Receiptes 1644

Sr John Bampfilde

Collo: James Kerr <i>Justinian Peard</i> Maior	} Com ^{es}
Francis Goodolphyn, Esqr	
Chri Saverye Esqr	
John Caws Marcht	
Thomas Ceelye Mar	

Hen: Rexford Clicus

Moneyes An acc^o of such sumes as haue beenc sent hither
& rec^d by the order of the R^{ht} Hono^{ble} the
Committee of Lords and Comons for the safetie
of Plym^o & of such sumes as haue been taken
upp heere and Chardged on the said Committee
for the paym^t of the Garrison as followeth:

Imp^s recd from John Hogge Comaunder of
the *Francis* of London by order of the
said Committee 2511^{li}—511^{li} whereof was
accordinge to their order pⁱ Sr John
Bampfilde by the Trear for the paym^t of
the souldiers of the Forte & Island & the
other 2000^{li} resteth in y^e hands of M^r
Timothy Alsoppe Treasu^ror. . . . 2000 00 00

Itm rec ^d for Leather sent down from Lond for y ^e garrison . . . . .	. 0120	00	00
Itm rec ^d on sale of pte of y ^e Coles rec ^d out of the <i>Francis</i> of London m ^r J ^{no} Hogge .	0239	16	01
Itm rec ^d from m ^r Samuell Northcott the sume of 200 ^{li} & payd said Trer For paym ^t whereof 2 bills were chardged on sayd Comittee payable to m ^r Isaake Northcott p order of y ^e L ^d Marshall .	0200	00	00

This account commences on the first of March, and the remaining receipts, chiefly loans to be repaid out of the next supply, for the month are: Nicholas Foorde £40, Peter Kekewich £100, Nicholas Eveleigh £129 6s. 2d., Thomas Short £50, Mrs. Anne Prinne £80, Mrs. Alice Miller £60, Brian Rogers £80, for Customs; John Trehawke £100, Thomas Short £50. *Fustinian Peard* mayor £50, 'disbursed for y^e pure necessitie of the garrison;' Sir John Bampfeilde £50, John Caws £50, Robert Gubbes £50, John Paige £50, Stephen Trevill £50, Thomas Cramporne £25; John Gubbes £22 and Andrew Trevill £16, for sale of coals; Richard Goodyear £40 'for y^e 5th of Customes by him recd according to an ordinance of pliaat for the releife of Plymo'; Wm. Chamlett £200. Nicholas Opie £50, Barth. Nicholls £30, Chris. Bearden £50, Christopher Ceilye £30, John Carter £30, the 'ladye allice Buller' £149 5s. 8d., Thomas Cramporne £15, Nathan Searle £20, Edward Caunter £10, Robert Westaway £10, Robert Glowne £5, James Harris £10, William Berry £10, Laurence Beele £15, Joseph Tilye £10, Peter Kekewich £100, Johane Bitterlye widdow £6, Phillip Clarke £20, John Nicholson £5, John Humphry £10, Capt. John Hoop £15, Frances Roe of Stonehouse £15, John Lawrye £20, James Priddis £10, Henry Peterson £5, Phillip Francis by Caleb Brookinge £12, Richard Frier £10, Arthur Roe £10, Robt. Brendon £10, Abraham Jennens £25, John Paige £10, Agnes Edgecombe widow £15, Elizabeth Rowse of Stonehouse £10, Abraham Rowe £40, George Pawlinge £10, Johane Baker £10, Anne Prinne £60, Thomas Short £30, Alice Miller £25, Nicholas Bennett £30, Philip Durant £10, Hugh Cornish £20, Henry Webb £18.

April—Henry Peterson £5, John Masters £5, Capt. Nicholas Roope & Humphry Gayer, £34 15s.; £11 4s.

for money gained on 37 cwt. 3 qrs. 5 lb. of cheese 'taken of Mr Peter Kekewich at 20^s p c & put of att 28^s;' Christopher Yeabsley £40 6s. 6d. 'Itm rec^d of John Gubbes & xpofer Reede in 1^c 03^{qrs} 8^{li} of rice at 3^d p ⁱⁱ 010 19 00.' This last entry is April 4th, and makes the total receipt to date £4926 12s. 5d.

On that day a fresh supply came. Captain Richard Willoughby of the *Globe* brought £2000, which paid the debts and left a balance of £646 17s. 4d.; there was also received out of the *Happy Entrance*, Captain William Somester, £2000.

Before the month was out money had to be borrowed as before. Richard Woods, of Meethinge, *alias* Newhaven, lent £120. Colonel Birch spent £27s. 8d. on his regiment; Richard Hamer and Mark Cheesewright provided boots for the troops to the value of £47 14s. Many of the lenders are the same, but there also occur the names of Wm. Geffery £5, John Paige jun. £20, Mrs. Thomasine Simons £30, John Maddocke £5, Joseph Eyly £5, Richard Spurwell £5, Mrs. Margaret Martin £20, Mary Polstagge £5, Elizabeth Rowe £5, Humphry Thomas £8, John Humphry £10, John Aires £140, Richard Wheeler £60, John Masters of Stonehouse £5, Wm. Smith £60, Johane Bennett £80, Nicholas Edgecombe £30, Samuel Macye £5, John Hele £50, John Allin £20, Ellioner Lepper widow £5; Vice Admiral John Batten for the 'urgent occasions' of the garrison £500, bills made payable to 'Thomas Smith esq Lime St London;' John Pears £10, Elizabeth Pike widow £10, William Warren £20, Johanna Baker £5, Jacob Searle £10, Thomas Parker (?) of Ycole £100, Capt. Henry Hatsell £50, Thomas Caunter £10, Robert Cresse £3, Edward Capell and Thomas Baylye £180, Richard Clapp £5, Robert Frantun £100, Richard Collins £50, Benjamin Barcombe £70, Richard Pearson £10.

This brought the Committee up to the 5th of June, when they had £2000 out of the *Susan and Eliza*, Francis Copeland, commander; but they had run so short in the interim, and had to borrow so much, that by the 12th June their funds were once more exhausted, and borrowing recommenced. New names now are very scarce, the Committee falling back without compunction on all the old friends who happened to be available. There occur, however, John Seaman £23, Thomas Short £37, John French £10, Thomas Caunter £10, William Margerum

£450, Richard Hill £90, Francis Founes £20, Anthony Skinner £30, Daniel Margeon £22.

On the 4th of July another £2000 came by the *Prudence*, Captain John Stansby; and borrowing was not resumed until the 14th, when William Barkeham lent £44 16s. We have Col. Anthony Rows lending £21, Wm. Davyes £210, Wm. Smith and Richard Dunrich and their company of cordwainers £140, Humphry Parnacott £47, Edward Cable £100, Wm. Smith of Ryde £60, Thomas Yeabsley £10, James Merricke £160, John Scantlebury £5, Mary Bently £10, George Rattenbury £40 10s., Anthony Trend £5, Jerom Roch £5, Thomas Sampson £10, William Flinte £6, John Frackett £58 3s., John Wise £40, James Barges of London £160, Richard Pearsye £25, Edward Patteson £45, Gregory Clement and Capt. Peter Whitly £640, Richard Wood £80, Moses Goodyear jun. £500, Francis Hacker of London £100, Nicholas Beldayne £99 9s. 0d., Nicholas Upton commander of the fort and island £40.

This brings us up to October 4th, on which day Admiral Batten brought in £3000, and that being a more substantial supply, borrowing did not begin again until the 28th. On the 20th November £505 were borrowed of Thomas Ashley, and on the 21st £594 of Robert Filbridge, besides smaller sums of others. Edward Capewell £60, John Foquett £47 5s., Nicholas Opye £266, Capt. Whitly £270, Gasper Cranch £50, Wm. Collins of Brixton, Isle of Wight, £156, are among the lenders. Roger Ryder and James Pears are credited with paying £470 10s. 4d. due to the State for cattle brought in from the enemy's quarters (date of payment January 7th); Richard Dunrich and company, cordwainers, for £87 15s. supplied to the garrison in boots and shoes; Richard Morgan and company, cordwainers, and Thomas Short £94 17s. 0d. The last entries in the book are dated January 20th, and are for the borrowing of two sums of £206 and £293. The accounts show moreover that since the last remittance the Committee had borrowed money and goods to the extent of £5600.

[169] ACCOUNT OF THE MONIES PAID BY THE
COMMITTEE OF DEFENCE, 1644 et seq.

The statement of expenditure commences with the following copy of the Commission of the Committee, set forth by Henry Rexford, clerk. 'J. Roberts' is Lord Robartes, who had escaped from Fowey, with Essex, and been appointed Governor of Plymouth, September 11th, 1644. The date of the commission is 1645 new style.

Plymo: Whereas Sr John Bampfeilde appointed by y^e Comittee of the West to be one of those who should distribute the last 2,000^{li} sent for the vse of this garrison and other puions expressed by their last Lres refuseth to attend the saide service, And whereas Collonell Kerre one other named by y^e said Comittee to attend y^e service excuseth himselfe in respecte of other imploym^t, And whereas the necessitie of this garrison requireth y^e speedie performance of this service; I doe therefore appointe Collonell Christopher Savery, Harcourt Leyton, one of y^e Com^{rs} of Parliam^t, M^r John Cawse, & M^r Thomas Ceely, to sett wth, joyne, and to be assistant vnto *Justinian Peard* now Maior of Plymouth and Francis Goodolphin esq^r two of the psons named for y^e said service and for their so doeing this shalbee their warn^t, Dated y^e 19 day of Febr 1644.
J. ROBERTS.

Whereas M^r Cawse is deceased, and there is required for the despatch of this garrison one other to supply his place, I haue appointed M^r Robert Gubbes of this Towne to attend y^e Maior & joine with and assiste for the prnte service, Dated the 25 of March 1645. J. ROBERTS.

The committee named as acting April 5th were—Justinian Peard, Sir John Bampfeilde, Col. Kerr, and Francis Godolphin. May 29th the names are—Justinian Peard, Col. Kerr, Col. John Crocker, Thomas Ceely, and John Beare, by virtue of an ordinance of Parliament. The entries of expenditure are very full and detailed, and the record is probably unique as an illustration of the Corporate side of the Civil Wars of the Commonwealth.

H. Rentals, Surveys, and Records of Property.

[170]	<i>Town Rental for Mayoral Year beginning</i>	1608.
[171]	”	”
[172]	”	”
[173]	”	”
[174]	”	”
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[181]	”	”
[182]	”	”
[183]	”	”
[184]	”	”
[185]	”	”
[186]	”	”
[187]	”	”
[188]	”	”
[189]	”	”
[190]	”	”
[191]	”	”
[192]	”	”
	Copy by Joseph Collier.	
[193]	”	”

At the end of this rental is this list of streets :

Gasken Street is Northgate Street

Whitecross Street is north of great Tree

green Street is where Wannels h^o is

ham Street is where m^r Hardings meeting is

bilbery Street is broad street
 buckwel Street is higher broad Street
 Loo lane is crane street
 new street is hows lane
 Cat Street begins from pomroys conduit to M^r Cownes
 Stilman Street is where M^r Roope lives
 Wolster Street is where y^e may^{rs} feast is kept
 the Vintry is y^e backside y^e old mitre w^{re} gubs h^o is
 Nut Street is along by old conduit
 Paddock Lynam & Loaders y^e 3 Lanes
 S^t Catherines lane is y^e Workhouse Street
 foundwel Street where m^r Elford lives
 black fryers french meeting h^o now pet y^e Cooper.
 fryers lane Sandaford house a way to y^e fort
 Pins lane is were y^e 4 post are
 Stoakes lane were m^r Penty^e lives
 Rag street from y^e back street of M^r Jno Allen h^o to y^e
 old mills.
 loves lane is corpus cristi houses
 ham street above new church alms houses
 Wimple Street is y^e fishmarket
 Treville Street.

[194]	<i>Town Rental for Mayoral Year beginning</i>			1730.
[195]	”	”	”	1732.
[196]	”	”	”	1734.
[197]	”	”	”	1736.
[198]	”	”	”	1737.
[199]	”	”	”	1738.
[200]	”	”	”	1739.
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[202]	”	”	”	1741.
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[205]	”	”	”	1744.
[206]	”	”	”	1745.
[207]	”	”	”	1746.
[208]	”	”	”	1747.
[209]	”	”	”	1748.
[210]	”	”	”	1749.

[211]	<i>Town Rental for Mayoral Year beginning</i>	1750.
[212]	”	1752.
[213]	”	1753.
[214]	”	1754.
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[246]	<i>Town Rental for Mayoral Year beginning</i>	1783.
[247]	„ „ „	1789.
[248]	„ „ „	1790.
[249]	„ „ „	1791.
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[258]	„ „ „	1800.
[259]	„ „ „	1801.
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[262]	„ „ „	1804.
[263]	„ „ „	1805.
[264]	„ „ „	1806.

Many of the 18th century rentals contain notes of current events by Joseph Collier.

[265] Various minor rentals, 1804-30.

[266] General Rental prepared for use of Finance and Land Committees ending 1817.

[267] *Survey Book*, 1666-94.

At end are orders of 1630 for Hospital of Poors Portion ; orders and articles of Orphans Aid ; copy of Joan Bennett's will ; copy of Act founding Charles Church ; copies of various writs of summons to Parliament, including the first of William of Orange ; declaration of Earl of Bath on becoming Recorder, before Bernard Granville and Edmund Pollexfen.

[268] *Survey Book*, 1703-47.

[269] „ 1747-1783.

[270] *Contract Book*, 1765-72.

[271] „ 1779-1808.

[272] „ 1808-35.

- [273] *Lists of Free Tenants of Corporation*, 1663-1669.
 [274] " " " 1700-37.
 [275] " " " 1769-93.
 [276] Five lists of Tenants and Properties leased. V.D.
 [277] Court Book of Manor of Ulyetts Fee and Lipson.

This book records the proceedings of the courts leet and courts baron of John Giffard and Alice Giffard, his widow, for the manor of 'Uletts ffee als Lulytts Sparke als Lulettts ffee,' with a parcell of the manor of Lypston or Lipson. The first court recorded was held 16th July, 1st James I. (1603), and the last 13th Charles I. (1638). Though the two manors are linked together, and occasionally called 'Ulett cum Lypson,' yet the entries of each are kept so far distinct that we can fairly ascertain what the general extent of Uletts Fee was. It certainly reached from Bilbury Street to North-hill, and so far east by Briton-side as the Whitefriars. The Headlands, otherwise described as 'a close by the Maudlyn,' was part of the manor; so was Hampton Shute or close (als Gilwell parke), on part of which Charles Church stands; and so was a certain unnamed close in the occupation of Thomazine Gibbons [Gibbons Fields], and which, as the rent paid to the lord seems to have averaged 3*s.* 6*d.* an acre, may be taken as about four acres in extent. Probably the manor by the date of these courts had been to a certain extent dismembered; for besides Bilbury Street and East Cross Street there is mention of a tenement in Looe Street, and it is probable therefore that its southern boundary extended at least thus far. Moreover the first list of free tenants, under the year 1603, reaches a total of thirty-six, all but three of whom are entered as heirs of former tenants, while in subsequent years the free tenants do not muster a fourth of that number. In the same year there are recorded six conventional and customary tenants for Uletts Fee, and six conventional tenants for Lipson, the gross rental being £5 10*s.* 5*d.* A full list of rentals for the year 1619 shows, however, much better results. In that year the rents payable by the free tenants were £1 0*s.* 9*d.* yearly, with 1*s.* payable at Michaelmas; and the conventional tenants paid £22 5*s.* 8*d.* The greater portion of this came from Lipson, the property wherein extended over 167½ acres.

- [278] Book containing plans of Town property, with drawing of old 17th century Guildhall as frontispiece.
- [279] Borough Rental Book, with plans.
- [280] Original plan of property now Globe Hotel.
- [281] Plan of Town Marshes.
- [282] Plan of Jane's Tenement, Weston Peveril. 1794.
- [283] Book of Committee for managing Estates of Corporation, containing minutes relating to Water and other property. 1817-35.
- [284] Draft of case touching Property Tax payable by Mayor and Commonalty. 1804.
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 1653.
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- [345] *Bail Book*, 1705-13.
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[These are documents connected with various suits, for the later years in considerable quantity.]

J. Collected Papers.

UNDER this head are classed four Folios containing miscellaneous papers, two collected and arranged by Mr. Henry Woollcombe, Recorder of Plymouth, in 1834; two by the writer, in 1882.

[359] FIRST FOLIO: 'MSS. RELATING TO THE BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH FROM 1496 TO 1800.'

Writ of certiorari from the King's Bench to the Mayor of Plymouth, touching a suit had in the court of the same Mayor by John Eyer against John Buyssshop for a debt of 28s. 8d. 15 Aug.—4 Ed. IV.

Attested copy (signed by John Bulkeham and Richard Blackaller) of Constitution made by *William Nycoll*, Mayor of Plymouth, the Recorder, twelve, and twenty-four, imposing a fine of £10 and upwards on burgesses refusing to serve in offices to which they have been duly elected by the Mayor and Council. 11 Hen. VII.

Bond of Mayor and Corporation to William Hawkyns, merchant, in one hundred marks sterling, for payment of certain moneys. 19 Nov.—29 Hen. VIII.

Note of divers articles belonging to the parish church of Plymouth. Hen. VIII.

Receipt by George Haydon, under-sheriff of Devon, for 40s. paid him by *Thomas Holloway*, Mayor of Plymouth, for fee farm of the town due to the King. 11 Oct.—35 Hen. VIII.

Receipt for payment of fee farm by the Mayor and Corporation of Plymouth. 22 July—23 Eliz.

Bill of 'Money dysbursed by Nicholas Slannyng for the towne of Plymouth after Michaelmas'; first item, 'Paid to Mr. Peryam for drawyng the byll to be layde into the plyment howse for the almeshowse.' At foot, 'Rec. of *Mr John Ilcomb*, mayor of Plymouth, xxvij. Augusti 1567 fortie shillings, xl^s. p me Nichm. Slannyng.'

Receipt by John Peryam for 51^s 1^¼^d—Capell Budoc et Pancras. 1581.

Receipt by John Coplestone for 13s. 4^d., paid as fee for a whole year by *John Ilcomb*, Mayor of Plymouth. 17 April—9 Eliz.

Receipt by George Baron for 13s. 4^d. paid him by *Henry Whytaces*, gentleman, Receiver. Endorsed in contemporary handwriting 'Divers acquittances in the tyme of Sir Fraunces Drake, knyght.' 16 Oct.—24 Eliz.

Receipt by John Peryam for 46s. 4^d., vicarie de Plymouth. 1 Oct.—23 Eliz.

Letter from John How, founder of How's Charity, to *John Derye*, Mayor of Plymouth, and John Forde. Respecting the terms on which money is to be lent from a fund confided by the writer in trust to them. 17 Aug. 1565.

Several accounts touching the same fund, in the years 1567, 1570, 1571, 1581, 1583, 1584, 1586, 1587, 1588, and 1613.

Commission by Mayor and Corporation of Plymouth, to William Hawkins, esq., and Thomas Edmonds, gentleman, both of the same town and members of the Corporation, authorizing them to put the common seal to 'alle and everie suche writings and conveighaunces as shalbe made and devised onlie between the Queenes Majestie her heires and Successors and the said Mayor and Coialtie and their Successors for and concerning the fortification continewance maintenance artillerie furniture and munition to be had placed vsed or employed in or vpon Saint Nicholas Islende nighe Plimouthe for the defence of the same.' 6 April—22 Eliz.

Letter from the Mayor and his brethren to the Justices of the Peace for Cornwall, for the immediate payment of £23 13s. 4^d. 'still remaining due from the said county, in addition to £29 12s. 4^d. already paid, 'for the furnyshyng of the souldiers for St. Nicholas Iland.' On back the copy of another letter on the same subject. March, 1585.

Receipt by *John Weeks*, Receiver, of 10s. in cause in controversy. 1580.

Record of Manor Court of Compton Gifford. 1586.

Indenture of lease for forty years, at a yearly rent of eight pounds, by the Mayor and Corporation of Plymouth to Peter Silvester of the same town, merchant, of all those

their kaies comonlye callede the new kaies and the kaies at the south side lieinge and beinge within the saide boroughe of Plymouthe and all other kaies and wharfes whatsoever within the saide boroughe, belonging to the Mayor and Corporation. 20 Sept.—20 Eliz.

Rate made for cranaige and kayeadge within the borough of Plymouthe. 20 Sept.—25 Eliz.

Letter from Lords of the Council to all Customers, Comptrollers, Searchers, and other officers of the ports of Devon and Cornwall, dated Windsor Castle. For the strict and full exaction of the custom on all pilchards brought into the said ports; her Majesty having assigned and ordered the issues of these customs for the completion of the fortifications of Plymouth, which are thought verie requisite and needfull for the better defence of those western partes of Devon and Cornwall against any attempt to be made by the enemy. 22 Aug. 1593.

Letter from Lord Howard of Effingham to the Mayor of Plymouth, in grateful acknowledgment of dispatches and intelligence promptly forwarded. Dated 'from the courte on the waye to Nonsuche.' 2 Oct. 1594.

Sir Francis Drake to *Mr. Barons*, Mayor of Plymouth, and ~~the rest of his~~ brethren. 'After my verie hartie commendacons vnto yo^u all yo^u shall vnderstand, that touching the matter between yo^r Towne and M^r Strode, M^r Sparke hath done as muche therein as if manye moe of yo^u had been here, could possiblie have been done. for he hath not onlie stood in annswere of the cause at the Councell boarde, but he also laboured all the chief lls: aparte: and yet vpon exayacon of the matter, the lls: said they sawe no great reason to prohibite him to builde vpon his owne lande, and to haue the benefyte of the Lawe. Notwithstanding vpon M^r Sparke's earnest allegacons to the contrarie, their lls: condiscended to grannt a Comission to be directed vnto the Judges of Thassises, to Sir John Gilbert, my selfe and some others: To thende we maie consider whether it be lawfull & expedient to haue any building between the two fforts, and if it be thought tollerable, then yet to lymitte, howe farre into the water the same shall extende. for yo^r other matter of the forte w^{ch} (in my opynion) dothe concerne yo^u muche neerer, doubt not, but whilest I am here, I shall stoppe yt. wthin fower or five

daies, I shalbe able to wryte yoⁿ thereof more at large: And then if yoⁿ sende some bodie up to sollicyte yo^r suyte in that behalf, whilst S^r John Hawkins and my selfe are here together, I surely hoape to gett the governemt confirmed in the Towne. And so in haste do bid yoⁿ hartelie farewell. from Dowgate the 20th of Januarie, 1594. Yo^r assured loving freend, Fra. Drake. y^o shall not need to send any hether for yo^r townes busines before my coming to Plymoth: which may be som 25 dayes hence.

Copy of letter from Lords of the Council appointing the Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, Sirs Francis Drake and John Gilbert, knts, Edward Seymoür, George Cary, and Edward Champnon, esquires, and others, Commissioners to enquire respecting Mr. Strode's purpose of erecting buildings at Plymouth [at the Lambhay], and to certify whether the execution of his plans would be prejudicial to the town. 19 Jan. 1594.

Copy of letter from Thomas Peyton, Customer of Plymouth (one of the aforesaid Commissioners) to the Lords of the Council. Mr. Strode's enterprise would be hurtful in respect to Her Majestys' customs—'the faulte of defrawdinge her mat^s customer is general els where w^hin the town, and the service for officers somewhat more dangerous there then in many other places w^hin the towne.' Plymouth. 8 March, 1594.

Copy of letter of Lords of the Council to Sir Francis Drake and Sir John Gilbert, Edward Seymour, George Carye of Cockington, Richard Champnowne, and Thomas Payton, Commissioners, as above, sanctioning Mr. Strode's project, on the recommendation and certificate of the said Commissioners, who are so to act that Mr. Strode may be relieved of all discouragement and opposition. 2 April, 1595.

Letter from *John Blytheman*, Mayor of Plymouth and his brethren, introducing the bearer, Mathew Boys, to John Hele, esq, serjeant-at-law, who is entreated to aid him in his mission to obtain adequate security for Plymouth in respect to the bequests made by the late Sir John Hawkyens to the poör of the town. 27 Jan., 1598.

Copy of grant in fee-farm, at a yearly rent of 6s. 8d., by Mayor and Corporation of Plymouth to Edward Smart of the same town, merchant, of a piece of ground near the grantee's dwelling-house. 1 Dec., 1600.

Commission by Mayor (*William Parker*) and Corporation of Plymouth, appointing Thomas Paine, John Blithman, Humfric Founes, John Philllips, Thomas Reynollson, Robert Trelawnie, Walter Mathew, and Thomas Sherwill, of Plymouth, merchants, to ascertain the real estate of the Corporation, and prepare a complete terrier and rental thereof. 1 Dec. 1601.

Copy of letter sent by persons, whose names do not appear, to Mr. Cary and the other Commissioners for bringing in of pilchards. Praying for exact compliance with the orders of the Council. 2 Sept. 1602.

Form of presentation to vicarage of St. Andrew. 1602.

Bond of Henry Wallis of St. Domeneck co. Cornwall clerk, to John Blitheman, merchant, in the sum of one thousand pounds. The Mayor and Corporation of Plymouth as patrons of the vicarage 'of the good opinion they haue and do consceave of th'abouebounden Henrie Wallis intende by god's sufferance to p'sent him thesaid Henrie Wallis lawfull Clarke to thesaid vicaraidge with the app'tenns, and to their owne pper coste and charges will p'cure him lawfullie to be instituted and inducted to the same; If, therefore, the abouebounden Henrie Wallis doe and shall from tyme to tyme and at all times after that he shallbe lawfullie p'sented instituted and inducted Clarke vnto thesame vicaraidge with the app'tenns and after reasonable and lawfull requeste shalbe to him made by or in behalfe of the said Maior and Cominaltie at the vicaraidge-howse of the Borough aforesaid absolutely resigne the same vicaraidge whereby the said Mayor and Cominaltie shall be lawfullie enabled to p'sente anie other clark to the same the present obligation shall be void and of no effect.' 7 Sept.—1 James I.

Copy of letter of James I. to Mayor of London on his accession. 1603.

Quitclaim by Henry Wallis, vicar of Plymouth, to the Mayor and Corporation, in respect to all matters arising out of a previous sequestration of the living. 11 Dec. 1604.

Letter from William Bishop of Exeter to the Mayor and Aldermen of Plymouth. Recommending for the office of schoolmaster 'Mr. Worth an excellent good scholler a minister and a verie good preacher.' 14 July, 1605.

Letter from *John Phillippes*, deputy-mayor of Plymouth, to a person addressed as 'Right Honorable and my especiall good Lord.' In obedience to the order of his lordship and 'the residew of the lordes of his majesties councill,' the writer has 'made staye of all manner of shippes wthin this harborough, and lykewise made readie a Pynnace to sett forth to the seas to lie in waite vpon the Coaste of Wales to apprehend those trayto^{rs} that myght endeavour to escape that waye.' The owners of divers ships, on the point of starting for Venice and other places of Italy, having been thus ordered to stay, are urgent that their vessels may be allowed to proceed. 14 Nov. 1605.

Copy of letter from Lords of the Council concerning the Gunpowder Plot. Ordering all ships to be stayed in the port of the persons to whom the letter is addressed; so that no accomplice in 'the most horrible treasons against the person of the kinges majestie' may escape. Whitehall. Nov. 1605.

Copy of letter from Lords of the Council to the Mayor of Plymouth. Countermands order for setting forth a pinnace to watch the Welsh coast, 'fforamuch as the greatest p^{te} of the chiefe Complottores of the said traysons are nowe apprehended in the Countie of worcester.' 11 Nov. 1605.

