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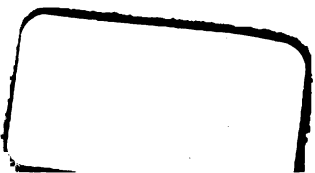
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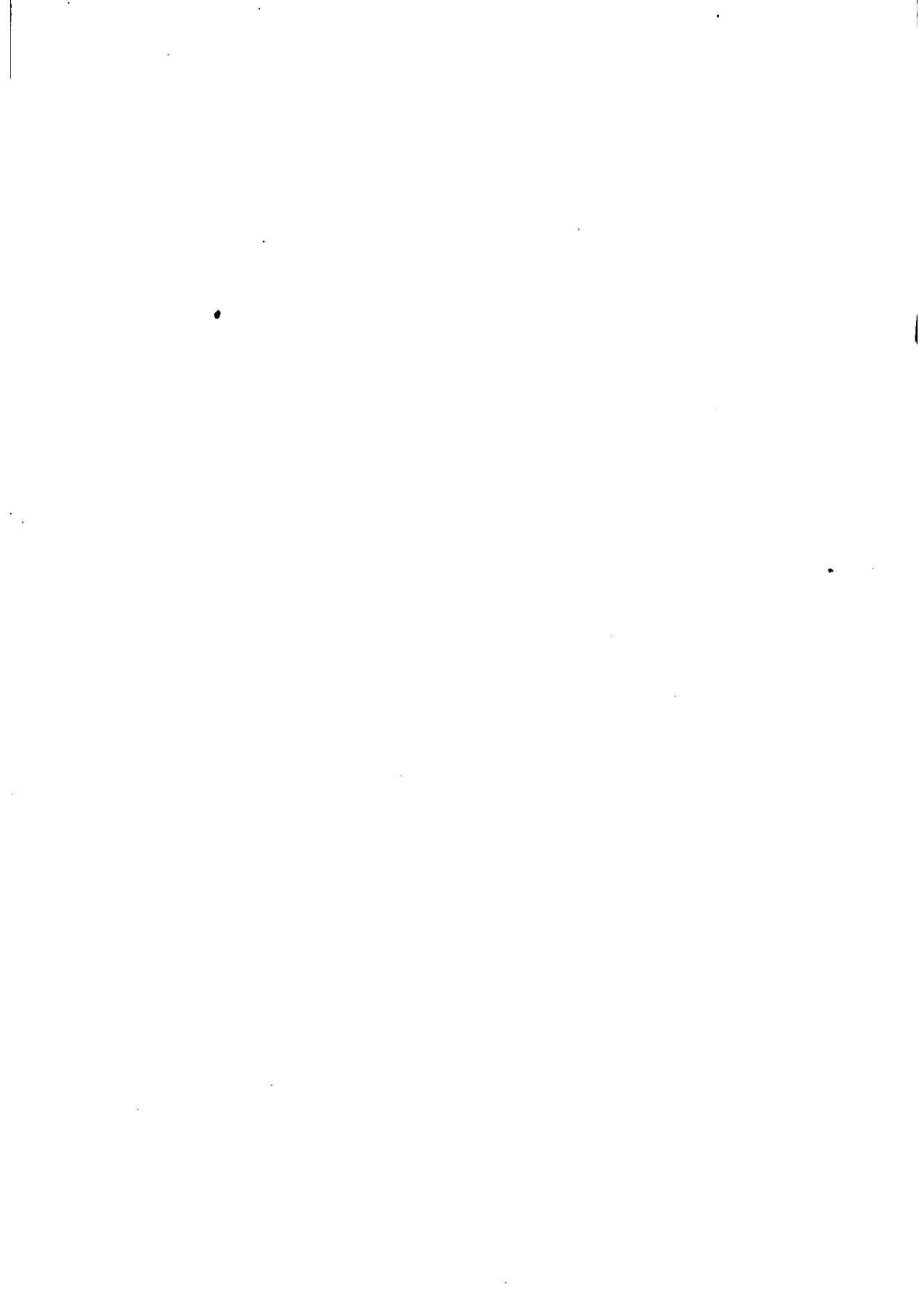


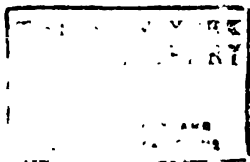
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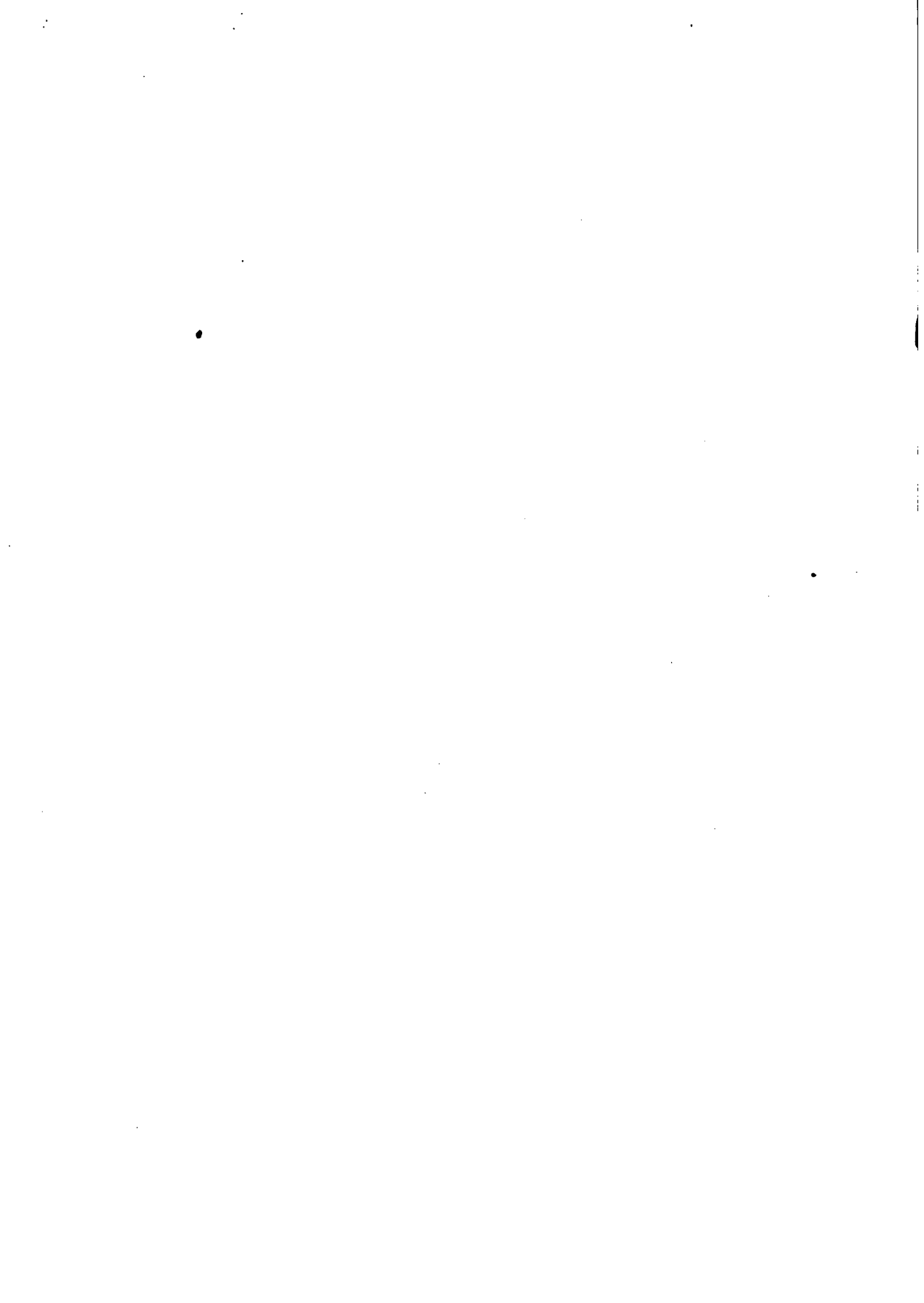








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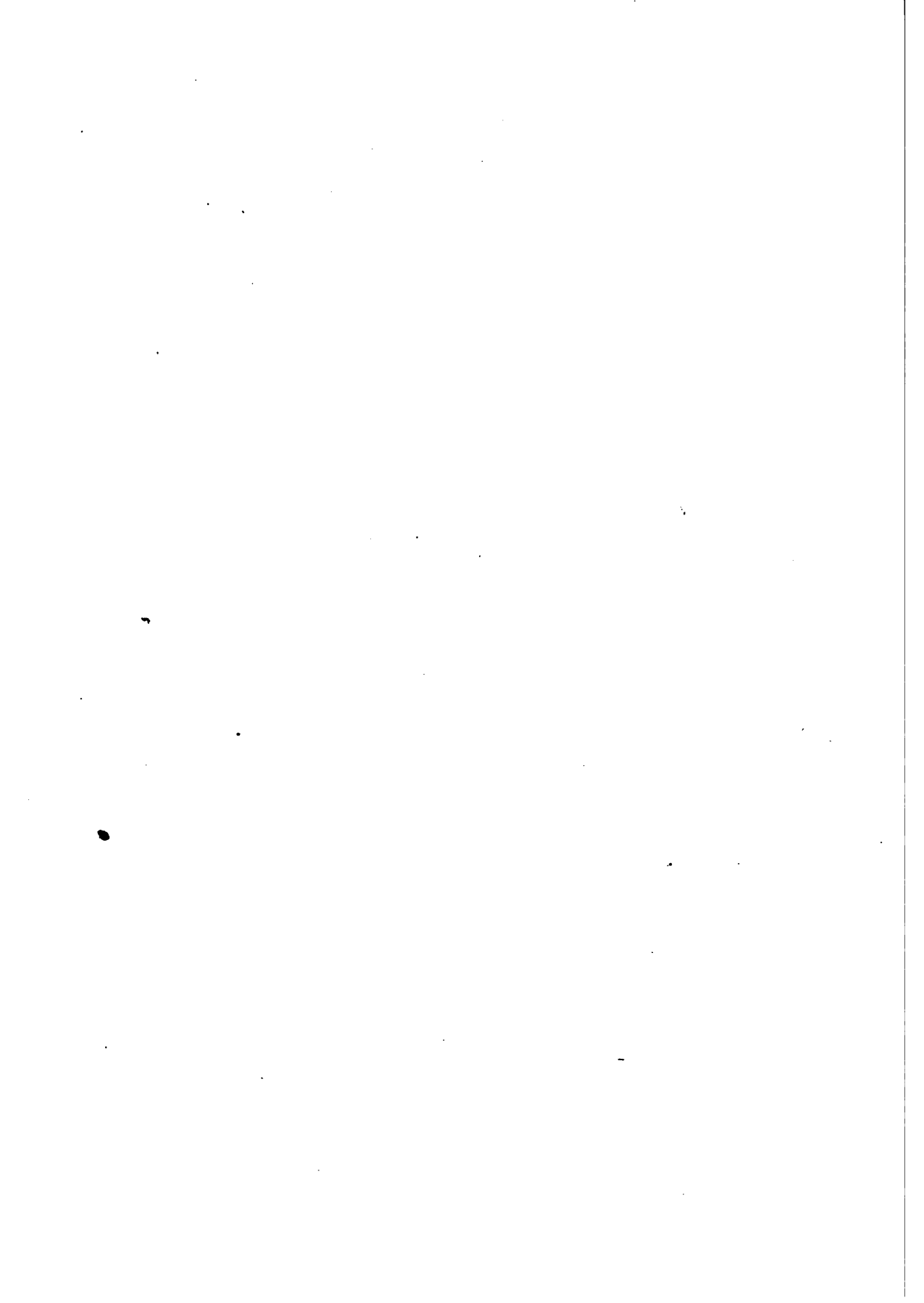
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P R E F A C E .

MUCH is expected of a Preface. Not that men read it; but from the shallowest dip into it they count on learning in a moment all about the book that follows.

To meet this view is always hard; but in the present writing worse than hard. For who can epitomize a crowd of epitomes? And of such a crowd this book consists. It is a descriptive Catalogue of the Records, etc., down to 1800, belonging to the Mayor and Corporation of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis; and it has been brought within as narrow a compass as its title well allows. One can hardly outline so slight a view.

With great difficulty all the separate documents, and with them, a choice of entries in the great Minute Books, have been classified. Each class has been calendered, with short descriptions, extracts, and notes. The interest of the whole will be hereby increased, most likely.

Class i. can hardly fail to catch the attention, as it gives some idea of the Borough Charters and kindred documents, with a translation of the oldest one remaining. It also mentions the Seals and Maces.

Class ii. contains all papers and extracts bearing specially on the bitter strife between Weymouth and Melcombe. Perhaps many readers will be surprised at the fierceness and persistence of this. Of course it was wrong. But the Weymouth resolution in resisting the union of the Boroughs, and ignoring it when effected—or attempted—was not wholly bad. A young Brooke or Ledoze was not, one may think, unlikely to ship in the *Revenge*.

Class iii., of Law Minutes, affords some curious reading and some quaint Latin. Indeed Migne's Ducange fails to give some of the words at all.

Class iv., general Borough Business, comprises a mass of papers and extracts which do not range themselves under the divisions before or after it. A number of Dorset names—of People and Places—in Borough and County—appear here, as indeed in other Classes also. Separate Indices of these are given.

Class v., Finance, is made up, of course, of all that specially speaks of paying or receiving money. There are several accounts of Mayors and Town Clerks which are full of curious items.

Class vi., speaking of Harbour, Shipping and Commerce, has no little interest, marred by great disappointment. There is absolutely not a word extant in this Class about the Armada year! In 1587 there were many letters of various people, from Lord C. Howard downwards; in 1588 not one appears.

Class vii. gives a notice of what papers and passages there are about the Church and Church affairs.

Lastly there is an Appendix, noticing a collection of Miscellaneous Parchments and Papers the existence, or at least interest, of which was not known till very lately. References will be found to notes on some of the chief of these documents.

If the long-suffering reader plods to any distance through the Catalogue thus noticed, he will perhaps demonstrate to his own conviction two propositions which we are often expected to accept as axioms. The histories written without digging facts out of the deep mines of ancient record chests are no good; and, secondly, nothing (except figures) is nevertheless so misleading as facts. To read the writings of some people we should think that a just abhorrence of drunkenness was, as regards England, an invention of the glorious nineteenth century. Those who accept this idea will be a little startled to find that, absolutely, the punishment for that crime was the same in King James the First's time as now. And, relatively to the then value of money, five shillings was the price of half a hogshead of strong beer. And the fine was often inflicted too.

Men are "presented" for "beareing of burthens on the Saboath Day," and a Constable for signalizing a Fast Day by getting so tipsy that "hee could nether goe nor stand." It is only needful to say that these two

delinquencies happened at a few years' interval in the seventeenth century, and the historian asks no more. They date themselves. In one we see proof of that energetic resolve to make all, if not religious, at least decorous, by Act of Parliament. The other is a fair sample of the frightful result of the loosening of the pressure when the nation went mad in the hey-day of the Restoration. And a fine breeze of rhetoric would bear the historian along as he enlarged on these two points. But his sails would shake a little when he found out that the tipsiness was in 1647, with the town in the hands of the Puritans, and the presentments for Sunday work in 1660. He has preached rightly, but on a wrong text.

We sketchers are addicted to abusing the dreary colour of slates as a modern innovation in this part of the kingdom. But it is rather a surprise to find slates in use in the Borough—notably on Melcombe Chapel—200 years ago and more.

To speak of mechanical things, there is a remarkable mention of a Dutch loom, "working with a wheale," wherewith one man could weave twelve times as much "Inkell" as with a hand loom. This was in 1624.

The Government of Queen Elizabeth was strong. Doubtless Simancas and many another foreign Record-house bear witness to the weighty wisdom of Burleigh and the acuteness of Walsingham. But these sages and all my other Lords of the Council were nowhere with Brooke the baker and Dotherell the mercer. Quell the Weymouth spirit the Government could not. My Lords were fairly worn out. Indeed—another caution against rash generalizing from few facts—if the Weymouth Records were the only fountainhead of knowledge of Her Grace's reign, we should set it down as a culpably weak one.

The perils by sea from Flushing on the one side and Sallee on the other were inconceivable. But it is puzzling to find land travelling so safe as it seemingly was of old. It is almost within the memory of man that when any daring adventurer in Stoke Newington resolved to go to London, he sent round the crier to give notice and muster comrades for mutual protection. Yet three hundred years ago Master Town Clerk Keate seems to have thought nothing of riding up to Town, all alone, term after term, to "sollicit the Towne's busynes." And he took such a substantial sum of money

with him in cash that it wore out his pocket during the four days' trot. Yet no robbery, or danger of robbery, is recorded.

It is curious that 1588, as before said, furnishes here nothing of shipping affairs. But that subject is not otherwise barren. The Mayflower has been here—the Revenge has been here. The Mayflower—the Revenge—is there any reader who does not “rouse him” at these names? Then should he read in Neale how Puritans migrated in the first; and in Hakluyt, or where not, how Sir R. Grenville, the sea Leonidas, with the Revenge, the little Revenge alone, fought the whole Spanish fleet for almost a day and a night.

Such are a few points—a few taken almost at hazard—which have been brought out in plodding through these Records. And what is the history of these Records? some will ask. The Charters, with a quantity of Feoffments, etc., and the three chief Minute Books, have been ever in the hands of the Mayor and Corporation. As to the mass of documents known as the Sherren Papers—well, the early part of this century was in antiquarian matters a dark time in many a place besides Weymouth. *De mortuis nil nisi bonum dicemus*; and good and true it is to rejoice in the rare discernment and spirit of the late Mr. Sherren in rescuing those papers.

The long labour of compiling this Catalogue has been lightened by the kindly courtesy of all and every one officially concerned, and helped forward by the very material aid of two well-known Weymouth Antiquaries, W. Bowles Barrett and T. B. Groves, Esqrs.

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Dorchester,
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ERRATA.