William Downeman, Mayor of Plymouth, and James Bagg, to Earl of Salisbury. '* * * It may please your lordship to be advertysed that on the xiith day of this instant moneth here arrived an Englishe shippe from St. Malloves bounde for Ireland, and putt in here att Plymouth by contrarie windes, in which shippe came passenger one Thomas Myller page to Robert Marshall late of Kelfynon in Ireland and now resident in Jersey, whose lodging upon some advertisemt wee searched and founde aboute hym a boxe, wherein were diuerse letters sent by the said Marshall to diuerse persons in Ireland, all which you shall receaue herewith; Three of which letters were broken open by the said Myller before wee tooke hym and the Agnus Dei and the picture in two of theym enclosed were conveyed away by the said Myller which by search afterward wee found and are now in the said boxe. 14 Feb. 1606.

The examination of Thomas Myller, aged 18 years, servant to Robert Marshall, late of Kelfynon, (where he was 'second Justice of Monstieur') in Ireland, by *William*

Downeman, Mayor of Plymouth, and James Bagg, justice. Some three quarters of a year since accompanied his master from Lymbrecke to St. Malloes, and after staying there two months to Jersey, whence he was making the voyage to Ireland with a box containing letters and two pictures, at his said master's bidding. Being demanded wherefore he brake open the three letters answereth that he, being att sea in a shippe bounde for Ireland and forced by contrarie wyndes to put for Plymouth opened the said letters because that in one of theym was an Agnus Dei which was to be deliuered to the ladie Walshe and in another of them was a picture, which was to be deliuered to the ladye Slany, both which ladyes this examyant saith are of the Romishe religion. And the said examynant also saith that his said master had the said Agnus Dei and the said picture of a papiste priest in St. Malloes, which prieste is an Englisheman borne. 14 Feb. 1606.

Copy of letter from Lords of the Council to the Mayor of Plymouth and James Bagge, ordering the release of Thomas Miller, and the restoration to him of the box of letters and tokens entrusted to him by his master Mr. Robert Marshall, who is not unknown to the writer 'by reason of his late employment in his Majesties service in Mounster.' Whitehall. 18 Feb. 1606.

W. Bagwell to *William Downeman*, Mayor of Plymouth, praying for continuance of the pension granted him in former time by the borough, whose interests he is still in a position to promote. London. 17 Dec. 1606.

Letter from James Bagg, justice of Plymouth, to Sir John Bennett knt., Mr. D. Montfforte, Mr. D. Ferrand, and Mr. D. Dix, in defence of Mr. Wallis, vicar of Plymouth, who 'is called in question into your Honourable Court of High Commission, by meanes of one Phillip Rawlin an apparitor to y^e Court of Arches, ffor not denouncing of c'tayne pcesses of excommunication graunted out agaynst divers poor and miserable women of our towne in causes appertayning to your court.' Wallis's course was taken not at his own motion, but at the advice of the Bishop, Dean Sutcliffe, the Mayor and Magistrates of Plymouth, and Sir Ferdinando Gorges. 4 Feb. 1606.

Rough draft of letter of passport and free passage, signed by *William Downeman*, Mayor, in behalf of Thomas Myller, servant of Mr. Robert Marshall of Jersey, travelling to Cork in Ireland with letters and tokens. 24 Feb. 1606.

Rough copy of letter from *William Downeman*, Mayor, to William Bagwell announcing the withdrawal of the pension allowed him by the Corporation. 26 Jan. 1606.

Sir John Hele, Recorder of Plymouth, to the Mayor and Aldermen; the writer yields the place of Recorder to his cousin John Hele, who is a resident of Plymouth. 1 Sept. 1606.

The Mayor and Aldermen of Plymouth to Sir John Hele. They acknowledge Sir John's goodness in offering to relinquish the recordership in his cousin's interest; but insist that the election must be made in the usual way by a majority of voices, so that no precedent be afforded tending to deprive the burgesses of an important privilege, and cause future recorders to imagine they might appoint their successors. 5 Nov. 1606.

Copy of Orders of Privy Council, respecting pilchard-fishery of Cawston-bay. 13 July, 1606.

Copy of letter of Privy Council, appointing Ferdinando Gorges, William Strode, and Anthony Rowse, knts., Richard Carye and Christopher Harris, esqs., and the Mayor of Plymouth for the time being, Commissioners, for enforcing their lordships' orders respecting the pilchard-fishery of Devon and Cornwall. Greenwich. 13 July, 1606.

Letter of Lords of the Council (with numerous signatures) containing their lordships' orders respecting the pilchard-fishery of Causton-bay, and setting forth the names of the Commissioners for enforcing the same. Greenwich. 13 July, 1606.—Also copy of same.

Warrant by Commissioners for enforcing the orders of the Privy Council in the matter of the pilchard-fishery to parish-constables, for the due and sufficient summons of owners and masters of saynes and boats to appear before the Commissioners at Saltash on Saturday the 16th inst. Launceston. 13 Aug. 1606.

Petition of the Mayor and inhabitants of Plymouth to the Lords of the Council, respecting the pilchard-fishery of Devon and Cornwall.—Also copy of same. 1606.

Letter from Lord Treasurer (Salisbury) to His Majesty's officers of the port of Plymouth, for the restraint of unauthorized exportation of corn. 17 Nov. 1608.

Petition of the Waytes of the borough of Plymouth to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Magistrates, 'Humbly sheweth,

That when the wayteship of this borrough was first instituted by that never to bee forgotten knight S^r Francis Drake the fflower waytes had and receaued their escouchions at the Charge of the towne, and had yearely allowed and Conferred on them Tenn Poundes with new Clokes likewise yearely giuen them: And for that of late theise Bestowalls are neere totally taken away to the verie great detriment of your peticoners, theire yearely Sallary being far inferiour to that of any City or Corporation wheare waytes are, they now pray for 'their former right fee.' [There were waytes before Drake's time.]

The Council of the Virginia Company to the Mayor and Aldermen of Plymouth, inviting them to aid the writers in their beneficent enterprise, and to put themselves in personal communication with Sir Ferdinando Gorges and Mr. Doctor Sutcliffe, Dean of Exon. Referring to the failure of a similar and earlier undertaking the writers say: 'Having understood of yo^r gen^l good disposition towards yo^r advancing of yo^r intended plantacon in Virginia, begun by divers gentlemen and Marchaunts of the Westerne parts, w^h since for want of good supplies and seconds here, and that the place w^h was possessed there by you answered not those comodities w^h might keepe lief in yo^r good begynninge, it hath not so well succeeded as soe worthy intentions and labours did meritt; But by the coldeness of the Clymate and other Connaturall necessities, yo^r Colonie was enforced to retorne.' 17 Feb. 1608.

Rough draft of letter from *Robert Treloconey*, Mayor of Plymouth, to the Earl of Salysburye, Lord-High Treasurer. A vessel from the Groyne had arrived at Plymouth on the previous night, having on board one Mr. Thomas Warlawe of the Isle of Wight, who reported that Mr. Hills, the Englishe consull at the Groyne, about tenne dayes past told the said Warlawe that two fleets of shippes of the number of one hundred and twentie sayle were verie shortlie expected at the Groyne from the southward thereof, and fortie thousand soldiers to be imbarqued in them. The said English consul also gave the ship's pilot, George Chelname of Plymouth, a letter with an entreaty that he would on his first arrival in England dispatch it forthwith to some of his Majesty's Privy Council. The writer continues, 'Here are merchauntes w^h haue receaued lres from their Factors at the Groyne of the

same fleete, and that the reporte there goeth they are to serue the Pope. Here came passenger in the said shippe an Irishe youth, late page to Sir William Stanton, whom I haue examyned, and cannot learne anythinge of hym, but that his master hath put hym out of service, and his purpose is to travell to London to the Earle of Clanreckett. But I doe make staie of him vntill I have order from your lp, for that he beinge in drinke, at the Groyne, as the said pilot affirmeth, said that the said fleete was bounde for Irelande to carrye there the Erle of Tyrone and make him King of Ireland, which according to my duetie I have thought good to make known to your honour.' Plymouth. 29 Aug. 1608.

The Lords of the Council to the Mayor of Plymouth, and the customers, comptrollers, and searchers of the port. The law is to be executed against those of his Majesty's subjects, who on their arrival in England from foreign parts, refuse to take the oath of allegiance, and do not straightway avail themselves of the privilege accorded to them of returning immediately over the seas into exile at their own charges. Whitehall. 29 May, 1608.

Sir Ferdinando Gorges to *Robert Trelawny*, Mayor of Plymouth. He invites the shipowners of the West-country, to co-operate with the shipowners of London to put down and extinguish piracy on the high seas, which has in the last few years deprived England and Scotland of no less than three hundred ships, with their lading and merchandizes, and their seamen reduced to captivity. The merchants of London are willing to subscribe for forty thousand pounds to an association for the suppression of robbery on the high seas; and Sir Ferdinando, who has been commissioned by the London merchants to negotiate with West-country merchants, invites the shipowners of Plymouth to confer with him at Exeter, whither he has summoned men from other western ports to meet him next assizes. 19 April, 1607.

The Mayor and Aldermen of Plymouth to the Lords of the Council, opposing the petition of certain London merchants for a charter granting them a monopoly of the trade between the Thames and the parts of Spain and Portugal. 14 Sept. 1617.

Letter from Sirs Ferdinando Gorges and Richard Edgcumbe to *Nicholas Sherwill*, Mayor of Plymouth,

touching a petition preferred by Charles Keddewe, a poor man of the same town, to Sir Richard Hutton, one of His Majesty's Justices of Assize. 7 Sept. 1619.

Thomas Sherwill's charges on three journies from Plymouth to London on business of the former town. 18 Jan. 1613 to 12 Dec. 1614.

Indenture of grant, during pleasure, by the Mayor and Corporation of Plymouth of the office of Recorder to John Glanville of Tavistock, esq., counsellor at the law, with an annual fee of 53s. 4d., in the room of Sir William Strowde of Mevy co. Devon knt., who has resigned. 11 Sept. 1620.

Mayor's Account, headed 'Mayor of the towne of Plim-worth: Fees dewe to his Majisties servants from the said Mayor for his homage to his Majesty, passing through the said towne the fueeteene of September, 1625.' The last item of the bill is 'To the Jester xs.' The account, amounting in all to £33 3s. 4d., is signed by Peter Newton, and receipted by Thomas Kynaston. 18 Sept. 1625.

Extract from the will of John Scoble, late of Plymouth, of his bequest of eighteen-pence weekly during the life of his executrix for bread to the poor of the said town. 18 Dec. 1629.

Extract from the will of Elizabeth Scoble, late of Wick-hampton, Dorset, widow of John Scoble, bequeathing to the poor of Plymouth the continuance for ever of the weekly distribution of eighteen-pennyworth of bread, given to them for and during her life by her said husband. 16 Oct. 1631.

Order of the Privy Council at Whitehall, on complaint of Masters and Owners of ships of the port of Plymouth against the privilege granted in former times to the Eastland Company 'of the sole importacion of all Eastland Commodities.' The complainants allege that by reason of the monopoly, 'diuers principall materialls for building & furnishinge ships, especially masts, rafts, deale, pitch, and tarre were growne to such excessive rates, being not elsewhere to be had but from the said companie, as was to the great discouragement of masters and own^{rs} of ships.' Ordered therefore by the Council that the said materials may be imported at Plymouth by strangers and there sold for the building and furniture of the shipping of the said port and its members, but not for the furniture of shipping to any other port. 25 June, 1630.

Lords of the Council to Mayor of Plymouth, ordering him to examine John Cawes, carpenter, and one Hallett ropemaker, inhabitants of Plymouth, on certain matters affecting the claims of Captain George Higham, Provost Marshall General of his Majesty's army at the Isle of Rhets, for satisfaction in respect to 'one and twenty tuns of wine which, having bene shipped for England, were stayed by Sir John Wats for His Majesty's service.' 21 March, 1631.

Jos. Martyn to *John Cawse*, Mayor of Plymouth. Order to pay expenses of Admiralty enquiry. 30 Sept. 1636.

Portion of rough draft of petition of the Mayor and inhabitants of Plymouth to Charles I., for leave to erect a new church, the existing church being insufficient.

Johane Cole [daughter of John and Elizabeth Scoble] to the Mayor of Plymouth. The charitable work begun by the writer's father and continued by her mother shall not through her neglect 'falle to the ground, but shall rather by me receive enlargement.' Wickhampton. 2 Nov. 1641.

Serjeant *John Glauuill*, Recorder of Plymouth, to *Robert Gubbes*, Mayor, and the Aldermen of Plymouth. Resigns the Recordership of Plymouth, so that the borough may forthwith proceed to the election of his good friend, Mr. Maynard, into the same office, now vacated for his benefit. London. 5 Aug. 1640.

Order of the House of Commons to the Mayor of Plymouth, touching the imprisonment of John Poyer of Pembroke, who at the order of the said house stayed a certain loaded ship that came to Milford from Galloway in Ireland, a town actually in rebellion. Poyer is to be at once released, if he has been arrested at the suit of one Pope on account of this detention; in which case, order is further given for the arrest and safe transport to Westminster of Pope. 27 June, 1641.

Borough of Plymouth: Vintry Ward.—Rate of the inhabitants (men, women, children, and servants) of the said ward, according to the act made for the provision of money for disbanding the armies and settling the peace of the two kingdoms—England and Scotland. 1 Aug. 1641.

Indenture of lease for five years, at a yearly rent of ten pounds, by the Mayor and Corporation of Plymouth, to Christopher Ryder and Arthur Bickford of the same place, gentlemen—of all the coverages and standings in all and every the Market Street and streets of Plymouth,

with all the customs and issues of the same, belonging to the said Corporation. 30 Nov. 1646.

Book of a rate made by order of the Maior and Justices of the Burroughe of Plymouth in Michaelmas Session last, 1656, for one year to commence from the 29th daye of September 1656, upon the inhabitants of Plymouth aforesaid for the raising of the summe of ffyue hundred pounds towards the building of the Newe Church in Plymouth by vertue of an Act of Parliament and of Letters Patents under the Great Seale of England dated at Westminster the one-and-twentieth daye of Aprill in the Seaventeenth yere of the raigne of the late King Charles, which, according to the said Letters Patents, is to be builded at the costs of the inhabitants of Plymouth aforesaid.

Letter from Rich. Blackwall and John Sparrow (dated from the Prize Office) to *Philipp Francis*, Mayor of Plymouth, stating that Mr. Blake and Mr. Ely have been ordered to pay the Mayor certain moneys demanded by the town of Plymouth in the name of 'duties vpon prize shippes and goods brought into the harbour' of the said town. Endorsed 'The Commissioners Letter of reprisall goodes, dated Nov. 1651, for the payment of the Towne Customes.'

Rough draft of a letter from the Mayor and Aldermen of Plymouth to the Council of the Protector. Generall Blake ere his departure hence gave order under his hand and seale for the Inhabitants of this towne to sett themselves in armes for watching and guardinge the same both by day and night, in which posture they now are and shall so continue untill your Honours shall otherwise order. And wee doubt not but wee shall manifest ourselves as faithful to this Commonwealth as any towne belonging to the same. We must further take the boldnes to acquaint your Honours that the Towne Line is very much decayed, the sufficient repayre whereof will require att least 1000*l.*; which wee desire may bee allotted out of the excise of the Town, or by what other meanes your Honours shall iudge meet for that purpose.

Extracts from the will of Moses Goodyear, who made two several bequests of £50 each to the 'Poores Portion in Plimouth' and the Almshouse. 1658.

Paper of Presentments made by Constables of the Old Town Ward 9th Jan. 1659.

'Jno. Olde for keeping men drinking yesterday, being Lords day.

'Jno. Wood serv^t to M^r Antho Skinner for walking on y^e Hoc sermon time.

'Severall vagrants who came yesterday to towne sermon time to begg.

'Geo Cragg for suffering Compo in his house to drink burnt wine sermon time.

'John Glanvill, Abraham Edgcombe } Constables.
'Nathaniel Arrowsmith, Wm. Rickard }

The tradesmen of Plymouth to the Mayor, Magistrates and Common Council—Praying that John Norman, a stranger and recent comer (who having served no apprenticeship in the town has nevertheless presumed to follow divers trades therein) may be ordered to desist from impoverishing the proper inhabitants by exercising the art of a gunsmith and other callings. 11 May, 1660.

Letter from William Morice, Governor of the fort and island of Plymouth, M.P. for the same borough, and Secretary of State, to *Olyver Ceely*, Mayor of Plymouth, and the Aldermen—touching his title to the fort and island, and measures needful for the repair and safety thereof. 23 Oct. 1660.

Names of those who took the oath of allegiance before *Oliver Ceely*, Mayor. 3 Nov. 1660.

Warrants of Nathaniel Hele, sheriff, to the Mayor of Plymouth, for the due publication of accompanying proclamations. 12 & 23 Oct. 1660.

Several lists of defaulters in respect to payment of tythes in the parish of Plymouth. 1660.

Presentments by the constables of Vintry Ward to the Mayor and Aldermen of Plymouth, with a List of the beer sellers of the same ward. 1661.

List of voluntary contributors and contributions towards the support of the workhouse lately set up in the Hospital of the Poors Portion, Plymouth. 21 Oct. 1663.

Copy of letter from the Duke of Albemarle to the deputy-lieutenants of Devonshire, for the impressment of mariners and others competent to serve in His Majesty's navy. 17 Oct. 1664.

Copy of letter from Lords of the Council to the Duke of Albemarle, for the impressment of mariners and other persons to serve in His Majesty's navy. 14 Oct. 1664.

Letter from John Willoughby, sheriff of Devon, to the Mayor of Plymouth, accompanying the two preceding copies. 21 Oct. 1664.

Bond of John Hooper and Richard Vincent of Plymouth, in fifteen pounds, indemnifying the Mayor and Corporation of the same town, in suits brought against them in respect to a ship called the *Verity* of Plymouth. 6 Feb. 1664.

Order in open sessions at the Guildhall, Plymouth, by the whole Bench and Common Council, that *John Martyn* Mayor, forthwith pay £50 (the residue of the legacy by John White to the Mayor and Commonalty) to William Jennens, merchant, in order that he may apply the said money to the defence of a suit commenced against the said Mayor and Commonalty by Sir Geffery Palmer, his Majesty's attorney-general, 'about the Poole and prosecuted by Coll Arundell.' 12 Oct. 1664.

Order from the Custom-house of London for placing proper cranes on Hawkins Key at Plymouth, in accordance with a statute of 1 Elizabeth. 29 Nov. 1664.

Letter from the Lords Commissioners about Towns Customs (signed—Albemarle, Arlington, Anglesey, G. Carteret) to Commissioners of Prizes for Plymouth, to enquire as to the truth and justice of the grounds on which the Mayor and Corporation of Plymouth, claim certain small customs and duties on imports. 6 May, 1665.

Draft of grant of site of Charles Church by the Mayor and Commonalty.

Indenture of grant and conveyance for ever by William Warren of Plymouth, vintner, to the Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth borough, of the piece of ground, computed at about one acre, whereon the said Mayor and Commonalty and divers other inhabitants have lately raised for God's service the beautiful structure commonly known as Charles Church. 12 Aug. 1665.

Book of the names of all the freemen of the borough of Plymouth, summoned to elect a Mayor for the ensuing year, on St. Lambert's day. 17 Sept. 1666.

Receipt of Richard Lord Arundell for £550 paid him by the Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth, in respect of costs taxed upon them in the suit about Sutton Pool. 18 June, 1666.

Bond of John Rowe of Plymouth in the amount of 40*l.*, to Dorothea Reuell of the same town. 30 July, 1661.

Copy of the last will and testament of Dorothy Revell of Plymouth, widow. 4 Oct. 1662.

The Lords of the Council to the Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth,—enquiring whether due care be taken to observe the law, in respect to its requirements that all holders of municipal offices take the oath of allegiance and supremacy, the oath declaring it unlawful to take arms against the King, subscribe a declaration against the solemn League and Covenant, and within a year before their election to their respective offices take the sacrament in accordance with the rites of the Church of England. 24 March, 1672.

Warrant of *John Dell*, Mayor, and William Weekes, gentlemen, two of the justices of Plymouth, to the four serjeants at mace, to summon certain persons to appear at the Guildhall 'for Mr. White's auditt.' 30 Sept. 1675.

Nine several writings (rough drafts of bills and answers in the Court of Chancery, and other matters) relating to controversy between the Corporation of Plymouth, William Jennens and John Warren, respecting Jennens Quay and the Customs House Quay in the port of the said borough. 1675.

Letter from Thomas Northmore, undersheriff of Devon, to the Mayor of Plymouth. Accompanies a copy of the warrant of the Judges of Assize, at the last assizes for the county of Devon, for the execution of Anne Evans by burning and Philippa Carey by hanging, guilty of poisoning Mrs. Weekes and her daughter Elizabeth at Plymouth. 'These execucons are appointed to bee done att yo^r Towne of Plymouth, provided that the magistrates of the Towne (whereof you are chiefe) or m^r Weekes whose wife was by the malefactors abouenamed poysoned, shall defray the extraordinary charges thereof, & shall vnd^rtake for the same before Easter Day, being Sunday next, the day of execucon is to bee on Thursday in Easter weeke, but if you the Magistrates of the Towne or m^r Weekes shall fail to vnd^rtake before Easter Day to defray the extraordinary expenses thereof, then the execucon on these malefactors is to be done att the common place of execucon for this countie.' [The original examinations in this case are to be seen in the Examination Book for the

year. It is the tragedy recorded in John Quick's volume. '*Hell opened; or the infernal sin of murder punished; being a true relation of the poisoning of a whole family at Plymouth, for which the malefactors were condemned before Lord Chief Justice North at Exeter, one to be burnt, the other to be hanged.*']

Copy of a letter from Thomas Northmore, undersheriff, to William Weekes, dyer, of Plymouth, touching arrangements for the execution of Anne Evans and Philippa Carey—Also, the undersheriff's copy of the Judge's warrant and directions for the execution. 17 March, 1675.

Warrant signed by the Duke of Monmouth and other Commissioners of the Admiralty, instructing the chief magistrates and officers of the customs at Plymouth to release a certain French vessel called the *Vaillant*, Bertrand Bayeux, master. Dated from Derby House, and having Samuel Pepys's signature. 4 Oct. 1676.

List of burgesses and other inhabitants of Plymouth, exempt from service on 'any jury or forraigne inquisition whatsoever by vertue of letters patentes of the Lady Mary, late Queen of England.' 24 Jan. 1678.

Receipt by J. Northcote for ship money. 1678.

Precept of Sheriff of Devon (Richard Duke) to the Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth, for the election of two burgesses of parliament. 16 Aug. 1679.

Resignation, by John Buckeham, one of the attorneys of the Court of the Borough of Plymouth, of his attorneyship into the hands of *Peter Foote*, gentleman, Mayor of Plymouth; the surrender being made at the request of John Buckeham's nephew, Moses Collins. 20 Oct. 1682.

Appointment of Moses Collins such attorney. 17 April, 1683.

Report of the Right Worshipful *William Martin*, Stephen Akerman, and John Paige, on a conference with Lord Arundell about Sutton Poole. 1684.

Schedule of heads of alterations and additions to be made in the charter of Plymouth. 1684.

Rough draft of a letter from the Mayor and Aldermen of Plymouth to the Earl of Bath. Acknowledges the earl's goodness in covering the borough with his patronage, and more especially in consenting to present a petition from the town to His Most Sacred Majesty. 28 Nov. 1686.

Power of attorney, executed by *Robert Berry*, Mayor of Plymouth, authorising *John Paige*, deputy-mayor, and a majority of the Aldermen to affix their common seal to a surrender of the present charter to William III. 11 Feb. 1696.

Copy of letter of appointment (signed *Jonah Lavington*, Mayor), constituting and making *Francis Pengelly* of Plymouth, esq., the common clerk or Town Clerk and Steward of the same borough. 15 Nov. 1705.

The surrender of the office of Town Clerk and Steward of Plymouth by *Francis Pengelly*. 11 April, 1722.

Election by scratching of Mr. Mitchell as lecturer. 4 June 1706.

Precept for poor rate, April, 1709, signed by James Yonge.

Bond of Thomas Marshall of Plymouth, cheesemonger, in £100, to the guardians of the poor of the same borough; for indemnification in regard to the settlement therein of James Horrocks, late of Shoreditch, victualler, with his wife and family. 10 April, 1711.

Rough draft of loyal address of the Mayor and Corporation of Plymouth to George the First on his accession to the throne of England. 1714.

Election by scratching of *R. Waddon* as Town Clerk. 14 May, 1722.

Undertaking by the Board of Ordnance (signed Charles Frederick; W. R. Earle; A. Wilkinson; H. Ligonier; W. Charlton) that a certain fence recently erected at the foot of the Citadel Hill of Plymouth 'shall never be made use of as an argument to lessen any of the just rights and privileges' of the Mayor and Corporation. 18 Jan. 1753.

Memorandum of resolutions for lighting Plymouth with two hundred and fifty oil-lamps. 11 May, 1770.

Orders of Commissioners touching removal of night soil from houses; for watch; and for regulation of carts, 1770 *et circa*. The first set very curious, and referring to Sutton Pool and the water courses.

Brief note of information respecting the contents of the two wills of Sir Francis Drake, the first dated Aug. 1595, and the second dated 27 Jan. 38 Eliz., which were proved 17 May 1596. 1795.

Several bonds for the payment of money to the Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth.

Memorandum of the election of a vicar of Charles parish, Plymouth, when the Rev. Walter Hugoe was chosen; the unsuccessful candidates being Dr. Reynold, Mr. Thomas Samford, Mr. George Derby, and Mr. Henry Mitchell. 30 Aug. 1711.

[360] SECOND FOLIO: 'MSS. HISTORICAL FROM 1500 TO 1800.'

Extracts from accounts of collectors of customs in the ports of Cornwall in the time of Edward the Third; also memoranda relating to the customs of those ports in the same reign. Edw. III.

Bond of William Hawkins and John Ellyott, in £10, to the Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth. Condition 'that if William Eggecombe on thyside the feste of the Natiuitie of Seynt John the baptiste next comyng do make twoo sufficient new gounes for the towne of ij broken gounes of the townes whiche be delyu'yd to hym to new make and to agree wth the olde chambers, so that the said ij new gounes be delyu'yd to the towne sufficiently made before the said feste of Seynt John that then this Recognizaunce be vtt^ly voyde and of none effecte.' 31 March—33 Hen. VIII.

Indenture whereby Sir Hugh Pollard, knt., sells for 100 marks his lordship and fee of Sutton Vawletort *alias* Sutton Valetort *alias* Sutton Vawtard within the borough of Plymouth, with all its rents, privileges, and appurtenances to William Hawkins of Plymouth, merchant, his heirs and assigns for ever. 18 April—34 Hen. VIII.

Examination of John Traunton of Plymouth, mariner, and master of a bark named *The Chaunce*, before *Thomas Ford* merchant and Mayor of Plymouth, respecting his capture of a Spanish vessel, laden with wines, raisins, and salt, from which Spanish bottom the deponent, holding a commission under the seal of the Lord Admiral, took 'viii buttes of seckes and some xlviij barrells of reasons.'—Also the examinations of Thomas George and John Hille, both of Plymouth, mariners, respecting the same seizure and prize. 19 March, 1585.

Rough draft of a letter from the Mayor and Aldermen of Plymouth to the Lords of Council accompanying 'suche newes as we latelie heard of from the parties of Spayne and Portingale.' March, 1585.

Concluding part of a letter from *Thomas Forde*, the Mayor, and the Aldermen of Plymouth, to persons whose names do not appear, stating the dearth of men in the town—'and as the world is the men maye not well be sparyd, being a grette number, & many from home areadie with Sir Fraunces Drake & in other viages.' 17 March, 1585.

Rough draft of letter from the Mayor and his brethren of Plymouth to the Justices of the Peace at Plympton, touching the order heretofore taken in the borough for constraining butchers and victuallers to respect the ordinances for the due observance of Lent. 1585.

Rough draft of letter from the Mayor and his brethren of Plymouth to the Lord Chamberlayne, respecting certain buildings which William Strode designs to erect in Plymouth, to the injury of the harbour. 16 Oct. 1591.

Undated rough draft of the petition of the Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth to the Lords of the Council, for the custody (with suitable yearly allowances) of the newly erected fort at Plymouth, which, though not finished is already 'commandable.' The custody of the fort should be committed to the petitioners, as they are interested beyond all other persons in its safe keeping. The town's people contributed largely towards the charges of building, in the reasonable hope that on its completion it would be entrusted to them.

Undated copy of petition of the Mayor and poor inhabitants of Plymouth to Queen Elizabeth. The petitioners ask to be entrusted with the task of completing the new fort at Plymouth, at their own charges, with the exception of eight hundred pounds which Her Majesty is entreated to give them for that purpose: and that on its completion they may receive from Her Majesty's customs a yearly allowance of six hundred pounds, for the suitable entertainment of a band of one hundred men within the same fort. They further pray that Her Majesty put the fort and garrison under the command of Mr. Arthur Champernowne, a gentleman of known gallantry and skill in martial affairs, 'both vearie neigh allyed vnto the best of Devon and

Cornewall, and likewise well-beloved of theym and the rest of our countrie.'

Bond by John Blythman, Mayor, to Anthony Goddard. 1599.

Holograph letter from the Earl of Dorset, Lord High Treasurer, to His Majesty's officers of the Port of Plymouth. They are to strictly restrain the exportation of corn from the port, when the prices exceed the limit appointed by the recent statute. Information having been sent to the Lords of the Council that 'by reason of the quantitie of corne which hath ben latelie exported into forrayne partes the price of all corne grayne is increased in the westerne parts and now solde for eight shillinges the bushell, and is daylie like to encrease more and more, so that the poorer sort of people being many in nomber are like to perishe for want of reliefe, unless some speedier order be taken for restraining the transportacion thereof.' 23 Jan. 1606.

Copy of petition of William Woulfe, late of Plymouth, serge weaver, to King James, praying that the Bishop of Exeter, Sir Richard Hawkins, knt., William Hutchinson, D.D. and chancellor of Exeter, and William Crymes, may be appointed Commissioners to enquire into and adjudicate on the petitioner's complaint against and claim upon the Mayor and Aldermen of Plymouth, or to advise His Majesty what course should be taken. Nine years since he was induced by the Mayor of Plymouth to migrate from Exeter to Plymouth, and there instruct twenty poor children in the trade of spinning worsted. The Mayor and Aldermen had promised him £50 for the first year and to make that £100 the yeare following which some of a hundred pounds they then also promised to lend unto him for seven yeares then after the effecting the premises, and likewise promised him they would from tyme to tyme duringe the said terme at their costes and charges after the furst yeare mayntayne the said 20 poore children with meat drinke and apparell: and likewise that he should haue out of euery shipp that belonged to the same which came from the Newfoundland 100 of fishe and a house rent free for that purpose for their better reliefe and maintenance. During the first year of the undertaking he had lost much by his obligation to maintain the children, corn selling at 30 shillings the bushel, whilst the Corporation allowed him only 20 shillings a week towards their sustenance. 1606.

Sir Daniel Dun to the Mayor and Aldermen of Plymouth, urging them to do justice to William Woulfe, whose petition to His Majesty has for the moment been stayed by the writer. Unless this suggestion have the desired effect, the matter will be pressed on His Majesty's notice to the trouble of the Mayor and Aldermen. Whitehall. 8 Dec. 1606.

Rough draft of a letter from *William Downeman*, Mayor, and the Aldermen of Plymouth to Sir Daniel Dun. William Wolfe is a wasteful and untruthful person, whose petition to the King against the Corporation of Plymouth is most false. Mr. Foynes's agreement with William Wolfe was that he should have a loan of thirty pounds and no more from Mr. Foynes, and from the town a weekly allowance of 12d. for the diet of every child whom 'he should sett at worke and instruct in his science,' the town at the same time providing them with apparel. The town had fulfilled its agreement with William Wolfe until he, after wasting all the money paid him by Mr. Foynes, could no longer set any children to work by reason of want of credit. 21 Jan. 1606.

Rough draft of letter from *James Bagg*, Mayor, and Walter Mathew, to the Lord Admiral. Sir Richard Hawkins has caused a constable to apprehend his lordship's servant Mr. Jobson, whom the writers know to be no pirate. Plymouth. 10 June, 1606.

Rough draft of letter from same to same touching the same matter. The writers hold that Sir Richard Hawkins is doing his lordship dishonour in the West-country, and hope that this latest indiscretion may result in his removal from his office, 'and cause hym to lay down his pattent at your lordships feete.' 12 June, 1606.

Rough draft of letter from the Mayor and Aldermen of Plymouth to the Lord Chief Justice, calling his lordship's attention to the conflicting requirements of two several letters which he has addressed to the writers respecting some enterprise at the port of Plymouth; and begging for fuller and more particular instructions. The bearer of the letter, Mr. Challenger, is commissioned to state more precisely their sentiments on the matter to his lordship, to whom 'farther advertisement' will come from 'Sir Fardinando Gorge.' 11 June, 1606.

Rough draft of letter from the Mayor and Aldermen of Plymouth to the Lords of the Council. Praying their lordships' warrant to take at a fair price a small quantity of grain from each of the numerous vessels laden with corn now lying in Plymouth harbour, and to apply the provision so taken to the relief of the distress caused in 'these western parts' by the scarcity and inordinate price of corn, consequent on excessive transportation of grain into foreign parts and the badness of the last harvest. 'Att this present there are w^hin the harborough of Plymouth about Threescore saile of Dutch shippes all laden w^h corne and bound for Spayne & Italye, whereof one being a shipp of 300 tuunes is suncke in the Harborough with hir laden, which is like greatlie to preiudice both vs and ye harborough; and such is their stubbornnes that they refuse to yeve vs any helpe to remedye the same.' 30 Nov. 1607.

Rough draft of letter from the Mayor and Aldermen of Plymouth to one of the Lords of the Council, praying a licence to import corn from Cornwall into Plymouth, for the relief of distress consequent on the scarcity of grain in Devonshire; as the Cornwall farmers can sell some of their corn to Plymouth merchants, without causing inconvenience to the inhabitants of their own county. 30 Nov. 1608.

Copy of letter from the Lord High Treasurer, the Earl of Salisbury, to His Majesty's officers of the port of Plymouth. Orders that no person be permitted to transport corn from Falmouth or any other Cornish port to any part of the kingdom, unless he has a special licence from the Privy Council; it having been certified to the Lords of the Council that in the present dearth the county of Cornwall can spare no corn for the relief of Devonshire or any other foreign county. Whitehall. 17 Nov. 1608.

Order of the Mayor (*Thomas Sherwill*) and Corporation of Plymouth, forbidding merchants or other private persons to buy corn and salt imported into Plymouth by any stranger or foreigner, until the Mayor and Aldermen of the said borough shall have declined to exercise their right of preemption in respect to such corn, for the relief of the distress consequent on dearth of grain amongst the townsmen. Signed by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councilmen making the order. 26 Nov. 1608.

Letter from Sir Thomas Smythe to the Mayor of Plymouth, asking his aid in inviting merchants and other adventurers, not being members of the Company of Merchants of London trading into the East Indies, to subscribe to a new 'joint-stock, to be contynued for the fower yeares next ensuing,' about to be made by the brethren of the said company. Philpot Lane in London. 13 Dec. 1616.

Attested copy of Orders agreed on by the Lord Lieutenant and his deputies throughout Devon, for the better discipline and greater efficiency of the trained bands of the said county. 28 March, 1617.

Copy of enrolled indenture of lease for twenty-one years, at a yearly rent of £13 6s. 8d., by Charles Prince of Wales, &c., of the water and pool of Sutton, parcel of the Duchy of Cornwall, to John Sparke and John Fowell. 26 Nov.—15 Jas. I.

Lords of the Council to Sir John Eliott and James Bagg, vice-admirals of Cornwall and Devon, and the officers of the port of Plymouth, requiring them to visit certain Dutch ships, manned with English mariners, now lying in the port of Plymouth, and to take from them all English mariners, that they may be transferred forthwith to appointed officers for service in His Majesty's fleet now being fitted out. Whitehall. 28 Feb. 1624.

Copy of letter from *Leonard Pomeroy*, Mayor, and the Aldermen of Plymouth, to the Rt. Wor. Moris Abots, governor of the East India Merchants Company, touching the legacy of £20 bequeathed by Edmund Leunis, late of Plymouth, 'to the poore people of the Hospitall lately erected within the burrough of Plymouth,' called 'The Hospitall of Orphans Ayde.' 19 July, 1624.

A surveighe of the lands and other thinges of the borough of Plymouth, nowe to be sette at the Christmasse Sessions 1626, and at Easter Lawe-Court and Sessions, 1627.

Lord Dorchester to the Mayor of Plymouth, directing enquiries respecting 'preparations at sea made by the French upon their coast' of such persons 'as are lately returned from those port-towns of France, especially in Britannie.' Whitehall, 27 Dec. 1629.

Assignment by Lady Judith Hawkins, executrix of Sir Richard Hawkins, to Hugh Bull, of all her interest in a

lease for twenty-one years of a certain messuage in Plymouth, which the Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth had covenanted, in the life-time of the said Sir Richard Hawkins, to make to him, his heirs, and assigns. 4 May, 1629.

Copy of letter from John Delbridge to the Mayor of Barnstaple, setting forth the grievous injuries done to English commerce by Turkish piracy; and recommending that the merchants of the kingdom should combine in urging His Majesty to take adequate measures to protect the foreign trade of the nation from maritime robbers, or at least to authorize his merchants and maritime adventurers to protect themselves against the most destructive form of nautical brigandage. Unless vigorous steps are taken the writer apprehends 'that they will fall vpon our fishing shippes both att Newfoundland and Virginea, for they desire both our shippes and men.' London. Feb. 1632.

Copy of letter thereon to Mayor of Exeter from Rd. Ferris, Mayor of Barnstaple, Wm. Palmer, and Rd. Beapl: also refers to crews of two small barques of Barnstaple being carried to Argier.

Letter from John Hakewill, Mayor of Exeter, to the Mayor of Plymouth. Alluding to the action of 'our neighbours of Barnstaple for the redeeming of poore captives,' and to 'the greate danger threatned by those mercieless Turkes to this State, especially to these westerner partes thereof,' he adds, 'Wee of this citey doe much comend their readinesse in releiuinge those poore Christians & p^rventinge such ensueinge mischiefes.' 14 Feb. 1632.

Six Resolutions on the same matter; the first running: 'At a general Meeting of the deputies for the Cittye of Exon and the Townes of Plymouth, Barnstaple, Dartmouth, Waymouth, and Melcomb Regis, It is agreed and thought fitt that for the suppression of the Turkes of Argire and Tunnis a petition shalbe preferred speedilie in the name of those and other cittyes and Townes vpon the sea-coast vnto His Majestie and the Lordes of His Majesties Most Honourable Privie Counsell thereby to manifest their grievance in that behalfe, and to petition His Majestie and their Lordshipps that such speedie course may be taken as to His Majestie and their Lord-

ships shall seem most convenient as well for redresse in that behalfe as for redeeming of the captives from thence, and that for the doeing thereof one of each citty and towne maie speedilie be sent vnto London.' Signed by Roger Mallock, Exeter; John Clement, Plymouth; John Delbridge, Barnstaple; John Crewkerne, Dartmouth; Fran. Gapes, Waymouth. 28 Feb. 1632.

John Carter's receipt for divers arms and military accoutrements from the Right Worshipful Phillip Frauncis, Mayor of Plymouth. 1 Dec. 1642.

Copy of the agreement of fifteen Master-Shoemakers and Inhabitants of Plymouth, for the maintenance of journeymen's wages at the former ratio, and the correction of the vagrant disposition and resisting the exactions of such workmen. 17 April, 1643.

Undertaking of divers inhabitants to contribute annually for five years certain sums towards a fund for maintaining 'a lecturer to preach once in the weeke in the Church of St. Andrewes within this borough as hath been accustomed'; also for raising the rents and profits of the vicarage of St. Andrew to £200 per annum, and the rents and profits of Charles Church to £100. 3 Nov. 1646.

Bond from James Stooke to leave Plymouth and never to remain therein thereafter beyond six days. 1646.

Copy of an Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in parliament, concerning the company of Merchants of London trading into France. 19 Oct. 1648.

Christopher Clarke, governor Exeter Merchant Adventurers, to Mayor of Plymouth, accompanying the preceding, and inviting one or more merchants of Plymouth to attend a conference of merchants of the western ports, to be held at Exeter on the 7th of next month 'to consider whether itt may bee fitt for vs to come in vppon the said Ordinance vnder those of London, payinge our imposition vnto them and ioyning our interest * * * or to peticon the Parliament that there maye be a like ordinance made for the Out Portes.' 21 Nov. 1648.

Bond in law suit by Philip Mitchell, Thos. Durant, John Dell. 1651.

Four several schedules of the compositions for Sheaf Tithes made in the four years, 1652-1655, in the parish of Plymouth, and received by the Mayor and Commonalty.

Warrant, signed by John Rushworth and William Rowe, registrars of the High Court of Admiralty, for arrest of a vessel formerly called the *April Shower* of Waterford, now the *John* of Plymouth, and citing Nathaniel Marriott and others to appear and answer in a cause civil and marine touching the same vessel 'before us or the Judges of the High Court of Admiraltie of England in the Dyninge Chamber within Doctors Commons scituate in the parishe of St. Benedict near Paul's Wharf, London.' 11 Nov. 1654.

Business letter by Alex. Reynardson to Justinian Peard. London. July, 1656.

Grant in fee-farm, at an annual rent of 10s., by the Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth, of a piece of land lying within the said borough, to Edmund Fowell, esq., of Harwood in the parish of Calstocke, and his heirs and assigns for ever. 22 Aug. 1659.

Directions to the collector of the subscriptions and rates for building the new [Charles] church of Plymouth.

Undertaking of divers inhabitants of Plymouth to pay certain sums for maintaining ministers of religion in the said parish. 15 Oct. 1660.

Warrant and safe-passage for Druc Drury, Edward Merrey, Thomas Combe, and Richard Burch, appointed to search for and seize forfeitures belonging to His Majesty. Signed by Lord Berkshire. 26 May, 1666.

Fourteen ordinances made by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of Plymouth, for the better cleansing, lighting and watching of the streets of the said borough. 19 March, 1671.

Draft copy of grant by John King to Wm. Jennens, John Webb, and Thos. Stutt, of property in Plymouth in and near Tinne Street for the Orphans Aid. 28 Chas. II.

Passport by John Vivian to Gilbert Munhall. 1676.

Character by Rd. Hillersden of Membland, of John Thorninge, miller: addressed to *Aud. Horsman*, Mayor of Plymouth. 7 July, 1677.

Notes of Plymouth corporate rental. 1683.

Certificate by Nich. Slanning, Elz. Crymes, Jonathan Elford, and Thos. Payne, of distraint on Samuel Madocke, esq., for tax raised 'for the reducing of Ireland.' Trenamans Jump. 13 July, 1689.

Two undertakings of divers underwritten maltsters, brewers, and victuallers of Plymouth, to cause all the malt used by them during the ensuing year to be ground at the two convenient malt-mills of the Mayor and Commonalty. 1734 and 1738.

Copy of Letters Patent of grant, by James I. to Robert Harecourte, of Stanton Harecourte, Oxon., esquire, Sir Thomas Challoner, knt., and John Rovenzon, esq., and their heirs, of 'all that parte of Guiana or Continent of America lying betweene the River of Amazones and the river of Dessequebe, scituate in the south parte of America, and all the lands, islandes, soyles, groundes, hauens, ports, creekes, rivers, mynes, as well royal mynes of Gould and Siluer, as other mynes, mynneralls, pearles, and pretious stones, woods, quarries, marshes, waters, ffishings, huntings, hawkinge, fowlinge, comodities and hereditamentes whatsoever, togeather w^hall prerogatives, jurisdicons, royalties, privilegedges, ffraunchizes and preheminenses, within any the saide territories, betweene the saide two rivers of Amazones and Dessequebe, and all and singular islandes, lands, and territorities beinge within twentie leagues therevnto adiacent, not beinge actuallie possessed or inhabited by any Christian Prince or State in amytie w^h vs . . . yealdinge and payinge only therefore to vs oure heires and successors the fifte parte onlie of all oare of Gould and Silver, that from tyme to tyme, and att all tymes hereafter shalbe there gotten had and obteyned for all manner rentes services and commandes whatsoever.' The grant is undated, but subsequent to 6 James I., as appears from the recital of Harcourt's previous connection with Guiana.—'Whereas oure trustie and welbeloved subiect Roberte Harecourte of Stanton Harecourte in the countie of Oxon esquire Hath by vertue of commission vnder oure greate seale of England, bearinge date the Thirteenth daie of February in the sixte yeare of our raigne of England Fraunce and Ireland, and the two-and-ffortith of Scotland, aduentured to putt him selfe and many other his good friends and associats into great trauailes, charges, and expences by vndertakinge many and sundrie long jorneis by sea and shippinge vnto the south parte of America to thend to discouer and take a full view and survey of all the regions, clymates, and territorities, beinge parte of the countrye called or knowne by the name of of Guiana, scituate and lyinge betweene the River of Amazones, and the riuier of Dessequebe, and the islandes,

lands and territories therevnto adioyninge, w^{ch} are inhabited by Heathen and Savage people, that haue noe knowledge of any christian religion, nor of any morrall vertues, for the saluacon of their soules or educacon of their persons, nor are subiecte to any Christian State government or commonwealth.'

Copy of Letters Patent of the 'London' and 'Plymouth' Companies, granted by James I. to Sir Thomas Gates, Sir George Somers, knts., Richard Hacklayte, clk., prebendary of Westminster, Edward Maria Wynfeild, Thomas Hannam, Rauleigh Gilbert, esqs., William Parker and George Popham gentlemen: for the planting of two colonies on the coast of Virginia and America, to be respectively styled the First Colony and the Second Colony; the First Colony being planted by Sir Thomas Gates, Sir George Somers, Richard Hacklayte and Edward Maria Wynfeild, adventurers of the city of London, with such other adventurers as shall be joined unto them; and the Second Colony being founded and settled by the aforesaid Thomas Hannam, Rawleigh Gilberte, William Parker and George Popham 'and all others of the towne of Plymouth in the countie of Devon and elsewhere, which are or shall be joined unto them.'

Letter from Steph. Jones to John Hayne, Dartmouth, merchant, enclosing a letter from Mr. Prouse, who is soliciting the clerks of the Council. 18 March, 1620.

Imperfect copy of Additional Orders for the correction of abuses in, and for the better regulation of, the Newfoundland Fishery, which appear to have been issued in consequence of a remonstrance and petition lately presented to Charles I. by 'the adventurers in the Newfoundland Fishery of Waymouth, Melcombe Regis, Poole, Lyme, Exeter, Plymouth, Dartmouth, East Looe, Foy, Barnstaple, and Biddiford.'

Order of Council permitting the inhabitants of western ports 'using the fishinges of Newfoundland' to sell to strangers, for exportation in their own vessels, the great store of Newfoundland fish and pilchards which they have taken and cannot vent in England: this relaxation of the order forbidding the sale of fish to strangers for exportation in foreign bottoms, being carefully limited to the present emergency. 4 Nov. 1631.

'Certen reasons tendred to the Lords of His Ma^{ties} most ho^{ble} Privy Counsell, for and in the behalfe of the mer-

chants owners of shippes and fishermen of the West-Country, why the transportation of the fish bought of them by straungers and Alyenes in their own bottomes should not be restrayned: together with certen proposicons of how the shippes and bottomes belonging to the River Thames, w^{ch} now lye idle as is alleaged, may receiue employment.'

John Clement to *Phillip Andrew*, Mayor of Plymouth. Reports the slow progress made by the deputies from the western ports in the matter of their petition to the King and his Council for action against the Turkish Pirates. Will agree to nothing which has not the consent of his correspondent and the merchants of Exeter. 14 May, 1633.

Lords of the Council to the Mayor, Aldermen, and merchants of Plymouth, concerning the petition by the inhabitants of the western ports for protection against the Turkish pirates. Invites Plymouth to send a deputy, invested with the fullest powers, to confer in London with deputies from other ports on the urgent trouble, and devise means for remedying it. Hitherto the meeting of deputies from the various petitioning ports has been without definite result, because they have had no sufficient authority to pledge the credit and resources of the towns for the attainment of the desired ends. Whitehall. 21 May, 1633.

John Clement to *Phillip Andrew*, Mayor of Plymouth. Gives particulars of another interview between the Lords of the Council and the deputies from ports on the business of the Turkish pirates. Can decide on no course, till the deputies have larger power to pledge the resources of their fellow-townsmen for cost of military operations. Most of the deputies have no discretionary power. Till they know how much they may promise for their towns in the way of pecuniary contribution to the charges of fitting out ships of war, the negociations are at an end. 21 May, 1633.

Lords of the Council to the Mayor of Plymouth. Complains of the disregard shown by the western ports, and especially by Plymouth, for the Orders of Council forbidding the transportation of fish and other commodities in foreign bottoms. Their lordships require the immediate attendance of one or more persons from Plymouth, to whom directions on this matter may be given. 23 Nov. 1633.

Alexander Staplehill, Mayor of Dartmouth, to *Roger Trelawnie*, Mayor of Plymouth, touching business of the fisheries, in which the merchants of Plymouth, Dartmouth, and Barnstaple are acting conjointly by means of their agents in London. 3 Dec. 1633.

Copy of laws and ordinances made and published for the government of the people in Newfoundland and the seas, bays, and creeks adjoining. Star Chamber. 24 Jan. 1633.

Copy of Order of Council, appointing thirty-eight underwritten persons (merchants of London or of the western ports, or wardens or assistants of the Trinity House) to be a Committee for devising the best means for taking off and transporting in English bottoms only, all the fish taken by His Majesties subjects either 'upon his owne coastes or in Newfoundland.' Whytehall. 10 Feb. 1633.

Copy of Order of Council, of same date, that the 'merchants of London and those of the western ports should wth all convenient expedicon sett down in writing & present to the Board their general reasons and propositions concerning this business,' of transporting fish taken on the English coasts or in Newfoundland in English bottoms only.

Copy of another Order of Council, of same date, that the merchants and fishermen of the western ports 'should be at liberty to sell their fish to strangers, to be transported in forrayne bottomes for this tyme only.'

Attested official copy of the Letters Patent by Charles I., exhibiting the set of laws and ordinances for Newfoundland as made and published. 26 Jan. 1637.

Copy of a clause of the Letters Patent touching Newfoundland, granted to James Marquesse of Hamilton, Phillip earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, Henry earl of Holland, and Sir Daniell Kerke, their heirs and assigns. 13 Nov.—13 Charles I.

Two Copies of Letter from Lords of the Council to Mayors and Magistrates. For the exact observance of the orders for the government of Newfoundland, contained in Letters Patent dated 26 Jan. 12 Charles I., and more particularly of the order forbidding owners of ships, trading in the Newfoundland fishery, to transport thither any persons 'other then such as are of his or their owne or oth^r

ships company or belonging therevnto, and are vpon y^e sd shippes hire & employment, or such as are to plant & doe intend to settle there.' Whitehall. 4 Dec. 1633.

Depositions, touching Newfoundland and the fisheries thereof, taken at Totnes, before Sir Edward Seymour, bart., Sir William Courtney, bart., and Thomas Reynell, John Halle, Thomas Boone, and Gilbert Eveleigh, esqs., commissioners by virtue of a commission from Charles II., dated 28 Aug. 1667. Thomas Cruse of Ashprington deposes 'y^t above 50 years last past he went to ye Newffdland in a ship of Topsham in a ffishing voyadge, att w^{ch} time there was noe Gov'nou^r there, or above 2 or 3 poor people y^t inhabited there, & such salt boates, staiges & other Materials for y^e ffishing-trade, leftt by the ships the fform^r year, they usually found in y^e like Condition w^{thout} any diminution ye ffollowing year. And Aboutt 32 yeares past he went ffrom Londo to the Newfld and arrived there in y^e harbo^r of Bay of bulls, wheare he inhabited 18 yeares, w^{ch} was about 4 yeares before S^r David Kirke, the ffirst Gove'nour that Came there after y^e Lord Baltemore, who was there only one wint^r and then left the Countrey, saying itt was an unfitt place for man or beast to live in. During all w^{ch} time of this deponen^{ts} aboade there noe nation did ever in y^e Least attempt to molest or trouble y^e English there in thare ffishery, neither were thare any ffortiffications Erected untill the Coming there of S^r David Kirke, who planted some ffere gunns att fferriland & 2 or 3 other places And that before S^r David Kirke Came there, noe one p^d any Custome or Tax Concerning the said ffishe^{ry} or otherwise, butt all was free. But after S^r David Kirke arrived there (who brought wth him about 30 serv^{ts}), he imposed taxes on all y^e inhabitants to pay a greate ffine & yearly rents ffor the houses & ground by y^e wat^r side, in sev^{ll} harbo^{rs} and ffishing places, as this deponent did ffor a house and some ground Graunted to him by y^e said S^r David Kirke as by writing made in the year 1640, ffor w^{ch} he paid the yearly rent off 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and a ffatt hog or 20*s.* in lew thereof. And the said S^r David Kirke did summon y^e Inhabitants of y^e sev^{ll} harbo^{rs} in y^e Newfoundland to repaire at fferiland, and Compelled them to take Estates in land in sev^{ll} harbo^{rs}, for Erecting of houses & ffishing-places by y^e waterside and to pay greate ffines and Rents for the same, and in case of reffusall threttnd to expel them out off y^e land; and alsoe

enticed them to take licences off him ffor y^e selling off wine and other liquors, & made them pay greate rents yearly ffor the same, and made this deponent take & pay for such a licence 15*li* p an. And y^e said S^r David Kirke himselve did keepe a common Taverne in his own house, w^{ch} did drawe and keepe shiip-masters, ffishermen & oth^{rs} ffrom theire ffishing employm^{ts} to the great prejudice & hinderance of their voyadges.'

P. Du Moulin, secretary of the Council of Trade, to the Mayor of Plymouth. Requests the Mayor to send, against the 3rd of March next, to a certain Committee of London merchants, his opinion of the recent petition of divers merchants and shipowners of the western ports to the Council of Trade, respecting divers abuses alleged to have recently crept into the trade of Newfoundland. Stafford House in the Savoy. 19 Feb. 1669.

Copy of Order of Council, referring the petition of Capt. Robert Robinson, touching the condition and needs of Newfoundland, to those Lords of his Majesty's Privy Council who have been appointed a Committee of Trade and Plantations. 15 Dec. 1669.

List of ships, with their burthens and names of masters, that have imported and discharged cargoes of salt in the ports of Falmouth and Penryn, during the entire year ended 29 Sept. 1670.

Strictly private and confidential letter from Ambrose Madd, from Dartmouth, to *William Cotton*, Mayor of Plymouth, touching a candidature for the office of Burgess of parliament for Plymouth. Dartmouth. 18 Dec. 1670.

Copies of Order of Council that the Mayors of the several ports of South Hampton, Poole, Weymouth, Melcombe Regis, Lime, Exeter, Dartmouth, Plymouth, East Loe, Fowey, Falmouth, Biddeford, Barnstaple, and Bristol, and all other ports and towns of the English coast, observe and obey the new orders (the official copy of which accompanies) for improving and regulating the fishing trade in Newfoundland, offered to His Majesty by his Council for Forraine Plantations. Whitehall. 10 March, 1670.

John Hayne, Dartmouth, to John Lanyon, Plymouth, business letter. 20 March, 1670.

William Cotton, on behalf of Mayor of Plymouth, to the Mayors of some neighbouring boroughs. Touching a circular letter from the Lords of the Committee of Trade to the Mayors of the Western Ports, for information respecting the state and needs of the Newfoundland Fishery Trade. 3 May, 1670.

Two copies of recommendations of the Committee of Trade and Plantations, for the improvement and better regulation of the Newfoundland Fisheries, with an undated paper of amendments to the original sketch of these resolutions, marked as coming from Dartmouth, and sundry Orders in Council relating thereto. March, 1670.