<p>P. 15. i. 38. Read at foot S. 241.</p> <p>" 15. Note 2. Mr. B. Maior could not be meant. See vii. 7.</p> <p>" 47. iii. 14. For ii. 28, etc., read ii. 36.</p> <p>" 55. iii. 39. " Unlawful acts " Unlawful nets.</p> <p>" 57. iii. 48. " maguo " magno.</p> <p>" 64. iii. 66. " 1820 " 1620.</p> <p>" 72. iii. 94. " iv. 1 " iii. 1.</p> <p>" 72. iii. 96. " eins " eius.</p>	<p>P. 74. iii. 103. Perhaps the Compiler libels the Town Clerk in holding him to mean "ignoscantur," to be rendered "are ignorant of."</p> <p>" 79. iii. 115. For itnera^l read itinera^l.</p> <p>" 91. N. R. " vi. 10^b " vi. 9^b.</p> <p>" 91. iv. 1. " iv. 37^b " iv. 38^b.</p> <p>" 91. " " vi. 10^a " vi. 9^a.</p> <p>" 152. Note 1. " iii. 110 " vi. 110.</p> <p>" 155. vi. 21. " ii. 51 " ii. 52.</p> <p>" 172. Note 3. " vi. 8 " vi. 80.</p>
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N.B. It should be noted that after Class i. was printed, the damage to the older Charters was admirably repaired under the superintendence of G. F. WARNER, Esq., M.A., of the MSS. Department, British Museum.

PRINCIPAL ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS CATALOGUE.

- W. = Weymouth.
- M. R. = Melcombe Regia.
- B. = Minute Book. See N.B. before iii. 35.
- C. = " " " iv. 41.
- D. = " " " iii. 144.
- S. = " Sherren Papers." See p. 222.
- M. = Miscellaneous Documents. See Appendix and iv. 1.

INTRODUCTION.



SOME sort of sketch of the History of Weymouth in old times seems to be called for, as an Introduction to this Volume. But a very slight sketch it must be—in barest outline.

It is not easy to know where to begin—whether in Roman or in Saxon times. On one hand in Warne and Smart's "Ancient Dorset," we find it laid down as a certainty that the Roman "via vicinalis," leaving the "via Iceniana" at Dorchester, led, not to Melcombe or Weymouth, but to Radipole. Also a branch from it went to ¹Jordan Hill. At both these spots the Romans had landing places, it is thought. Jordan Hill seems to have been the more important place of the two, judging from the extensive Cemetery, and considerable Temple and Villas, of which traces have been found at or near that spot. Mr. Warne and Dr. Smart believe this settlement to have been "Clavinio" of the Ravenna Itinerary. Roman remains, although of less consequence, have been found at Radipole. Here also the name "Cold Harbour" exists. This is held by Mr. Wright and other savants to imply the former existence of Roman habitations. All this is against any occupation of the site of the present Borough by the Romans. For they were hardly likely to have had three sea-stations, of even slight importance, connected with Dorchester. This probably holds good even if Clavinio was chiefly or wholly a health resort (rather than a port) as Warne thinks. And, further, it is a strong point against the very early existence of Weymouth or Melcombe that their original Parish Churches are at a distance, viz., at Wyke and Radipole respectively. On the other hand, while Melcombe seems destitute of any Roman remains, some have been found within the borough, on Weymouth side; especially a burying place, which is cut through by the Portland Railway. This implies, necessarily, some considerable Roman population thereabouts; and, probably, a quay or landing place of some sort on the South side of the present harbour. But at the best the question of the use of that harbour by the Romans can be answered merely by conjectures.

It is otherwise when we come down to Saxon times. King Athelstan granted to Milton Abbey ²the water within the shore at Weymouth and half the stream of that Waymouth out at sea. King Ethelred grants the harbour of Way to Atsere. Nothing points to a continued use of the upper Weymouth—the outlet of the Wey into the Backwater at Radipole.

¹ Dr. Smart thinks that possibly this strange name Jordan = Dwr-dun = Water-hill = the Hill by the Water, viz., Sutton brook.

² That is, probably, the Backwater and half the present Harbour.

And so onwards. ¹King Henry I., probably in 1110, grants to the Prior and Monks of St. Swythun, Winton, the ports of Waimuth and Melecum. ²The Prior, in 1252, describes the bounds of the Borough of Weymouth, and speaks of the Port. King Edward I., apparently a little oblivious of King Henry's Charter to Weymouth, grants half the Port to Melcombe. So that we are quite clear about the two towns—³for towns they were, as towns went then—existing as shipping stations for a goodly number of centuries.

⁴Silting up had doubtless stopped all convenient use of Radipole landing place, and nothing is heard of that at Jordan Hill settlement. ⁵The late Mr. Medhurst thought it possible that the haven there was within the precincts of Lodmoor, where he found piles which looked to him like the frontage of a wharf. This of course implies an opening in the beach; to keep which free would be hard, to say the least of it. So that in the troublous times after the Roman domination this haven, if it ever really existed, doubtless fell into destruction.

From the first settlement of men at the foot of the Nothe hill, and on the raised beach opposite, across the haven, down to the last few years of the eighteenth century, the history of that haven was the history of the Boroughs or Borough. This small and shallow, but safe harbour was during all that time the sole "*raison d'être*" of the town. And smallness and shallowness did not matter so much in old times, when a "ship" of fifty tons or less was thought large enough to go any voyage, and fight any foe. The trade of the port changed very greatly indeed. One proof of this remains in not a few records of the letting of the "Petty Customs;" which varied from £167, down to one peppercorn, per annum. Indeed at one time, in the fifteenth century, utter desertion of the town was feared, and again in the seventeenth. These changes were caused in various ways. "Our foes of France and Normandy" made incursions, landing on one occasion in 1377 when every one was at Mass at Radipole. Lyme probably was a formidable rival. Poole certainly was. This latter Borough actually procured an Act of Parliament, reducing Melcombe for a time from a Port to a "Creek," and erecting Poole into a Port. Yet in 1347 Weymouth was far ahead of both Poole and Lyme; for Hackluyt says that in that year she sent fifteen vessels to the siege of Calais, while the other two ports sent only four each. Another cause of variation of trade was that at different periods, but above all in the first half of the seventeenth century, pirates were an incredible hindrance to navigation. Lastly the Merchants of Dorchester did not always see their way to give Weymouth a monopoly of their commerce. On one occasion, at least, there is a loud complaint of these Merchants trading through Poole. Most of this comes out in some detail in Class vi. of the Catalogue.

¹ Ellis's "History of Weymouth," p. 8.

² Class i. 1 and 40.

³ Both of them sent two Burgesses to Parliament from King Edward II.'s reign.

⁴ Perhaps the Romans silted up their own harbour. Coote in his "Romans in Britain" seems to make it clear that their Colonists enormously increased the agriculture of the Island. Now increase of culture means increase of silting. The alluvium from a down or a heath is almost nothing compared to that from the same land when broken up.

⁵ This information, and not this only, is from Mr. Smith, East Street, Weymouth.

Judging by the Petition from Poole against Melcombe, above referred to, fortifications of some sort were a necessary feature of a port in mediæval times. And probably Weymouth was not wholly and altogether an exception to the rule, although in the fifteenth century it is spoken of as unfortified. It is, however, impossible to be sure of our ground about this question. On the site of Lower Bond Street there was the Town Ditch, or Coneygar Ditch ; opening, we may take it, into the Backwater. It was perhaps a tolerable defence against an enemy as far as it reached. There is mention of a road passing through "the bulwark" near the same locality. It is possible that this bulwark, whether earthwork or whatever it was, continued the defences from the East end of the ditch to the shore. Along the shore there was no defence of any continuous kind. For the Rev. James Marwell, about 1604, objects to a proposed Parsonage in East Street that, when the wind is "at sea," the house is beaten by every storm. Now this could not have been alleged if any kind of wall or vallum had intervened. On Weymouth side the town "walls" are mentioned ; meaning, we may think, earthworks. For under-tenants' cattle might not graze on "the walls." ¹On the whole the Boroughs seem to have been anything but a well "fenced city." But the harbour was perhaps protected, however imperfectly, by detached batteries ; for instance the Blockhouse in M. R., and a "platforme" on the Nothe, probably.

Of course this short notice does not refer to the forts constructed during the civil war. They were not a few, including Weymouth Chapel, desecrated to that use by both parties. At that time drawbridges are mentioned in a way that, even taken alone, points to the probable existence on Weymouth side of a vallum and foss, perhaps of older date.

It has been said that down to the latter part of the eighteenth century the harbour was all important to Weymouth. But from about 1780 a great change began. Up to that time the shore of the Bay was, forsooth, the "back of the town." In Queen Elizabeth's time it vexed the heart of "Master T. Howarde Esquire" by being given up to "mixons and annoyances." And it may be feared that the more or less noisome "back" it continued to be down to about the last quarter of the eighteenth century. How surprised the older burgesses must have been to see and hear this "back" changed to the "Front," on the discovery, so late, that the Bay was worth looking at, the sands a delight, the bathing good, and the spot salubrious when freed from "annoyances." Ralph Allen, Esq., was apparently the first to perceive these advantages of the place. The Duke of Gloucester built the house called after him. He liked the place and praised it to His Majesty. As early as 1785 the "walk called the Esplanade" is mentioned. But 1789 was the year when the expansion of the small clustering harbour-town into the long frontage of the watering place was thoroughly assured. Then it was that, on June 15, the Mayor and Council "had reason to expect the King"—that, on June 30, the King arrived—that, on July 1 they presented a very good Address at the "house of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester." From that time the "Front" rapidly stretched out its line of houses round the lovely curve of the Bay. Leases of Land for Building were frequent.

¹ Nevertheless King James I. in his Charter of 1616, speaks of Weymouth and Melcombe as "ancient and populous, and of great strength and force to withstand the enemies." But this may be merely rhetoric. Still in ii. 66 the W. people assert, and the M. R. people do not deny, that W. "always hath byne fortified."

William of Taunton, Prior of St. Swythun's, perambulated the bounds of his Borough of "Waymue" in 1252. When he and Sir Oliver, his Seneschal, turned round on the hill near "fontem Tunne vocat^l," what a different view they looked at from that which we now see from Rodwell. A few houses close to the Ferry, perhaps growing into a short street or two, were all they saw of man's making on Melcombe side. And, beyond, there was a high, bare shingle beach, first backed by a rabbit warren; then running as a mere grey and yellow thread between the sea and the Backwater; then again backed by Melcombe Common unevenly divided by the rough horse-track of "Darchester Way." What a change now!

A very strange feature in the History of the Borough is the long hostility between Weymouth and Melcombe. Class ii. of the Catalogue is devoted to details of this subject, and it is touched on in the Preface. It may however be said here that Weymouth if not wise, was perhaps not beyond her chartered rights in the contest. As above-said, King Henry I. granted the whole harbour to Weymouth; and Melcombe had only a Charter of King Edward I. to show the origin of her claim to half that harbour. So it is no wonder that Weymouth felt aggrieved. Then as regards her long resistance to the authority of the Borough as united in 1571, some little light may be thrown on it, in the nature of excuse. There was a group of Royal Manors under one High Steward. Weymouth was one of these, and Wareham another. There is a ¹Minute Book of the Courts of these various Manors. Now this book contains a record of an Order by the Manor Court of Wareham to the Mayor thereof, forsooth. If in a primæval Borough like Wareham the Manorial authority thus over-rode the Municipal, *à fortiori* the Manor Bailiffs in the new Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis would not be inclined to think great things of the new Mayor in their ancient Manor of "Waymouth side." But, wrongly, or in part rightly, the Weymouth people stood to their guns in a surprising manner, not only before but after the Union of the Boroughs, as has been briefly sketched out in the Preface. "Murder was like to ensue." The Mayor "assayed no government" on Weymouth side. A leading Melcombe Burgess dared not show himself there. For twenty years after the Union the Weymouth Manor-bailiffs sold town land quite without leave of Mayor and Corporation. Feoffments of theirs, duly signed and sealed, testify to this to this day. This contest is a very strange episode in the history of the towns; which towns, by the bye, twice at least tried to make a treaty. A very curious parchment, perhaps unique, has just come to light. It is, not a treaty, but articles for a treaty, between the Mayor and Burgesses of Melcombe, of the one part, and the Bailiffs and Burgesses of Weymouth, of the other part, as is more fully described in Class ii. 11^a of the Catalogue. This was just before the Union of the Boroughs, and there is a Record of another attempt at peace after that so-called Union. The hostility seems to have died out gradually at, or soon after, the end of the sixteenth century.

Very diffidently we touch on the religious history of Weymouth. The recorded facts are few, and many therefore are the dangers of confident argument from them. Again, the absence of records about religion during long spaces of time must not be taken to mean absence of religion then. "Painful preachers" lived here, and laboured, and died, without note or comment in extant contemporary municipal minutes. "But their works do follow them," or some of them. Among

¹ See iii. 15.

the Borough Charters has lain, lost and forgotten by some accident, a little Parchment Certificate of 1583. The Mayor testifies to the merits of a Minister, the Rev. R. Openshuwe. We cannot but think him to have been a godly man, and surrounded by enough godliness in others to cause him to have been valued. Again, twenty years later, the papers connected with the transfer of the Rectory from Radipole give us the impression of a prevailing desire for religious teaching. Some of the Burgesses complain that the then Rector's "insufficiencie" makes him unwilling or unable, or both, to officiate gratuitously in Melcombe as his predecessors did. The elders of the party testify to this their diligence, the first Rector mentioned being the last Prior of the Friary. Owing to the lack of voluntary preaching by the Rector the Burgesses had paid a sort of Borough Chaplain, but could no longer afford this. And they had otherwise shown by deed, as well as word, their wish for religious services. "At almost not undergoeable charges" they had built, or rather rebuilt, St. Mary's Chapel, "able to receive the whole pische," and then made the Parish Church.

During the Puritan times the prevalence of the profession and, we may hope, of the reality of religion, combined with the mutual interference of Church, State, Army, and Municipality, causes frequent entries about Ministers in the Minute Books. Three Ministers named Buckler, Ince, and Thorne, in particular, occupy no small space in those books. In after times, as years passed, it is feared that here, as elsewhere, the old zeal for the most part waxed cold. In Class vii. will be found some indications of the deathlike sleep of the Church, the awakening from which we elders can in part remember. And, as the Church slumbered, the Nonconformists were up and doing. The Quakers, for instance, seem to have been numerous and active here, although now their graveyard alone remains to testify that they existed in the Borough.

Such is the slight, faint outline of the story of old Weymouth. With modern Weymouth our task has not to do. Changing fashion—greater charms of inland scenery elsewhere—her distance from London—these and the like of these antagonisms she has to contend against. Yet she enlarges her borders still—her Bay and her neighbouring coast are matchless still. *Floruit, Floret, Floreatque semper!*

¹ This confirms what we gather from other sources, viz., that then, and long after, a Parish Church could, and did, accommodate all the Parishioners. Who does not know Pepys' immortal tale of his digging up his hidden money when every parishioner, but himself (the reprobate) and his helpers, was in Church?

CLASS I. 'CHARTERS, ETC.

This Class consists of, firstly, Charters and similar original documents, issued by the Sovereign, with few exceptions, i. 1—22; secondly, Documents and extracts relating to the same, i. 23—39; and, thirdly, a Translation of i. 1, given because this is the earliest Charter remaining in the possession of the Corporation.

A Parchment, only thirteen inches by seventeen inches. It is a complete wreck; but the writing that remains is as legible as ever. The seal is lost. The black silk seal-cord remains. This most interesting document is printed in Hutchins' History of Dorset. It relates to Weymouth only, granting immunities similar to those of Southampton and Portsmouth, and describing the boundaries of the Borough.

I. 1. Charter.
A. D. 1252.
Latin. W.

It is granted by W. of Taunton, Prior of the Church of St. Swythun at Winchester, and the Convent of the same. It is witnessed (among others) by Roger Abbot of Abbotsbury and Sir Elias of Cumb[e] then Rector of the Church of Wyk[e]. Given at St. Swythun's, in July, St. Kenelm's Day, in the year of Grace the thousandth, two hundredth and fiftieth second. (See Translation, i. 40.)

W. of Taunton,
Prior of St.
Swythun's.
Abbot of
Abbotsbury.

This again is a small parchment, about seventeen inches by fifteen inches. It is a good deal damaged, but not many words are actually lost. The seal of green wax is in fair preservation, the figure of the king on each side being uninjured. The seal-cord is green and white silk. (See next article.)

I. 2. Charter of
Inspeximus.
2 Ed. II, 1318.
Latin. M.R.
Great Seal.

Parchment about nineteen inches square. Seal remaining, but damaged greatly, the head of the king being destroyed on both sides. Like the seal of No. 2 it is of green wax, and its cord of green and white. This Charter quotes and confirms No. 2, as No 2 quotes one of King Edward I.; now lost. A few words of No. 3 may be given as an example of the style:—

I. 3. Charter of
Inspeximus &
Confirmation
of preceding
Charter.
2 Ed. III, 1328.
Latin. M.R.

¹ At the end of this Class (i. 41, 2, 3) is a notice of two documents connected with the Borough Arms, and of the Seals and the Maces.

² The cord seems to be made, partly at least, of slips of woven silk, of excellent texture. St. Swythun's was a Monastery of the Benedictine Order, the habit of which was black.

³ July 17. Kenelm Rex et Martyr.

King Ed. I.'s
Charter
confirmed.

"Edwardus Dei Gratiâ Rex Angliæ . . . Archiepiscopis . . . Comitibus . . . Prepositis . . . et Fidelibus suis Salutem. Inspeximus cartam confirmacois celebris memorie dñi Regis Angl p̄tris nor in hec verba. Inspeximus cartam quam celebris memorie dñs E. pat nr̄ fecit burgensibus de Melcumba in hec verba."

(Edward by God's grace King of England . . . to the Archbishops . . . Earls . . . Sub-bailiffs and to his liege men, Health. We have inspected the Charter of Confirmation of the Lord King of England of famous memory our father, in these words. We have inspected the Charter which Lord E. of famous memory our father made to the Burgesses of Melcombe in these words.) It ends thus, "Datum per manum nostram apud Nov. Sar." (Given by our hand at New Sarum.)

Sarum.

I. 4. Charter of
Inspeximus &
Confirmation.
2 Ed. III, 1328.
Latin. M.R.

This is a second copy of No. 3. It is on a slightly larger parchment. The writing is not so good. The seal is gone, all but one fragment, which is just enough to show that it was different from that of No. 3. It shows a lion passant gardant, and the whole seal was apparently quarterly, and if so doubtless of England and France. The cord is unplaited. It has been very ornamental, each strand being formed of a plait of bright green and pinkish threads, which last may have been lilac.