R. Prowse to W. Gould, Dunscombe, Exeter, on business in London. Notes the 'bad success' with Mr. Reynell.

Schedule of French vessels that discharged cargo in the port and members of the port of Plymouth, between 29 Sept. 1669 and 29 Sept. 1670.

Richard Hooper, Mayor, and Christopher Hunt and John Palmer, Aldermen, of Barnstaple, to Mayor of Plymouth. Invites the co-operation and agreement of the corporations of Barnstaple and Plymouth in answering a circular letter from the Council of Trade and Plantations respecting the Newfoundland Fishing Trade. 1 March, 1674.

Abstract of papers delivered to the Rt. Worshipful *William Weekes*, Mayor of Plymouth, concerning the Newfoundland Trade. 6 March, 1674.

Account of charges for writings touching the Newfoundland Trade. Feb. 1669 to Feb. 1670.

Undated reasons for the speedy settlement of Newfoundland and its fishery.

Imperfect copy of orders for the government of the colonies of Virginia.

Copies of two letters from the merchants of East Looe to the Privy Council.

Copy of the petition of Captain Robert Robinson, touching the condition and needs of Newfoundland, to the Lords of the Council. 1669.

Letter from John Lanyon on Newfoundland affairs.

Copy of undated Petition of divers merchants, trading to the Newfoundland, to the Privy Council.

[361] THIRD FOLIO, 'MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS.—1521 TO 1809.'

Writ of certiorari to the Mayor of Plymouth touching a plea between Richard Huntingdon, clerk, and John Facy, clerk, concerning 4 acres of land in Plymouth. 23 Oct. 1521.

Borough Court of Plymouth.—Plaint of breach of promise of marriage. 'John meyw late of Plympton in the Countie of Devon Grome ys attachyd by his bodye to answere Johāne Collyn dought^r of Walter Collyn of bykley in a playnte of t^rs upon her case and whereof the said plt. by Robert Sternold her attorney comes and sayes that where she beyng an honest mayden and replete wth many honest and womanly qualities aswell of the gyfts of nature as of grace and fortune able and mete to haue bene the matche in maryage to any honest manes sonne of this contrey not beyng above thestate decre and condicion of a yoman vnto such tyme as the sayde John meyw beyng Vnmyndefull of the lawes of almighty god as well as of the lawes of this most noble Realme of England that ys to saye the iiijth daye of August last past . . . of the reigne of our most gracious soureigne lorde Kyng [Henry] the viijth here at Plymouthe wthin the Jurisdiction of this co^rte that is to saye in the vnytry warde beyng blynded by inordynatt concupistens fraudulently falsely and dampnably faynyng and falsely pmysyng maryage to and wth the said playntyf intysyd her to the synne of incontynency whervnto ptely by violens wth forse of armes that is to saye wth daggs and knyves agaynst the pease of o^r saide souveraigne lord the Kyng and ptely by his false and crafty pmyses of mariage pvoked her to consent vnto his fylthy lust of the fflesh and so wth her dyd execute the acte of carnall copulacion abvsyng her body so that he hath begotten her wth chylde w^{ch} he now pceuyng . . . and pmyses and agaynst all law and co^mon honest^e refuseth to take her to his wyff and she for the cause aforesaide beyng now also refused of such honest . . . all marriage she myght have had sayeth that she is the wurse and adamaged to the value of one hundryd pounds and thereof she bryngith her sute.'

Borough Court.—Plaint for debt, 44 French crowns. Thomas Dove and Elizabeth his wife against Thomas Hampton 1 Eliz.

Borough Court.—Plaint by ‘Rodger Butsyde, esquier’ against John Thomas, yeoman, his steward, for having ‘pcuryd dyvrse of the srunts of the said plf by his false & craftye meanes dishonestly maliciously and sklenderously to subu^rte and ou^tthrowe the good order of his howse that his s^runts be fayne to fle the syght of their mast^r in suche an indecent man^r that the saide plf is disapynted of his maynyall famylie.’ Damages laid at £500. 35 Hen. VIII.

Borough Court.—Plaint by Thomas Begg against ‘yonge John Taylor’ for ‘slokyng hys wyffe and hys goods.’ Goods taken valued 6s. 8d., total damage for loss of goods and wife laid at 40s. 35 Hen. VIII.

Borough Court.—Plaint by William Buller against Robert Cokke for obtaining ‘one lytell botte otherwyse called a cokk,’ by false pretences. 33 Hen. VIII.

Borough Court.—Plaint by John Rowe against John Cornyshe for breach of covenant to serve him as his servant. 34 Hen. VIII.

Borough Court.—Plaint of debt by William Hawkyngs against Thomas Hampton. 2 & 3 Philip and Mary.

Borough Court.—Plaint by William Hawkyngs, merchant, against Raynold Wendon. Whereas the said plaintiff ‘hathe byn alwayes of trewe good and honest lyvyng & behavyo^r and so accepted reputed and taken wth honest fayre & honorable p^{er}sons the said defend of his malycyous mynde p^{er}tending to hurt slaunder and vtt^lye to take awaye the good name fame & honest reputacon of the sayd plaintiff & also to put him in daunger of his lyff the vijth daye of September in the yere of the Reignes of Phelippe & marye by the grace of God kyng & quene of England, &c., the fourthe & fyfte here at Plymouthe in the vnytery warde . . . thies words in englyssh openly wth a lowde voyce spake & p^{er}nouncyd that is to saye, thowe art a traytor a thyff & a very vyllayne wherby the said plf is not only hurted & slaundered of his good name fame & honest reputacon among honest men w^h whom he hathe vsed to bye & sell but also put him in daunger of his lyff by obiectyng treason to his charge.’ Damages laid at a ‘twowsand mks.’ There is no clue whether this William Hawkins is the father or brother of Sir John, but more probably it is the latter.

Borough Court.—Plaint of Stephen Beri against Richard Badforde for taking one Alice Rycherd, his covenant servant, from his employ. 1 & 2 Philip and Mary.

Borough Court.—Plaint of Gregory Cocke against Martin Cockeram for debt. 1 Mary. [This was the Martin Cockeram who accompanied Hawkins the elder on his memorable voyages to Brazil; and was left behind as hostage for the safe return of the Brazilian chief who excited so much interest at the court of Henry VIII.]

Borough Court.—Dispute between John Forde and John Spurwyk concerning a piece of tin at Tavistock. 1 & 2 Philip and Mary.

Borough Court.—Plaint of John Lyese against Walter Furseman for interfering with his office and profits as guide to travellers from Plymouth, to which he had been appointed by the Mayor. 1 Mary.

Answer of Furseman to the same.—Had at sundry times conveyed 'espaynerds' and strangers from Plymouth to London by the assent and consent of the Mayor.

Exceptions thereto by the plaintiff.

Borough Court.—Plaint by John Greep against Robert Garrett for injuring two geldings lent him. 3 & 4 Philip and Mary.

Borough Court.—Plaint by Thomas Drake, generosus, against Ambrose Toker for unlawful detention of a mare. 38 Eliz.

Borough Court.—Miscellaneous papers, *temp.* Eliz., of no general interest.

Borough Court.—Papers in a case between John Man and Richard Mounpford. Man by the appointment of Sir Thomas Shirley, the younger, was master of the good ship called the *Roebuck*, and charges were made against him of making away with and wasting the ship's stores. 1599.

Borough Court.—Plaint of Bartholomew Chapell, medicus, against Thomas Lidsam for non-payment of charges for medical attendance—'quadam infirmitate in naso suo.' 1603.

Borough Court.—Plaint of John Buckham against Nicholas Colwill. George Estmonds of Charmouth had been arrested at Plymouth Jan. 23 (1608?) by Sir Richard

Hawkins, Vice-Admiral of Devon, on suspicion of piracy ; and the dispute arose in connection with recognizances entered into for Estmonds's appearance at the Castle of Exeter to take his trial.

Award of John Sparke, Ed. Fowell, John Rattenbury, and Joseph Lane, in a dispute between Thomas Gifford, armiger, and Samuel Berry, concerning a field called Gregory's parke. 2 Jan. 1634.

Appointment by Wm. Hawkyens of Wm. Chance as his true and lawful attorney. Sealed with a monogram 'W.H.' 13 Sept. 1557.

Summons of Jury in the Borough Court between Robert Gloyne and Richard Hawkins. 11 June, 1655.

Memorandum that Walter Hall, of Herford, takes of the manors of Fardell and Denyton, of Walter Raleigh, armiger [father of Sir Walter], the pasturage of a certain number of cattle and sheep. 6 May—5 Ed. VI.

Papers relating to How's Charity ; comprising bill and letter by John How, the first dated Sept. 1563, the second in the January following ; two letters from Robert Bekett touching the performance of the trust, written after the death of the founder, but the year not named ; bill by William Morgan, dated July 17, 9th Elizabeth, declaring the nature of the trust ; memorandum of the monies given by the founder (Morgan was the servant of How, who had been a priest, and part of his gift consisted of ecclesiastical vestments) ; accounts of the charity by Walter Peperell ; receipts dated 1573 by George Burgyn, warden of the almshouse, for monies paid under the trust ; ditto by Christopher Brokinge, 1574 ; ditto by Christopher Brokinge, 1575.

'This bill made the last day of Septembre in the yere of oure lorde 1563 is to testifie, that I John how of plymouth priest haue geven, and by these p'sents geve vnto m^r *Johu Derye* maiour of plymouth, and to m^r John Forde, one of theldere of the same towne these pcells of goods here specified, to weite one clothe of blew velvett imbrodred w^t flowers of venys gold & silek. Also one white sute of vestyments for priest diacon & subdi^acon w^t one Cope of the same sute of silke. Also one red sute of vestyments for priest diacon and subdiacon w^t x Copis of the same red sute. Also one othier red sute of vestyments

for priest Diacon & subdiacon w^t one cope of the same sitte to this intent & ende that these forsaid pcells of goods may be solde by the saide m^r John Derye & m^r John Forde. And that the mony recaved for the same goods be distrybuted vnto the power accordyng their wisdom and discretion. In wittness of my will hervnto I have w^rtten this bill w^t myne hand & subscribed my name & putte my seale the day & yere above w^rtten.

‘John How.’

‘Right worshipfull m^r maior I hartly comend me vnto you, w^t like harty thanks to you & yo^r brethren for yo^r liberall gifts geven to me plesith it you to know that I haue appoynted to disb^us twenty pounds in mony to be paid by you & yo^r towne to my frynd Nicholas Barfot to the intent that he shalbe one of them that shall ex^cise the craft of cloth wevyng w^tin yo^r towne. And that he bownd in forty pounds to pay an yerely rent to yo^r towne of xxvj^s viij^d yerely to be paide vntill suche tyme as the said Nicholas his heirs executors or assignes make vnto yo^r towne a sufficient state of lands or rent of the clere yerly valew of xxv^s to the vse of the pou^r. And that he be bound to make that state w^tin xij yere next ensuyng the date of w^rttyngs to be made of that covenant or bargaen— which w^rttyng I p^ay you that ye cause to be made assone as ye cōvenyently may. And that it may please ther^ew^t to r^esort vnto me. And there w^t my harty cōmendacions vnto my mystrs yo^r wif which I p^ay you to r^eport I cōmend you to the grace of god which eu^rmore p^sue you. At Mr. Willm hychyns howse at hawle the xxx of January.

‘Yo^r frynd to his powr

‘John How.

‘Lett it be specified in the w^rttyngs that the first quatt^r payment of the saide annuall rent be at the fest of the annunciation of oure lady which shalbe in the yere of our lord 1565.

‘To the right worshipfull m^r *John Dery* meor of plymouth give these.’

‘After my verye hertye cōmendacōns whereas there doth remayne in yo^r coustodye c^rteyne Coopes by the dely^rnce of m^r how decessed to c^rteyne vses not as yet by you p^rformed and for asmyche as I am enformed c^rteyne men doe gredely seke to have them out of yo possessyon wyche have vnto them no coloure of ryght at all as also ffor that it pleased him to constitute me his

executoure chifflye to this entente to have his wyll p̄fourmed in this & in one thing mo. I wyll desyre you as also requyre you to stay them in yo^r haundes vntyll I speke w^t you my selffe for I entende (as reason it is) tobe p̄ve vnto yo^r doyngs to no other entente but to have his wyll as nere as may be p̄fourmed wyche is also yo^r will as I trust and thus I comyte you vnto god. Wryten the xxjth of Septemb
 ‘By yo^r Lovynge ffreynd

‘Robert Bekett.’

[Bekett lived at ‘Cortuther.’]

Agreement by Stephen Hutchins of Saltash, in consideration of 50s. paid him by *William Hawkins*, Mayor of Plymouth, to release and abandon all claims &c. he had upon the Corporation of Plymouth ‘from the begynnyng of the worlde vnto the daye of the date of these psents.’
 21 Dec. 1567.

‘A p̄fytte note of all the goodes and chatelles of Thoñs Edwardes sold by the Mayor of Plymouth to the vse of W^m Edwardes his son,’ 28 Nov. 1564.

Two candlesticks 9s., gowne 16s., petticoat 14s., cassock 9s. 8d., hat 6s., cloak 13s., table carpet and fiue joynd stools 18s. 1d., pair of sheets 6s. 4d., coverlett 5s. 4d., bellows 10d., spit and two andirons 5s., several chests, feather bed bolster 2 pillows and freize coverlet 34s. 4d., old bed bolster pillow and piece of canvas 18s., flower pots frying pan 14d., best bedstead 17s., pair of tongs 11d., pair of blankets 3s. 4d., old ditto 10d., flock bed bolster and little pillow 3s. 4d., four pou^yngers and 2 sawcers 3s. 6d., silver pin and pair of silver hooks 4s., ‘astrolaby’ 5s., pair of ‘breches’ 4d., one Cote & one pair of howsen 16d., old harness and a targett 2s. 4d. Edwards was evidently a seafaring man. His chain and whistle were bought by Owen Raymond 21¼ oz. at 4s. 4d. Mr. Hawkyngs gave 28s. for three gold rings. ‘Mr. Mayor for the cheyne wherunto the kayes was hanged’ 5s. 8d. Total £34 12s. 4½d., and there remained in the hands of John Spurwell a parcel gilt salt of silver weighing 14 oz. in pawn of £3. Spurwell was of North Buckland.

Draft indenture setting forth what the ‘vintners, sellers, and drawers of wine in the burrough of Plymouth have time out of mind paid and of right ought yearly to pay vnto the Mayo^r and Comonalty.’ Undated, late 16th century.

Letter from *George Baron*, Mayor of Plymouth, and his brethren, to the Earl of Essex, seeking that the Mayor and Commonalty may have the government of the fort lately erected.

Right Honourable o^r good lord our bounden duetyes most humblie remembered, being given tunderstand by o^r good freinds thatt haue in o^re behalfe solycyted y^r l touchinge the forte here lately erected, that yo^r l (putting all other suters bye) hath yelded yo^r honorable Consent thatt the Maio^r and Coĩnaltye of this towne shall haue the guārde thereof, whiche honourable favo^r we are bound to retaine in perpetuall remembraunce and by all serviceable meanes we maie to acknowledge it: and vntill there shalbe oportunytye to manifest the same, We will as most bound love yo^r l and continewallie praie for yo^r l longe to live with dailie increase of honour. from Plimouth the xvth daie of December, 1594.

Order from the *White Book*, that none of the lands of the Mayor and Commonalty shall be leased save in open Guildhall, on specified days and at reasonable fines. 17th Sept. 1602.

Order (ditto) that in consequence of the increased expenses of the Corporation, partly by the daily access of strangers from all parts, so that the yearly revenue did not meet the expenditure—the Grand Jury of the borough, or six of them nominated by the Mayor, should yearly at Easter view the lands and messuages of the Corporation and report thereon. Also regulating the letting of the water property, markets, mills, &c.—‘the mills, milpoole, marshes, and other the p^rmisses let to Sir Francis Drake by and vnder the yerely rent or rents of one hundred and fifty pounds’; the shambles and market at fifty pounds. In this document there is a reference to the local tenure of ‘landscore’ which has been regarded as a trace of the ‘mark’—‘and shall also take exact measure of such parts thereof, as are in Landscore coĩmon or otherwise undivided.’ 25 April, 1634.

Bond from Henry Jorye to John Eggbeere. 25 April, 1634.

Bond from Thomas Parkins, taylor, and others, to hold the Mayor and Commonalty harmless in respect of all charges for the same Thomas Parkins and his family. 19 Jan. 1604.

Bond from Thomas Blackealler, taylor, and others, to the Mayor and Commonalty to the same purport. 23 Nov. 1604.

Draft letter, unsigned and not addressed, asking that one Thomas Lawrye, mariner, be made to maintain his wife and two children, left by him in Plymouth in distress. 20 June, 1605.

Bond by George Baron to abide the decision of arbitration between him and the Mayor and Commonalty. 26 Nov. 1607.

Act of the 'twelve and twenty-four' with the original signatures, for the removal and re-erection of the flesh shambles. 18 July, 1607.

Letter from *Serjeant Hele* at Wembury : he is well contented to give up the Recordership which he held for his life, to his cousin John Hele. 25 March, 1608.

Receipts for currants, escheats to the town of Plymouth. 28 Oct. 1609.

Memo. of lease of the markets for 99 years to Mr. Battersbye, fine 100*l.*; yearly rent 5*l.* 1608.

Agreement to defray the expenses of an action to be brought against the Customs officials for demanding exorbitant fees:—'Upon the complaynt of dyvers Strangers resorting to this place of the grievous exactions of the Customer, Comptroller, and searcher of the Custom house in exacting vnreasonable and vnconscionable fees . . . and in taking of them bushells of the Corne, grayne and salt w^{ch} they bring to this place whereby the repaire of Straungers is almost whollie taken awaie and whereas we the Merchants inhabiting in this towne do feele the like great oppression by the said officers in exacting both their ffees undulie raised by their predecessors and also by themselves doubled in some kinds and in some others trebled of w^{ch} extreame dealing both in the great ffees and in the fee bushells fewe places in this Kingdome have the like cause to complayne, in regard the same dryveth from vs the trade of Straungers resorting hether and also is greivous to the Inhabitants to the hurt of their trading likewise wherof if remedie be not speedelie procured the ruine and vtter decaye of this Towne must followe. We according to o^r duties to prevent so great an evill do desire that some such course maie be taken as the lawe hath puided and

some one maie be entreated to followe the same suite the Charge wherof shalbe willinglie discharged. In witness of our desire herein we haue herevnto sett our hands. Yeoven the daie and yere aboute wrytten.' Signed by all the leading Plymouth merchants of the day: John Blytheman, John Waddon, John Trelawny, Robert Trelawny, Thomas Sherwill, Thomas Fownes, Joⁿ Battersby, Jno Clement, John Fowell, Wm. Cary, Tho. Pomernardson, Abraham Colmer, William Brevys, Leonard Pomerey, Jn. Madocke, Thomas Wolridge, Richard Breamton, Nicholas Sherwill, Robert Rawlyn, John Bound, William Hele, Phido Thomas, John Jope, Moyses Goodyeare, Rich. Raddon, Jerome Roch, Ric. Gayer, John Paige, Thomas Cramporne, Philip Andrew, Johis Harris, Water Carkett, Richard Morhowse. 4 Jan. 1613.

Letter in French from Rochelle, much defaced, apparently on private business. 1627.

One month's assessment of Vennars Ward, July, 1627, 'towards the reliefe as well of such poore as are or shalbe infected or suspected to be sicke of the plague' and also for the purpose of an Act 1 James I. The list is a remarkable one. Sixty-seven names are given; against twenty-seven of these are the words 'not in town'; and of the remainder fifteen refused to pay; while others are noted as 'not able.' Of those who had left the town some had evidently been looked up, for in addition to their absence their names are noted 'will not.' 'Dead' is entered in six cases, and James Rundell is returned as in Virginia. Only a third appear to have paid. At the end is written, 'This booke forthwith to be collected because there is present necessitie and if any refuse to pay his rate then get a Constable to goe w^h you to take distress and this shalbe yo^r warrant.' Total rate 6*l* 14*s*. 7*d*. George Pawlyn Humphry Parnacott collectors.

Monthly assessment of Old Town Ward to the relief of the poor. The list contains 134 assessments, including the name of 'Theodore Palliologus' as rated at one halfpenny per week. This is the Palæologus styled the last descendant of the Greek Emperors of Constantinople, buried in Landulph Church, Cornwall. 1628.

'A 2d rate [Vintry Ward] for and towards the repaire and setting vpp of the gates of this borrough and other puiusions for the necessary defence and safetie of the

borough according to an order of Parliamt and to and with the assent of such as are hereafter rated made the 11th day of October 1642.' The total is given at 40*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* There are 203 names, and the refusals to pay number eight, though a few others say they are unable. Made by John Bound, John Caws, Rt. Gubbes, Wm Byrche, Rd. Spurwell, Allan Hovell, Hugh Cornishe.

'A second rate' for the same purpose for Loo Street Ward, made the same day and year. There are 98 names, and no refusals. Total 24*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.*

Decree in suit concerning a hogshead of beer and one William Warren. 1649.

Memorandum of receipt by Mayor and Commonalty of Beaton Cowch, widow, executrix of Robert Cowch of Moteley, of 20*l.* bequeathed by him to the use of poor artificers, to be lent them gratis from year to year. 10 April, 1624.

Order from the Privy Council to Sir Warwick Hele and others to commit one Peter Grisling to gaol, for falsely and scandalously accusing the Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth of misappropriating charitable trusts. 31 May, 1625.

Draft Order by the Mayor and Commonalty in 'consideration of the good and faithfull service w^{ch} wee hereafter expect to be doune vnto vs by George Hele of Plymouth, Joyner, and by James Baron his apprentice . . . in the office of a drummer in these perilous tymes of danger' discharging the said George from 'all watches and wards.' Hele in return covenanting for himself and for Baron as long as he remained his apprentice, that they should faithfully serve the office of town drummer.—Undated.

Bond of Thomas Luscombe and John Mattawt to the Mayor and Commonalty, holding them harmless in respect of all charges concerning an apprentice named Edward Luscombe. 18 Sept. 1627.

Acquittance by John Scobell to the Mayor and Commonalty of all monies laid out by him on their behalf. 24 March, 1628.

Accounts of receipts and disbursements in connection with the death of Leonard Pomery. Also a list of debts due to him and unpaid. February, 1628.

Memorandum of delivery by order of the Mayor to George Elliott, mariner, of a gold ring, a silver beaker parcel gilt, four silver spoons with gilt heads, and one silver whistle, which had been placed in the custody of the Mayor when Elliott's wife died 'in the time of the last plauge.' 29 Dec. 1628.

A receipt from the Treasurer of Merchants of Exon for money collected in the port of Plymouth for the French composition. 1632-33.

Undated memorandum of the purchase of the estate of Torr for 500*l.*, 400*l.* of the gift of Sir John Gayer, and 100*l.* of the money of the Mayor and Commonalty.

Extracts from the will of William Hele. 1647.

Bond of Thomas Reddicliff to the Mayor and Commonalty, holding them harmless against the consequences of a marriage to be solemnized between Nehemiah Standen and Grace Parnell. 21 Dec. 1667.

Acknowledgement by Timothy Alsop, of his indebtedness to the Mayor and Commonalty in 100*l.* 'being for so much due to the gift house erected by Thomas Fownes.' 4 Sept. 1656.

John Hele, London, to Henry Rexford at his house at Plymouth, concerning tithes. 7 Dec. 1652.

Nich. Clift (? to his cousin Henry Rexford) touching various matters of legal business 'Dr. Walker . . . hath promised seuerall Marchts y^t now hee will sett time apart to Dispatch ye Portingall Buseness.' 5 April, 1654.

Francis Cooke to Henry Rexford. From Exeter, concerning a suit "Pym v Jessop." 29 Nov. 1655.

Sundry bills for work on the 'new church,' *i.e.*, Charles Church. 1658.

Bond by Thomas Hawkings to hold the Mayor and Commonalty harmless against the consequences of his marriage with Agnes Studson. 29 June, 1668.

Bond by David Tartarian against his family becoming chargeable to the town. 14 July, 1668.

Agreement between the Mayor and Commonalty and Richard Baily of Duloe, holders of moieties of the estate of Nether Torr, for the division and exchange of the same. 15 May, 1673.

Note of the measurements of Nether Torr.

Draft memorandum of appointment of *George How*, of Plymouth, deputy Town Clerk, by *Aaron Baker*, Town Clerk. 14 Feb. 1725.

Resolution for the procuring of an able schoolmaster for the Town. To have £40 stipend; use of Orphans Aid house and garden, teach 40 boys free, and for the rest 'make his own advantage.' 9 April, 1658.

Articles of agreement between the Mayor and magistrates of Plymouth and Nathaniel Conduit, schoolmaster of Ilminster. 8 July, 1658.

Bond by John Bedford the younger, concerning the office of schoolmaster: agrees not to claim the schoolmaster's stipend of £30 during his father's lifetime. 3 Sept. 1735.

Draft copy. Foundation deed and orders of Hospital of Poors Portion. 1630. Certified as true copy of the original, Feb. 21, 1672. Jos. Percivall, Robertum Berry.

List of deeds belonging to the Hospital of Poors Portion, delivered to the Incorporation of Guardians, June 24, 1708.

Memorandum of deeds delivered to *Aaron Baker*, Town Clerk. 12 July, 1742.

Agreement by Francis Badcock, 6 Nov. 1776, if he molests or hurts his wife, to return her all the property she had before marriage. Assignment by the same in trust of the moiety of an estate for her benefit. June 23, 1777.

Engrossed patent of freedom to the Duke of York. 1788.

Lines upon Drake in 18th century handwriting, unsigned or dated.

[362] FOURTH FOLIO, 'MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS.
1800 TO 1835.'

Lord Eldon to the Mayor. 28 Aug. 1808.

Patent of freedom to Lord Nelson, presented in person January 1801:—'To all to whom these presents shall come Know ye that We the Mayor and Commonalty of the Borough of Plymouth, in the County of Devon, considering the many and important services, rendered to this Country by that truly Great and Illustrious Hero, the Right Honourable Horatio Lord Nelson, Baron Nelson of the

Nile; Vice-Admiral of the Blue in his Majesty's Navy; and particularly his gallant, spirited, and magnanimous conduct at the Battle with the French Fleet off the mouth of the Nile, on the first and second days of August one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight; Have conferred and by these presents Do confer on the said Right Honourable Horatio Lord Nelson, Baron Nelson of the Nile, All the rights and privileges of a Freeman of this ancient Borough, In Testimony of such his highly meritorious conduct and services. Given at the Mayoralty House of the said Borough, under our Common Seal, this twenty-second day of January, one thousand eight hundred and one. ✓

Draft-letter, undated, from the Mayor of Plymouth to the Duke of Portland, reporting the private landing and proceeding to Falmouth from the French cartel *Eliza*, of Nantz, of a Frenchman named Milon Canon.

Series of papers and notices relative to riots in the Plymouth market, March 1801, arising from the scarcity and dearness of provisions.—April 11 following, the magistrates address a letter to the Duke of Portland (draft preserved) 'Our stock of Corn and Flour is very nearly exhausted, the engagements for importation of Corn and Flour into the Port are very trifling, and we venture to assure your Grace that we have not under hand much more than sufficient to complete the different engagements made with the Victualling Board.' As one mode of lessening the difficulties the Board had been requested by same post to release the Contractors from their engagements. 'But your Grace will perceive that this measure can only remove the evil to a somewhat greater distance. We have therefore most earnestly to request such further aid as to his Majesty's Government may seem meet. And we are grieved to add that we are so circumstanced that we feel it impossible to answer for any continuance of the publick peace.'—Draft of letter from the Mayor to Duke of Portland, April 15, 1801, stating the circumstances of the riots. Some of the bakers and butchers had been frightened into selling bread and meat at reduced prices. 'I am happy to assure your Grace that the town is now tranquil, and that a great number of respectable tradesmen have been sworn in Constables for the preservation of the publick peace. But I am in hopes that the measures about to be adopted in this town for putting in execution the

Act passed in the present year of his Majesty's reign for affording Relief to the poor and such persons as may want assistance will quiet the minds of the people, and effectually prevent a disposition to riot in future.'