Seal-cord.

I. 5. Exem-
plification of an
Inquisition.
41 Ed. III, 1367.
Latin. W.

This is a parchment about eighteen inches square, in pretty good condition. The writing is perfect except in the folds of the parchment. The seal is gone; the parchment seal-slip remains.

Wyke,
Portland,
Hellewell.

It refers to an ²Inquisition, 8 Edw. I., at "Shirbourne" showing that the Earl of Gloucester claimed certain rights in "Wyk, Portlond, Waymuth and Hellewell."

I. 5a. Letter.
Feb. 8, 1435 (6).
Latin. W.

The Prior of St.
Swythun in
favour of W.
Tronagium.

This is a Letter from W. Dulton, Prior of the Cathedral Church of St. Swythun, Winchester, reciting a short Charter granted by King H. VI., in the third year of his reign, to his "carissimo consanguineo" (dearest kinsman) Henry [Beaufort] Bishop of Winchester and to the Prior and Convent of St. Swythun, and confirming former Royal Charters which exempted them and their vassals from no less than fifteen different duties or taxes; the last being "tronagium," except such as is paid at places where wool is weighed before being exported. This Letter is addressed to all Mayors, Bailiffs, Feoffees of Ports and Ferries [specially,

¹ The Charter here quoted is No. 2. The Charter quoted in No. 2 is one of King Edward I.; now lost.

² See i. 25.

³ Tronagium "is a kind of tolle taken (as it seemeth) for weighing . . . Trona is a beame to weigh with." Cowell, s.v. Tronage.

we may take it, to the Mayor of Melcombe] in the interests of the Town of Weymouth, being a fee of the said Church.

Written at Winchester. On a slip out from the parchment itself is the imperfect seal of the Convent. A figure, doubtless of St. Swythun, is standing under a rich mediæval canopy. Below is a shield bearing two keys and a sword in saltire. The seal is pointed oval.

Seal.

M. i. 1.

This Parchment is a very curious one. The King addresses all Bailiffs and his Liegemen, and informs them that "ob reverentiam dei & caritatis intuitu . . . perdonauimꝯ Thome Frye de Warham . . . p̄ omimodis pdicoibꝯ murdris . . . feloniis, conspiracoibꝯ . . . p̄ ipm̄ ante octauū diem Decem̄br ultimo βtiꝯum . . . p̄petratis murdris p̄ ipm̄ post decimū non diem Novem̄br . . . p̄petratis si que fuint exceptis." (by reason of inward reverence of God and of charity we have pardoned T. Frye of Wareham for all kinds of treacheries, murders, felonies, conspiracies by him before Dec. 8 perpetrated, murders by him after Nov. 19 perpetrated, if there should be any, excepted.) In addition to this list of misdeeds, amounting to sixteen in all, many more follow. E.g. he seems to have been "monete...tonsor" (a clipper of coin); to have been guilty of "transgressionēs de viridi vel venacoē" (transgressions concerning ¹vert or venison); and of "vendicoem̄ boscorꝯ infra forestas & ext." (the selling of bushes, or firewood, within and without forests.) But all appears to be forgiven. ²Given at Westminster. Seal gone.

I. 5b. Pardon.
April 21, 1488 ?
Latin.Numerous
crimes.

M. i. 2.

This is a very small parchment, seventeen inches by seven inches. A fragment of the whitish seal remains on a parchment slip. The writing is beautiful and well preserved.

I. 6. Charter.
5 Henry VII,
1489,
Latin. M.R.

The Charter sets forth that "in Parlamento Henrici sexti nūp Regis Anglie . . . burgenses ville sue de Melcombe Regis . . . monstraverunt suam magnam paupertatem et unportabilia onera tam antique feode summe octo marcar p̄ annu qđ decimār & quintār decimār . . . que ad novem libras et quindecim solidos . . . attigissent" (in a Parliament of Henry VI. late King of England . . . the burgesses of his town of Melcombe Regis . . . showed their great poverty and intolerable burdens both of the ancient feu of eight marks a year, as of the tenths and fifteenths . . . which had amounted to nine pounds, fifteen shillings.) Thereupon the Bishop of Bath and others were commissioned "ad villam...ac destructoēs et defecus eiusdem supervidēd" (to inspect the town and its destruction and defects.) Having done so they propose

Poverty of
Melcombe.

¹ Vert and Venison seem to mean the vegetable and animal products of a forest.

² This Pardon was given by one of the Kings Henry, not specified, in the third year of his reign. Judging by the writing the date may very possibly be 3 H. VI., 1425.

that instead of eight marks, and nine pounds fifteen shillings, as above, only twenty shillings, and thirteen shillings and fourpence should be paid."

I. 7. Charter of
Inspeximus.
4 Henry VIII,
1512,
Latin. M.R.

This is on a larger skin of parchment than any of the preceding documents, being twenty-six and a half inches by seventeen inches.

Seal-cord.

From the wide margin at the head and the sides, and the spaces left for initials, a good deal of ornament would seem to have been intended. But it was never carried out. The seal is gone. The seal-cord has been very handsome, being green and white, with gold tinsel intertwined. The parchment is in very fair order; the writing good and well preserved. The note of the fee, or cost of extracting, may be worth notice, "p dimid marc solut in hanapio." (For half a mark paid in the Hanaper Office.) The signature at the foot is Prees. This is no doubt the same as Price, or rather it is a more correct spelling than the latter. It may be that he was a Welshman attracted to London by hope of employment under the race of Ap Tudor.

Fee.

Melcombe
ravaged by the
French.

The Charter quotes the preceding one, and then says that the Burgesses had informed him that (28 Hen. VII.) "pretextu cujusdam actus resumpciois" (under the pretext of a certain act of resumption, passed in that year) the concessions granted in that former Charter were threatened with change. Therefore "consideratoē q̄ villa pdca p̄ adversarios nros ffrancie et Normannie iam dudum fuit spoliata in . . . burgens . . . depaupacoem & adnichilacoem manifestam," (through the consideration that the aforesaid town has long ago been spoiled by our enemies of France and Normandy to the impoverishment and manifest annihilation of the Burgesses,) and that it is likely "tanquam desolatam relinqui . . . nisi ad hoc cicius manus nras porrexim̄ adiutrices," (to be left as desolate unless we the more speedily shall stretch out our helping hands to this matter,) the King confirms his father's limitation of the payments to the Crown.

I. 8. Charter of
Award.
11 Eliz., 1568,
Latin. W.

A small Parchment, sixteen inches by twelve inches. The word "Elizabeth" is somewhat handsomely written. About a quarter of the seal remains, on a broad parchment slip.

This document gives orders touching the status of Waymouth, grounded on an inspection "cuiusdam Recordi de pl̄tis de ¹Quo Warranto." (Of a certain Record of pleas of Quo Warranto.)

Wyke,
Portland,
Helle Well.

Mention is again made of Wyke, Portlond, and Helle Well.

¹ Quo Warranto is a writ that lyeth against him which usurpeth any Frawncie or liberty against the King, as to have wayfe, stray, faire, market, court Baron or such like, without good title. Cowell's "Interpreter," 1637, sub voce.

A Parchment, twenty-four inches by nineteen inches, not in good preservation, but for the most part legible. Both seal and cord are gone. The words "Elizabeth" and "Omnibus" are elaborately written.

This Charter or Order is founded on matters brought before the Queen by Francis Spelman, relating to the disputes between Weymouth and Melcombe Regia. It orders the union of the Boroughs and names the first Aldermen, J. Burley, T. Samways, and others, in accordance with the Act of Parliament to that intent.

It begins and ends in Latin, but most of it is in English. This Charter was usually described as "the Act of Union."

A Parchment about twenty-eight inches by twenty inches. It has been a handsome document. The words "Elizabeth" and "Universis" are elaborately flourished, and the "E" is also slightly ornamented with flower drawing. The writing is good, but damaged in parts. The seal, of light brownish wax, is much damaged; but one side still shows the Queen enthroned. The seal is protected by a red silk bag, apparently of the same date as the Charter; and is not on a cord, or separate slip of parchment, but on a broad strip of the Charter itself, cut across the foot as far as the middle.

This document relates to Weymouth only. It quotes a grant by King Henry VI. in the 31st year of his reign (1452—3) to Queen Margaret, of divers castles, lordships, manors, etc., and that in these possessions no Justiciary, Viscount, Admiral, etc., should have authority. This immunity it confirms as to the manors "de Porland alias Portland, Waymouthe, Wyke et Helwell."

A small Parchment, twenty-two inches by eight inches. The writing and flourishing are like those of the last three documents; being all signed "Fausshawe." The writing is faded and rubbed, the date "anno regni nrō vicesimo," being particularly dim. The seal, of very dark brown wax, and from the same seal as No. 13, is in far better preservation. It is almost entire, although partly defaced.

This is an order setting forth, that owing to the constant disputes about collecting the petty customs, the Lord Treasurer will appoint some one to collect "all the profittes of the haven," apparently for the Crown.

This is a large document, filling two skins of parchment, about twenty-six inches by twenty-one inches each. The seal, which seems originally to have been dark green, but is now dull brown, is much broken and defaced, but enough remains to show that it is different from that of No. 10. It is on a parchment slip. The word "Elizabeth" is rather ornamentally written. The rest of the Charter is in a good bold hand, but in parts much faded and worn. The Preamble and Close are in Latin, the rest is English.

I. 9. Charter of Inspeximus, or Order.

13 Eliz., 1571.
Latin & English.
W. & M. R.

Spelman.
Union of the
Boroughs.
Burley.
Samways.

I. 10. Charter or Order of Confirmation.

17 Eliz., 1575.
Latin. W.

Great Seal.

Portland, Weymouth, Wyke, Helwell.

I. 11. Order.
20 Eliz., 1578.
English.

Latin Preamble and Close.
W. & M. R.

Great Seal.

Collector of Dues.

I. 12. Charter of Inspeximus, or Brief.

22 Eliz., 1580.
Latin & English.
W. & M. R.

- Disputes.** This Charter quotes an "Englishe bill . . . exhibited into" Court by the Mayor, etc., of Melcombe Regis against the Bailiffs, etc., of Weymouth on Sept. 23rd, 1580 (?), and proceeds at great length to insist on the complete union of the Boroughs, so that the Weymouth community cannot act in any respect independently of the Mayor of the united Borough; as appears to have been attempted.
- I. 13. Order.** A Parchment in fair preservation, and about twenty-nine inches by eighteen inches. The word "Elizabeth" is again written in a large, ornamental style. The rest of the writing is good, but faded in parts. The seal, of dark brown wax, is very much broken. It can be identified, however, as like that of No. 12. It is on a broad parchment slip.
- 24 Eliz., 1582.**
Latin & English.
W. & M. R.
- Randall.** This Order seems to have been called forth by the action of Bailiffs Randall and Brooke of Weymouth, in collecting petty customs independently of the Mayor of the united Borough. It is laid down that the Mayor is to be the central authority for the whole, as "elected by the more voices of the sayd newe entyre corporacion."
- Brooke.**
- Disputes.** Only the Preamble and Close are in Latin.
- I. 14. Order.** A Parchment twenty-six inches by fifteen inches. The writing is like that of the last two documents, but the ornamental work extends to the three first words. The seal, of dark brown wax, is much damaged, but less so than that of No. 13, which it resembles. It is on a broad parchment slip.
- 25 Eliz., 1582.**
English,
Latin Preamble
and Close.
W. & M. R.
- Burghley.** This is an Order giving effect to a decision by Lord Burghley, Sir W. Mildmay, and Sir Roger Manwood that, as there is a Court Leet in Weymouth, the Weymouth people need not attend Law Days in Melcombe side; but that they must attend there to elect both Mayor and Bailiffs of the united Borough. Further, that two collectors of petty customs shall be appointed, the one a Weymouth man, the other living in Melcombe Regis.
- Mildmay.**
- Manwood.**
- Disputes.**
- Collector.**
- I. 15. Letter Patent.** This is a Parchment, only fourteen inches by seven inches. It is in good preservation, but both seal and slip are gone. The writing is bold, with some ornament.
- 28 Eliz., 1586.**
Latin. M.R.
- Domesday**
quoted. This little document is most interesting. Her Majesty says, "Inspeximus quemdam librum vulgariter nuncupatum 'Domesdei.'" (We have inspected a certain book commonly called Domesday.) Then follows an extract, evidently in fac-simile; "Dorsete. Terra Regis. Rex ten Melcome, &c." (Dorset. The King's land. The King holds Melcombe, etc.) Therefore these present letters patent are sent to J. Mockett, Mayor of Weymouth and Melcombe, and to J. Mounsell and T. Martyn, inhabitants, to question their municipal rights. Witnessed by W. Lord "Bourghleigh." "Bourghleigh." This document relates only to Melcombe Regis.
- Mockett.**
- Mounsell.**
- Martyn.**

¹ See iii. 5.

This is a Parchment, about twenty-four inches by twenty inches. The beginning has some ornamental flourishing. The writing is good and well preserved, except where hurt by damp. About half the seal, of light brownish wax, remains; but unfortunately it is the upper part of each side that is gone. It differs from the foregoing seals apparently, the reverse showing the Queen on horseback. The seal is on a broad parchment slip, round which the parchment is somewhat torn.

I. 16. Letter—
Patent of
Inspeximus.
28 Eliz., 1586.
Latin.
W. & M. R.

The Queen says “inspeximus” the report of a Commission, also of two Inquisitions appointed to enquire about the claims of Weymouth to the whole harbour and both banks. Her Majesty issues “has nras lrās patentes . . . ad exemplificand . . . tenores . . . commissionis et separalm̄ inquisitionum . . . et . . . Ric̄i Pytt nunc maioris de Weymouth et Melcumb.” (This our letter patent to recite the tenor of the Commission and of the several Inquisitions and of that of Richard Pytt now Mayor of Weymouth and Melcombe.)

Pytt.

The spirit of these Reports seems to be that “ex quā causā hoies . . . de Weymouth naves . . . quo minus in ¹medietate aque . . . versus boriā ad . . . Melcombe . . . applicare potuerunt impediuerunt . . . ignorant,” (from what cause the men of Weymouth have hindered ships from coming to land in the half of the water towards the north at Melcombe Regis, they know not.)

Disputes.

M. Harbour
rights.

One of the Inquisitions speaks of Weymouth as having belonged to Lionel, Duke of Clarence.

This document is endorsed, “An Exemplification at the request (?) of . . . nowe maior of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis.”

Her Majesty commissions T. Howard, G. Trenchard, T. Chafyn, Rob. Freake, T. Hannam & Ric. Swayne, Esqrs., to take affidavits and to inspect Rolls of Court, Rentals, Letters Patent, etc., in order to find out what houses, lands, wastes, etc., in W. belong to the Crown. Witness W. Baron of Burghley. By warrant of the Ld. Treasurer and by the Barons of the Exchequer. On a parchment slip is a very fair impression, in dark brown wax, of the Seal of the Exchequer, four inches across, showing the Queen enthroned; Legend, her title; reverse, a fancy shield bearing, quarterly, France and England; surmounted by a Crown; Supporters, two Harts, rampant; Legend, imperfect; but “Sigillum Scacarii” is plain enough. M. i. 8.

I. 16a.
Commission.
Feb. 23, 1588.
Latin. W.
County
Surnames.
Enquiry as to
Crown Property
in W.
Exchequer Seal.

Copy “ex Bundello Escaet” (from the Bundle of Escheats) of 24 E. i. A Jury meeting at W. on the Wednesday after St. Hilary’s Day, 24 E. i. find that Gilbert de Clare E. of Gloucester, etc., was seized of his lordship and fee and that he received yearly from W. “de redditu assise” (from rent of assize) £14, and that Pleas and “²perquisit Cur” (profits of Court) with dues for mooring vessels (“applicatio navium”) altogether were worth 40s. Total £16 per ann. M. V. 1. 3.

I. 16b.
Inquisition.
1592.
Latin. W.

¹ “Medietate.” Medietas = milien, but also in certain senses = dimidium. Ducange.

² Perquisitum “be those profits that grow unto the Lord of a Manor by vertue of his Court Baron. Cowell. s.v.

I. 17. Letter
Patent by Writ
of Privy Seal.
40 Eliz., 1598.
Latin.

W. & M. R.

Drawing of Q.
Elizabeth.

Ornament.

Bridge.

This is a Parchment about thirty-seven inches by twenty-five inches. It is much disfigured and injured by damp. There is a large hole close to the initial, and several smaller ones elsewhere. Nevertheless this is still a handsome document.

The heading is most elaborate. The initial "E" is eight inches high, and contains a drawing of the Queen enthroned; a work of great interest, although not of the slightest artistic merit. The Queen's title extends right along the first line in very bold characters, the capitals three inches, the small letters one-and-a-half inches in height. The capitals are surrounded by foliage ornament. The margin above is filled by a band of ornament three inches in breadth, blending with the foliage of the capitals. This band displays, in the dexter half, the arms of England and France quartered, surrounded by the Garter and surmounted by the Crown. As supporters, but at some little distance, are a lion and dragon rampant, each holding a pennon bearing gules a Greek cross argent. The sinister half of the band displays the fleur de lys, harp surmounted by a Crown, and portcullis also crowned. The intervals dividing all these objects are filled with foliage and flowers, by no means without beauty of a stiff, archaic sort. All the ornaments, of every kind, are faintly shaded with bistre or some other dim brown colour. The seal is gone. Part of the cord, of faded buff silk, remains.

¹The Queen, considering the outlay by the inhabitants on the bridge of late newly-erected over the harbour ("nuper de novo erectum") and the cost of keeping up both bridge and harbour, remits all revenue from crown rents, customs, and fisheries for a yearly sum of £16 8s. 3d.

I. 18. Letter
Patent.
14 Jas. I, 1616.
Latin.

W. & M. R.

Drawing of
K. Jas. I.

Ornament.

This is a Parchment document about thirty-two inches by twenty-five inches, over all. It consists of three skins of about the size given above, and one much smaller. Unfortunately it is much damaged, especially the first skin. The heading has suffered more than any part. The initial "J," ten inches in extreme height, is, however, perfect, and very interesting. It contains a drawing of the King, the head not by any means ill done, in very few and firm lines. The lower part of the drawing is very bad, especially the hands. The head-gear is remarkable, looking like a crown worn over a hat. The King's title runs along the whole top line in capitals two-and-a-half inches high, and small letters of one-and-a-quarter inch. There is a flourishing round them, but in a weak style. The band above, three inches broad, into which the capitals run, is greatly damaged. Beginning from the dexter end its decorations are a lion rampant gardant (with a very human face) bearing a pennon with a Greek cross, tinctures not marked; then, a rose surmounted by a Crown; then a unicorn rampant bearing a pennon with St. Andrew's Cross, without tinctures;

¹ The first Bridge of W. and M.R. was erected in 1597, as recorded by Denis Bond in his MS. Chronology. He says that his father gave £40 towards it. Hutchins' History of Dorset (1863) ii. 442. The total cost was "neere upon 1000li." See vii. 5a.

and, lastly, a fleur de lys at the sinister extremity. The considerable intervals are filled with flowing flourishes, each undulation containing a slightly drawn flower. All these drawings and ornaments, including the good foliage round the great initial, are slightly and rudely shaded with Indian ink or a similar colour. About a third of the seal remains. It must have been more than five inches across. It is of almost black wax, and is on a cord of faded buff and pink silk. On one side of the seal the King appears on horseback ; on the other side, enthroned.

A new start is made in the Constitution of the Borough and J. Roy is nominated "fore & esse primū et modernū maiorem burgi . . ." (to become and be the first and modern mayor of the borough . . .) until Michaelmas ; Ric. Pitt and ten others to be first and modern Aldermen ; and Pet. Nettle and twenty-three others to be first and modern Principal or Capital Burgesses. Regulations are given for the election yearly on St. Matthew's Day of a Mayor from four nominated Burgesses or Inhabitants ; and for the formal removal of any official. Such, with grant of considerable freedom from Admiralty jurisdiction, seem to be the chief enactments of this long and partly damaged document.

New Charter.
J. Roy, Mayor.

Pitt. Nettle.

This Parchment is a handsome one, the head line being partly in large bold letters, the capitals ornamented with flourishing. Preamble and Close, Latin. Whereas "debates was . . . stirred by J. Burley . . . maior of . . . M. R. and the inhabitants of the same . . . of the one parte and T. Samweyse and Hugh Randall Bayleiffes of . . . W. . . . and the inhabitants of the other . . ." in Qu. Elizabeth's reign, it was decreed on Oct. 28, 1564. 1. That the Port of W. shall be common to the freemen of both sides "to intermedle in fīchandize." 2. The freemen of Melcombe shall have half the Petty Customs on W. side, and the freemen of W. shall have full liberty to buy and sell on Melcombe side. 3. The freemen of W. shall have half the cartage and rents of a "Watter mill" and of the Cuniger in M. R. 4. That the Bushellage and Head and Fee Fishes are to remain in possession of the Bailiffs of W. All this, provided it does not clash with the Charter and Liberties of the Towns. Seal lost. M. i. 9.

I. 18a. Letter
Patent.
June 23, 1618.
Latin & English.
W. & M. R.
Burley.
Samweyse.
Randall.

Quotation of
Decree now
lost.

Water Mill.
Coneygar.

This Charter consists of seven skins of parchment, each about twenty-nine inches by twenty-four inches, and one much smaller. The seal is gone. The very pretty cord of black, green, yellow, and pinkish brown silk, remains.

I. 19. Charter.
14 Ch. I, 1639.
Latin.
W. & M. R.
Seal-cord.

This Charter is in a very bad state. In one whole skin, and in parts of others, the writing has almost wholly disappeared in a strange way. One or two

¹ Modernus is not in Ducange, but he gives moderniter = nuper.

² This must of course have been a tidal Mill. See iv. 33a.

³ It seems extraordinary that with such a proviso, the above rules should have been quoted, seeing that they were all swept away by the "Act of Union" in 1571. See i. 9. The Decree quoted does not remain.

Ornament. skins are also partially discoloured and mutilated through damp. The fine heading is, however, perfect; save the partial fading or rather falling off of the ink. The initial "C" is eight inches in height. The title of the King fills the first line, and is written in capitals three inches in height, and small letters of one-and-a-half inches. The initial and other capitals are most elaborately and somewhat effectively flourished. The band above, two-and-a-half inches broad over all, displays a pretty flowing decoration of stiff conventional leaves and flowers. This is shaded with grey colour, which from its slightly shiny appearance looks half like lead pencil. It contrasts well with the odd-bistry brown of the great letters, their flourishing, and the outlines and stems of the flowers and leaves themselves. The Charter is ruled with red ink throughout the writing and margins.

So much of this Charter is illegible that an epitome is impossible. The first skin, which is the least faded, refers to the Election of Mayor, Aldermen, etc.

I. 20. Copy of Order. This Parchment, measuring only ten inches by seven inches, is somewhat torn and much defaced. In parts it is illegible. The date is given as 1662 in a modern endorsement, and is probably right, although it looks rather like March 6, 1632. This document appears to be a rough copy of an order "datum Londini in curiâ n^{ra} p^{ta} sub sigillo . . . magno" (given at London in our aforesaid court under the great seal,) in accordance with a decision of Sir H. Marten in the Admiralty Court; and is addressed to the Mayor and Aldermen of Weymouth. It speaks of "navis vocata the St. Laura" (a ship called the St. Laura), on which, being "Weymutham adducta" (brought to Weymouth,) an embargo seems to be laid for some reason.

Admiralty Order.

Two points call for notice. 1. This is the first instance in this series of documents in which Weymouth is spelt with an "e" in the first syllable. 2. It seems remarkable that, after all the elaborate arrangements about uniting the boroughs, this formal state paper should style the Mayor as of Weymouth simply. There has not been a seal.

I. 21. Charter. This Parchment measures twenty-six inches by twenty-four inches, and is in good preservation. It is ruled throughout with red ink. The style of writing, a modified black letter, is far less easy to read than that of earlier times. However this is a handsome document as regards decorations. The initial "G" is ten inches in extreme height; and it appears to be printed, flourishing and all. It contains an excellent impression of a fine line engraving of a half length portrait of the King. The rest of the top line, in letters three and one-and-a-quarter inches high, respectively, also seems to be printed. But these letters were only in outline, and

Engraved Portrait of K. W. III.

Ornament.

¹ From the similarity of name it is possible that the ship here spoken of is the same as that called the St. Laurence in vi. 91a. If so the date of i. 20 must be 1632 (3).

were filled in by hand with ink or colour. This has greatly faded, while the "G," all in printing ink, is quite black. The border above, five inches broad, and also printed, is very quaint. It consists of four undulations of a handsome, heavy scroll, which was printed from a plate longer than the parchment, so that the pattern is cut off short at the edge of the document. At the dexter end the first undulation is occupied by a lion rampant, crowned. In the next is a sort of kingfisher. Then there is a lion crowned and with a very wig-like mane. This lion stands as a crest on the crown. The last undulation is occupied by another kingfisher. The seal is gone. There is a parchment seal slip. The writing, at best far from plain, is a good deal obscured by damp. Reference is made to a sum of £5 due annually (?) from the Borough in the time of King Charles II., and which seems now to be remitted.

This Charter consists of two skins of parchment, the largest of which is thirty-one inches by twenty-six inches. About a quarter of the seal remains, of black wax. On one side the King is seen enthroned, on the other he is on horseback, in Roman garb. The seal cord is red and white.

This Charter is a very handsome document, of a style altogether modern in its elaborate ornament. As to its writing, the first line is in black letter, the rest in a good bold engrossing hand. The Charter is ruled with red ink throughout, in places without much regard to the printed ornament. The initial "G" is printed, is nine inches in height, and a good deal flourished. In the centre is a small engraved likeness of the King, not without merit, but far inferior to that of King William III. in No. 21. The rest of the top line, composed of two inch and one inch letters, seems also to be printed; but has been at least touched up by hand. Both skins have top borders four inches broad, and side borders two inches broad; but one of the latter is an inch broader than the rest. These borders are all filled with very handsome arabesques, more or less imitated from Raphael's apparently. In the two head borders the royal arms and supporters, and also the fleurs de lys are introduced among various allegorical figures. All the ornament is printed.

¹This is an explanatory Charter. Quoting King James' first Charter arranging for elections, both ordinary and in cases when for any valid reason a Mayor, etc., is removed, or when he dies; and referring to a Quo Warranto and "judgment of Ouster" against Ric. Tucker because he was Alderman when chosen Mayor; and quoting the Petition of the Town that this may be changed as it equally bars the election of Bailiffs or Recorder from among Aldermen, His Majesty annuls the restriction of candidates for the above offices of Mayor, Bailiff or Recorder to Burgesses and Inhabitants only.

I. 22. Charter.
21 Geo. II, 1747
English.
W. & M. R.

Printed
Ornament.

Engraved
Portrait of
K. G. II.

Difficulty about
a Mayor being
an Alderman.

Tucker.

¹ See iv. 119, pp. 202, 222.

N.B.—After this follows the Charter granted by King George III. in 1804, now in force. It fills thirty pages in Ellis' History of Weymouth, to which the reader is referred. The second portion of Class I. here begins, as noted before—

I. 23. Charter.
5 H. VII, 1489.
Latin. M. R.

This is the last Sheet of a paper copy of i. 6.

S. 8.

I. 24. Letter
Patent.
2 Eliz., 1560.
Latin. M. R.

Document consisting of three sheets of paper stitched. It contains a rough, hasty copy of a "Letter Patent," of May 25, 1560, respecting the disputes between Weymouth and Melcombe. It begins by reciting King Edward I's grant to Melcombe of all liberties granted to the citizens of London. The cost of, or fee for, this copy seems to have been £5. The original does not appear to exist. S. 21.

I. 25. Verdict.
Feb. 7, 1565 (6).
Latin & English.
W.
Charters of W.
K. Ethelred.

"The Copie of Waymouthe Booke, 13 Charters of Ethelrede with the Inquisition A^o. viii. E. I. and their supposed Ch^r. of E. I." (The principal evidence in the possession of the Corporation as to these lost Charters.)

Æthelred gives W. to Acser to be as free from servitude as heaven is. Let all opponents be Anathema. Signed by the King, by Dunstan and others.

K. H. I.

Henry [I.] by the Grace of God . . . King . . . to all Archishops . . . health in Him through whom to every sinner there may be full remission. We have given to the ²Church of St. Swythun and to the Bishop of Winchester all amerciaments from their men, lands and fiefs, and if any of their vassals forfeit goods in our Courts, such goods shall belong to the Bishop, etc. No royal ³Viscount, etc., shall have right to enter the Bishop's lands. The Bishop, etc., shall be free from all imposts, ⁴tolls, etc., and from suits of Shire and Hundred and repair of Castles. Their rights shall not lapse through disuse. Signed by Hugh de Burg and others, at Lamhuke, Jan. 20, 1114 (5). Copied at the request of J. Ponnt, Merchant, of W., Feb. 12, 1497 (8).

Ponnt.

"The Copie of the Quo Warranto whereby the Baylyffs of W. do clayme their libties."

Q. Elizabeth.
Manors of Cran-
bourne, Ware-
ham, Pimperne,
Wyke, Portland
Weymouth, and
Hellwell.

Queen Elizabeth has inspected the ⁵finding of a Jury of Knights on the Octave of St. Hilary, 8 Ed. I. (1280), at Sherborne. The Liberties of the Earl of Gloucester and Hereford. These are connected with the manor and Chase of Cranbourne, with Wareham, Pimperne, etc., and lastly with Wyke, Portland, Weymouth and Hellwell. In these manors various rights are claimed, e.g. gallows,

¹ This seems to be a mistake.

² That is the Prior and Monks.

³ Viscount signifieth with us as much as Sheriffe.—Cowell. s.v.

⁴ "Passagium" = toll for passing through a place.—Ducange.

⁵ See i. 5.

¹infangenethef, outfangenethef, pillory, assise of bread and beer, amerciament, etc., etc., a Thursday market and "portum maris apud Waymouth cum liberatibus ad portū ptiſſ" (the port of the sea at W. with liberties belonging to the port.) The Jury find (as regards W., etc.) that the Prior of St. Swythun enjoyed there all the liberties named, and Almeric [Bishop] elect of Wynton, and the Earl's father and now the Earl likewise. And he has ²duties in part of the water of W. from ships mooring on his own land. And he has a Thursday market beyond memory. All this we have had copied at the prayer of the inhabitants of Portland. Feb. 7, 1565. S. 196.

Infangenethef.
Outfangenethef

W. Port.

In a book which is a fragment of a large folio vol. we read; Ff. 51, 52. "Certayne speciall Artycles towching . . . Melcombe reſ charter gevinge them boath the name and profit of the port . . ." And certainly one extract (from the Charter of Ed. I.?) speaks of granting to M. R. profits "tam in terra quam in portu eiusdem burgi . . ." (as well on land as in the port of the same borough). Again, 35 Hen. VI., cap. 6, "The Porte of Melcomb Reſ . . . shalbe a port to ship marchandise of the ³Staple." Then comes, what does not seem to be laid down elsewhere in these Records, viz., evidence that the Act mentioned in VI. 1, came into operation. "Nowe followeth the clawse of poolles charter^r w^{ch} takith from Melcomb the name onlie of the port and leauyth Melcomb . . . the creeke.— 2 Hen. VI., 1432." ". . . non sed [sit?] portus set [sed] creka put antiquitus esse consuevit." Yet M. is again called a port in 1458; and so is Poole. S. 47.

I. 26. Extracta.
1567 to 1594.
Latin & English.
M. R.
Charter, etc., of
M. R. about
Port.

K. Henry VI.

M.R. Port made
a "Creek."

In a number of Papers upholding the rights of W. it appears that St. Edward (Ed. the Confr.) and Henry II. both granted the Port of W. to the Priors of St. Swythun. Also that if M.R. shares the Petty Customs, W. will be "dispeopled." See fuller notes ii. 9. S. 43.

I. 27. Papers.
1569, etc.
English. W.
Complaint from
W.

In the Vol. "B" (see iii. 35) is a Copy of the "Acte of Union" or Charter uniting the Boroughs. See original, i. 9. B. p. 46.

I. 28. Charter.
13 Eliz., 1571.
Latin & English.
W. & M. R.

Mem^m. of Charters, etc., sent to Mr. [Recorder] Hanam. S. 143—5.

I. 29. Memo-
randum.
Feb. 6, 1577 (8).
Eng. W. & M. R.
Hanam.

Copy "brevis" of a Brief or Charter. See Original i. 12. S. 75.

I. 30. Brief.
22 Eliz., 1580.
Lat., W. & M. R.

¹ "Infangthef . . . signifieth a privilege . . . granted unto Lords of certain Maners, to judge any thiefe taken within their fee." By "Outfangthef," a Lord may summon to his own Court a vassal taken for felony outside that Lord's fee.—Cowell. s. vv.

² "Rivagium" = bank, or duties for mooring to a bank, or duties on merchandize brought ashore.—Ducange. It is rendered "arrivage" in a note in the document.

³ "Staple signifieth this or that Towne . . . whither the Merchants of England did carie their wools . . . clothes, lead & tinne . . . for the utterance of them by the great."—Cowell. s. v.

- I. 31. Memorandum.** "A nott of [10] wrytinges d^d to Mr. ¹Gondrye." Indented. Among these are some still extant; but others of much interest are missing, *e.g.*, "The Bundaye under seale," "The Charter of Edw. I.," "a note of the discoŷye of the title of W.," "The Cope of Mr. Watkins ꝑchase of Raddypole" and "The Plott of the bounds." S. 169.
- I. 32. Order.** The "Newe Charter" is to be enrolled in the Crown Office and in the Exchequer. This is the Charter or Letter Patent i. 18. S. 169.
- I. 33. Acknowledgment.** A draft Ack^t, by J. Pope, of certain papers delivered to him by ²Hugh Pyne, Esq., by direction of Mr. T. Gear, Mayor. Among them are "A Chre from St. Swythun" (meaning i. 1), and "a Testimoniall of certaine Chrs remaying in: Winton." S. 207. 9.
- I. 34. Memorandum.** Mem^m by Mr. Ph. Alexander [Attorney] of "Decrees and other writings" delivered to Mr. H. Russell, Mayor. Five Exemplifications of Decrees, none of which seem to be extant; a Copy of the "Act of Union," see i. 9; and six papers relating to the Petty Customs, of which at least one remains, *viz.*, an Assig nation of Lease of d^o, see vi. 75. On June 20th, 1627, all these writings were delivered to Mr. Small, the Counsel, or Town Clerk, see iv. 63. S. 220.
- I. 35. Orders.** Mr. D. Gear is to ride to Sherborne to consult with the Recorder about a Quo Warranto brought by the Attorney General against the Borough (iii. 99 seems to be connected with this). This question of the Borough Liberties had before been mentioned as impending. Mr. Offley, an Attorney in the Crown Office, is to act for the Corporation in the case, and Mr. Humphrey Jolliff to "³sollicite the same," receiving £5 to retain Counsel. C. p. 129.
- (The Town Clerk was to ride to Sherborne on this business, p. 131, Aug. 9, 1633; and to London, p. 135, Oct. 1, 1633; also again to London, May 20, 1635.)
- I. 36. Quo Warranto.** "Cop Quo Warranto." "Memorandum" that ⁴Sir J. Bankes, Attorney General, finds that J. Lockier and others have exercised all rights of a Corporation in W. and M. R., and its port without authority. S. 227.

¹ An old County name.

² Recorder.

³ That is, probably, to act as Solicitor. A Solicitor was "a man imploied to follow suites . . . for the . . . more ease of Atturnies."—Cowell.

⁴ It was Sir. J.'s Lady who, in the Civil War, held Corfe Castle for the King.

"A note of the Chres sent to London to Mr. Recorder." Of these the earliest four remain, viz., (1) i. 5, (3) i. 1, (4) i. 3, and (5) i. 2; also (7) i. 12 and (8) i. 9; and perhaps others. In the note (2) is a Testimonial of Charters "in Winton remaining," granted by King Ethelred. (So in i. 33.)