Draft letters from *P. Langmead*, Mayor, to the Duke of Portland, touching the landing of two aliens from a fishing boat—Lewis Meagher O'Brien and Nicholas Matthew de Longuemane. 6 June, 1801.

Release of title to lands in Germany, 13th August, 1801, by Nathan Joseph Altmann, before *P. Langmead*, Mayor.

Letter touching the singing of seditious ballads in Sept. 1801.

Application by *S. Foote* for theatre license.

Draft resolution touching Mr. Cleather's financial position.

Correspondence relating to Mayor's chain and medal and payment for same. 1805.

Correspondence concerning order of sessions for transportation of Ann Croot. She was sentenced to seven years' transportation for stealing a shawl, a mason's hammer and a trowel, but the Inspector of Convicts refused to send her away, alleging that in consequence of her age and weak health she would die on the passage. Sept. 1803 to Jan. 1804.

Pardon under the Royal Sign Manual for the said Ann Croot. Jan. 9, 1804.

Passports for aliens signed by Mayor of Plymouth. 1803.

Copy of inscriptions on cups presented to W. H. Tonkin and Jos. Pridham for their services in procuring the restoration of the right of electing Mayor to the Commonalty.

Deborah Tanner's apology to Ann Raddon for treating her as a witch by sticking a needle into her. 1804.

W. H. Tonkin's opinion on case relating to allowances to wives of South Devon Militia. 1804.

Draft grant of freedom to Bishop of Exeter. 17 Sept. 1804.

Report to the Alien Office of the visit to Plymouth and Launceston of 'a foreigner of suspicious appearance.' He proved to be the Duc de Montpensier, and to have received an exemption from the Alien regulations. Oct. 1804.

Information against the workmen of Welsford's sailcloth factory, for unlawfully conspiring to raise their wages. Dec. 1804.

Papers relating to actions between Lord Cochrane [Dun-donald] and the Corporation, arising out of the conduct of the impress service. (a) Draft of letter from *James Elliott*, Mayor, Dec. 27, 1804, requesting Lord Cochrane to attend at the Guildhall on the following day to answer the complaint of two of the constables of the borough for having violently assaulted them and wounded one of them in the execution of their duty. (b) Holograph letter from Lord Cochrane to the Mayor in reply:—'His Majesty's ship *Pallas*, Hamoaze, 28 Dec. 1804. Sir, I received your letter of yesterday's date this day at 12 o'clock. If any one has cause of complaint let the due course of law be followed. Sir, your most obed^t servant, Cochrane. Mr. Elliott, Plymouth.' (c) Summons to Lord Cochrane, Jan. 1, 1805. To this no attention was paid and the next document in order is (d) Warrant to apprehend Lord Cochrane, Jan. 21, 1805. (e) Memorandum that 'Mr. Sutherland was present at the Mayor's house when the Mayor told L^t Crawley that he would render every assistance to Lord Cochrane in his power—that he declined to back the warrant, but sent his servant with orders to the town serjeant to procure as many constables as L^t Crawley would desire to assist him.' (f) Sept. 1805. Draft of return of magistrates to writ of certiorari to remove Lord Cochrane's indictment from B. C. to K. B. [Borough Court to King's Bench.] (g) 'James Elliott, Esquire, Bill of costs in the business of Lord Cochrane, 38*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.*' Three actions are entered, one against the Mayor and others, for assaulting Lieut. Crawley and others, of the *Pallas*, another against the Mayor and others, for assaulting Lord Cochrane and James Sunderland whilst employed in the impress service (in both of these judgment was given for the defendants); and the third *Rex v. Cochrane*, in which a plea of misnomer was delivered in the name of Thomas.

Opinion by R. Bayly touching pilotage in Plymouth. 1827.

Valuation of Guildhall Chandeliers. 1805.

'Orders in case of an alarm of the approach of the enemy to this Garrison. Plymouth Augst 19, 1805.

Should an alarm be given of the approach of an Enemy to this Garrison by day 3 Guns will be fired in quick succession from Mount Wise, which will be answer'd by the same number of Guns from St. Nicholas's Island and the Citadel. Should the alarm first reach the Citadel or St. Nicholas's Island the same number of Guns will be fired in a similar manner as before directed from the Post first alarm'd and answer'd by the other Posts. Should the alarm be given by night the Guns will be fired as before order'd and three Rockets let off immediately after. The officer commanding Maker heights is also directed to fire three Guns in like manner and set fire to the Beacon in the Event of the alarm first reaching his Post and to answer the alarm by the other Posts by firing 3 Guns, but he is to be very carefull not to fire the Beacon until he is perfectly sure that there is good grounds for so doing. Immediately on the Alarm being made the different Regiments and Corps in the Garrison, including the Volunteers, will order their drums to beat to arms and the whole will immediately repair to their respective Regimental Parades and wait for orders from Lt. Gen^l England. The officers and non-commiss^d officers commanding those Posts are desired to give positive orders to their centinals to be very watchfull and be attentive both by day and night to those signals and upon the first alarm they are to call out the guard and to acquaint the commander of such a circumstance having taken place, who will immediately despatch a man to communicate the same to L^t Gen^l England at the Citadel and the Corps in the neighbourhood of his Post.'

Complaint of the publication and singing of scurrilous ballads in Plymouth. 1805.

Copy of printed proclamation for the apprehension of Lt. Rutherford, escaped from the *Salvador del Mundo* at Plymouth, charged with the murder by excessive punishment of three of the scamen of H.M.S. *Trident*, of which he had been acting Captain. 18 March, 1806.

Orders for aliens to appear at the Guildhall with their passports and licenses, Jan. 20, 1807, and notes of the examination of some.

Letters from R. C. Campion, under sheriff, to *Joseph Whiteford*, deputy Town Clerk, that a Spaniard named Cajetano Canado had been ordered to be executed at

Plymouth.—1 Aug. 1807. Ditto to ditto touching arrangement of details of execution. Canado was a prisoner of war.—3 Aug. 1807.

Note of the sale by auction of old shambles and leather hall. Oct. 1807.

James Green's complaint that two men employed on Lord Boringdon's embankment had been impressed. 15 Oct. 1806.

Information and correspondence touching the proceedings of a person 'who pretended to be Earl Howe, Governor of Plymouth.' He proved to be a madman. Application was made to Lt. Gen. England in command of the garrison, and to Lord Hawkesbury, for the payment of the expenses incurred by the Mayor and corporate officials in keeping the pretender in custody and in sending him to London, but without result. March-May, 1808.

Letter of Lord Gambier to Dr. Hawker, and receipt by the latter for Gayer's gift. 1808.

Cautions against Sabbath breaking and bull baiting. 1808.

Letter from Sir T. Tyrwhitt, Tor Royal. 6 Oct., 1808.

'Copy of the expenses that were laid out and paid by D. Mill at the election for Cornwall.' Undated.

Notice concerning the presentation of the freedom of the Borough to the Duke of Wellington.

Letter from Rev. Dr. Bidlake acknowledging grant of salary. 30 June, 1810.

Letters from Jonas Morgan, Woodovis, Tavistock, to *Joseph Pridham*, Mayor, touching presumed illegal dealing with coin.

Inventory of articles in Guildhall. 23 Sept. 1811.

£500 reward offered for writer of letter 'Beware of your life Bellamy! You must inevitably die!' 14 Aug. 1814.

Letter from Lord Sidmouth touching application for pardon of John Diggans. Feb. 1813.

Official letters from Lord Palmerston. 1814.

Peter Birdwood to Mayor to bring before committee for managing estates of Corporation the fact that the Mayor and Aldermen had broken open the coffer to enter the election of Henry Woollcombe as Alderman. 14 Apl. 1815.

Handwritten notes:
 // Bellamy
 Bidlake

J. Beckett to the Mayor of Plymouth, 8 April, 1815. 'I have Lord Sidmouth's directions to acquaint you that M^r Seymour Larpent and M^r Charles King have been appointed on behalf of the British and American Governments respectively to proceed forthwith to Dartmoor for the purpose of investigating the circumstances attending the late unfortunate event in the Prison at that place. For the purpose of executing their Commission it will be necessary that these Gentlemen should have the assistance of the Civil Authorities of that district for the purpose of calling witnesses and administering oaths. I am therefore to request that you would take the trouble of attending the Enquiry above alluded to, and of rendering such assistance to the Gentlemen above-mentioned as may be necessary in the course of their investigation, and that you would solicit some other magistrate to accompany you on this important occasion for the same purpose.'
 Draft reply, 20 April, 1818, that the Mayor is absent 'but I conceive it has escaped your Lordship's recollection, that the Magistrates of a Borough, having local jurisdiction only, cannot administer oaths or compel the attendance of witnesses on subjects occurring out of their limits. M^r Jonathan Elford of Upland or M^r John Hawker of this Town are both county magistrates and have been in the habit of attending at Dartmoor when the interference of civil officers has been required, and these gentlemen will be ready to attend your Lordship's direction.'

Draft of letter from the Mayor of Plymouth, 16 June, 1815, to the Mayors of Cornwall, intimating receipt of letter from Sir J. Duckworth: 'A Telegraph Message has been just received from London, Bonaparte abdicated.' The telegraph was the old semaphore system.

Reply of Sir R. J. Strachan to the Mayor's letter informing him that he was elected a freeman of the borough. 11 July, 1815.

Reply of Viscount Keith to the Mayor's letter informing him that he was elected a freeman of the borough. 15 July, 1815.

Letter from J. F. Schrader, A.D.C., enquiring on behalf of Sir Sydney Smith 'if there are any persons in Plymouth that has any relatives or friends prisoners in the Algiers.' 22 Feb. 1816.

Letter signed Barrow, from the Admiralty *re* men employed on Breakwater. 5 March, 1817.

Proposals for sale of old theatre, with rough plan.

Proposals for forming Princess Square, with rough plan.

Correspondence concerning Major Lockyer, of Plymouth, who had killed one John Sutton in a duel in the Isle of Wight. Dec. 1817.

Petition by licensed victuallers to be allowed to have fiddles in their houses 'as has been during the memory of man.'

Letter from Rev. H. Mends complaining of vulgar and obscene pictures in a stationer's shop in the Market St. 4 Sept. 1818.

Letter concerning the Plymouth and Dartmoor Railway.

Application by prisoner in Guildhall to be allowed to enter the Navy instead. 1819.

Letter from J. Mortimer, deputy clerk of the peace for Devon, that the magistrates of the county had appointed the evening of Thursday, April 12, for a 'privy search' for vagrants throughout the county. All such were to be apprehended. 21 March, 1821.

Sir W. Elford to the Bishop of Exeter respecting his freedom. Aug. 1821.

Application to the Mayor for leave to work on Sunday by J. Rodd, 'a case of necessity to make a Cable for a Dutch galliott.' 3 Nov. 1821.

Complaint by T. W. Fox of women holding a Sunday fish market in front of his house.

Letter from Evelegh, architect of Old Guildhall, asking payment of balance due. 1826.

Letter and handbill relating to T. Hynes. 1821.

Letter from Sir Denis Pack touching wall at Mill Prison. 1823.

Correspondence concerning the rights to her freedom of a woman of colour who had reached Plymouth from Jamaica. Dec. 1825.

Autograph answer of 'His Royal Highness the Lord High Admiral to the address of congratulation.' 13 July, 1827.

Letter of same date from Sir T. B. Martin enclosing £50 from the Duke for the local charities, and subsequent one from him enclosing £25 from the Duchess.

'List of disorderly women found in Publick houses in the Borough.' The women, whose names are given, were 'brought into the Workhouse diseased.' 19 Sept. 1828.

Letter from Whitehall. The Queen of Portugal, who is expected from the Brazils, should be received with the attentions given to crowned heads.

John Cooke's application for patronage to his Map of the locality.

Application to reduce a deodand of £25 on the steamer *Shannon* for the death of Robert Weeks to £5. 16 Dec. 1828.

Correspondence respecting the rights of the public over Stonehouse Mill Bridge. 13 May, 1829.

Two letters from B. R. Haydon, the painter, concerning the appointment of a member of his family to the navy. The first begins, 'Like a *true* Freeman, who has given his vote—I am now going to ask a favour.' The vote was in connexion with the election of Mayor. Oct. 1828.

Letter, dated Whitehall, asking on behalf of Prince Esterhazy for a certified copy of the registry of baptism of the daughter of a Tuscan subject, M. Benoit Soldelli, born at Plymouth in 1812, and baptized there by a French priest. 11 Sept. 1830.

Draft petition from the members of the Plymouth Medical Society asking facilities for the procuring of subjects for dissection. Undated.

Two long and curious letters from John Kitto, afterwards the Biblical scholar, to his friend and early patron Mr. Burnard, clerk of the Plymouth Hospital of the Poor's Portion or workhouse. They were written immediately before the hearing of a summons which had been taken out against the shoemaker Bowden, to whom he had been bound as a parish apprentice; and they set forth in very quaint fashion the leading points of his case, together with his hopes and fears. The first opens thus:—'May 1st, 1822, Sir, I write this to furnish you with answers to any accusation my master may prefer against me—by way of retort for my complaint. I am tortured by expectation—'

alternate hope and fears—tho' the last are more predominant, for I have lived long enough to know that the right is not always successful. I admit the probability that magistrates may be deceived. I shudder when I think seriously of such a result—to avert my remaining there I would not scruple to — do what—run away? No Sir, something more effectual. E're yet again O Moon! thou shinest my fate will be decided—well! be it so. When I look back on the past I could weep—when on the present I shudder—when on the future I am agonized. Sir, dearest, kindest, best, be at the Guildhall, —exert yourself to the utmost on my behalf. Save me! sir, O save me!' Kitto was then nearly 18, and the letters are characteristic illustrations both of the earlier literary style which he acquired while a boy in the workhouse, and of the strength of his feelings. The cancelling of his indentures, which followed on the hearing of this case, was the first practical step in his literary career.

[There are also a number of official notices, bills of theatrical and other entertainments, and letters on matters of minor importance, during the earlier years of the century, which do not require special mention here.]

K. Churches.

[363] Lease for forty years, at the yearly rent of ten pounds, by the Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth, of 'the vicaredge with all howses, orchardes, gardens, stables, &c., to the same belonging scytuate and beinge, the landes of the saide Mayor and commonaltie sometyme parcell of the saide vicaredge, now in the tenure of William Hawkins esquier or his assignes in the easte parte, the landes of the heires of James Moore and the landes of Thomas Wollridge &c. in the sowth part, a streate called Whimplestreate in the Northe parte, and Seynte Andrewes Streate in the weste parte,' to John Ilcombe of Plymouth, merchant. 20 May, 1577.

[364] Lease for twenty-one years, at a yearly rent of forty pounds, in consideration of £230 fine, by the Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth, to George Baron of the said town, gentleman, of 'all tythes, oblaciouns, obven-ciouns, emoluments, profyttes and commodityes whatsoever to the vycarage of Plymouthe belonginge or apperteynyng, or which haue bin heretofore accepted, reputed, taken, known, vsed or enjoyed as parte parcell or member of the same, or hereafter shalbe accompted or taken as belonginge or appertayninge to the sayd vycarage, exceptinge and reseruyng owte of this graunte the vycarage houses and the rente of the same, and all tythes hereafter issuinge or growinge within the parishe of St. Budockes in the county aforesaid.' 1598.

[365] Obligation by Henry Wallis to resign vicarage at request of Mayor and Commonalty. 7 Sept. 1603. [*Vide* p. 199.]

[366] Counterpart of agreement between Mayor and Commonalty and Mathias Nichols, clerk, minister and preacher of the word of God, and Lecturer of Plymouth. The Mayor and Commonalty grant Nichols £100 a year as lecturer during the life time of Henry Wallis, vicar, on condition that if Nichols become vicar or 'shall happen to die in the life tyme of the said Henry Wallis, or if the said Mathias Nicholls shall not hereafter lecture and preach the word of God in the parish churche of Plymouth

aforsaid twice every weeke thone oppon the Wednesday and thother vpon the Friday in every weeke during the life of the said Henry Wallis, vnlesse the said Mathias Nicholls from tyme to tyme and for every time of his forbearing soe to lecture and preach the word of God in the parish church of Plymouth as aforsaid shall first obteyne and haue leaue and lycence of the Mayor of Plymouth aforsaid for the tyme being, or vnlesse the said Mathias Nicholls shalbe by reason of sicknes or some other visitacon of God, and without the voluntary act of the said Mathias Nicholls hindred from soe lecturing or preaching in Plymouth aforsaid, That then this present graunt of annuity or yearly rent to be meereley voyde and of none effecte.' 28 Aug. 1620.

[367] Agreement and counterpart between the Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth and Mathias Nicholls. By indenture dated 28 Aug. in the 18th year of the present King's reign, the said Mayor and Commonalty granted to George Chudleighe of Streshleighe, Sampson Hele of Gnaton, and Fraunces Drake of Buckland Monachorum, esquires, the presentation to the vicarage of Plymouth following on the death or retirement of the present vicar, Henry Wallis: and the said Mathias Nicholls, to be presented, covenants with the said Mayor and Commonalty on his induction to the said vicarage to reside during his natural life in the said borough, to preach two sermons weekly in the parish church (one of them being delivered on the Sabboath day), and also 'to preach or cause to be preached the word of God in two other sermons there euery weeke in two other seuerall dayes (that is to say) one vpon the Wednesday and thother vpon the Friday during his naturall life by himselfe or by his sufficient deputy to be procured at his own charges,' so that the parishioners of Plymouth may have four sermons a week from their vicar or his deputies. Nicholls further covenants that should he accept any other ecclesiastical benefice with cure of souls, he will resign the vicarage on being requested by the Mayor and Commonalty so to do. 29 Aug. 1620.

[368] Grant of next presentation of vicarage of St. Andrew by Mayor and Commonalty, after the death or other vacation of Henry Wallis, to Alexander Grosse. 24 Jan. 1632.

[369] Covenant and bond by Grosse with the Mayor and Commonalty. 27 May, 1633.

[370] Draft of case concerning points in dispute in consequence of refusal to institute Grosse and appointment of Aaron Wilson. 1835.

[371] Undated.—Draft of lease of tithes from Aaron Wilson to William Symons.

[372] Two copies of Act dividing the parishes of St. Andrew and Charles. 1637.

[373] Copy of Decree of Court of Star Chamber in a dispute between Aaron Wilson and the Mayor and Commonalty. Not enough proof of the charge made by Wilson that the Mayor and Commonalty had encroached upon his rights, by building shambles and other houses on part of the churchyard, and building a hospital where the vicar had anciently a house. The charges for burials to remain as before, but to be collected by the churchwardens; the disposal of the pews to remain with the vicar and churchwardens, the chancel with the Mayor and Commonalty. 10 May, 1637.

[374] Order from Bishop of Exeter regulating burials in accordance with this decree. 14 March, 1637.

[375] Deed of bargain and sale by Thomas Gifford, of Halsbury, of 'a parcell of ground' near Hampton Shute, in the tenure of Robert Trelawny, to William Warren for £15. 28 Sept. 1638. [This is the site of Charles Church].

[376] Copy of grant of advowson of vicarage by Charles I. to Mayor and Commonalty. 1642.

[377] Fragmentary statements of tithes of St. Andrew. 1653, &c.

[378] Counterpart of deed by George Hughes, Vicar of St. Andrew, resigning all his property in the vicarage, much decayed by reason of the siege, to the Mayor and Commonalty for an annuity of 200*l.* 15 July, 1646. Another counterpart of deed by Hughes to a similar effect. 4 July, 1655.

[379] An Act of Parliament enabling the patrons and vicars of Plymouth for the tyme being to lease certaine howses parcell of the vicarage there at a rack rent, for one two or three lives or twenty-one yeares, or for ninety-nine years determinable on the death or deaths of one, two, or three persons. 17 Sept. 1656.

[380] Leases of tithes, &c. of St. Andrew from Mayor and Commonalty to Arthur Bickford—three years at 50*l.* a year. 1657.

[381] Copy of portion of will of Sir John Gayer, with bequests for church purposes and charities. Gayer left £500 to glaze all the glass windows in the new church with good plain glass, his arms to be in the last; the rest to be laid out in land by his cousin John Maddock. Part of the rents to be given for preaching twelve sermons a year in the new church before the administration of the sacrament—13s. 4d. to the preacher, 2s. to the curate or reader, 1s. to the clerk, and 1s. to the sexton for tolling the bell to give notice. Said minister to be chosen by Mayor and Magistrates and six of the testator's kin. The residue (10s. excepted for a collation of wine and cake at the distribution) to buy broad cloaths and kersies 'died into a sadd hair colour' for outward garments for poor people to be yearly distributed in October. Proved 1657.

[382] Grant by the Mayor and Commonalty to William Warren, vintner, in consideration of his gift of the site of Charles Church, of a piece of land for burial, eight feet from east to west, and six feet from north to south, next 'adjoining to the east and north walls of the place now commonly called the chancel in Charles Church' and also a seat fourteen feet six inches from east to west and three feet six inches from north to south 'to hear divine service and the word of God preached.' 22 Aug. 1665.

[383] Saml. Eastlake and Thomas Payne made attornies for Mayor and Commonalty to take seisin and possession from William Warren of a piece of land about an acre whereon the 'Fabrick now called Charles Church als the new church is built.' 22 Aug. 1665.

[384] Copy of donation of Charles Church. 1665.

[385] Instrument of Consecration of Charles Church by Bishop Seth Ward. 1665.

[386] Scratching paper for election of Joseph Chilcott Lecturer. 13 Oct. 1699.

[387] Henry Mitchell's appointment as Lecturer—13 votes to 12 for James Carey. 23 June, 1718.

[388] Bond by Canon Gilbert to abide award between himself and the Corporation. 24 March, 171 $\frac{5}{8}$.

[389] Award of Lord Chief Justice King on points in dispute between Corporation and Canon Gilbert. 1716.

[390] Release by Gilbert to Mayor and Corporation.

[391] Election of William Manley as Lecturer. 1791.

[392] Papers connected with appointment of Lecturer at St. Andrew. Duty of Lecturer to read prayers Sunday mornings, Thursday, Friday, Saturday mornings and afternoons, with an exposition of the gospel on such of these days as were saint's days. To preach Sunday afternoons and two weeks out of three Wednesday mornings, but on the third Wednesday read prayers while the Vicar preached. Christmas day, Good Friday, and public fast days the Lecturer read prayers in the morning and preached in the afternoon. On some public holidays the Vicar preached and the Lecturer read prayers. Always assisted at the administration of the sacrament, which occurred nine or ten times a year. Had nothing to do with surplice duty. Dr. Hawker applied in 1804 to have a Lecturer appointed for Charles. The Commonalty decided they were not competent. 1802-29.

[In 1804 the Ringers of St. Andrew had £10 19s. 4d. for eight ringings—royal Birth-days and Coronation, King Charles's Restoration, Mayor-choosing, Freedom-day, and 'ringing out' the old Mayor; £1 6s. being paid on Mayor-choosing and Freedom-day for ringers who did not go to Mayoralty House. Also £2 2s. for ringing 'in celebration of that decision at law (March 17, 1803) giving the Commonalty the right of electing the Mayor, &c—by your worship's order.' (All this from Jan. to Sept. 28 inclusive.) Then Sept. 29, 1803 to December inclusive they had £4 19s. 6d. for ringing at Mayor swearing, King's accession and 'Popipst' conspiracy, with 10s. 6d. dinner and drink.

[Ringers at Charles, 'For Ringen at New Church For the welfar of the Freemen In Giten the tryel in the year of 1803, March 17.' Also a guinea for ringing at swearing in new Mayor.]

[393] Tithe and church rate papers, chiefly St. Budeaux. 1805-1824.

[394] Rev. J. W. Gandy, touching enlargement of chapel at Pennycross. 1808.

[395] Papers connected with the repair of St. Andrew. 1808-1826.

[396] Papers, various dates, touching the seats of the Corporation in St. Andrew Church. They are said to have held over 80 of the best sittings at least from 1637. Among the letters is a curious application in 1815 from

Mrs. Ellen Pym, claiming a seat in the Common Council pews in right of her father, and complaining that other ladies whose rights had lapsed by reason of their relatives being no longer members of the Corporate body, retained the places to which they had been accustomed. Disputes about precedence between the wives and daughters of the Aldermen and Councillors had been of frequent occurrence and led to the passing of sundry bye-laws. 1808-30.

[397] Cautions to disturbers of public worship. 1812-1829.

[398] Bill to divide St. Andrew and Charles into four new parishes and build church in each. 1812.

[399] Faculty for reseating Charles Church and papers connected therewith. 13 Nov. 1815.

[400] Sale of presentation of St. Andrew to Wm. Hodge, Plymouth Dock, for £4050. Gross annual value of St. Andrew at this date put at £1100, Charles £600. 9 Aug. 1817.

[401] Papers touching appointment of organist. On the death of Wm. Bennett organist of St. Andrew, Mr. Hatchard appointed Stephen Drewitt without consulting Corporation, who claimed joint power. Dr. Lushington reported appointment invalid; Drewitt resigned and was appointed by vestry. 1819-28.

[402] Sale of Vicarage lands in Whimble St. Commissioners moved for purposes of improvement; and Rev. J. Hatchard to sell the whole in 1827, the houses being old and costly to repair. 1824-30.

[403] Advertisement calling meeting to erect monument to Rev. J. Gandy. 1824.

[404] Establishment of district committee for enlarging and building churches and chapels. 1825.

[405] Correspondence respecting Charles Chapel. Corporation give 'unqualified' consent to erection of a chapel of ease [now St. Luke] for Mr. Courtney. 1827-29.

[406] Correspondence respecting the Rev. John Hawker's chapel. First proposed at Devonport; then in the 'Marsh'; then 'the first field in No place lane.' [Eldad chapel, now replaced by St. Peter.] Corporation consented, on condition it should be used according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England. 1828-29.

L. Charities.

ALMSHOUSES.

[407] Grant by John Dery and John Ford to Mayor and Commonalty of £100, proceeds of How's gift: condition that £6 13s. 4*d.* be paid annually to the Wardens of the Almshouse of Plymouth. 3 Oct. 1566.

[408] Grant of rent charge of 10s. for the Almshouse by Edmund Fowell. 20 Aug. 1659.

[409] Accounts of Almshouse Wardens. 1720-83.

[410] " " 1783-87.

[411] Almshouse Accounts. 1805-06.

[412] Counterpart of grant by the Mayor and Commonalty to Thomas Fownes of Plymouth, merchant, his heirs and assignes, of the messuage house, hospital, and almshouse within the said borough, recently built by the grantee on the great hill there; the said grant being made in consideration of a payment of five pounds, and of the great charges sustained by the said Thomas Fownes in the crection of the almshouse and hospital. 2 March, 1628.

[413] Correspondence touching Fownes Almshouses. 27 June, 1807. Guardians offer almshouses to Corporation for 500 guineas, because they learn it is intended to improve that part of the town; part of the site to be thrown into Basket St. Buildings are much decayed and a nuisance; the money to be applied to extension or alteration of the Workhouse. Extent 2859 feet super. Mr. Woolcombe writes Jan. 3, 1808: 'Sunday noon.—As I find I shall never get the inhabitants of Foynes almshouses to quit until they perceive that the building is actually taking down, may I beg the favour of your proceeding to do so forthwith. I will inform the people to-morrow that on that day sennight the workmen will begin to take it down.' 1807-08.

HOSPITAL OF POOR'S PORTION.

[414] Counterpart of lease of tenement in churchyard
[Daniell Notherell, clerk] Hospital of Poors Portion.
1 Dec. 1609.

[415] Memo. of bequest to Hospital by Hugh Williams.
1644.

[416] Grant by John Maynard and Elize Stert to
Hospital. 9 Aug. 1649.

[417] Depositions in suit between Hospital of Poors
Portion and Edward Yard and others. 19 June, 1652.

[418] Bond from Mayor and Commonalty to Poors
Portion for £499 11s. 2d. 1657.