I. 37. Memorandum.
Feb. 12, 1636.
English.
W. & M. R.
Charters.
S. 237.

From Mr. Fr. Gape, Town Clerk, to "Mr. Humfry Jolliff at the signe of the black spred-eagle behynd St. Clement's Churchyard in y^e Strond." He sends to Mr. J., Solicitor for the Borough (see i. 35) a Court Book kept by Mr. Small, late Town Clerk (see iv. 63), "one of the antientest," as proof of Courts being held. He supposes no question to be made as to the Weymouth-side Court "de tribus in tres" (three weekly) for suits under 40s. As to ¹Flottsam, etc., Mr. ²Mayor, then in London, can make Affidavit.

I. 38. Letter.
June 5, 1638.
English.
W. & M. R.
Minute Book.
Gape, Jolliff.

This document of fourteen folios, and one tissue of contractions, is not easy to read. The whole question of the right to hold Courts, and to exercise other Corporation privileges, is considered, and the Mayor, etc., are called on to answer respecting the same. Sir J. Banks' name again appears. Mr. H. Jolliff signs each folio as examined by him, and so does Mr. Bray, probably a successor to Mr. Offley as Attorney in the Case.

I. 39. Decision,
or Quo Warranto.
May 18, 1640.
Lat., W. & M. R.
Quo Warranto.
Sir. J. Bankes.
Jolliff.
S. 242.

¹ "Flotsen . . . any goods that by Shipwracke be lost and lye floting . . ." Cowell. s.v.

² Perhaps not the Mayor of the Borough, but Mr. Barnard Mayor, a leading member of the Town community.

I. 40. Charter granted by the Prior, etc., of Winchester to Weymouth, July 17, 1252 (See i. 1.)

To all sons of Holy Mother Church to whom the present writing shall come. William of Taunton, Prior of the Church of St. Swythun at Wynton, and the Convent of the same place [wish] continual health in the Lord. Ye shall know that we, by unanimous assent and desire for the honor and advantage of our Church of Wynton have granted, and by this our present Charter have confirmed, that our port of Waymue be free for ever: and that whoever pleases may freely ¹bring [ships] to land there, and ²lie at anchor there as long as he wishes, and freely depart at any time, by ³giving thence to us and to our successors and to our Church of Wynton

¹ "applicare."

² "stare."

³ "faciendo." Facere = dare.—Ducange.

¹ "villa" = civitas.—Ducange.

² "acrarum." The meaning is not clear. Ducange regards both "acra" and "percata" or "perca" as superficial measures. But see Notes and Queries, 5th Series, viii., Aug. 11, 1877 . . . "The use of 'acre' as a measure of length is not so clear. The only passage giving countenance to this is Isidor : Orig. Bk. xv., Ch. 15. 'Ager habet passus cxxv vel pedes dcxxv cujus mensura octies computata miliare facit, quod constat quinque millibus pedum.'" So that an acre = a furlong, quasi furrow-long. Yet doctors disagree, for Mr. A. S. Ellis, in N. and Q. 6th S., vi., Sept. 16, 1882, says, "The width of an areal acre was . . . the [lineal] acre of four perches, measuring rods or poles," a very different definition from Isidore's.

³ "sepem." But no word like this can be found in Ducange or Classical Latin Dictionary. Probably it should be "sepem."

⁴ "quieti."

⁵ "a teloneo." Telon = teloneum = douanes.—Ducange.

⁶ "divisas." Divisa = finis, limes.—Ducange.

⁷ "se." But possibly the reflective pronoun is here, as not seldom in mediæval Latin, used for the demonstrative. If so "se" would = "eas" or "illas," sc. "consuetudines," customs.

⁸ "p̄positis." Prepositus = lieutenant du bailli.—Ducange.

⁹ "ministri."

¹⁰ It is not very easy to be sure of the exact sense here. The Latin is therefore quoted— . . . "salvo tū nob' & successoribꝫ nris & ecclie nre Wynton' imppetuū qđ om̄es ballivi sive ministri dti burgi quicūqꝫ p loco & tempore fiunt p burgenses dte ville eligant' & coram nob' v̄l senescallo nro sive ballivo annuatī ad pximā curiam post festum Sc̄i Michaelis p̄senten̄r, qui nob' & successoribꝫ nris & ecclie nre Wynton' fidelitatē faciant & fidelit' respondeant de om̄ibꝫ placitis, querelis, wreccis, commodis, et p̄ficuis que de dtis villa & portu de Waymue & hominibus ibidem existentibꝫ nob' & successoribꝫ nris & ecclie nre Wynton' accidere poterūt."

the right customs due and accustomed from thence : and that our ¹town of Waymue be a free borough within the limits and bounds below-written, as the perambulation has been made, and the assise, by us and our seneschal, viz., a breadth of three ²acres to the east of the house of Thomas Engelram, and a length of ten perches towards the south, and so towards the west as far as the land of W. of Bromdon, and thence to the north to la Hopehuse, and from la Hopehuse towards the west as far as the ³hedge of Gilbert of Wycumb, and so as far as Fleet-furlanges ditch as far as the Cross, and from the Cross towards the north as far as Wodcumb, and from Wodcumb towards the west as far as the spring which is called Tunne, and so as far as the water. We have granted therefore that all our burgesses abiding within the limits before written in the said town be free and ⁴at rest from ⁵import-duties, in water or on land and may freely hold their burgages throughout their limits and ⁶boundes, with all their merchandize, with all liberties and free customs (usages) which the towns of Portsmue and of Suthampton have and hold, or of old time were accustomed and ought to possess, and that they may so have and hold ⁷themselves as well in respect of bailiffs, ⁸sub-bailiffs and ⁹officers, as in giving, selling, bequeathing, or assigning to whomsoever they will, their burgages and other tenements in the same town, according to the customs of the aforesaid towns of Suthampton and of Portsmue, churches and religious men only excepted, ¹⁰only furthermore to us and to our successors, and to our church of Wynton for ever that all bailiffs or officers of the said borough, whoever they shall be for the place and time, may be chosen by the burgesses of the said town, and before us or our seneschal or bailiff shall yearly, at the next court after the Feast of

¹ "fidelitas," fealty.—Cowel.

² "burgemota." *Burgemotus, curia burgensis, conventus civium.*—Ducange. Burghmote, a Court of a Borough.—Jacob.

³ "observanda." This may refer, however, to the "jura et commoda" (rights and advantages) above.

⁴ "in iusticiâ exhibendâ."

⁵ This sentence is not very easy, and is here given. "Concessim̄ insup liberos & ad [sic, but it must be meant for ab] om̄i nativitate ac s̄vili conditione quietos imp̄petuū clamaviñ̄ om̄es nativos nros cū eor̄dem sequelis & catallis qui in p̄dta villa de Waymue hacten̄ manserunt & q̄d liberū habeant introitū et exitū p̄ tras nras, etc."

⁶ "nativitate." *Nativitas = servitude de naissance.*—Ducange.

⁷ "quietos imp̄petuū clamaviñ̄." *Clamare quietum = liberum & immunem declarare.*—Ducange

⁸ "nativos." *Nativus = servus glebæ origine et nativitate.*—Ducange.

⁹ "sequelis." *Sequela = famulorum cætus.*—Ducange.

St. Michael, be presented, who to us and our successors and our church of Wynton shall do ¹fealty, and shall faithfully answer concerning all pleas, quarrels, wrecks, advantages and profits which from the said town and port of Waymue and the men there living, can chance to us and to our successors and to our church of Wynton. And that our seneschal, or other bailiff appointed on our behalf, may hold ²borough courts in the same town for doing justice to all, and for faithfully watching over all our advantages relating to us and our successors and to our Church of Wynton, and [these courts] ³to be obeyed in all things together with our bailiffs of the said borough according to the approved customs of the said towns of Suthampton and of Portsmue, except only that it be not lawful to them to plead in any court outside the town of Waymue concerning any tenement or concerning any plea by a brief of the Lord King, nor in any manner, unless we or our seneschal or our aforesaid bailiffs shall have failed them ⁴in showing (or granting) justice, those pleas relating to the crown of the Lord King excepted. ⁵We have granted moreover [to be] free both from all ⁶birth-servitude and from servile condition ⁷we have declared for ever exempt all our ⁸serfs, with their ⁹followings and chattels, who have hitherto dwelt in the aforesaid town of Waymue, and that they may have free entry and exit through all our lands and free right of buying and selling in waters, roads, paths, and in all places, together with our other free burgesses dwelling in the aforesaid town. We will and grant that our burgesses of the aforesaid town, out of any brewery, for the breach of assize of beer, pay in the name of americiament to us and our successors fourpence only and not more. And if by chance it shall happen that any one of our burgesses of the said town be amerced for

¹ "forisf' to."

² In after times these would have been called Afferors. See iv. 40.

³ "per suos pares."

⁴ "this," namely this assessing of the amercia-
ment.

⁵ "captio" = detentio, carcer, mala tolta, exactio.
—Ducange.

⁶ "m̄catū." Mercatum = contractus emptionis,
pretium rerum venalium.—Ducange.

⁷ "siet," probably for sit.

⁸ "licet."

⁹ "velimus."

¹⁰ The bracketed words seem needed. The sen-
tence begins with "reddendo."

¹¹ "inde."

¹² "extenta." Extendere = aestimare.—Ducange.

¹³ "inde."

anything else ¹forfeited before us or our bailiffs, the amercia-
ment shall be estimated by the oath of ²four lawful burgesses of the said town to be
chosen ³by their peers in any court to be held throughout the year, and ⁴this reasonably
according to the amount of the guilt and the ability of the guilty man. And if any ⁵seizure
ought to be made, [such] as in fish or in anything to be bought, for the necessity of us or of our
successors, let the ⁶bargain (or price) ⁷be better by one penny in twelve pennyworths of mer-
chandize to anyone than it can be sold [for] elsewhere. We grant both for ourselves and for
our successors, and we forbid, that no tallage or aid be made in our free borough of Waymue
⁸even if the Lord King shall wish to take tallage of his own free boroughs according to his will,
unless [a tallage is required] to be raised on account of urgent and evident necessity of our
Church of Wynton, as, namely, if, which God forbid, it may happen that our Church be laid
waste, destroyed or demolished, or for an aid to be made to the Lord King by the common
consent of the whole kingdom. And we ⁹will and grant that all our burgesses in our aforesaid
borough of Waymue, dwelling or having bur-
gages, and their heirs, be free, and for ever freely hold all their burgages and tenements, with all
liberties and free customs contained and granted in the present writing. [These grants are to be
secured] ¹⁰by rendering ¹¹from that town yearly to us and to our successors and to our Church of
Wynton, a due return of any burgage soever of the aforesaid town, and the grant according to
which the aforesaid burgages and tenements have been ¹²valued and granted to them when
we granted to them the aforesaid liberty, and ¹³thereupon made this our present charter. And
we have granted to the same our burgesses of Waymue that their aforesaid rent and any

amerciements to come from the said borough, be there handed over to our bailiffs appointed on our behalf for this (and shall not be carried to a greater distance) at the two principal terms of the year, viz., at the Nativity of the Lord and Easter. We moreover and our successors wishing the aforesaid grant and the confirmation of the present Charter to our aforesaid burgesses of Waymue and their heirs or assigns to be ¹settled and firm and of perpetual stability have brought that firmness to be strengthened by the present writing and our conventual seal. Farewell. Given at St. Swithun's in Winton, in the year of grace the thousandth two hundredth fiftieth second, in the month of July, on the ²day of St. Kenelm, these being witnesses, Roger of ³St. Waleric then Abbot of Hide, Roger Abbot of Abbotsbury, Master Rob. of Karvil then Official of Wynton, ⁴Sir Nicholas of Puinz, Knight, Master Robert of Ford, ⁵Sir Peter of Cumb', Sir Oliver then Seneschal of St. Swithun, Sir Elias of Cumb' then Rector of the Church of Wyke, and many others.

¹ "ratam." Ducange does not give reor or ratus, but he says ratum = ce qui est décidé.

² July 27 is St. Kenelm's day.

³ St. Valery.

⁴ Probably of the family from which Sutton derives its suffix "Pointz."

⁵ It is hardly necessary to say that the prefix "Dominus," "Sir," did not imply Knighthood always. So in "The Merry Wives of Windsor," Sir Hugh, like Sir Elias here, is a Priest. "Miles," "Knight," was generally or always suffixed to the name of a military "Dominus," as here in the case of Sir N. de Puinz.

This is a small paper, without date; noted "Vids in officio haraldoꝝ," and endorsed "A noate of y^e Seales of Armes." It gives the Pedigree of King E. I.'s Queen, Eleanor, grand-daughter of Alphonso, King of Léon, and Berengaria, heiress of Castille, showing her right to display the Lion of Léon and the Castle of Castille. Below are three broken impressions of seals; 1.—Impress, a ship with steering oar. It has one mast, on each side of which is a shield, quarterly, Castille and Léon. Legend, etc., see below. 2.—Impress, a sharply pointed shield bearing the three Lions, passants, gardants, of England. Legend gone. 3.—Impress, the same but smaller and less ornamented. Legend, see below.

S. I.

Impressions 1 and 3 are from seals still remaining in the possession of the Mayor and Corporation, as follow :

A brouze or bell-metal disk, two inches across, having three little semicircular projections, with a hole in each. ¹A well known antiquary seems to think that

I. 41. Vidimus undated.
Latin.
M. R.

Impressions of Seals of Melcombe.

Seals of M. R.

Seal i.

¹ Mr. Black, who at the Weymouth Meeting of the Archæological Association, in 1871, described the seals. The report of his remarks has been referred to in other particulars; e.g., his notice of the steering oar which went out of use early in the fourteenth century.

these holes were "for pegs to hammer the seal on the wax." Impress, a ship, with arms of Castille and Léon, as above. Legend, "Sigillum de munic: de melcoma."

Seal ii.

A round, brass seal, one-and-a-half inches across, with good hexagonal handle, top broken off. Impress, three Lions, passants, gardants, of England, as above. Legend, "Sigill. maioratus vill. d melcoubreg." But the last word is hard to decipher, and this can hardly be the real reading, or intended reading. It is probably the engraver's error for "melcom: reg:":

I. 42 Grant of Arms.

May 1, 1592.

English.

W. & M. R.

Brooke,

Mockett,

Dodrell,

Barfoote, Cooke
Clarençieux.

A very beautiful parchment document, in excellent preservation. It is written in a distinct Italian hand. The initial T is illuminated, gold on blue.

At the instance of J. Brooke, Mayor, and J. Mockett, W. Dodrell and T. Barfoote, Aldermen, Robt. Cooke, Esq., Clarençieux, having seen the "Auncyent Armes and Seales" of W. and M. R. when separated, grants as follows. For arms,

"azure ashippe to toppes taced and rygged gould upon y^e waues of the Sea proper, upon y^e first and last mast twoe square banners, the first p pale gules and verte three lyons passant gardant in pale gould, y^e Second quarterlye argent and gules, in y^e firste alion ramp^t purple, in y^e Second acastell gould, upon y^e Hull of y^e said Shippe an escocheine p fece gould and gules, in y^e firste three cheuerons of y^e second, on y^e Seconde three lyons passant gardant of y^e first, And for theire comon Seall azure abridge doble embateled argent Standinge in y^e Sea prop in y^e chiefe an eschochiene p fece gould and gules," (as above.) These bearings are handsomely

(but not quite fully) emblazoned in the "Margente."

Borough Arms.

Borough Seal
of Arms.

Seal of
Clarençieux.

Attached by a parchment slip is an impression of Clarençieux's official seal, in a wooden turned box.

Seals of
W. & M. R.
Seal iii.

These arms appear on existing seals, as follow:

A brass disk, one-and-a-half inches across. To the back has been roughly soldered a socket, in which is a turned walnut handle. Impress, on mainmast, Castille and Léon, with a square banner on the foremast, bearing St. George's cross, the coloured emblazonment giving the cross on a pennon on each mast. No Legend except S. T.

Seal iv.

A copper disk, two-and-a-half inches across, giving the three coats as in the first part of the grant; which, by the bye, Clarençieux seems not to have intended for a seal. Legend, "Sigillum Wylle (sic) Waymoth et Melcombe Regis."

Seal v.

A companion seal to iv., bearing the arms in the second part of the grant. Legend "Sigillum Mayior de Wamoth et Melcombe Regis."

Seal vi.

A brass disk, one inch and three eighths across. Impress, like that of v., but the shield seems to bear the Lions only. Legend, "Wamoth aud Melcombe Regis."

¹ This was the bearing of one of the Seals of the Bailiffs of W.

² Probably in 1612. See v. 35.

¹A brass disk, barely one inch across, with socket, and mahogany turned handle. Impress and Legend like vi. Seal vii.

A copper disk, two-and-three-eighths inches across, having a flat thin triangular bit of copper roughly soldered to the back as a handle. Impress, a ship, with three masts, a rudder and anchor, very deeply and boldly cut. On the mainmast is a sail, bearing the coat of the second part of the grant, as painted on the said sail. Legend, "Sigillum admiralis de Wamoth et Melcombe Regia." Seal viii. Borough Seal of Admiralty.

This seems a right place for mention of the Maces. Plate two hundred years old is always interesting; and the two smaller Maces belonging to the Borough are at least of the reign of King C. II. I. 43. Maces.

The larger one of these old Maces is only one foot nine inches long. It is of silver. The lower end is set round with longitudinal ribs or flanges about four inches long, showing some slight gilding. The middle of the stem is surrounded by a globe or knob, simply banded, the bands gilt. At the top the stem widens out conically to a diameter of two and a quarter inches. Then comes a band or fascia of rough, pierced work. The summit of this is closed in with a flat plate displaying the Royal Arms in shallow graving, with the initials C. R. Against the conical portion of the head are set three serpents, curved into the form of S. The whole head is gilt. The smaller Mace is one foot seven inches long, and resembles the other, only that the serpents look modern, and the C. R. occur twice.

The two elaborate modern Maces, the handsome gift of Jas. Bower, Esq., in 1824, do not come within the scope of this Catalogue.

¹ This may be the Seal made for the Mayor in 1693, at a cost of 9/. See v. 64.

CLASS II. BOROUGH CONTROVERSIES.

N.B. See I. 24,
25, 26.

II. 1. Inquisition.

(?) Temp. Jas. I.
or Eliz.

Latin. M. R.
Heringe, Rus-
sell. Bynham.
M. R. harbour
rights denied.

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COPY, undated, of Inquisition held at Dorchester in July, 1332, by Walter¹ Heringe, Jas. Russell, W. de Bynham and others. They say that Melcombe Regis never had a harbour nor the half of the water between it and Weymouth. S. 2.

II. 2. Declaration.

1567 or 8 (?).
French. W.
Randall.

Anchorage paid
to W. Bailiff.

Declaration in French of payment to Randall ("Rondell" it is spelt), of anchorage and other dues on the ship "la Cressant de l'atzamblade." These dues seem to have been taken as payable to Weymouth, to the prejudice of Melcombe Regis. The Declaration is signed by two Frenchmen, Auguereau and Mathewrin, (Mathurin?) and two Englishmen, Rogers and Allan. S. 32.

II. 3. Letter.

April 25, 1568.
English.

W.
Bailiffs of W.

Letter from the Bailiffs of Weymouth to the Mayor of Melcombe Regis. They are ready to pay all duties "as be due to you uppon the last book of Agremente." S. 33.

II. 4. Letter.

May 11, 1569.
English.

W.
Earl of Pem-
broke about
disputes.

²Letter from the ³Earl of Pembroke, with autograph signature in quaint capitals. He recommends the inhabitants of Melcombe Regis to refer the disputes to some "lerved lawier," on each side. If this is not done he threatens "some sharper ordre of waye to be taken both to repress your obstinance . . . and to preserve . . . the liberties of . . . Waymouth." S. 39.

II. 5. Report.

Aug. 17, 1569.
English.

W.
Against W.

Report thereon by W. Fowler, of Hook, Commissioner to decide the questions between the Boroughs; in which he pronounces the complaint by "them of Waymouth" to be untrue. S. 40.

II. 6. Letter.

Aug. 18, 1569.
English.

M. R.
Pitt, Reynolds,
Bagge, Gregory

Answer by the Mayor and Corporation of Melcombe Regis to the Earl of Pembroke, signed by Richard Pitt, Mayor, Owen Reynolds, Robert Gregory and G. Bagge. S. 41.

¹ All these are names of old Dorset families.

² This Letter and the Reply are copied in ii. 12, ff. 52, 53.

³ He was Steward of W., Wyke, and other royal manors. See iii. 15, p. 35.

Letter from W. Beste, J. Wade, H. Brouke, and others, of Weymouth, to "our frynds the Maiere," etc., of Melcombe Regis, asking whether they were willing to abide by the decrees already made, or not. S. 42. 1.

II. 7. Letter.
Oct. 7, 1569.
English. W.
Beste, Wade,
Brouke.

Reply to the above, from "your poor oppressed neighbours of Melcombe Regis." S. 42. 2.

II. 8. Letter.
Oct., 1569.
English. M. R.

Miscellaneous Papers relating to the Borough disputes, especially as to collecting the customs. ¹It is noted among other things that,—“Ethelwede gave the porte of Waymouth to Axe his svante.” “St. Edward gave [the same] to the prior of Swythwynea.” “Henry the 2 (?) gave the porte and Towne of Wamouth to the prior of St. Swythwynes, with Wrackes of the Seas and other libertyes, and confirmed St. Edwardes Charter.” “The liberties of Waymouth were confirmed by Edward the first, to the Earl of Gloucester, in the viii. yere of his reigne.” “In the vi. of Edward iii. the burgesses of Melcombe claimed half the haven of Waymouth;” and the inquisition (ii. 1) is quoted. It is also urged that, if Melcombe shares the petty customs, Weymouth would be “dispeopled, because . . . Melcombe stands upon the mayene land.” Articles for the uniting of the boroughs are given. In one it is proposed that one street leading from the country, through Melcombe, to the bridge shall be free from any arrest by the Mace, and the bridge itself in like manner. See ii. 11^a.

II. 9. Papers.
1569, etc.
English. W.
Charters of W.
K. Ethelred.
K. Edward the
Confessor.
K. Henry II. (?)

K. Edward I.
K. Edward III.

Articles for
Union of the
Boroughs.

S. 43.

Autograph Letter to Rob. Gregory, Mayor of Melcombe, from R. Rossyl (or Ressyl) and Da. Lewes. They had been commissioned by the Lords of the Council to enquire into the disputes; and they call on the Mayor to state the case for Melcombe Regis. S. 45.

II. 10. Letter.
May 2, 1570.
English. M. R.
Gregory,
Rossyl, Lewes.

Report on the borough disputes, in the name of the commissioners above, but signed only by Da. Lewes. They advise union of the Boroughs into one, “whersunto they have consented upon this condition that they, and every of them may have and enjoy all their annicente Libtiēs and privelege which they have enjoyed tyme oute of myude.” S. 46.

II. 11. Report.
June 7, 1570.
English.
W. & M. R.
Lewes.
Proposals for
Union.

This, one of the most curious documents belonging to the Corporation, did not come to light until this Catalogue was nearly finished. It is simply a Protocol of a Treaty of Peace between the Boroughs of W. and M. R. It is a Parchment Indenture between J. Allen, alias Belpit, Mayor of M. R., of one part, and W. Beste and J. Wade, Bailiffs of W., of the other part. Whereas great strife has long raged between W. and M. R. it is agreed that:—

II. 11a. Indenture.
June 21, 1570.
English.
W. & M. R.
Proposals of
Peace.
Allen, Beste,
Wade.

¹ This Paper cannot be found.

1.—The weekly Court of Record shall be kept one Monday in W. the next in M. R., and so on; and trials of right to land in W. or M. R. shall be held in the respective Courts.

2.—Two Chamberlains (viz., T. Samways and O. Raynolds) are to be appointed to Collect all Dues, one to be a W. man, the other of M. R.

Commons.

3.—The Commons to belong to each Town severally.

4.—The Mayor, Bailiffs, Chamberlains and nine others (named) are to be the Corporation.

The Bench to choose the Mayor.

5.—The Burgesses are to choose four persons, two of each side, the Mayor being one, whereof the "Benche" is to "prick" one as Mayor, by the greatest number of votes.

Seals.

This deed looks very quaint with its twelve parchment slips, still carrying twenty-eight out of probably forty seals or more. On the large central slip is a broken, defaced impression of the Melcombe seal, bearing a ship (see i. 41) and a better impression of one of the lost Weymouth seals, pointed oval, also a ship, having a shield on dexter of the mast, bearing three chevrons.

Brooke, Randall.

There are nearly sixty signatures, including those of the redoubtable J. and Ric. Brooke and Hugh Randall. See ii. 39, 42, 55 and 59, etc. M. i. 3.

II. 12. Book. 1567 to 1594. English with some Latin. W. & M. R.

In this book there are some things connected with the disputes between the Boroughs, although it is mostly occupied with Constitutions, Forms, etc., relating to the united Borough. See iv. 11.

W. said to be larger than M. R.

F. 68. Copy of Letter from the Privy Council, appointing four Commissioners to enquire about a "senister," complaint by the Weymouth people in Articles "falsely by them alleaged," and copied in f. 68. b. and 69. However false, they are very curious. Weymouth is said to be "thrise as populus" as Melcombe.

Manwood, Jefferye.

F. 72. Report, not dated, from Justices Manwood and Jefferye to the Privy Council. They say that Melcombe was, and Weymouth was not, incorporated before the union of the Boroughs—that the customs of ships mooring on Melcombe or Weymouth side belonged previously to the several Boroughs respectively—and that the whole should be received now by the authorities of the united Borough.

Petty Customs.

Brooke.

F. 73. b. Order of Privy Council that J. Brooke, in the Fleet for contempt of the Order for union of the Boroughs, should not be released until he is bound over to obey the same.

Sir F. Walsingham. Disputes.

F. 74. Copy of Letter from Sir F. Walsingham to the Chief Baron, Nov. 15th, 1586. He is commissioned to consider the revival of disputes between the Boroughs. (See the original, S. 140.)

Copy of Report thereon, to the effect that the ¹Lord Treasurer has appointed Collectors of Customs at Weymouth and Melcombe, to be accounted for for one year to the Queen. S. 47.

Collector of Customs.

This Memorandum consists of seventeen folios. The date seems to be Hilary Term, 14 Eliz., 1572. The seemingly very sensible marginal notes are an excellent summary of the contents. The annotator, probably the Town Clerk, or Master Hannam, Recorder, says inter alia :—"We have [a common seal] by the charter." "We claime" [Aldermen, Bailiffs, etc.] "We can electe and sweare." "We have a Guildhall." "We have noe Chamberlaine, but Recorder, Steward of Leetes, Comon Clerk, Clerk of the Peace, Escheator, Corr. (Coroner), Clerk of the Markett, Serjeants att Mace, and Constables." "We have a Court of Record eu^r Tuesday." "We keepe customary Leetes, one for Melcombe Regis, another for Waymouth, yearely after Michaelmas." "We have no Gallowes." "Markett weekely we have." S. 80.

II. 13. Memorandum or Quo Warranto. 1572 (?) Latin. W. & M. R. Hannam.

Quo Warranto and Answers.

Courts.

Copy of Letter, undated, to the Privy Council respecting the disputes between the Boroughs; with a statement to be laid before the Queen in Council. It alleges that "they of Waymouth" have two Bailiffs, who govern that town regardless of the Mayor of the united Borough. S. 36.

II. 14. Letter. Temp. Eliz. English. W. & M. R. W. Bailiffs.

Two draft Petitions to the Privy Council, relating to the Act of 13. Eliz., uniting the Boroughs, in spite of which disputes continue, and murder is likely to ensue. Wherefore their Lordships are prayed by the Mayor, etc., to take such order as they may deem necessary. S. 49.

II. 15. Petitions. 1572. English. W. & M. R. Disputes likely to lead to Murder.

Letter from Mr. Serjeant Barsen to the Mayor, concerning the Acts uniting the Boroughs. He gives his opinion that in all things the government of the united Borough is undivided. S. 50.

II. 16. Letter. May 5, 1573. English. W. & M. R.

Autograph Letter from Justices Manwood and Jeffreys to the Lords of the Council. These Justices had been commissioned to report on the disputes between the "2 townes." They say that they have had both parties before them, with their respective charters, etc.—that the Boroughs are united as regards "governm̄t, the peace, and entier jurisdiction," also as to receiving the petty customs, etc., of the "havon and water course;" but that for "private acions, sutes, etc. . . . in Leetes and Lawedayes . . . they retaine . . . the same devyded in theyr severall townes." And it is urged that a bridge (already proposed) should be erected as a likely help towards agreement. Its cost should be "²at iid. at charge of Melcombe and 1d. at charge of Waymouth," with some government aid. S. 54.

II. 17. Letter. Jan. 12, 1575. English. W. & M. R. Manwood, Jeffreys. Report about Disputes.

Bridge.

¹ This was done before, in 1578, it seems. See i. 11.

² This hardly looks as if Waymouth was truly "thrise as populus" as Melcombe. See ii. 13, under F. 68.

- II. 18. Articles.** This is a long and formally drawn document, signed by Owyn Raynolds, Mayor, and others. It is undated, but from seeming reference to the letter just above it probably belongs to 1575. Several Weymouth men, *e.g.*, Samways, Randall and Ledoze are vehemently accused of rebellious behaviour towards the Mayor, and of exacting petty customs for the benefit of Weymouth side.
 1575 (?). Eng. S. 55.
 W. & M. R.
 Raynolds.
 Samways, Ran-
 dall, Ledoze.
 Complaint
 about Disputes.
- II. 19. Copy of Letter.** This is another copy of the Letter or Report noted in ii. 13, under Folio 73. S. 57.
 1576 (?). Eng.
 W. & M. R.
- II. 20. Deposition.** This is a Deposition by N. Duboyce, Master of a "Barque of the River of Cedrw" (?), relating how W. Ledoze boarded him and with threatening words demanded the harbour dues, already paid to the Mayor's officer. A sprit sail was forcibly taken away in security for, or in place of, the dues. Signed by Duboyce, O. Raynolds the Mayor, and others. The elaborate "mark" of Serj^t. Clark is worth notice. On the back is a memorandum of a former like offence by Ledoze. S. 61.
 May 3, 1576.
 English.
 W. & M. R.
 Ledoze,
 Raynolds.
 Disputes.
- II. 21. Memorandum.** An unsigned Memorandum of the Examination of the above W. Ledoze before the Mayor; to whom he does not seem to have shown due respect on this occasion. He said "I hope to be found a trewer subiecte" than my accusers. "He had spoken to as good men as" the Mayor. R. Pit "thelder" considered that he should be imprisoned, without liberty to find bail. What was decided appears not. S. 62.
 June 6, 1576.
 English.
 W. & M. R.
 Ledoze.
 Pit.
- II. 22. Copy of Order.** Copy of, or original, Order to Justices Manwood and Jeffris to hear and decide on the "sundrie Jarres" between the Boroughs. Not signed. Dated from Greenwich. S. 64.
 June 24, 1577.
 Eng. W. & M. R.
 Manwood,
 Jeffris.
- II. 23. Order.** Copy of Order from the Lords of the Privy Council to "Tomas Bromley, esquier, one of her ma^{tie}s previe concell and to Gylbarte Gerrede esquier here ma^{tie}s attorneye generall." They are to examine into the disputes and say "what bothe Lawe and eqyitie you shall thyncke mete to be don tharin." S. 65.
 Mar. 11, 1578.
 English.
 W. & M. R.
 Bromley,
 Gerrede.
- II. 24. Case.** Case submitted to Attorney Gen^l. Gerrede. He is to consider whether all dues, etc., from the haven, and fees, etc., from all courts do not now belong to the new Corporation. His opinion is annexed, but is not easy to read. He seems to say that if the haven dues had belonged to either town they would now belong to the new Corporation; but that he is in doubt, because the Weymouth people affirm that the dues belonged to the Queen. S. 66.
 Mar. 20, 1578.
 English.
 W. & M. R.
 Gerrede.
 Opinion as to
 Dues.

This Parchment sets forth that whereas in spite of the Union of the Boroughs, in 13 Eliz., strife continues, the Mayor, etc., appoint Roger Keate to act for them in dealing with the Privy Council, or with London Courts, about the same; regard being had to "theadvise of Mr. Thomas Hannam, Esquier, Recorder." There are two parchment slips, on the first an impression of Seal i., on the second, a broken impression of the large M. R. Seal of the three Lions, now lost, the reverse having an impression of Seal ii. See i. 41. M. i. 5.

Copy of a Letter from J. Younge, G. Trencharde and N. Turberville to the Lords of the Privy Council, with a separate Certificate of their opinion.

In obedience to the Council they had gone to Weymouth, where they had spent most of two days in "Waymouth Common Hall" in viewing Charters, etc., and hearing evidence. They find that Melcombe is "anneyntly incorporated and hath bin the head porte of the shire," possessing half the haven, and all dues of vessels arriving at Melcombe side. Further, that Weymouth never was incorporated, but is "a boroughe towne and pcell of the demesnes of her mat^a crowne;" but, from having a common seal and a mace carried before the bailiffs, "semeth to be a corporacion by pscriptioun." They find that Weymouth has always had one half of the haven and the dues from ships arriving there, the town paying a sum to the crown as rent of those dues. They think that the new Corporation should have the whole haven and dues. They found the Melcombe people reasonable, those of Weymouth obstinate. S. 68. 1, 2.

Memorandum of the pulling down of J. Mounsell's Quay, Melcombe, by Ric. Broke and Jef. Preston, of Weymouth. S. 81. 14.

Summons to H. Randall, T. Clemente, and J. Brooke to appear in the Chequer Chamber to meet the complaints of the people of Melcombe. S. 71.

A Parchment dated from the Exchequer Chamber, quoting an Injunction of April last, that, pending final decision of Controversies, each town should retain its own Petty Customs, the Order sets forth that the W. people had made this a pretext for "sundry wilfull outrages." Therefore, and inasmuch, further, as the Petty Customs never in any part belonged to W. except only during the Queen's pleasure, it is now ordered that one W. man and one M. R. man shall collect the same and equally divide the proceeds monthly. H. Michell, illegally imprisoned by the W. people is to be released. Pinned to the Parchment is a rough little paper naming H. Michell as M. R. Collector, and Rob. White for W., with a rudely written mem^m by Rob. Shute, Baron of the Exchequer, expressing the Lord Ch^f. Baron's and his own approval. M. i. 6.

II. 24a. Power of Attorney. April 14, 1578. English. W. & M. R. Keate, Hannam. Controversies. Seals.

II. 25. Letter and Certificate. Sept. 12, 1578. English. W. & M. R. Younge, Trencharde, Turberville.

M. R. anciently incorporated, and having half the port.

W. a Corporation by prescription, and having half the port. W. had a Seal and Mace.

II. 26. Memorandum. Sept. 1, 1579. Eng. W. & M. R. Broke, Preston.

II. 27. Order. Nov. 18, 1579. Eng. W. & M. R. Randall, Clemente, Brooke.

II. 27a. Exchequer Order. Nov. 20, 1579. English. W. & M. R. Continued disputes.

Two Collectors of Petty Customs.

White, Mitchell, Shute.

¹ Neither of these seem to remain, and only one impression of one Seal of Fleurs de Lys (see ii. 66), but several of two other W. Seals. See ii. 11a; iv. 12a.

II. 28. Memorandum. Memorandum signed by Rich. Pitt, Mayor, T. Howarde, T. Hannam, Recorder, and others, who went to Weymouth Town Hall and read, and showed, a copy of the Court of Exchequer Order of Nov. 19th, 1579, touching the controversies. It named Collectors, and demanded the liberation of H. Michell, imprisoned in Weymouth. The Order was repudiated by W. Dotherell, naming himself a Bailiff, and by T. Samways, deputy to J. Brooke the other pretended Bailiff. They said the Order was "a matter of no credit"—that they would collect customs or take away "sayles from their yeardes" for them. S. 73.

II. 29. Letter. T. Howarde to W. Pyt. He thinks that Mr. Tomson (M.P.) is not of credit enough to help them much in the house. He urges P. to "dele wysely yn all actyons and yn orderyng off your marktett." He speaks of an unwillingness of some to "pay the prestes wages." He urges the clearing away of "all the myxons and annoyanses" before spring. He takes leave "wh my most hartly prayer to God to send pese, helthe, Love and quyetnes to dwell amongst you; amen." P.S.—He has not forgotten Mr. Pyt's brother Richard, but what he has already said for him is not yet "dysgusted." He speaks of sailcloth, and also of tar and pitch needed by him. S. 88.