[419] Counterpart of grant of annuity of £30 out of
Shambles to Poors Portion. 7 Oct. 1658.

[There is a Memorandum in one of the Apprenticeship
Books, apparently in the handwriting of *Matthew Boyes*,
then town clerk, which records what appears to have been
the first attempt to establish a workhouse, in the old castle.

'In the name of god, the 28th of September an^o 1610.
A note of provisio^{ns} delivred into y^e Castle for the pore to
thende they maye be there placed and sett on work w^{ch} is
but abeginninge for a fewe and for a tryall thereof the w^{ch}
I praie god continewe and augment to his glorye & their
comfort

'Imprimis 2 bedsteads
2 new Large Canvas sheets
2 paire of newe blankits
2 Canvas bouldsters
2 whyte rougs
5 turnes 2 paire of wollen cards
5 spilles and 5 wharvars (?) strings.]'

ORPHANS' AID.

[420] Copy of Will of William Laurence, Dec. 3, 1612.
Commends his 'soule to god in Christ the onely fountine
and originall cause of life and saluation to me and all true
belieuers'; bequeaths to Thomas and Nicholas Sherwill,
merchants, £100 to be paid at the return 'of the good
shippe called the *Fonathan* of Plymouth whereof I am
part owner from her now intended voiage to the Straights
in the parts beyond the seas, and of the proceeds and

returne of my goods and adventure now in the said shipp the sayd voyage.' Condition that within seven years after his death the Sherwills should erect and build a 'convenient Almshouse' in Plymouth for 'poore people . . . to dwell and inhabite therein or for the education and bringing vp of poore children or orphants of the same borough.' Further he bequeathed to the Mayor and Commonalty 'to the use and for and towards the reliefe and mayntenance of the said poore people and orphants which shall from time to time dwell or be brought vpp in the saide howse,' or in default of the Sherwills erecting such a house then to the same purpose in any such house erected by other persons within the said seven years, four pounds annually out of his lands and tenements at Tor for ever; also another 20s. a year to the Mayor and Commonalty out of Tor towards the maintenance of a 'preacher of the word' in the parish of Tidneham, Gloucester; further £20 to the 'stocke to sett y^e poore to worke.' The bequest of £100 to be void if the Sherwills did not build the house in the seven years. Tor, which Laurence had bought of Christopher Gaye, he leaves to his wife Margaret Laurence for life, then to his brother, Henry Laurence, then to William Laurence (his nephew) son of John Laurence, and his heirs. The testator dwelt in a leased house in foxhole street, with a pallace adjoining, which he left to his wife and after her to William Laurence. Houndiscombe, granted to him by Henry Laurence under lease, and his lease of two houses at the Church Stile, he left to Nicholas Sherwill, on his paying testator's wife £100. To Henry Laurence he left his corn standing at Hundiscombe, and his quarter part of the *God speede*. To his brother Richard he left the lease of the messuage in which Richard dwelt, with pallace, mast house, masts and deal boards, &c. This was on Briton Side, granted by John Amadas. Several small bequests to relatives and friends and people in his employ, and the poor people of Tidneham.

[421] Grant of part of site of Orphans Aid (formerly Mathew) by Mayor and Corporation to Thomas and Nicholas Sherwill. 1615.

[422] Counterpart ditto. 1615.

[423] Thomas Sherwill's account book of Orphans Aid. 1615-17.

[Gives details of cost of foundation.]

[424] Bundle of loose papers connected with Orphans Aid (includes receipts for bushelage in Sutton Pool). 1615-21.

[Benefactions to July 1616—Colmer £100; Clement £120; N. Sherwill £120; T. Sherwill, £120; Fownes £50; Proctor (legacy) £20; J. Bound £10; W. Heale £10; W. Hill £20; W. Birch £10; Lawrence £100. Cost of endowing and incorporating £301 9s. 5d.; building and walling and planting the orchard £457 13s. 4d.; apparel, books, clothing, and furniture £32 4s. 2½d.; diet for 2¾ years and a little over £32 0s. 7d. An account with Abraham Colmer, Robert Trelawny, and Thomas and Nicholas Sherwill, puts the total cost of founding and maintenance to Dec. 24, 1620, at £833 7s. 5d., of which up to Sept. 29 preceding the founders and first benefactors had given £734 0s. 1½d. For the year ending Michaelmas 1621 the rents were—house Stillman St. £5; tenement Southside 16s.; for two messuages lately built at Southside by Joseph Gubbes, a piece of ground at the Lary, and 16 acres of land at Eguckland called Auters well £1 13s. 8d.; shop at Southside quay 4s.; three messuages and gardens adjoining the hospital on the West and a close in Old Mill Lane 6s. 8d.; part of dwelling house and shop 48s.; building on wall of town 2s.; two gardens in Mudd Street 25s.; dues of Sutton Pool collected by John Barnes £22 3s. 7d. (£13 6s. 8d. paid to the Prince for rent). Total receipts, with £10 legacy from John Waddon £43 15s. 11d.; expenditure £33 16s. 2d. Richard Isteed, phisition, was the tutor of the orphans, and had £11 14s. for the diet of four for three quarters of a year.]

[425] Copy of will of Robert Rawlyn. Bequests: £10 to the stocke of the poor; £10 to the poor; £125 to be lent to poor seafaring men in £10 and £5 at 4 per cent. (£3 a year of the interest to buy butter on fast days for the almshouse people; £2 a year to Compton Gifford); £125 to be lent to poor tradesmen and young beginners. Of the interest of this 10s. each yearly to the poor of Plymouth, Stonehouse, St. Budeaux, Stoke, Egg Buckland, Weston Peverel, Saltash; the other 30s. at Christmas to the poor of Plymouth. Two houses in Batter St. and the residue of his property to the 'Orffantes Ayd,' desiring that one child of Compton Gifford be kept therein. 15 Feb. 1626.

[426] Bond by Peter Hendra with Orphans Aid. 23 July, 1640.

[427] Counterpart of lease from Orphans Aid to Barth, Nicholls of house in Batter St. 24 June, 1646.

[428] Accounts between Mayor and Commonalty and Orphans Aid. 1653-62.

[429] Release from Orphans Aid to Corporation on new security. 25 June, 1685.

[430] Lease by Orphans Aid to Richard Tucker, house Stillman St. 14 July, 1691.

[431] Returns of money received by Orphans Aid for Grist Mills. 1661-1803.

[432] Papers concerning Orphans Aid. 1806-18.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

[433] Papers connected with appointment of master to Grammar School. J. H. Hutton of Teignmouth in 1810 recommended for election to Grammar School in succession to Dr. Bidlake. Rev. W. Williams master 1811. Notice October 1810 that henceforth two sons of freemen would be educated gratuitously. Williams complained in 1818 of the 'disgracefully filthy' condition of the building inside and out. He gave notice of resignation May 1826. One J. Smith had protested in 1823 against his doing double duty of Lecturer and Master, saying that the town had 'not for many years produced a tolerable proficient, either in Latin or Greek.' Rev. J. H. Borwell succeeded. 1810-23.

[434] Mr. Merewether's opinion of case of Rev. W. William's claim for salary as master of Grammar School. 1823.

JOAN BENNETT'S TRUST.

[435] Printed copies Joan Bennett's will.

[436] Claim and pedigree Rev. R. Willesford under same. 1813-18.

GENERAL CHARITIES.

[437] Three several indentures and two bonds, touching the bequest of John White, citizen and haberdasher of London, of £250 to the Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth, in trust to employ the said money in making loans for five years, at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum

interest, to merchants under forty-one and over twenty-one years of age,—and to use the interest and income accruing from the stock so employed for pious and charitable uses in Truro, Liskeard, and Lostwithiel: White directing out of such interest £3 to be yearly paid to the Mayor and Burgesses of each of the aforesaid towns, to be distributed in each in weekly gifts of bread to twelve poor persons of the town, a yearly payment of 16*d.* to the parson of each town for his pains in distributing the bread every Sunday in his church, and a payment of 6*s.* 8*d.* to a preacher for preaching a sermon in the same parish church on or about the first Sunday in November.—The afore-mentioned indentures having been made between the Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth and the Mayor and Burgesses of the other towns named, for the accomplishment of the trust. 26 June, 1584.

[438] Numerous receipts, given by successive Mayors of Liskeard, Lostwithiel, and Truro, for moneys paid to them yearly for the relief of the poor of their respective boroughs, in accordance with the terms of White's gift. 1585-1726.

[439] Correspondence touching White's gift. 1815-31.

[440] Grant by William Hils of Plymouth, merchant, to Mayor and Commonalty of an annuity of 52*s.* issuing out of two messuages in Plymouth, to be spent in one dozen of middle sort of penny loaf wheaten bread commonly called 'cheat bread,' weekly distributed by the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of Plymouth every Sabbath day immediately after morning prayer to deserving poor people. 30 July, 1618.

[441] Indenture of grant and enfeoffment by Sir Thomas Wise of Sydenham, Devon, and Sir Sam. Roll of Insworth, Cornwall, to the Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth of four houses in New St., in trust for uses accordant with the terms of the bequest of Benjamin Baron, London, merchant, deceased, who bequeathed to the said Mayor and Commonalty and their successors £100, in trust to pay 40*s.* yearly to the parson and churchwardens of the parish of Bickington Devon, for bread, shoes, and stockings to the poor of the parish, to distribute 20*s.* yearly in white and wheaten bread to the poor of Plymouth, and to use the residue 'for a stocke to sett thaforsaid poor people of Plymouth on work.' 9 Jan. 1628.

[442] Power of attorney to Robert Trelawny and John Clement to receive livery and seisin under above. 4 Feb. 1628.

[443] Conveyance by Thomas Fownes to Mayor and Commonalty, in consideration of £288, of £18 fee farm rent arising out of the rectory and church of Egg Buckland, which formerly belonged to Priory of Plympton (*Burrough's Gift*). 29 Sept. 1657.

[444] Decree from Exchequer ordering John Hele to pay the rent as aforesaid to Fownes, who had bought it in 1637. 17 June, 1657.

[445] Book of small audit gifts [1762-1771 missing]. 1708-82.

[446] Statement of small audit gifts. 1803-04.

[447] Small audit accounts. 1823-26.

[448] Various papers connected with Oaten Arishes. 1802-30.

[449] Papers connected with Hele's Charity. 1806-18.

[450] Papers touching Revel's Gift—13s. 4d. rent charge on Tierney's field, Underwood; 9s. 4d. to Plymouth, 4s. to Plympton. Called Revel's gift in the return of 1786. In 1762 this field was called Dunstone Hill, and in two ownerships. Total area 2 acres 43 perches. In 1819 Capt. Williams speaks of field as held by Mr. Kingdon under the Mayor and Commonalty. 1808-19.

[451] List of Trustees of Jory's Charity and Commissioners.

[452] Queries about Charities by Commissioners. 1820.

M. Sutton Pool and Cattewater.

[453] Ancient Bye-laws of Sutton Pool on parchment. 1568.

[454] Articles of enquiry touching Sutton Pool and the right of the Duchy of Cornwall therein. Conclusion: 'It doth not appear that the soil is the King's, neither hath the Prince any land in the town of Plymouth.' With proofs to maintain the Prince's claim to Sutton Pool. 1608.

[455] Surrender by Wm. Parker, gentleman, of lease given to John Blythman, and regrant of the plott or piece of grounde in the old cawse, with 40 feet on the N. side of the cawse, for his sole use. The piece leased was 120 feet long, with houses and cellars. 1608.

[456] Lease of Sutton Pool from Charles Prince of Wales to John Sparke and Edmund Fowell. 1621.

[457] Mortgage of Sutton Pool by Peter Hendra to Walter Hele and William Warren. 7 Feb. 1639.

[458] Grant of fee-farm of quay to Alice Miller. 23 Sept. 1649.

[459] Papers connected with Lord Arundell's proceedings against the town in the matter of Sutton Pool. 1663.

[460] Release by Wm. Jennens and John Warren to Mayor and Commonalty of all claims over Jennens's and Warren's Keys [Custom House Key and that adjoining], with slip. 16 April, 1675.

[461] Wine and Spirit imports. 1715-66.

[462] Coal, Culm, Linen, and Timber import returns. 1730-65.

[463] Ballast and Coal accounts. 1749-61.

[464] Coal imports. 1766-68.

[465] Coal and Culm imports. 1769.

[466] Ships entered and cleared. 1769.

[467] Bayntun's award as to boundary between Duchy and Corporation at Sutton Pool, with map. 1757.

[468] Papers of various kinds concerning the erection of the Barbican Pier and of a wall in Cattewater (germ of

the Batten Breakwater) with plans, estimates, and contracts. Also crane and quay dues. 1767-93. 1803-26.

[469] Papers *re* letting quay and tenements at Coxside. 1773-78.

[470] Notices for letting Tolls, &c. 1800-28.

[471] Proceedings relative to Improvement of Sutton Pool. 1806-11.

Meeting held 22 July, 1806, to consider best means of improving Sutton Pool, and inspect plans procured by Sir T. Tyrwhitt. On 21 Feb. 1811 the Corporation decided to oppose Pool bill as levying heavy rates without corresponding advantage; and on the 28th it was agreed that £17,000 should be raised to buy the leases, &c., of Sutton Pool, £15,000 to be paid the lessees.

[472] Proceedings relative to the Improvement of Cattewater and the Cattewater Harbour Bill. 1806-12.

Lord Boringdon's proposal to lay down moorings was objected to, ostensibly because Cattewater was a public harbour; the flying bridge was also objected to as an obstruction. When the bill passed steps were taken for its repeal; but Lord Boringdon was conciliatory.

[473] Miscellaneous Works on and about Piers and Quays. 1806-29.

[474] Particulars concerning claim to and returns of various Corporate dues. 1811-33.

[475] Draft memorial touching Powder Magazine. 1812.

[476] Plan of Green. 1813.

[477] Correspondence with Sutton Harbour Company. 1812-18.

[478] Memorial against discharge of men from Breakwater. 1817.

[479] Notices of meetings, &c., touching Laira Bridge. 1823-24.

[480] Presentment of wall at Cattedown. 1827.

[481] Memorial to Admiralty against working Quarries on Mount Batten. 1827.

[482] Apology for detaining floating casks. 1828.

[483] Letters and proceedings of Committee concerning lease to Sutton Harbour Improvement Company. 1832-33.

[484] Plan of Sutton Harbour. 1845.

[485] Various old leases and other deeds relating to property connected with or adjoining Sutton Pool. v.D.

N. Water Property.

[486] The Water Act of Elizabeth, 'An acte for pres-
vacion of the haven of Plymowth,' 27th Eliz. cap. 20
(1585):—

'Whereas yo^r Ma^{ty}s Towne of Plymowth in the Cowntie of
Devon being an auntyent Boroughe Towne bordering vpon
the meane Sea, yet havinge a pleasaunte and safe Har-
boroughe and Rode for Shipps within or nere the same,
comonlie called Plymmowth Haven, wheare as well yo^r
Ma^{ty}s Shipps as the Shipps and Vessells of dyvers yo^r
Highnes Subiects tradinge into forren Partes and from
Porte to Porte within this Realme do often vpon necessitie
and otherwise arrive harboroughe refreshe and vittell them-
selves as well wth fresshe water, being a thing verey neces-
sarie for them, as with divers other thinges, Hathe, for the
moste Parte of the yere, none or at the leaste verey litle,
fresshe water within a myle of the said Towne or there-
about, a matter verey incomodiouse: By reason whereof
yo^r Ma^{ty}s Shipps and the Shipps of yo^r Highnes subiects
arryving and harbouring in the saide Haven as aforesaide
the Marryners of the same are manye and often Tymes
dryven by necessitye to goe a Myle or more from the saide
Towne and there Shipps to fetch fresshe water for there
necessarie vses, by reason whereof dyvers Tymes they loste
dyvers good Wyndes and oportüyties whiche they might
take benefite of, yf they mighte water them selves nere
there Shipps; besides the saide Towne being subject to
fyer, as well by the Enemye, for the same was once burned
by the Frenche in the tyme of Warre, as by negligence
and other mishappe at Home, there is no Water in or
nerer the saide Towne for the moste Parte of the yere
(especiallie in the Sommer Tyme when the Daungers bee
greateste) then a Myle or sometyme more as the dryeth is:
And wheare also the said Haven of Plymmowth, being one
of the pryncipall Havens and Harboroughes of the West
Parts of Englande, doth Daylie querre & fill wth the Sande
of the Tynnewoorcks and Mines nere adioyneng to the
same, and in shorte Tyme wilbe vtterlie decayed yf some

Redresse and speedie Remedie be not hadd: And where also there is a Water or Ryver within the saide Countie of Devon called the Water or Ryver of Mewe als Mevye distaunte from the saide Towne abowte Eight or Tenne Myles, Parte of the whiche Water or Ryver wth some chardge wilbe brought into the saide Towne of Plymouth without any greate Preiudice or Damage to anye Owner or Owners of any Lande throughe whiche the same shalbe conveyed, By reason (the moste Parte) in effect all the same Lande is either barren and heathie or ells hillye & drye grounds whiche wilbe bettered and amended by the water that shalbe brought throughe the same: By brynging of whiche water moste of the Incomodities and Daungers and divers others shall not onlie be remedied, but also some Parte of the Chanell of the saide Haven scowred & cleansed by the same Ryver to the p^{er}petuall contynewance of the same Haven, a matter moaste beneficiall to the Realme.

'And where also the Inhabitaunts of the same Towne are Incorporated by Kinge Henry the Sixte by the name of the Maio^r and Coialtie of Plymouth whiche is confirmed by yo^r Ma^{tie} and dyuers yo^r noble Progenito^{rs} Kings of this Realme.

'Maye it therefore please yo^r moste Excellent Ma^{tie} of yo^r moaste noble and abundant Grace and accustomed Favoure that yt maye be Inacted by this present Pliament that yt shalbe Lawfull to & for the saide Maio^r and Coialtie and to their Successo^{rs} at all Tymes after the Feaste of Easter nowe next comynge, to digge and myne a Dytche or Trenche conteynenge in breadthe betwene sixe or seauen Foote over in all Places throughe and over all the Lands and Grounds lyeing betweene the saide Towne of Plymmouth and anye parte of the saide Ryver of Mewe als Mevye, and to digge myne breake bancke and cast vpp, all and all maner of Rockes Stones Gravel Sande and all other Letts in anye places or Groundes for the convenyent or necessarie conveyenge of the same Ryver to the saide Towne, and farther from Tyme to Tyme to doe Repacon and make Weares Bancks and all other Things necessarie whereby the saide Ryver maye be brought & conteynewe vnto the saide Towne withoute Lette Denyall Vexacon or Troble of the Lord or Lords Owner or Owners of the same grounde or of any other pson or psons by suyte in Lawe or otherwise vpon Payne of Twentie pounds for everie Tyme that they or anye of them do

attempte the Contrarie thereof, thone half thereof to be to o^r saide Soueraigne Ladie and thother halfe to the said Maio^r and Coialtie & their Successo^{rs} to be recovered by Accon of Debte Bill Pleynt or Informacon, wherein the p^{te} Defendant shall not wage his Lawe nor in the saide Accon Accons or Suytes anye Essoyne Licence or pbccon shalbe allowed: The saide Maio^r and Coialtie gyving and payenge to the Lorde or Lords Owner or Owners of the Soyle where suche Things shalbe made or done, in Recompence and satisfacon of & for the Lande or Grounde soe to be digged and myned, for the full & absolute Purchase of the same to them and their Successo^{rs} so moche money as by the twoe Iustices of the Assises of the Countie of Devon for the Tyme being shalbe adjudged ordeyned and determyned: And also gyveng and payenge to the Teñnts Farmo^{rs} and Occupiers of suche Lande or Grounde for suche Hurts or Losses as they or any of them shall have or susteyne by the same, as moche as shalbe assessed adjudged and determyned by the saide two Iustices of Assises: The same Recompence and Satisfacon as well concernynge the Lord or Lords of the Lande as the Teñnts Farmo^{rs} and Occupiers of the same to be paied by the saide Maio^r and Coialtie of the saide Boroughe for the tyme beinge or their Successo^{rs} within the space of Sixe Weekes next after the ratinge assessing and determynenge of the same, vnlesse the saide Maio^r & Coialtie & their Successo^{rs} can otherwise compounde and agree wth the Lords Teñnts Farmo^{rs} & Occupiers of suche Lande or Grounde or with any of them: And in Case yt happen the Maio^r and Coialtie of the saide Boroughe do make Defaulte of Payment of the sayde Recompence & satisfacon and resiste to paye the same as is before reserved, That then the Lorde Lords Owner Owners Teñnts Farmo^{rs} and Occupiers of suche Lande or Grounde that is agrieved therewth and to whom the Recompence & Satisfacon ought to be paied shall and maye Lawfullie comence affyrme & take his or their action of Debte by the course of the Coñon Lawe against the Maio^r and Coialtie of the saide Boroughe for the Tyme being and their Successo^{rs} for recoverie of the same in any Courte of this Realme at the will and Pleasure of the p^{te} grieved, and the like Proces therevpon to be hadd, as in accon of debte at the Coñon Lawe grounded upon Contract or Specialtie hathe vsed to ben hadd, in whiche no Wager of Lawe Essoyne or pbccon shalbe allowed.

'Prouyded allwaies and yt is further Inacted by this present Pliament and by the authoritie of the same, that the said water shall not be conveyed through the House Garden or Orcharde of any pson or psons or through anye Parte thereof wthout Composicon to be firste hadd with the Owners and Occupiers of the saide Howses Gardens and Orchardes. Provided alwaies that this Acte nor any Thing herein conteyned shall extende to gyve Libertie as aforesaid to bring the saide Water or anye Parte thereof owte of his auncient Course to or for any Intente or Purpose menconed in this Acte, vnlesse everie suche pson and psons as are Owners of any Mylle or Mylles scytuate and standinge vpon or nere the saide Ryver of Mewe als Mevye shalbe first compounded withall as aforesaid, yf the sayede Milles shall by the bringinge of the said water or any Parte thereof vnto the saide Towne of Plymouth be impayred or hyndered.'

[487] Draft of Award of Compensation for lands taken or traversed by leat. 1592.

'This Indenture made the fuethe daie of Julye in the lower and Thirthith yere of the Raigne of o^r soueraigne Lady Elyzabeth by the grace of godd Queene of England Fraunce & Ireland Defend^{o^r} of the faithe &c. Between S^r Edmond Andersone knighte lorde cheif Justice of the Courte of Comon plees, and Thoms Gente second Baron of her Ma^{ts} Courte of Exchequer Justices of Assise of the Countie of Deuon of thone partie, and the Mayo^r and Coialtie of the Boroughe of Plimouthe in the said Countie of thother partie, whereas it was enacted in the Parliam^t holden in the seauen & Twentithe yere of the Raigne of o^r said sou^aigne Lady —

[Here the chief provisions of the Water Act are set forth.]

'And whereas the said Maio^r and Coyaltie after the said feaste of Easter haue digged mined and trenched and caused to be digged mined and trenched one ditche or Trenche containinge in breadthe betwene sixe and seauen foote in over and through the Lands & grounds lyeinge betwene the said Towne of Plymouth, and some pte of the said Riuer of Meawe als meavye, and digged mined brocken banked and caste vppe all manner of Rocks stoness grauell sande and all other letts in the groundes and places convenient before mencoñied, for the conveyent or necessarie conveyeng of the said Riuer to the same

Towne of Plymouthe pte of w^{ch} Lands & grounds soe digged mined trenched is thinheritance of Walter Elford gent beinge in thoccupacon & possessione of one Willm Stockeman and ouer and through the Lands & inheritance of the said Walter Elford and of Thomas Elford beinge in the possession & occupacon of one Walter Elford John Elford and Johan Sop widdowe teñnts or farmo^{rs} of the same eyther solie to themselues or ioyntlie or in Coñion wth some others, and ouer & through certen Lands & grounds beinge the Inheritaunce of Nicholas Slanning esquire pte thereof beinge in the seu'all occupacon . . . of one John Shellowbeare, Walter Elford, John Andrewe, wm Poleslande & John Ashe beinge teñnts or farmo^{rs} . . . and ouer & through certen other Lands & grounds of the said Nicholas Slanninge called the Coñions of Bickleighe Downe als Rowboroughe Downe and . . . beinge thinheritance of Walter Hele of Brixton gent pte whereof beinge in the possessione or occupacon of Rychard Bunsall . . . and . . . thinheritance of one Rychard Bunsall beinge in the seu'all occupacon . . . of one John Andrewes & Walter Braye . . . and ouer and through certen other Lands & Grounds of the said Walter Hele & the heires of Walter Elford deceased, and of the lands and grounds of the heires of John Brendon deceased, and of the lands and grounds of the heires of Rychard Bunsall deceased called the Coñions of Hennodon and ouer and throwghe certen Lands and grounds of the heires of milleton and of Phillipp Crimes gent and . . . Lands and grounds beinge thinheritance of the said Phillipp Crimes pte thereof beinge in the seu'all occupacon . . . of John Hearne Rychard Cresse John Coming and John Repe beinge teñnts . . . and . . . of the said Phillippe Crimes and John Edgecombe . . . in the occupacon . . . of Hughe Lugge and Xpofer Edgecombe . . . and . . . of the said Phillipp Crimes called Malbourne and . . . of theires of Milleton beinge in thoccupacon . . . of Rychard Luxmore . . . and . . . certen Lands and grounds of one Askett esquire . . . John Stephens . . . tennte and ouer and through the Lands . . . of Thoms Coming and ouer and through certen lands . . . of William Crimes esquire comonlie called the Comons of Ruboroughe Downe and ouer other of his Lands or Grounds pte whereof is in the seu'all occupacon . . . of Thoms Vstes and Stephen Gaye . . . ouer and through the Queenes Heighe Waie in diuerse places and . . . lands

. . . of the Deane and Chapter of Exon . . . Peter Trenamanne being Teññte . . . and . . . of the heire of John Fytes esquire deceased . . . Edmund Pers being tennte . . . and . . . of John Coplestone esquire lyeing by the heighe waie in questione betwene them, and . . . of the said John Coplestone . . . Judeth Whitacre Widdowe . . . teññte . . . and . . . of W^m Huchins . . . Xpofer Brockdon . . . teññte . . . and ouer and through the Comons of Wythy pte whereof is the Lands and grounds of John Hele esquire, pte whereof is in the occupacon of George Pollexfen and Henrie Pollexfen being tennts . . . and thother pte thereof is the Lands and grounds of Walter Pepperell merchant being in thoccupacon of Thoms Crane and Robert Croseman . . . and . . . of Wm Carew of Hackum esquire . . . Thoms Walter . . . tennte . . . and . . . of John Prouse gent pte whereof is in thoccupacon and possessione of John Maie Thoms Dyer Henrie Hake Rychard Russell John Colline John Marchaunt John Alford Walter Kempe Rychard Rowe and Thoms Pommerie beinge Teññts or farmos . . . and . . . of Phillippe Yarde merchant pte . . . in thoccupacon . . . of Willm Hele and Thoms Dyer . . . and . . . certen other Lands of the sd Yarde and of one Henrie Perrye . . . the said Thoms Dyer beinge tennte . . . and . . . of Thoms Wise esquire . . . John Alford Thoms Paine and Willm Griffing being Tennts . . . and ouer and through certen other Lands and grounds of the said John Hele and Walter Kempe and . . . of Jonas Trelawnie pte . . . in the seu^rall occupacon . . . of Robt Tanlie and Rychard Rowe . . . and . . . lands . . . of John Harris, and . . . of Henrie Dinner and John Trelawnie and . . . of Xpofer Harward gent . . . John Cole . . . teññte . . . and ouer and through certen Lands and Grounds beinge thinheritance of Edmund Parker esquire being in thoccupacon and possessione of S^r Frauncis Drake Kneght being Teññte or farmos of the same eyther solelie or joyntlie or in comon wth some others, and . . . of the heires of Anthonie Pollerd esquire . . . Peter Siluestre and Martin White being Tennts . . . and . . . of the heires and assignes of one M^r Woode and . . . of the heires and assignes of Willm Hawkins esqr deceased pte . . . in thoccupacon . . . of John Spa^rke . . . and . . . of Humfrey Specott esquire being in thoccupacon and possessione of some parsons and psons . . . and . . . of the Maio^r and Coialtie of Plimouthe . . . and . . . thinheritance of Peter Edgcombe esquire . . .

Willm Hixston beinge Tenñte . . . and . . . of George Baron gent.

‘These Indentures nowe witness That the said Justices of Assises hauing considered of the said Statute and of the quantitie qualitie nature and goodenes of the grounde ouer and through w^{ch} the same is broughte to the Towne of Plimouthe ptelie by their owne vewe, and by the credible informacon of Christofer Harris Thoms Wise Willm Crimes John Coplestone and Willm Strode esquires inhabyting neere to the said water course and most of them Justices of the peace in the said Countie of Deuon whom the said Justices of Assise required to vewe and meashre euerie parte of the Land and to Consider of the valewe and goodenes of the same through w^{ch} the said water course is brought to the said Towne of Plimouthe as by the informacon of diuerse gentlemen and others of goode accompte dwelling neere the said Towne of Plimouthe and water course, doe adiudge and determine that the said Maio^r and Coialtie shall paie to euerie parson hereafter recyted or menconed in recompence and satisfaccone of and for all the Lands and grounds digged, mined, or torned or anie Waie delt w^h according to the said Statute for the absolute purchase thereof to the said Maio^r and Coialtie and to their Successors for euer suche some and somes of monie and in suche manner and sorte as herafter shalbe specyfyed That is to saye to the said Walter Elford iiij^d and to the said w^m Stockman and his Colessees eyther joyntlie or by the waie of Remainder if there be anie iiij^d being after the Rate of sixteene yeres purchase according to the value, and for other the Lands and grounds of the said Walter Elford and the said Thoms Elford being in the possessione of the said Walter Elford digged mined or torned or anie Waie delt w^h for the conuayeng or bringing of the said water course, (to weete) to the said Walter Elford iiij^s viij^d, and to the said Thoms Elford iiij^s viij^d and to the said Walter Elford and to his Colessees eyther joyntlie or by the waie of Remainder if there be anie ix^s iiij^d being after the Rate of sixteene yeres purchase according to the verie valewe and for the Lands . . . of the said Nicholas Slanning in pte possessione of the said John Shellowbere . . . to the said Nicholas Slanning iiij^d to the said John Shellowbere . . . iiij^d . . . and to the said Nicholas Slanning for his Lands . . . in the possessione of the said Walter Elford xvj^s iiij^d and to the said Walter Elford . . . xvj^s iiij^d . . . and the said Nicholas

Slanning for his Lands . . . in the possessione of the said Jon Andrew v^s iij^d. And to the said John Andrew . . . v^s iij^d. And to the said Nicholas Slanning for his Lands . . . in the possessione of the said W^m Poleslande v^js viij^d and to the said W^m Poleslande . . . sixe shillings viij^d. And to the said Nicholas Slanning for the Lands . . . in the possessione of the said John Ashe one shillinge & fower pence and to the said John Ashe . . . xv^j^d. . . . And to the said Nicholas Slanning for y^s s^d Lands or grounds called the Coñons of Rouboroughe Downe ij^s iij^d and for the land of the sd Walter Hele in the possessione of the said Rychard Bunsall . . . x^j^s and to the sd Rychard Bunsall . . . x^j^s. . . . And for the Lands . . . of the sd Rychard Bunsall in the possessione of the sd John Andrewes . . . x^j^s and to the said John Andrewes . . . x^j^s. . . . And to the sd Rychard Bunsall for his Lands . . . in the possessione of the said Walter Braie x^j^s, and to the said Walter Braie . . . x^j^s. . . . And for the Lands of the said Walter Hele and of the heires of Walter Elford deceased and . . . of the heires of John Brendon deceased and of the . . . heires of Rychard Bunsall deceased called the Coñons of hennadowne . . . to the said Walter II le iij^d . . . to the heires of Walter Elford . . . iij^d . . . To the said heires of the said John Brendon . . . iij^d . . . and to the heires of the said Richard Bunsall . . . iij^d And for all the Lands . . . of the said heires of Milleton and of the said Phillipp Crimes . . . to the said heires of Milleton xij^d . . . and to the said Phillippe Crimes xij^d And for all the Lands of the said Phillipp Crimes in the possession of the said John Hearne . . . to the sd Phillipp Crimes iij^d and the said John Hearn . . . iij^d And to the said Phillipp Crimes for his Lands . . . in the possessione of the said Rychard Creese x^j^s and to the said Rychard Creese . . . x^j^s. . . . And to the said Phillipp Crimes for his Lands . . . in the possessione of the said Joⁿ Coming x^j^s and to the said Joⁿ Coming . . . x^j^s. . . . And to the said Phillipp Crimes for his Lande . . . in the possessione of the said John Repe ij^s viij^d and to the said John Repe . . . ij^s viij^d. . . . And to the said Phillipp Crimes for the Lande or grounde called Malboroughe viij^d . . . and for all the Lands or grounds of the said Phillippe Crimes and John Edgecombe in the possessione of Hughe Lugge . . . to the said Phillipp Crimes x^j^s and to the said John Edgcombe x^j^s and to the said Hughe Lugge . . . x^j^s. . . . and to the said Phillipp Crimes and John

Edcombe for their Lands . . . in the possessione of the said Cristofer Edcombe . . . Phillipp Crimes xj^s . . . John Edcombe xj^s . . . Cristofer Edcombe . . . xj^s . . . And for all the Lands . . . of the heires of the said Milliton in the possessione of the said Richard Luxmoore . . . the said heires . . . iiij^s iiij^d . . . the said Rychard Luxmoore . . . iiij^s iiij^d. And for all the Lands . . . of the said Askett in the possessione of the said Joⁿ Stephens . . . Askett vij^s . . . John Stephen . . . vij^s . . . And for all the Lands . . . of the said Thoms Coming . . . vj^s viij^d . . . And for all the Lands or grounds of the said William Crimes called the Common of Rouboroughe downe . . . vj^s viij^d. . . And for the Lands . . . of the said William Crimes in his owne possessione . . . xiiij^s viij^d. And to the said w^m Crimes for his Lands . . . in the possessione of the said Thoms Vstes xij^d and to the said Thoms Vstes . . . xij^d. . . And to the said w^m Crimes for his Lande . . . in the possessione of the said Stephen Gaye xij^d . . . and to the said Stephen Gaie . . . xij^d. . . And for all the Lands . . . of the said Deane and Chapter of Exon in the possessione of the said Peter Trenaman . . . to the said Dean and Chapter ij^s iiij^d and to the sd Peter Trenaman . . . ij^s iiij^d. . . And for all the Lands . . . of the said John Fits deceased in the possessione of the said Edmond Pearse . . . to the s^d John Fits his heires iiij^s and to the said Edmond Pearse . . . iiij^s. . . And for the Lands or grounds of the said John Coplestone beinge by the heighe waie . . . to the said John Coplestone xvj^d . . . and to the said John Coplestone alsoe for his said other Lands or grounds in the possessione of the said Judeth Whitacres . . . to the said John Coplestone iiij^d and to the said Judeth Whitacres . . . iiij^d. . . And for all the Lands . . . of the sd w^m Huchchins in the possessione of the said Christofer Brockdon . . . to the said w^m Hitchchins v^s viij^d and to the said Xpofer Brockdon . . . v^s viij^d. . . And for the said Lands or grounds of the said John Hele in the possessione of the sd Georg and Henrie Pollexen . . . to the said John Hele iiij^d and to the said George Pollexen and his Colessees . . . iiij^d. . . And for the Lande . . . of the said Walter Pepperell in the possessione of the said Thoms Crane . . . to the said Walter Pepperell iiij^d . . . Thoms Crane . . . iiij^d. . . And to the said Walter Pepperell for the Lande or grounde in the possessione of the said Robert Croseman iiij^d and to the sd Robte Croseman . . . iiij^d.

. . . And for the Lande . . . of the said [blank] Carewe . . . in the possessione of the said Thoms Walter . . . to the said Carewe iiij^{li} j^s and to the said Thoms Walter . . . iiij^{li} j^s. . . And for the Lande of the said Prouze in the possessione of the said John Maie . . . to the said Prouse xvij^s and to the said John Maie . . . xvij^s . . . and to the said Prouse for his Lands in the possessione of Thoms Dyer xiiij^s viij^d and to the said Thoms Dyer xiiij^s viij^d. . . And to the said Prouse for his Lands or grounds in the possessione of the said Rychard Russell xxxvj^s iiij^d and to the said Rychard Russell . . . xxxvj^s iiij^d . . . and to the said Prouse for his Lands . . . in the possession of the said John Colling xvij^s and to the said John Colling . . . xvij^s. . . And to the said Prouse for his Lande . . . in the possess of the said John Marchaunt xxiiij^s viij^d and to the said John Marchaunt . . . xxiiij^s viij^d. . . And to the saide Prouse for his Lande . . . in the possessione of the said John Alford iiij^s iiij^d and to the said John Alford . . . iiij^s iiij^d . . . and to the said Prouse for his Lande . . . in possessione of the said Walter Kempe xxij^s and to the said Walter Kempe . . . xxij^s . . . and to the said Prouse for his Lande . . . in the possessione of the said Rychard Rowe x^s and to the sd Rychard Rowe . . . x^s. . . And to the said Prouse for his Lande . . . in the possessione of the said Thoms Pomerie xiiij^s iiij^d and to the said Thoms Pomerie . . . xiiij^s iiij^d . . . And to the said Prouse for his Lande . . . in the possessione of the said Henrie Hake x^s iiij^d and to the said Henrie Hake . . . x^s iiij^d. . . And for the Lands of the said Phillipp Yarde in the possessione of the saide w^m Hele . . . to the said Phillip Yarde ix^s iiij^d and to the said w^m Hele . . . ix^s iiij^d . . . And to the said Phillip Yarde for his Lande . . . in the possessione of the said Thoms Dyer iiij^s iiij^d and to the said Thoms Dyer . . . iiij^s iiij^d. . . And for all the Lands or grounds of the said Phillip Yarde and of the said Henrie Perrie in the possessione of the said Thoms Dyer . . . to the said Phillippe Yarde x^d and to the said Henrie Perrie x^d and to the said Thoms Dyer . . . xx^d. . . And for the Lande . . . of the said Thoms Wise in the possessione of the said John Alford . . . to the said Thoms Wise vj^s viij^d. and to the said John Alford . . . vj^s viij^d . . . and to the said Thoms Wise for his Lande in the possessione of the said Thoms Paine ix^s viij^d and to the said Thoms Paine . . . ix^s viij^d. . . And to the said Thoms Wise for his Lande . . . in the

possessione of the said W^m Griffing three shillings and to the said W^m Griffing . . . iij^s. . . . And for other the Lands and grounds of the said John Hele and of the said Walter Kemp . . . to the said John Hele viij^s iij^d . . . and to the said Walter Kemp viij^s iij^d. . . . And for all the Lands and grounds of the said Jonas Trelawnie in the possessione of the said Robert Trelawnie . . . to the said Jonas Trelawnie xv^s To the said Robt Trelawnie . . . xv^s. . . . And to the said Jonas Trelawnie for his Lande . . . in the possessione of the said Richard Rowe viij^s and to the said Rychard Rowe . . . viij^s. . . . and for all the Lands . . . of the sd Jⁿ Harris . . . to the sd Jⁿ Harris iij^{li} ij^s. . . . and for all the Lands and grounds of the sd Henrie Dinner and John Trelawnie . . . to the said Henrie Dinner xiiij^s 8^d . . . and to the said John Trelawnie xiiij^s viij^d. . . . and for all the Lands . . . of the said Christofer Harward in the possessione of the said John Cole . . . to the said Christofer Harward xj^s and to the said Jⁿ Cole . . . xj^s. . . . And for all the Lands and groundes of the said Edmund Parker in the possessione of the said S^r Frauncis Drake knight digged mined or turned or anie waie delt wth for the conuaueng or bringing of the said water course (to weete) to the said Edmond Parker xvij^s and to the said S^r: Frauncis Drake Kneight and to his Colessees eyther ioyntlie or by waie of Remainder if there be any xvij^s being after the Rate of xvj yeres p^rchase according to the verie value, and for all the lands . . . of the said Pollerd of Horwoode in the possessione of the sd Peter Siluestre . . . to the said Pollerd xv^s iij^d and to the said Peter Siluestre . . . xv^s iij^d. . . . And to the sd Pollerd for his Land . . . in the possessione of the sd Martin White x^s viij^d and to the said Martin White . . . x^s viij^d. . . . And for all the Lands and grounds of the sd Woode and of the said w^m Hawkings in the possessione of the sd John Sparke . . . to the said Woode ix^s and to the heires of the said w^m Hawkins ix^s and to the said John Sparke . . . viij^s. . . . And for all the Lands . . . of the said Humfrey Specott in the possessione of [blank] . . . to the said Humfrey Specott iij^s and to the said [blank] . . . iij^s. . . . And for all the Lands . . . of the said Peter Edgecombe in the possessione of the said w^m Hixstene . . . to the said Peter Edgecombe v^s viij^d and to the said w^m Hickstene . . . v^s viij^d. . . . And for all the Lande and grounde of the said George Baron in his owne possessione . . . xvj^s.

'and to the entent that all and eu'ie p'sone and p'sones shall and maie haue recompence and satisfaccon for anie Dammage vnto him or them for the digging mining turning or dealing wth anie pte of his or their Lands or possession and for that it maie be that some one or more p'cells of lande and the p'sones owners and lessees of the same are lefte owte and not menconed in these p'sents wee doe farder aiudge and determine that all and euerie suche parsones and p'sones shall haue recompence and satisfaccon for the same Land soe digged mined turned or anie waie delte wth for the making and convayeng of the said water Course after the Rate of xvj yer'es p'chase according to the verie value of the Lande to be rated taxed and appointed by the Justices of assise of the Countie of Deuon for the time being Prouided alsoe and wee doe farder aiudg and determine that if it shall hereafter appeare, that anie pte of the Lands before resyted be thinheritance of anie other p'sone or p'sones or in lease to anie other p'sone or p'sones then before is menconed, And not thinheritance and not in lease to the p'sone or p'sones before menconed, soe that noe Recompence or satisfaccon ought to be made vnto them, that then the Recompence and monie appointed to be paied vnto them by these p'sents shalbe paied and satisfied vnto the trewe owners and lessees of the same according to the terme and seu'all Rates before menconed And that the said p'sones that be not owners or lessees before menconed shall haue nor take anie thing by these p'sents anie thing herein contained [*to the*] contrarie notwithstanding And we doe farder — and detrmne that all and eu'ie p'sone and p'sones that are — p'sents to receaue anie monie that they vpon the Recete of — shall make acquitance or some other suffycient — In witness whereof the said Justices of Assise — yere aboue s^d at the Assises being holden and — thone pte of these Indentures haue putt — to thother pte the sd maio^r and — their Comon seale.'

[Portions of the last folio are torn off. The dots indicate the omission of repetitive passages. The clauses from the Water Act in this document are important, as being a contemporary copy of that statute.]

[488] Original receipt under preceding. 1594.

'Be it knownen to all men by these p'sents that I W^m Crese of Buckland Monoch^m in the cnty of Dn Esbandman the day of the dat hereof haue receued of the maio^r

and Coily of the Borrough of plymouth by hands of William Stallenge gent the sume of xj^s of lawfull money of Englonde in full recompense & satisfaccoon of all some and somes of money as is by theym payable o^r due to be payed to & for thatt pt of the Ryu^r of mevy which is brought to the towne of Plymouth ou^r my grounds lying in the pish of Buckland aforesaid & is the inheritance of Philipp Cryms gent In witness whereof I have herto set my sine & seale Dated this xxviii day October 1594.

‘Sign Willi 7 Creese

‘Signed sealed and delu^d to Jn^o Collibare to the vse of thaboue named Maio^r and Cominaltie of the towne of Plimouth in presence of William Stallenge.’

[489] Ancient map of leat and mills in Plymouth, early 17th century.

[490] Certified copy of bill brought into Parliament in 1593, by Millowners, alleging that their property had been damaged by the erection of mills on the Plymouth Leat, without payment of the compensation provided for by the Water Act. It is among the records of the House of Lords, and bears the endorsement: ‘92 for the preservacone of [*Towching* erased] the haven of Plymouth | Martis xx^o Martij 92. The first reading | Lune xxvj^o Martij 93. The secunde reading and comytted.’ The bill is entitled: An Act for the explanacone & trewe interpretacone of a Statute made in the xxvij yere of the Quenes Ma^{ties} raigne, intituled, An Acte for the preservacone of the Haven at Plymouth. It commences by the recital: ‘Whereas in the Parliam^{te} holden in the xxvijth yere of her Ma^{ties} moste gracious raigne, An Acte was made for the preservacone of the Haven at Plymouth in the Countie of Devon in w^{ch} yt ys emongste other things inacted That y^t shoulde be lawfull to & for the Maiore and Cominaltie of the Towne of Plymouth, & to their Successors at all tymes after the feaste of Easter then next comminge to digge & myne a ditche or trenche contayninge in breadthe betweene sixe or seven foote over in all places, through & over all the Landes & grounde lyinge betweene the said Towne of Plymouth & anye pte of the Ryver of Mewe als Mevie and to do dyvers other thinge menconed in the said Acte, necessarie for the bringinge & contynewinge of the said Ryver of Mewe

als Mevie to the said Towne as by the said Acte more at Large appeareth: Which Act was meante and intended to be for the good of the said Towne of Plymouthe by providinge of freshe water for releiffe of the said Towne, and of suche Shippes as shoulde com into the said Porte or Haven & not for anye other entent or purpose Neither was yt the intente of the said Acte that by meanes thereof the Quenes Ma^{tie} or such other as hadd anie Mills vppon or neare the said Ryver or Towne shoulde thereby receive Losse damage or preuidice.' It is then asserted that the Mayor and Commonalty 'covertlie & secretlie vnder coulor of a com̄on profytte to manie, principallie seekinge there owne private gayne & comoditie, to the greate hurte preuidice & disinheritance of other men Have wth dyvers others buylte & erected vppon the said water so broughte vnto the said Towne, Seven Corne water Mylles, By meanes whereof not onlie the Quenes Ma^{tie} havinge in Reversione two Water Milles for Corne, called the Priorie Milles of Plympton, standinge neare vnto the said Ryver But also dyvers others of her Highnes lovinge subiects thoroughe whose Lande the same newe Water course ys carryed & conveyed Havinge likewise Water Mylles for Corne formerlie buylte vppon or neare the said Ryver or neare the said Towne, (that ys to saye) wthin one two or three myles, either of the said Towne or Ryver, sustayne & suffer & are daylie more & more like to sustayne & suffer losse and damage & disinheritance in the profite of their Milles & otherwise to the valewe or some of Sixe thowsande Pownde by reasone of the said newe erectione & buyldinge of the new Water Mylles aforesaid contrarie to the trewe entent & meaninge of the said Statute.' The bill accordingly seeks to enact 'That all the said Water Mylles so newlie buylded and erected & everie other that shall hereafter be erected or buylded vppon the said water so broughte to the said Towne of Plymouthe or anie pte thereof shalbe at all tymes from and after two yeres nexte after the ende of this Session of Parlyam^{te} abated and pulled downe by the Sheriffe of the said Countie of Devon, for the tyme beinge: Excepte the said Maiore & Cominaltie Or the erectors buylders inheritors or possessors of the said newe Milles alreadye erected and such as shall entende to erecte & buylde anie other such Milles doo wthin the said tyme of two yeres nexte after the ende of this Session of Parliam^{te} sufficientlie satisfie & paye vnto the Quenes Ma^{tie} and to the owners possessors

& inheritors of all & everie the said Milles formerlie buylte & nowe standinge vppon or neere to the said Ryver or neare the said Towne, (that is to saye) wthin one two or three myles either of the said Ryver of Mewe als Mevie or of the said Towne of Plymouthe So hyndered dampnified or preiudiced by the said newe erected Milles, Or to be preiudiced or dampnified by anie to be erected or buylte as aforesaid Such recompence some and somes of money As the Lo: Cheife Iustice of England, the Lo: Cheife Iustice of the Coñion pleas at Westm. the Lo: Cheife Baron of the Exchequer, & the Iudges of Assize of the said Countie of Devon for the tyme beinge, or anie three of them shall assesse sett down or order vppon solycitinge or complaynte made vnto them by the said owners possessors & inheritors of the said Milles so form^{lie} buylte & standinge vpon or neare the said Ryver or Towne as aforesaid or anie of them.'

[The measure was not passed, and never seems to have got through the committee, of which Sir Francis Drake was the chairman.]

[491] Agreement between Thomas Drake, the Mayor and Commonalty, and William Crymes, in draft. 1603.
 'This Indenture made the daie of Betwene the Maior and Cominaltye of the Borrough of Plymouth and Thomas Drake of Buckland Monacoz in the Countie of Devon Esquier of thone p^{tie} and William Crymes of Bucklande Monacoz aforesaide Esquier of thother p^{tie} witnesseth that the said Maior and Cominaltie and the said Thomas Drake aswell in consideracon of the p^{formance} and accomplishinge of certayne articles and agreements Indented heretofore had and made betwene the p^{ties} abouesaide bearinge date the xixth daie of Januarie laste paste before the date hereof as also for diu^rs other good causes and consideracons them therevnto speciallic movinge, Haue covenanted granted condiscended concluded and agreed and in and by these p^{sents} doe Covenante grante condiscende conclude and fullie agree . . . to and with the said William Crymes . . . that it shall and may be lawfull to & for the said William Crymes his heires executors administrators & assignes . . . at all tyme and tymes hereafter at his and their will & pleasure during the terme hereafter in these pnts lymytte & expressed to haue take conductk convey and Carry by Ditch trench or leat now alreedy made or hereafter to be made in or vppon certen lands of

the sd W^m Crimes called Roborough Downe scituat in the psh of Bucklonde monacorm aforsaid or in by or vpon any pte thereof from and out of a certen leat ditch trench or watercourse lately made for the conveyeng of the water or Ryvor of Mewe als mevy or of some pte thereof from the said Ryver of mew als mevy vnto in & through the Towne or Borrowe of Plymoth afsd or any pte therof and now fleteing and Running from the said water o^r Ryvor of Mewe als mevy aforsaid vnto in & through the sd Towne of Plymowth in over or through the sd lands of the said William Crymes called Rowborough downe aforsaid such pte and so much of the water of the said leat & watercourse so made & conveyed as aforsaid as is now running or that shall at any tyme hereafter runne or be conveyed in by or through the said leat ditch trench or watercourse towards the said Towne of Plymoth as shalbe fitt & sufficient for the vse workeing and Employmt of two tynne milles knocking mills or Classe milles of the said William Crymes by him newly & lately erected vpon the said lands of the said William Crymes called Rowborrough Downe aforsaid And also so much water out of the said leat . . . as shall be fitt sufficient & convenyent for the clensing washeing makeing workeing & dressing of all such tynne tynne mettell & tynne oare as shalbe at any tyme hereafter brought to the said mill or milles tobe washed censed made wrought or dressed. The said William Crymes . . . leaveing at all tymes a sufficient & full streame of water to Runne & come vnto in & through the said Towne of Plymouth & eu^{ry} pte thereof for the use of the sd Towne of Plymoth and the milles there w^hout any contradiccon of the said William Crymes. . . . And to that end and purpose the said maior and Cominalty and the said Thomas Drake . . . doe . . . demise lease and grante vnto the said William Crymes . . . such pte and so much of the water of the said leate . . . to the onlie vses in and by theyse p^rsents lyimited specified and appointed . . . to haue hold vse occupie possesse and enjoy all and singler the said demised p^rmisises . . . from the daie of the date of theyse p^rsents vnto the ende and tearme of Two and Forty yeres . . . yeldinge and payinge therfor yerely during the said tearme vnto the said maior and Comonalty and Thomas Drake . . . the some of twelue pence lawfull money of Englande . . . and the saide William Crymes . . . coveñnteth p^rmiseth and granteth to and with the said maior and Cominalty the said Thomas Drake . . . That he the said

William Crymes his heires executo^{rs} administrators and assigns . . . shall and will at his & their owne p^{er} costs & Charges during the said terme well and sufficiently repaire amende vphold and maynetayne all such breaches and decayed places whatsoever w^{ch} shall at any tyme hereafter happen to break out of the said leate or water course from one hedge or fence scituat and beinge nere the house of One William Cominge on Rowborough Downe aforesaide and so downewarde the leate or water course so far as the lands and inheritance of the said W^m Crymes called Rowborough Downe aforesaid doe extende. And also shall and will at all tyme & tymes dureing the Contynuance of the said lease at his and their owne p^{er} costs charges and expences finde and p^{ro}vide to and for the better assistance and helpe of the said Maior & Coialty & their successors & the said Thomas Drake & his assigns sixe sufficient and labour men to labour and worke in the tyme of Froste for the clearing and cleansinge of the said leate and watercourse in ou^r and through out all or anie the lands of gamaliell Slaninge esquier scituat in and vpon Rowborough Downe aforesaide nowe in the tenure of Margaret Heathe widowe And the saide William Crymes . . . doth further Coveñnte . . . to and with the said Maior and Cominalty and to and with the said Thomas Drake. . . . That it shall and maie be lawfull to and for the said Maior and Cominalty and the saide Thomas Drake . . . at all tymes hereafter to erecte and builde any bridge or bridges vpon any the lands of the said William Crymes called Rowborough Downe ou^r w^{ch} any pte of the saide leate doth runne towards Plymouth aforesaide for the better and easyer passage of traveilo^{rs} and carriags ou^r the said leate & to digg cutt haue take & Carry away any earthe turfes and stones vpon the said downe or other lands of the sd Crymes through w^{ch} the sd Ryver doth runne for the makinge and reedifienge and amendinge of any the said brydgs and bancs over & of the said Ryver or watercourse in vpon & throughout the said Downe . . . w^{ch} is the lands of the sd William Crymes.' Lease to be void if Crymes do not fulfil all the conditions.

[492] Grant by Francis Drake, first baronet, of moiety of grist mills, fields, &c. for residue of original term of 67 years granted by Mayor and Commonalty to Sir Francis Drake, Knight. Made to William Hele, Thomas Sherwell,

and Matthias Nicholls, executors of Robert Rawlings, on behalf of the Hospital of Orphans Aid.

[493] Copy of conveyance of fourth part of the mills for the Mayor and Commonalty to Robert Gubbes and Philip Francis, in trust for the Hospital of Orphans Aid, with fragment of conveyance. 1653.

[494] Lease and release in fee of fourth part of mills from Orphans Aid to Mayor and Commonalty. 21, 22 Jan. 1805.

[495] Letter from C. Bampfylde of Warleigh concerning stream from leat to Warleigh, desiring same stones to be put up again to bring the water to his house. 2 Sept. 1679.

[496] Mill Accounts Book. 4 June, 1627-2 June, 1628.

[497] „ 2 June, 1628-25 May, 1629.

[498] Mill Accounts. 1627-31.

[499] Mill Notes of Grain ground. 1630-31.

[500] Audit book containing accounts of tonnage and rents of assize, leased by Mayor and Commonalty for 40 years with the keyage and cranage—lease forfeited 16 James I. because the keys and cranes were not kept in repair and the rent unpaid; when Michael Hunt, who had the right, surrendered. *Used for Mill Accounts 1729-1792.* Gross rent 1729, £440; net £189 7s. 5d. Cost of fishing feast 1729, £16 12s. 6d. 1755-6, stones bought for leat on Yannadon. 1729-92.

[501] Grant by H. Hall, of Manadon, of liberty to convey stream of water through his land for 500 years. 1783.

[502] Ditto, Willm. Clark, through Gibbon's Field.

[503] Ditto, Hannah and Jane How, through Gilwell's.