II. 30. Letter. This, like the last, is one of seven letters written by Mr. T. Howarde about London business, relating apparently to Borough discords, with some reference to other matters. He seems to have been Mayor at this time (1581) and W. Pitt was his Deputy. (See ii. 33.) They are autograph, with a copy of one.

In this letter he seems not to be making much way in London, through having no formally drawn complaint to lay before the Council. He also says that Mr. Roger Keate (Town Clerk) should be in London, he himself not undertaking to solicit "y^e mener sort," which consists with neither his "skyl" nor his "bryngyng up." Undated. 1581 (?). S. 82.

II. 31. Letter. (This Letter seems likely to be an answer to ii. 30, with which it is therefore now catalogued, although placed quite otherwise in the Sherren Catalogue)—

A Draft Letter from W. Pitt to "Ryght Worshipp^l," probably T. Howarde. It relates to the rebellious spirit in Weymouth, where they (the Mayor and Corporation) "have asseyed no goverment." As no law-suit is in hand they do not know how Roger Keate's presence in London for assistance in matters of law can be needed. T. Clemente is named, but with what intention is not clear. See ii. 27. S. 95.

Keate,
Clemente.

¹ T. Howarde was second son of T. first Viscount Bindon, and was summoned to the House of Lords as Lord H. of Walden, 39 Eliz., and was created Earl of Suffolk, 1 James I. Theophilus, second E. of Suffolk was his son. The second Earl's son, James, sold the Dorset Estates to Humphrey Weld, Esq., 1641.—Hutchins.

- Memorandum of Election of Bailiffs of W. and M. R. ; also of Notice that any of W. side might copy "the Decree" at Mr. Howarde's house. S. 81. 9. II. 32. Memorandum. Sept. 21, 1581. Eng. W. & M. R.
- T. Howarde to "Mr. Wyllyam Pyt my ²depute." There is difficulty about passing a Bill (probably connected with Borough discords) because of, partly, the need of feeling "them that should speke ffavourably," also "yn gratyfying the speker" and others. Also Sir C. Hatton seems to have opposed. Randall is in London on the opposing side, watching for the departure of Howarde, who has laboured "att his ffriends and the connsayle" to defeat machinations. He promises to persevere "as I wold delle for them whych I loue well." There is a copy with this letter. Undated. 1581 (?). S. 83. 1, 2. II. 33. Letter. 1581 (?). English. W. and M. R. Howarde, Pyt. Randall.
- T. Howarde "to my lovyng frends of Melcum." Owing "to the slender . . . or . . . yndirect delynys of sum of Melcum," and through one Tomson "plased yn the hows by my Lord off Bedford" he can make little progress. Most of the letter is about wheat, apparently for exportation. He speaks of "suche pryases as ³Syr Ames Pawlet sellythe." Undated. 1581 (?). S. 84. II. 34. Letter. 1581 (?). English. W. and M. R. Howarde. Tomson. Sir A. Paulet.
- T. Howarde to W. Pyt. He commends Mr. Pyt's care and desires to be made aware of "any dysorder off your neighbors." (Probably of Weymouth.) S. 86. II. 35. Letter. June 8, 1581. English. W. and M. R. Howarde, Pyt.
- T. Howarde to W. Pyt. "Such hath been y^e exclamatyon against y^e prosedyngs yn Melcumb court" that he wishes to be present, with Mr. Recorder Hanam, when the case then in hand comes on. (*Clemente v. Peere* (?). See iii. 13, 15, 16.) S. 85. II. 36. Letter. June 9, 1581. English. W. and M. R. Howarde, Pyt. Hanam.
- T. Howarde to W. Pyt. He acknowledges the receipt of ten pounds, which "cam yn a good tyme." He alludes indistinctly to Borough affairs. In a P.S. he trusts "to fynd the towne clene and all y^e annoyanse 'behynd the towne removed according to promys." He stays in London "to do you all good, otherwyse mountaynes should not kepe me so long yn so trobelsom a place." S. 87. II. 37. Letter. July 12, 1581. English. W. and M. R. Howarde, Pyt. Behindthetown = Esplanade now.
- Raffe Rylandes confesses that he and others took a cable belonging to Purser's prize. Others, who were summoned to be examined before the Mayor, refused ; one saying that they had Bailiffs "to redresse this cause." S. 95. 4. II. 38. Deposition. Jan. 17, 1582(3). English. W. and M. R. Bailiffs of W.

¹ Perhaps this was i. 12, or ii. 28.

² See iii. 13.

³ Syr Ames Pawlet. This must be Sir Amyas P., one of the gaolers of Queen Mary of Scotland. Ames = Amyas. See vi. 43.

⁴ "Behynd the towne" means the present "Front."

- II. 39. Petition.** "The cople of the Petycyon . . . to the Counsell." The Mayor, etc.,
1582¹ (?).
English. inform the Privy Council that T. Samways, Weymouth, having been elected a Bailiff
W. and M. R. of the united Borough, had long refused to be sworn. He was sent for to a Meeting,
Samways, and the Council's Order relating to the Corporation having been read to him, he
abused for sub- and the Council's Order relating to the Corporation having been read to him, he
mission to submitted, was sworn, and gave security for good behaviour. For this he was "with
authority. undecent speches . . . much mysused" by the Weymouth people. Further,
on Aug. 2nd, J. Allyn, Mayor, being himself ill, sent J. Monsell as his deputy, with
Allyn, Monsell. the Aldermen, etc., to a Meeting in Weymouth Hall, where J. Brooke and Hugh
Brooke, Randall were sitting as Bailiffs of that town. The Order was read to them, but
Randall. Bailiffs of W. they would not submit. Afterwards J. Brooke came with a mob to the Court,
and was fined and imprisoned, but escaped. Therefore the Mayor, etc., invoke
"yo^r honorable authorities." S. 93.
- II. 39a. Proclamation.** This Parchment is a curiosity. It appears to be a Proclamation to be read
June 14, 1582. to the people of the Borough, so that "none sholde be deceived by any extreme
English. reports" as to the imprisonment of J. Brooke for having brought one Whitte before
W. and M. R. T. Howarde, Esq. Whitte was suspected of felony, but was "simplye and wthoute
Brooke. lawfull officer arrested" by J. Brooke, who was therefore imprisoned. The proclama-
tion then sets forth several offers which were made for his release on certain
Obstinacy. conditions, which he refused. At last the ²Mayor with the ³"bēchers" (the Borough
Bailiffs and Aldermen it seems) T. Howarde, Esq., ⁴H. Rogers, Esq., with others, and
Howarde, the Common Council, fined him £20.
Rogers.
Seals. On a parchment slip is the large Seal of the three Lions, reverse the M. R.
ship. See i. 41. M. i. 7.
- II. 40. Order.** Copy of Order from the Privy Council, approving of the imprisonment of
July 3, 1582. J. Brooke by the Mayor for breach of former Orders—and declaring that such
English. offenders of Weymouth or Melcombe, "shall not hereafter be harde at this table,"
W. and M. R. but in the Court of Exchequer. S. 91.
Brooke.
The Council worn out.
- II. 41. Recognizance.** Recognizance in £50 for T. Samways' obedience to the Statute for the
July 31, 1582. government of the united Borough. (This was doubtless connected with his
Latin & English. submission. See ii. 39.) S. 97. 1.
W. and M. R. Samways.
- II. 42. Petition.** "A complaynt against them of Weymouth." This is a small parchment
Aug. 21, 1582. document, with a parchment slip bearing a double seal, the ship, and the three lions.
English. It represents to the Privy Council that, as J. Brooke, in the name of the tenants of
W. and M. R. Weymouth, has exhibited a Supplication against the Mayor, etc., in reference to his
Brooke. Seals.

¹ This date is correct. See ii. 43.² Allyn.³ See ii. *11a.⁴ Of Bryanston.

collision with them (as above), they think it fit to give the names and "adycions" of his abettors, as to whose small credit they refer to the ". . . worshypfulls of this sheere." The list is headed by "J. Brooke, baker, the chief dysturber of the goverment of this tonne." Then follow sixteen names with "adycions." There are four tailors, three mariners, two shoemakers, one mercer, one tanner, one merchant, one yeoman, one husband-man, one "lytberman" and one "bere-brewer," with the old Dorset name, Clavell.

Names, etc., of the Petitioners for W. rights.

S. 94.

Clavell.

On Sept. 21st, the day when Bailiffs were wont to be chosen in Weymouth side before the Union, Mr. Mayor Allyn, Mr. Aldermen Monnsell, Bagge, R. Pytte and W. Pytte, and many others, went over. "Beinge in the passage boate," the bell of Weymouth Chapel tolled, apparently for the meeting. As they went towards the Hall they met Hugh Randall, J. Brooke, W. Dotherell and about sixty more. The Mayor desired them to return, to elect Bailiffs "for the corpaçon." R. and B. said that they had already done so; and D. added that in any other matter they would attend the Mayor. The Weymouth party went on towards the passage boat, and the Mayor and his company to the Hall. There R. and B. again appeared and claimed the Mayor's aid to examine an accused person. The Mayor said that another time would do for that, especially as Mr. Howarde had the case in hand, and he asked them again if they would assist in the Election. They gave no clear answer, but departed. Then the Melcombe party carried out the Election, choosing Roger Geyer, Bailiff for Weymouth, and Barth. Allyn for Melcombe.

II. 43. Memorandum. Sept. 21, 1582. English. W. and M. R. Allyn, Mounsell, Bagge, Pytte, Randall, Brooke, Dotherell.

Irregular Election of Bailiffs.

Howarde.

S. 97. 2.

Geyer, Allen.

"The Articles layed downe in the Exchequer Chamber, 1582, at Harford, by my L. Treas." (Hertford.)

II. 44. Order. Nov. 22, 1582. English. W. and M. R. Articles containing Borough Bye-laws enacted at Hertford.

1.—"Waymouth men not to appeare at the Leete at Melcombe."

2.—The Mayor shall nominate two men of each town, of which four men one shall be elected Mayor for the next year.

3.—The Election is to take place in the town where the Mayor lives.

4.—The Bailiffs of the Corporation to be chosen by the Corporation, at the time of the Election of the Mayor. The Bailiffs for collecting the Queen's rent in Weymouth to be chosen by "those of Weymouth" only. Excepting for that collection they have no authority, not being J.P's.

5.—On proof "that Waymouthe is annient demeane" the inhabitants shall have the liberties belonging to tenants in such demesne.

6.—That the Bailiffs of Weymouth shall yearly pay the "rent of the custome of the water in Waymouth side" to Her Majesty; "they of Melcombe" having no part thereof, nor the Weymouth people sharing the petty customs of Melcombe. (Two copies).

S. 92. 1, 2.

¹ The existence of this calling gives an idea of considerable shipping trade.

- II. 45. Deposition.** W. Chappell, Serj^t, T. Pytte and J. Mockett depose that, being sent to H. Randall and W. Doderell for Lawrance, a prisoner, R. refused to give him up and said "that the Mayor should have nothings to doe thaire." S. 99. 12.
 Mar. 21, 1582 (3)
 Eng. W. & M. R.
 Chapell, Pytte,
 Mockett, Ran-
 dall, Doderell,
 Lawrance.
- II. 46. Letter.** To the Privy Council. On May 1st a bark of W. and M. R., of about fifty tons arrived with seventy q^{rs} of salt, belonging to the Mayor and "his brother by the law," who did "lett crye the same" for three shillings per bush^l. On May 3rd a ship of about sixty tons arrived, full of salt, belonging to a Plymouth merchant. T. Pitt, brother-in-law to the Mayor, and factor for him and others, persuaded them to buy up this last cargo, to keep up the price; offering the Plymouth merchant 2s. 3d. a bushel. The merchant told Hugh Randall, "Bailiff according to ancient custom," that he "went to sell . . . unto the countrye." So, by his means, the last cargo of salt was cried next day, being Saturday, at Dorchester Market, at 2s. 6d. a bushel. Accordingly on Monday "the countrye came down to buy . . ." The Mayor's serjeants seized the first two bushels thus sold, carried them to the Mayor's house, and stopped the sale. The merchant went to G. Trenchard, Esq., to get license to depart with his salt, but he would not consent "till his full daies were expyred;" but wrote to the Mayor not to hinder the sale. He did not obey. It is alleged that such forestalling of this and of other salt imported in "sundry Britton's shippes" could not have happened before the Union of the Boroughs; as a forestalled cargo would have been forfeited to the Queen. All which "yo^r poore orator J. Brooke," Bailiff, is ready to avow. (Not dated, but as it seems to be the occasion of the following letter it probably was written in Aug., 1583.) S. 101.
 Trenchard.
 Brooke.
- II. 47. Letter.** Autograph Letter from Sir C. Hatton, showing a personal knowledge of the Borough Controversies. He tells his "very lovinge frend Mr. J. Mounsell," Mayor, with much plainness that his seizure of certain salt from Rob^t Byshoppe, and imprisoning him, was a very bad action; and enjoins him to release him on security, and to restore the salt. In the absence of the rest of the Council Sir C. feels obliged to write on his own responsibility, both out of duty to the Queen, as also "of th^e poor place wh^h I hould in the Liberty of Waymouth." He reminds the Mayor that all old Liberties of W. remain, including the holding of Courts "for nusances or such lyke abuses." "ffrō the Court at Sunyghill, 3rd of Sept., 1583. S. 102.
 Sept. 3, 1583.
 English.
 W. and M. R.
 Sir. C. Hatton.
 Mounsell.
 Byshoppe.
 Blame for
 seizure of salt.
- II. 48. Warrant** Warrant by Chris. Anketyll, J.P., to the Mayor, to release Rob. Byshopp, who has given security. S. 99. 5.
 Sept. 7, 1583.
 Eng. W. & M. R.
 Anketyll.

Summons by Chr. Anketyll to Mr. Mayor Mounsell, to appear before him at his house at Lytchet Mynster.	S. 99. 2.	II. 49. Summons. Sept. 8, 1583. Eng. W. & M.R. Anketyll, Mounsell.
Royal Warrant to cause Rob. Byshopp ¹ “replegiare.”	S. 99. 1.	II. 50. Warrant Sept. 19, 1583. Lat. W. & M.R. Bishop.
Warrant as in ii. 49, but by G. Willyams, Armiger. With seal. Addressed to Ric. Crewe and also his Bailiffs.	S. 99. 4.	II. 51. Warrant Sept. 24, 1583. Lat. W. & M.R. Williams.
Forasmuch as W. Chappell of Melcombe was on board certain pirates, at E. Lulworth, “to by suger,” &c., and to show them favour, and victual them, I, Hugh Randall, Vice-admiral of Dorset, have arrested him, until he give bail to appear at the next Sessions “of oyer et determyner for pyrates” in Dorset. Mem ^m of receiving the above from R., and that he said at the same time that if Rob. Byshop were a son or friend of his “he would shoote a Callyver in him that sh ^d . . . keepe him in so vyle a pryson . . .” Signed Bernard Maior, J. Gundrye, W. Pitt. (Placed slightly out of order owing to the mention of Byshop, also named in ii. 50, etc.)	S. 99. 13.	II. 52. Memorandum. Oct. 1, 1583. English. W. and M. R. Randall. Chappell. Pirates at E. Lulworth. Byshop, Maior, Gundrye, Pitt.
Memorandum (?) by H. Randall, partly illegible.	S. 103. 2.	II. 53. Memorandum. Sept., 1583. Eng. W. & M.R.
Mem ^m by T. Martin and J. ffeaver that, when sent by the Mayor to ask H. Randall why Serj ^t Chappell was imprisoned, he answered that it was because “he entermedled upon the water, haven and porte.”	S. 99. 10.	II. 54. Memorandum. Sept. (?), 1583. Eng. W. & M.R. Martin, Feaver, Randall, Chappell.
Original depositions before Rob. Shute, Second Baron of the Exchequer, on twenty-three sheets.		II. 55. Depositions. Oct. 18, 1583. Eng. W. & M.R. Mounsell, Randall.
J. Mounsell, merchant, thirty-seven years old—		
(1.) Heard Hugh Randall affirm that the Exchequer Order made last Mich ^s at ² Hertford, was false and not “agreable” to that to which they had set their hands, and that J. Broke has said the same.		Hertford order.
(2.) He says that H. Randall and W. Dotherell, late Bailiffs, and J. Wade and J. Broke, newly chosen Bailiffs, governed Weymouth, and “claimed to be” J.Ps. by virtue of their office. (And this was twelve years after the Union of the Boroughs.)		Randall, Dotherell, Wade, Broke.

¹ “Replegiare.” “Replevie (Plevina) is the bringing of the writ, called Replegiare facias, by him that hath his cattell or other goods distreined . . . and putting in surety to the Shyreene that, upon delivery of the thing distreined, he will persiew the action against him that distreined.”—Cowell. s.v. Replevie.

² See. ii. 44.

(3.) As Bailiffs the above have received the petty customs of the Haven, apart from the Corporation.

Resistance by
Bailiffs of W.
and others.

(4.) Hugh and W. Randall and Ric. Broke have resisted the Mayor's officers; and they and others seized Laurence Titchinge, when arrested for felony, on Hue and Cry, by the Serjeants.

(5.) The Serjeants reported that R. and others beat them and said that the Mayor had nothing to do on Weymouth side.

Trenchard.

(6.) Ric. Broke, summoned by the Serj^t to appear before G. Trenchard, Esq., resisted and grievously wounded the Serj^t.

Bysshop.

(7.) Rob. Bysshop, required by the Mayor to receive from him a lawful measure for selling salt, refused, saying that he had one from the Bailiffs of W., continued to use a false bushel and said that the "Order made at Hertford terme was not worthe a button."

(8.) Serj^t Chapell, when sent to W. to give notice of the Election of a Mayor, was imprisoned there for a month and more.

(9.) It was affirmed by several that H. Randall said that if Rob. Bysshop were his son or friend he would "shoote a callyver at him . . . that should keep him . . . in so vile a prison."

Threat of
murder.
Allen, Bysshop.

(10.) H. Randall having purposed to kill J. Allen, of M. R., and R.'s son having said that there would be no quiet until one "of the best" of M. R. was slain, the deponent is in fear of his life.

Signed Rob. Shute.

J. Allen, merchant, forty-six years old, deposes to one to nine substantially the same as Mounsell had done.

Gregorie.
Custom house
of W.