[504] Bond to John Arthur concerning channel cut through his field at Houndiscombe. 1825.

[505] Plymouth Dock Water Act. 33 Geo. c. 85. 1795.

[506] Paper relating to repair of leat. 1790 *et seq.*

[507] Formal notices cautioning persons against damaging or fouling the leat, fishing therein, and taking water therefrom. 1800-27.

[508] Report by Shillabeer as to breaches in leat, and conduct of miller of Meavy.

[509] Authority to Rattenbury, Shillabeer, and others to repair leat.

[510] Papers relating to leat within borough. 1804-29.

[511] Complaints of defects in leat beyond borough. 1808-09.

[512] Reports on condition of leat. 1808-23.

[513] Complaints of damage by leat beyond borough. 1815-30.

[514] Application touching arches over leat. 1821-24.

[515] Papers connected with new reservoir and laying pipes. 1816-29.

[516] Proposal by Rattenbury for pipe from higher to lower water house. 1822.

[517] Report by R. Hopkins that Sampford Spiney river might be brought in six miles to Dousland Barn for about £500, the Plym stream three miles to the Weir Head for £300. If these not available, proposed a four acre reservoir at Roborough—30,000 cubic yards at 4*d*. 1823.

[518] Papers connected with miller's leat and proposed reservoir at Meavy. 1826.

[519] Conditions of contract between John Johnson and Commissioners of Victualling for repairing and allowing Head Weir and leat on Yennadon. 28 July, 1824.

[520] Agreement of Hugh McIntosh for laying iron pipes. 1826.

[521] Rental of private water cocks. 1738.

[522] List of water leases. 1801-29.

[523] List of all who hold leases of the water. 1821.

[524] " " " " 1824.

[525] Correspondence concerning mill leases, &c. 1801-31.

[526] Applications for mill and water rights beyond borough. 1803-25.

[527] General applications for water in the borough. 1805-31.

[528] Application for water leases and notices of water meetings. 1800-30.

[529] Letters, &c., touching supplies of water to government establishments.

[530] Letters from Sir Masseh Lopes and Giles about mill at Jump, and lease of water to Mr. Franco, with bill for granite for construction of head weir. 1817-26.

[531] Lease to John Waddon for ever at 10s. yearly rent of right to 'convey & turne a mylle streame of the water course that runneth from the horsenpool lane [now represented in part by Russell St.] to Stonehouse Lane . . . in the same trench or leate and in the same manner as the same is now conveyed and brought to the only use of a fulling mill lately erected.' 1612.

[532] Draft lease of banks of mill pool, from John Waddon to John Nicholson. 1636.

[533] Conveyance of part of malt mill meadow.

[534] " of ground adjoining fulling mill—
Thos. Weston. 1682.

[535] " of landscore adjoining higher mill.
1695.

[536] *Mill Leases*—W. Husband. 1673.

[537] " malt—Wm. Bartlett. 1704.

[538] " grist—Jacob & John Williams. 1704.

[539] " paper mill—R. Netherton. 1710.

[540] " fulling mill—Robert Hewer. 1737.

[541] " " Launcelot Robinson. 1737.

[542] " grist—Hoskin. 1763.

[543] " house for washing wool—John Rab-
johns. 1778.

[544] " wool washing-house—Sarah Rab-
johns. 1779.

[545] " paper—W. Dunsterville. 1779.

[546] " malt—Digory Mill. 1787.

[547] " Assignment of three new leasehold
mills—Messrs. Tanner. 1801.

[548] " tucking or fulling. 1804.

[549] " paper—Frs. Fincher. 1809.

[550] " old shammy—Peter Welsford. 1811.

[551] " higher malt—Edward Toll. 1819.

- [552] Tan yard lease of water—John Tanner. 1803.
[553] " Wm. Dove. 1803.
[554] " John Allen. 1809.
[555] Lease of mill house and garden—W. H. Symons
to B. and A. Dunsterville.
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- [556] Draft lease of water to victualling office. 1746.
[557] " Commissioners sick & wounded. 1761.
[558] " " 1781.
[559] Duplicate of lease to Mill Prison for Commissioners
of Transport service. 1813.
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[560] Serjeant Len's opinions on the assessment of the
water to Property Tax. 1804.

[561] Papers touching dispute between Corporation
and Mrs. Amies of Sheepstor. 1804-08.

[562] Letters concerning supply of Stonehouse by Dock
Company. 1805.

[563] Complaints by Peter Welsford and others of
scarcity of water caused by miller of Meavy. 1808-26.

[564] General complaints of scarcity of water. 1808-28.

[565] Letters touching supply of water to Ham. Mr.
G. Collins conjectures that the supply of water to Ham
was compensation for taking the water through Trelawny
Fields, Mutley.

[566] Reply to Mr. Fremantle, M.P., on behalf of
House of Commons, that the Plymouth water works were
executed 'in the reign of Elizabeth at the expense of the
Corporation'—altered from 'part of the expense paid by
the Corporation and the remainder by Sir F. Drake.' 1821.

[567] Resolutions for raising money for Plymouth
Waterworks. 1826-29.

[568] Assessment of water property to poor. 1829.

[569] Paper concerning the claim of the inhabitants of
Plymouth to the water, and lawsuit thereon 1829-31.
J. Whiteford claims that 'the water was brought to the
town at the sole expense of the Corporation'; W. H.
Tonkin, 'that the water was brought into the town by
the Corporation at their own expense.'

[570] Water Accounts. 1824-34.

O. Hoe.

[571] Report by Mr. Robert Smith, assistant to the Solicitor to the Ordnance, that the Eastern Hoe in his opinion belongs to the Corporation. His papers went back to '1666 in which year a number of houses and small pieces of land, the property of individuals, were taken possession of for enlarging the Citadel; and this appears to have been done in pursuance of the King's Orders in Council without other authority, but the owners were not compensated until 1679, when the conveyances were made.' None of these comprised any part of the Eastern Hoe. The conveyance of Robert Gubbs, of a close containing an acre near the Hoe Gate was described as bounded with 'the Hoe on the S, a way leading from Plymouth towards the old mills on the N, and the land of Nicholas Davies M.D. on the W, and the lands of the Mayor and Commonalty of Plymouth on the E.'

[572] General Mercer to the Mayor, to acknowledge the Eastern Hoe the property of the Corporation. 27 Aug., 1807.

[573] Letters, &c., concerning encroachments on glacis of Citadel by military authorities. 1808-15.

Letter from Mr. John Collier, complaining that sundry huts, dwellings, and pigsties had been erected on the waste near the glacis of the Citadel, and were a great nuisance. Notice thereon sent to the tenants to pay rents to the Mayor or take distress. 25 April 1808.

Mary Woodward, the occupant of one of the huts, writes to the Mayor and Corporation (4 Oct. 1814). The hut had been sold to her former husband in 1802 for £20. In 1808 she had to pay 2s. as an acknowledgment to the Ordnance for an encroachment, the ground having been originally granted by Gen. Mercer in 1800. In 1813 Dr. Bellamy ordered her not to pay anything to any one, unless by order of the Mayor and Corporation. Now notice had been given her by the Ordnance that this and the other huts would be pulled down.

[574] Complaints of trespassing by Military on Hoe. 1808-18.

[575] Letters asking permission for Military to exercise on Hoe. 1820-29.

[576] Letter from Sir Denis Pack asking for corporate authority to Hoe. 1822.

[577] Letters by Dr. Bellamy and Mr. T. Lockyer, acknowledging the thanks of the Mayor and Commonalty for defending the public rights to the Hoe. 1822.

[578] Notice to let Hoe pasturage. 1807-24.

[579] Letter from Mr. John Hawker, Chairman of Committee for employing the poor, that it is proposed to make a carriage road and walk under the Hoe. 1816.

[580] Correspondence relating to erection of Baths under Eastern Hoe. 1817-27.

[581] Application by H. Gandy, asking leave to take a few loads of sand from under the Hoe for his garden. 1818. Granted.

[582] Diversions on Hoe. Mr. H. Roberts, Governor of Guardians, complains of wrestling and drinking there. 1808-19.

P. Hotel and Theatre.

- [583] Licenses, &c., Old Theatre. 1800-09.
- [584] Miscellaneous Papers concerning the Royal Hotel. 1806-25.
- [585] Ditto concerning Theatre. 1815-30.
- [586] Ditto concerning site and approaches of Hotel, Theatre, Crescent, &c. 1806-26.
- [587] Letters, &c., touching site of Athenæum. 1818-24.
- [588] Miscellaneous Papers touching the erection of Hotel and Theatre, with notes of contracts and demands for payment. 1809-22.
- [589] Minute-book of Hotel, Theatre, and Ballroom Committee. 1810-13.
- [590] Minute-book of committee for managing estates of Corporation. Notes of sales, and proposals to sell Hotel and Theatre. 1821-32.

Q. Market.

- [591] Papers connected with erection of 'new market' on present site, &c. 1800-35. [Aggregate cost about £15,000 land £4000.]
- [592] Notices against regrating. 1803-12.
- [593] Tolls and dues. 1803-21.
- [594] Notices to let. 1804-24.
- [595] Cattle Market and right to doors therein. 1807-14.
- [596] Old Fish-market, Shambles, and Leather Hall. 1807-11.
- [597] Papers concerning alterations of Market-day. 1825-28.
- [598] Papers relating to stalls. 1808-27.
- [599] Miscellaneous.

R. Official Returns.

- [600] Returns of Debtors. 1797-1819.
- [601] „ Population. 1801-11.
- [602] „ Estreats. 1803-04.
- [603] „ Militia Billets. 1803.
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- [605] „ Number of Victualling Houses in the
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- [608] „ Gaol, House of Correction. 1821-35.
- [609] „ Short Weights and Measures. 1822.
- [610] „ Borough Court. 1823-34.
- [611] „ Names of Corporate Officers. 1833.
- [612] „ Magistrates for twenty years. 1833.
- [613] „ Borough Prison. 1833.
- [614] „ Elections. 1833-34.
- [615] „ Local Acts.
- [616] „ Prosecution Fees, &c. 1835.

S. Deeds.

THERE are a number of ancient deeds of various kinds belonging to the Corporation, of no current value, and few of such interest as to require special note. The following, however, may be particularized:—

[617] William Okelegh to William Wrouke; release of rights to tenement in 'lo ward de Sutton Vautort.' 1381. [This is the oldest document in the possession of the municipality; and is further interesting as naming Sutton Vautort as a ward.]

[618] Deed with impression of original seal of the municipality of Henry VI. The Corporation to Thos. Cropp and Joan his wife, property between Finewell and St. Andrew Streets. 20 Sept.—18 Ed. IV. 1479.

[619] Release by Henry Lee to Mayor and Commonalty of houses and garden in Market and St. Andrew Streets. 1565.

[620] Thos. Tresawell and John Gine 'capellus' to Robt Beare and Joan his wife, house garden and well next the Guildhall on north. Mayor's seal put, as 'nra pluribz fuit incognita.' 3 June—3 Hen. VII. [Clearly this was not the site of the existing old Guildhall.]

[621] Copy of Corporation lease to Ayses Ceely and William and Thomas her sons, of tenement, stable, and garden, in Green St. 1592.

[622] Serjeant Hele to Thomas Crane—feoffment of property in Catherine Lane, with signature of Elize Hele. 1594. Also conveyance by same Crane to Walter Mathew. 1607.

[623] Lease by Mayor and Commonalty to Rd. Trelawny of houses built on part of almshouse garden. 1602. [Basket St.]

[624] Lease of 'Parrett' in Looe St. Signature and seal of Sir Richard Hawkyns. 1604.

[625] Andrew White's feoffment to Mayor and Commonalty, property in Old Town. 1608.

[626] Lease to Hugh May of a 'little plott waste & voyd piece of ground, lately taken in by one John Dowrich als Lydbroke from the head of the highway leading from Plymouth to Saltash adjoyning a close wherethrough the mill streame nowe runneth.' 1619.

[627] Lease to John Bounde of plot of ground by old mills. 1623.

[628] Lease to P. Andrewe—'and alsoe all that well lately digged made and enclosed by the said Phillip Andrewe in the lane leading from Totehyll to Catt downe and commonly called St. Andrews well.' 1631.

[629] Gifford's release of right of Gregory Park to Mayor and Commonalty. 1635.

[630] Sale to John Martyn of land 'neere the late howse called the mawdlyn howse . . . neere Plymouth.' 1648.

[631] Richard Trevill had newly erected a house called the 'George' at the corner of Katherine or Ducks lane (now Trevill St.). Philip Westaway had the lease of the right to put up a sign post there 'and a convenient wall for a sifting place by the same.' 1652.

[632] Frankfort gate house newly built, lately in the occupation of Thomas Gill. 1652.

[633] Barbican gate house leased to Richd. Vinson, who had built it over and by the side of the gate. 1654.

[634] Lease to Timothy Alsop of waste ground at the Barbican 160 ft. north and south—extending south from the Barbican to the Hoe Gate; sea and Lammy south; road from the Barbican to the Hoe west. 1655.

[635] Martyn's Gate leased to John Martyn in 1656, having been then lately erected by the Mayor and Commonalty. It adjoined property of Martyn, had three rooms over and was 18 ft. 4 in. east to west and 14 ft. 6 in. north to south.

[636] Old Town Gate house and toft and waste adjoining leased to Wm. Yeo. Lately erected by the Mayor and Commonalty, and in which John Watts lately dwelt. 42 ft. east to west, 18 north to south. 1656.

[637] Hoe Gate house, late in possession of Reginald Streamer, sold to John Addis. 1695.

T. Miscellaneous.

[638] Stewards' rough record book of Manor Courts—2 Ed. VI. to 2 Philip and Mary. Manors dealt with: Berealston, Bereferrers, Bradford, Brixton English, Brixton Reyney, Buratone, Carpeke, Cartford, Chalonsleigh, Cornwood, Cornworthy, Denyton, Dunston, Fardell, Hearston, Hemerdon, Lyneham, Maker, Stonehouse, Sutton Vautort, Worthele. The volume has no connection with the Corporation or any then corporate property, but probably had something to do with the Heles. It may have belonged to the private practice of a Town Clerk or other borough official, and so have found its way among the Corporate Muniments, like Serjeant Hele's Precedent Book, or the volume next calendared.

[639] Rough account book, apparently lawyer's, referring to John and Nicholas Hele, Fowell, and others. 1651.

[640] Bundle of Notes of Sermons in Shorthand. 1649-50.

[641] Copy of will of John Hele. 1651.

[642] Parcel of drafts of old deeds and papers of examinations under Court of Chancery, mostly 17th century, connected with the locality but not with the Corporation. Some appear to be associated with Henry Rexford's private business.

[643] Account of Edmund Lockyer's expenses as Mayor—17 Sept. 1821 to 29 Sept. 1822—the total being £167 4s. *old*, of which £36 were paid for gates and piers on the Hoe. Perquisites in fish, Oct. 1 to May 18, when he gave them up on the complaint of the fishermen, 10s. 3*d.*, including pilchards, flatfish, herrings, plaice, whiting, mackerel, pouting, dabs, and sundries. Fees for 'powers' and certificates sealed, and on salvage accounts £9 8s. Total official receipts £9 8s., which were spent in addition to the £167 4s. *old*.

Payments included: 17 Sept. Constables on Election day £1; 20 charters 2s. 21 Sept. Freedom day, 2s. 6d. each to the two chief freedom boys landed from the boats at the Victualling Office and Garrison; Donk and another man who protected them 2s.; 23 charity boys who went the bounds 1s. 6d. each; their master and mistress 3s. each; Thomas Steele buns for the boys 6d. each, their master and mistress 1s. 6d. each, and buns distributed on the Hoe—total £1 19s. 6d.; apples given away 11s. 8d.; porter's attendance 4s.; broken glass 1s.; hire of boats for the boys 15s. and the two chief men 2s. 6d. each; sundries given at the breakfast in the morning £2; four bottles of Madeira from 'own stock' given with the buns on the Hoe £1. Total expenses of Freedom-day £9 3s. 8d.

29 Sept. Mayor Swearing day. Constables on his being sworn into office £1; watchman 1s.; band South Devon Militia, their attendance to and from church—master 5s. men 2s. 6d. each—£2; total £3 1s.

Sessions dinners cost £6 to £7 each.

The town sergeants had 1s. each attendance with letters, &c., each day—one at a time.

Collections at Sacrament 1s. each.

17 Sept. 1822. Dinner to 101 freemen and 3 or 4 private friends cost £71 9s. 2d. altogether. Venison sent from London by Sir W. Congreve cost 25s. in carriage; Whiddon's bill at Royal £42 11s. 6d.; Richard Fillis for wines, £21 8s.; wine from own cellar £1; Marine band £3 3s.; use of posts and setting up of flags in front of the hotel 10s.

Papers, chiefly printed resolutions of public meetings on extra-municipal matters, 1800-30, arranged in packets under the following heads:

[644] Breakwater.

Admiralty memorialised against discharge of men. 1817.

[645] Chamber of Commerce.

Henry Woolcombe as Mayor in pursuance of requisition, signed by Lord Boringdon, Hawker & Sons, J. Elford, Edmund Lockyer, Widow Symons and Son, and George Forsyth, called meeting 7 Dec. 1813 to consider the means of promoting the establishment of an extensive trade in the town. Committee appointed to report how object could best be carried out, with special instructions to consider the desirability of establishing in the port some

permanent society for the encouragement of trade, Mr. Soltau's plan and any other to be specially considered. 28 Dec. committee reported and books were opened at the bank to take names of all who desired to become members of the Chamber.

[646] Charities.

Fund raised to relieve poor by importing herrings at prime cost from Firth of Forth and distributing them. 1801.

Efforts made to relieve poor during 'present stagnation of commerce' and 'want of employment.' Special object relief of manufacturing and labouring poor. 1816.

Meetings and subscriptions for relief of foreigners of various nations. 1803-30.

Charitable movements of a local character include—Fire at Chudleigh (1807), estimated loss £75,000; insurance, £16,000; subscriptions £10,000 up to June 19; over £1000 from Plymouth. Great damage caused by a gale (1821) in Bideford Bay; 31 fishermen and pilots lost their lives; £1200 damage to boats and nets. Meeting to relieve the disaster caused within the port of Plymouth (Nov. 1824) by gale. 1807-24.

British and Irish charities outside the Two Counties publicly given to, include—Killed and wounded at Copenhagen; Lloyd's Patriotic Fund; soldiers' wives and families returned from Spain; British prisoners from France, many of whom landed at Plymouth destitute; British prisoners in France; relief of widows and orphans of *St. George, Defence, Hero, Grasshopper*, and *Saldanha*, shipwrecked; for Waterloo (Aug. 1815 £482 16s. 2d.); distress in Ireland and in the manufacturing districts. 1801-26.

[647] Coal duties.

Meetings for repeal of duties. 1818-19. Duties 6s. 6d. per chaldron, with extra duty of 1s. per Newcastle chaldron.

Total annual duty of Devon, £42,626, only exceeded in the provinces by Norfolk, Essex, and Hants; Cornwall, £14,433.

[648] Corn Laws.

Petition against alteration. 1814.

[649] County Rates.

[650] Criminal Code.

Petitions for revision as too severe. 1819-21.

[651] Custom House.

Petition 1805 to alter hours at Custom House, then 9 to 12 and 2 to 4. 1805.

Steps taken to obtain application of Warehousing Acts. 1810.

[652] East India Charter.

Renewal petitioned against. 1812.

[653] Education.

Meeting to consider how to educate the children of the poor who could not pay. May, 1809.

Meeting to establish infant school. 1827.

[654] Gas Company.

Meeting held 24 July, 1817, to consider the formation of a company to light the town with gas. Decision that it would be advisable to substitute gas for oil in lighting the town, and appointment of committee 26 Dec. 1820. Report presented to meeting 30 April, 1822.

[655] Illuminations and Rejoicings.

Bonfire and fireworks on Hoe, 1813, for battle of Leipsic. Beer and cakes, &c., given away.

General illumination, dinner, ball, &c., and dinner to charity children in market-place, for peace with France. Order that the inhabitants who from religious professions or other causes did not think fit to express their joy by illuminating were not to be molested. 15 Jan. 1814.

[656] Insolvent Debtors and Small Debt Courts.

Insolvent Acts petitioned against. 1816, 1819, 1823.

William Jacobson, in 1807, at his own cost, brought in a bill for a Court of Requests in Plymouth and neighbouring towns. After being read a second time it was opposed by Corporation of Plymouth as an infringement of their rights. In 1824, however, a meeting was held in favour of the establishment of a Court of Conscience, Jacobson one of the promoters.

[657] Licensing.**[658]** Lighting and Paving.**[659]** Local Jurisdictions.**[660]** Life Boat.

Mayor and Corporation formally welcome at Barbican Life Boat given to the town by Mr. Philip Langmead, then brought into Sutton Pool. July, 1803.

[661] Mendicity Society.

Meeting to form. 17 Nov. 1817.

[662] Plymouth Dock Police Bill.

A committee appointed in 1809 to consider the Plymouth Dock Police Bill proposed a clause providing that no jurisdiction should be exercised by the Dock justices in Plymouth; and that both they and all persons appointed under the Act should be disqualified for voting for Plymouth or the counties of Devon and Cornwall. Eventually the inhabitants of Plymouth objected to the bill as 'a gross and unnecessary violation of the chartered Rights Jurisdictions and Franchises of the Mayor Magistrates and Commonalty of the Borough of Plymouth, and of the legal Privileges of the Merchants Shipowners and Inhabitants thereof.' Also that 'the said Bill has a Tendency to create a Power & Influence in the said Borough which may be used to controul the free choice of its Representatives to Parliament.' The Bill was therefore opposed in the Commons; and shortly after Mr. Langmead writes that Sir T. Tyrwhitt 'relinquished his iniquitous police bill.'

[663] Porthleven Harbour Bill.

Opposed until passing toll given up. 1811.

[664] Property Tax.

Petitioned against on the score of want of distinction between real and personal property, and of its oppressive and inquisitorial character.

[665] Power of Magistrates in Workhouses.

[666] Receipt Tax.

[667] Roman Catholic Relief.

Petition against further concessions to Roman Catholics and giving them political power. 1827.

[668] Shipping.

[669] Slavery.

Meetings against Slave Trade and Negro Slavery, and for the mitigation of Slavery in the Colonies. 1814-28.

[670] Tithes, Agriculture, Manufacture, and Commerce.

Petition (1815) against a combination of Interests to raise the price of Grain to the benefit of the Landholders, at the expense of the Manufacturing and Commercial part of the the Nation and the Community at large—that after their

sacrifices the public had a right to expect on the return of peace a permanent reduction in the necessaries of life ; that to put the farmer in a better position and enable him to bring produce to the market at a fair advantage to himself the rents of estates should be reduced ; that the tithe laws should be modified ; that there should be free and unrestrained transit of grain to and from any part of the United Kingdom and its dependencies ; that an act for a general enclosure of waste lands throughout the kingdom, with an exemption from tithes for ever and from taxes for thirty years, would be an encouragement to the spirit of cultivation.

[671] Turnpikes and Diligences.

[672] Volunteers.

[673] Weights and Measures.

General and formal papers, largely non-municipal, and none of any current business value, classified as follows :

[674] Alien papers and Passports.

[675] Application for Leases.

[676] „ for grants of Lives.

[677] „ and notices, concerning Rent.

[678] Apprentices.

[679] Billet papers and Baggage orders.

[680] Cautions issued by Mayor against sundry offences.

[681] Carmen and Porters.

[682] Convicts.

[683] Convoy Papers.

[684] Corn Returns and Assize of Bread.

[685] Certificates.

[686] Deserters.

[687] Dogs, and notices relating thereto.

[688] Fire Engines.

[689] Formal Notices of Meetings.

[690] „ Appointments of Meetings.

- [691] General Correspondence.
- [692] Gunpowder Seizures.
- [693] Highways.
- [694] Insolvent Courts and Debtors.
- [695] Informations and Depositions.
- [696] Invitations.
- [697] Land and Assessed Taxes.
- [698] Official Letters of Enquiry.
- [699] Personal Correspondence.
- [700] Petitions.
- [701] „ for Remission of Sentence.
- [702] Police and Magisterial Papers.
- [703] Police and Sessions Business, Correspondence
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- [704] Poor Law and Vagrancy.
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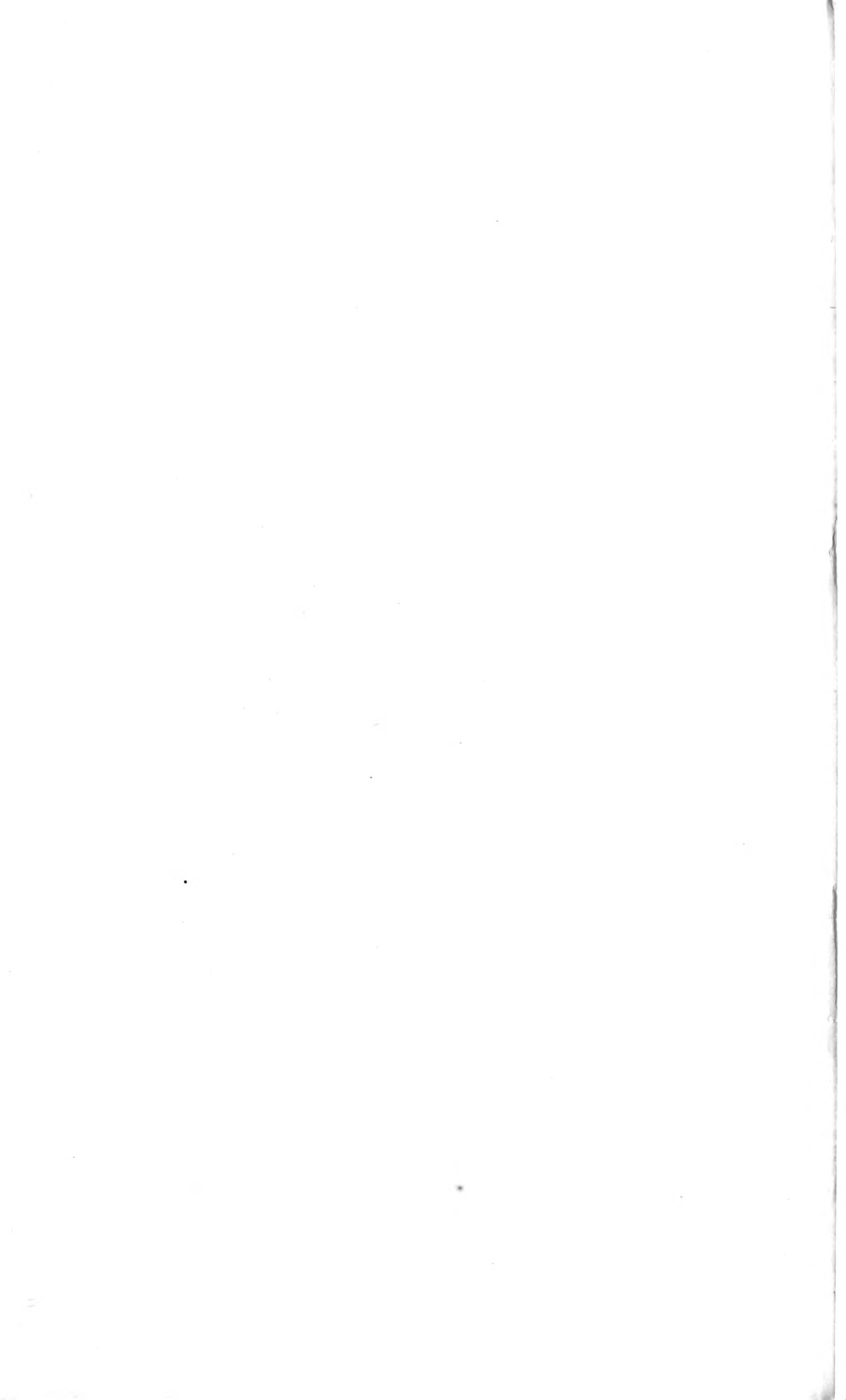
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