(11.) The Deponent is in fear of his life, H. Randall having said to Rob. Gregorie that "he wente twice upp the hill, purposing to have kylled this deponente;" and that he dares not go over to the Custom House. Signed Rob. Shute.

S. 105.

II. 56. Letter.
Mar. 16, 1583 (4)
English.
W. and M. R.
Allyn.
The Bridge.

Draft letter from Mr. Mayor B. Allyn, and others, to the Lord Ch^f Baron and Mr. Recorder. It speaks of the intended erection of the Bridge as likely to cause "good contynuance of pfty amty."

S. 143. 1.

II. 57. Letter.
Mar. 16, 1583 (4)
English.
W. and M. R.
Bridge.

Draft letter from the same to some one not named, perhaps, T. Howarde, Esq. They say that they have "framed . . . letters to the L. Cheef Baron," (as above) asking him to inspect the site of the intended Bridge when he is on his return from circuit. (On the back is an undated list of "the xxiiii of the comon Counsell.")

S. 180.

¹ See ii. 44.

Draft letter to ¹Mr. Tomson, informing him that he has been chosen M.P., "as one in whom our onelye . . . confidence whollye relyeth." His name has been returned to the sheriff with [another], who is to be nominated for M. R. by the E. of Warwick, and two for W. by the E. of Pembroke and E. Philippes Gent. He is requested to become a free burgess of the Borough. A copy of the Oath is enclosed, which he may take before Mr. Recorder. The writer desires that an Act should be "exhibited" for authorizing all decrees for union and for "establishinge our quyetnes, as shall be by our Solicitor moved unto you by Councill." (With Mem^a to send a letter to Mr. Gundrye, the Town's Attorney, and to the nominees of the E. of Warwick and the E. of Pembroke (?). To keep Brooke (then in Baron Gent's custody) and Ledoze in mind. S. 113.

II. 58. Letter. 1585 (?). English. W. and M. R. Tomson. E. of Warwick. E. of Pembroke. Philippes.

Union desired.

Gundrye, Brooke, Ledoze.

Two rough drafts and a fair copy of Resolutions agreed on in Melcombe Town Hall by Mr. Mayor Mokett, Aldermen Mounsell and Allyn and others, for M. R.; and W. Doderell, Hugh Randall, W. Ledoze and others for W. They resolve speedily to devise by law the "cuttinge of all cavilles," etc. The government of the Town, on both sides of the water, to be only by the Mayor as "sole governer" in all things, Admiralty, Coronership, Market, the keeping the three-weekly Courts, and levying the fee farm Rent of the whole Town. "But justifyinge them selves of both sides to hold there severall liberties, priviledges and jurisdictions in the righte of them selves and there severall corporacions as ffeefarmes of the same and not of the Queene as tenants at will." They suggest four ways of promoting peace; 1. By giving up all Charters of both Towns, and having a new one for the whole. 2. By abolishing all Offices except those of the Mayor and other Officers to be chosen at the same time and place with him. 3. "Or by constitution among themselves." 4. By making one street in M. R., "directlye withe the bridge" free from arrest. Or by other means, "good in lawe whereto eight of the most substantiale psones of either side shall stande bounde." And with "convenient speede a Bridge over the Haven shall pceede to be made." (See ii. 11a.) S. 111. 1, 2, 3.

II. 59. Resolutions. Feb. 1, 1585 (6). English. W. and M. R. Mokett, Mounsell, Allyn, Doderell, Randall, Ledoze.

Proposals of Peace.

Bridge.

"A Breviate of the Misdemeanors of Wm. Ledosse, Wm. Samwaies and Ric. Brooke." 1. The arrest and trial of W. Colston. (See vi. 29.) 2. W. L. swore in J. Chapell as his serjeant, who "performed stayne presse of the Admiraltye uppon one G. Moon." 3. W. L. took the keys of W. Hall and Prison, and said he would keep them. 4. Ric. Brooke said he would obey W. L. rather than the Mayor. 5. W. L. has taken "ancorage of certayne carvelles," etc., also "busseladge." 6. He denies the delivery of the sails of a bark of St. Malo on payment of 4s.

II. 60. Memorandum. Mar. 3, 1585(6). English. W. and M. R. Ledosse, Samwaies, Brooke, Colston, Chapell. Complaint as to conduct of W. people.

NOTE.—On Jan. 30th he did this on board the Bonaventure, in presence of certain Aldermen, etc. S. 119. 5.

¹ He was the nominee of the Earl of Bedford. See ii. 34.

II. 61. Depositions, etc.
Mar. 3, 1585(6).
English.
W. and M. R.
Ledosse, Colston, Chapell, Mutloe.

Headstrong
conduct of W.
people.

Before the Mayor, etc. in W. Hall, W. Ledosse confessed that he caused to be made out the press against G. Moone, and said that in "Thadmiraltie he may examine the Mayor himself." As to the forcible arrest of Mr. W. Colston he will answer at another time. He acknowledges that he made J. Chapell Serjeant, and employed him about G. Moone, which C. confirms. He also affirms that Mr. Recorder said that he would advise Mr. Mayor not to "dealle in Thadmyraltie." Ric. Brooke also avowed that he would rather obey W. L. in "matters for the Towne," than the Mayor. L. avowed that he "fette" the Hall and Prison keys out of the Serjeant's house and would keep them. And Serj^t. Mutloe confirms this. With "some a doe" the Mayor got the Prison key, to commit two offenders, but not the Hall key.

S. 119. 6.

II. 62. Memorandum.
Mar. 26, 1586.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Ledosse,
Mutloe.

Before the Mayor, etc., in W. Hall, W. Ledosse said "flatlye" that in matters of peace he had as much to do in W. side as the Bailiff of the Corporation or the Mayor. Then L. and Mutloe speak about the Keys, as above, ii. 61.

S. 127.

II. 63. Articles, etc.
Mar., 1585 (6).
English.
W. and M. R.
Complaint of
usurpations of
M. R. people,
with Answers.

Copy of Articles against the Mayor, etc., in M. R. side for breach of the Decrees and "usurpinge upon the Queene's Ma^{ties} Baylyfes of W."; with draft Answers.

1. They refuse to accept a W. man as Collector of Petty Customs. Answer—They have not refused any man "as by the decre is appointed."

2. The "Cartinge," etc., in M. R. are not collected by the same man. Answer—The duties have been so collected, except the carting, which has always been collected by appointment of the Mayor, and kept towards the Recorder's and Attorney Gundrye's fees for Town business.

3. Whereas the profits of the towns should be bestowed where there is most need, this is not done, nor is the carting accounted for at all. Answer—The Collectors have accounted for the money, which has been spent on W. side.

4. The Mayor usurps on the Bailiffs by dealing with the Jurisdiction of the "Admiraltie of the Water," the three-weeks Courts, Leets, Law-days, Clerk of the Market and Coroner of W. Answer—Although the Mayor is by Statute authorized as above (except as to the three different Courts which are held by the Queen's ¹Steward) yet he has never exercised such authority, being hindered by the W. people.

5. The Mayor "do extortlye usurpe" by taking for his own use the "hedde feefyashe and busselage." Answer—He, by Decree, may lawfully do so. Objections by the Mayor, etc., against them of W. The profit of the passage boat, £3 6s. 8d. [during the last year?] is kept by the W. people. ²The Bailiffs of W. have sold land in fee simple without consent of the Mayor, etc.

S. 116. 1, 2.

Sale of Land by
Bailiffs.

¹ The High Steward of W., Wyke, Portland, Wareham, etc., Manors. The E. of Pembroke was Steward at this time.

² Some of their original Feoffments remain. See iv. 12a.

Briant Hitchins, of Plymouth, deposes that W. Ledosse would pay for only thirteen out of fourteen bush. of wheat, the other being his fee "for busleges," as L's own mem^m. (pinned on) sets forth. L. said that the Mayor had nothing "to doe uppon the water." B. H. "his signe" is curious, ☉ ☿.

S. 119. 8.

II. 64. Deposition.
April 5, 1586.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Ledosse,
Hitchins,
Hitchins' mark.

T. Clarke, Collector for the Corporation, deposes that, on Mar. 25th, he went to a "Carveylle . . . mored uppon W. side," and was told that 4d. had been paid for anchorage to one calling himself Queen's Bailiff, and one of the crew identified W. Ledosse as the man. Also he took anchorage for two "Western" boats the day before.

S. 119. 9.

II. 65. Deposition.
April 9, 1586.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Clarke, Ledosse
Dispute about anchorage.

Petition (ff. 16) to L^d Burleigh, L^d Treasurer, Sir W. Mildmay, Chanc. of the Exchequer, Sir Roger Manwood, Ch. Baron of the same and T. Gent, Baron of the same, from the Inhabitants of W. (This indefinite designation is objected to in a marginal note.) F. 1.—W. "dyrect over againste ffrance," and "upon the mayne sea," for thirty-five years has had great contests with M. Regis about profits of the Haven and divers liberties also. F. 1—4.—The Petitioners recite what has been enacted for union of the Boroughs. F. 5, 6.—Each Borough, however, retained its own special liberties. F. 7.—¹Accordingly on Nov. 22nd, 25 Eliz., it was decreed that W. should elect two Bailiffs to collect dues in W. and account to the Queen. (Note.—This is allowed as to rents on land, but not dues on water.) F. 8.—Also a W. and a M. R. Collector of Petty Customs should be chosen by the Corporation. F. 9.—They say that, as W. is demesne of the Queen the inhabitants still have the right to elect Bailiffs of their own, to be J.Ps., and to perform the duties of Admiral, Coroner, Escheator and Clerk of the Market in W. (Note.—The Bailiffs before the Union were not J.Ps., and the other offices have been by Statute transferred to the Mayor.) F. 9, 10.—They claim the whole haven or river. (Note.—This is denied. W. had right to only half.) They claim the W. Market tolls for W. side. (Note.—This is denied.) F. 10, 11.—Injunctions have come from the Queen and Council that W. should enjoy the whole profits of the haven, without the Mayor's interference. But the M. R. people are reported to have forged writs to the contrary, which the Petitioners have searched for in vain in H. M. Court of Record. ("Travs this," in the margin repeatedly.) F. 12, 13.—The M. R. people have built on the ²Quay and bank to the injury of the Queen and the W. people. (Note.—By "Quo Warranto" M. R. possesses water and soil under it from the middle of the haven, and they have built only on their own ground.) The Mayor, etc., to "violett" the W. liberties, have Collectors of Anchorage, "ffyshe royall," etc., for the whole port, and of profits of the W. market, for benefit of M. R. people. (Note.—This has

II. 66. Petition.
Easter Term,
1586.
English. W.
Petition from
the inhabitants
of W. against
the M. R.
people, with
notes on behalf
of the latter.

Bailiffs of W.

W. Bailiffs are
J. Ps.
Denied.

Harbour
claimed.
Only half
allowed.

Forgery by the
M. R. people
reported.
Traversed.

Encroachment
alleged.
Denied.

¹ See i. 14.

² A quay was pulled down by the W. people. See ii. 26.

Admiralty and the Mace held by the Mayor. been done, but not for private use, except "busseladge and fee fyshe" which by Decree are the Mayor's fees.) F. 13, 14.—The Mayor has taken the offices of Admiral, etc., named before, and keeps from the Petitioners "the mace beinge the Scepter of peace," and beyond all memory belonging to W. (Note.—"The mace belongs to the head officer.") "By whiche their enerochement her ma^{tie} shalbe disenherited" of her customs, etc., and the town and haven of W. "w^{ch} alwayes hath byne fortified, weakened and lye open to the enemye," and the Petitioners be debarred from their liberties. (Note.—"Theise be not debarred of any thinge w^h theise ought to enioye.") F. 15.—Having to pay £12 a year to the Crown as rent of the Customs, they now cannot do this. (Note.—This is payable for landa.) F. 16.—They pray that such order may be taken as may stand with reason and equity.

W. fortified. Signed J. Penruddocke, Raylfe Pudsey. ²Note at foot, that a letter in accordance with the Petition be written against J. Mockett, Mayor. Signed T. Gent. S. 120.

Loss to H.M. feared.

Penruddocke, Pudsey. Mockett. Gent.

II. 67. Deposition. Before the Mayor, etc., J. Brooke said that he was sworn in as Constable by the Queen's Steward, at the W. Law-day, at Mich^s last, and that he had arrested and imprisoned people; also "that he was bounde that he could not serve nor God nor the Queene." S. 119. 11.

May 26, 1586. Eng. W. & M. R. Brooke constable of W.

II. 68. Questions. Six questions respecting Ledosse's proceedings, as given in ii. 64, etc. S. 119. 14.

July 6, 1586. Eng. W. & M. R. Ledosse.

II. 69. Letter. From the Privy Council, with autograph signatures of Lord Burghley, Lord Sept. 20, 1586. C. Howard, Sir. F. Walsingham, etc., to T. Howard, G. Trenchard and J. Williams, Esqs., saying that, as the W. people "continue their accustomed unlawful demaunds," the three gentlemen are to assist the Mayor, the W. people nominating three other Justices, all to act together, one on each side to be a quorum. From Windsor Castle. (Also two copies, with the designations, and not the names of the signatories. Also copied in S. 47. F. 78.) S. 134. 1, 2, 3.

Eng. W. & M. R. Lords Burghley and C. Howard. Walsingham (Autographs), Howarde, Trenchard, Williams. J. Ps. to assist the Mayor.

II. 70. Brief, etc. This document consists of ff. 10. F. 7 is endorsed "M. Swayne's brevvyat, Michs., 1586," applying apparently to all seven first folios. F. 1. contains the substance of the "Bill" by the W. folk, as in ii. 66; and ff. 2 and 3 give Mr. Mayor Mockett's answers, in accordance with the marginal notes to ii. 66; also the "Replication" of the W. folk, insisting again that the Corporation have nothing to do with Admiralty, W. Market, "cullage," or customs in W., and that the Mayor has no right to "busselage" or the "fee-fish." In a "Rejoynder" the Mayor maintains

Michs., 1586. English. W. and M. R. "Bill" by the W. people, and answers. Swayne, Mockett.

¹ See ii. 25.

² This is probably i. 15.

his former assertions. In ff. 4—7 are minutes of rather vague and conflicting evidence. W. Gibbes (F. 4) "sayeth that W. side had a ¹S^gant and Mace 9 yeres before 13 Eliz : concerninge the Admiralty and Arestes of goodes but not for ²piens psonnes." Hugh Randall (F. 16.) "sayeth he hath hard . . . that Holandshed a Keper of Recordes in the Tower delivered a Quo Warranto to Best (his informant), for a Pottle of Wine, and Best thought it to be forged because he had it so good cheape . . ." He (R.) says that he has received customs on M. R. side for W. side, and that W. pays £10 a year "for their howses," and 40s. for Cullage and Customs. In ff. 9 and 10 appear the provisions of the Act of Parliament passed in reference to this litigation. The Mayor, etc., have right to petty customs and profits in both towns, saving any lands, etc., held by them separately heretofore. The Decree 23^d Eliz. (1. 12th?) is quoted as showing that it was then clear to the Court that half the haven, and all accruing from that half, belonged to M. R. before the Union, and the other half to W., at 40s. rent yearly, but only at Her Majesty's pleasure. That the whole of the petty customs, etc., are to be collected by two men chosen by the Mayor, etc. That the W. Bailiffs are to do nothing more than collect and pay in the fee farm rent of W. (£10 yearly), and 40s. for the water on W. side, which the Mayor is to pay over to them. That the Mayor, etc., may use all Leets, Law-days, Liberties, Fairs, Markets, Lands, etc., as the several towns formerly did. That the Mayor is head officer in all causes, "aswell for the peace as otherwise," for both towns; reserving the Leets, Law-days, and three weeks Courts to be still kept in W. by the Queen's Steward.

S. 142.

Gibbes.
W. Mace and
Serjeant.
Randall.
Forgery
of a "Quo
Warranto"
suspected.
Holandshed.

Bye Laws as to
Petty Customs,
etc.

W. Courts.

From T. Howarde, Esq., to Mr. Mayor W. Pit. He speaks of some "outrage," in which "they deny any wepon yn hand, or offered to be brought yn place." He further says that he has decided his "brother Horsey" (as High Sheriff?) to reject the nomination of Burgesses by the Bailiffs, and to accept only such as are chosen by the Mayor, etc. From Walterston. With seal. S. 136.

II. 71. Letter.
Oct. 9, 1586.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Howarde, Pit,
Horsey.
W. Bailiffs
encroaching.

Draft Letter "to my L. of Warwyke" from the Mayor, etc., who say that they have given to him the "noiacon of one of the Burgesses of M. R. side, to be ioynd wth Laurence Tomson, gent.," and with a nominee of the E. of Pembroke, and E. Philippes, gent. And they have returned their "Indentures" to the Sheriff "wth ii blankes." They beseech his Lordship's "furtheraunce" for stopping controversies "wiche do daylye ryse amonge us," on the Statute of 13 Eliz. (i. 9).
Draft Letter to saying that neither Mr. Trenohard nor Mr. Williams could meet him as intended.

S. 119. 22.

II. 72. Letters.
Oct. 10, 1586.
English.
W. and M. R.
Tomson.

Nominee M. Pa.

¹ 13 Eliz. (1571) was the date of the "Act of Union" of the Boroughs.

² Prehension (?) [of] persons.

- II. 73. Letters.** Mr. Jo. Gundrye to Mr. Mayor W. Pytt, referring to affairs of Ric. Pytt's, but also to "Towne busynes," in which he is submitting the Statute of Union to Mr. Swayne. See ii. 70. Wymborne, Oct. 11, 1586. S. 138. 1.
Oct., 1586.
English.
W. and M. R. Gundrye, Pytt.
Wimborne.
- The same to the same. He finds little to do in London, and wishes himself in the country "untill Alhallontyde." However he has procured an order that the W. people shall have "publicacon" only of depositions which concern their own town. He has "daunced attendaunce for the 'names of the Burgesses of yo^r Towne." For M. R. they are Mr. L. Tomson and Mr. E. Phillips the "Concello^r" for "my Lord of Pembroke" Mr. W. Sprynt, a friend of Mr. [Recorder] Hanam's. The Earl of Warwick's nominee is not yet known. He presses for a witness to be sent to London, to depose that James [alias Ledosse] has offended since his recognizance to obey. From London. Oct. 22nd, 1586. S. 138. 2.
- Tomson, Phil-
lips, Sprynt,
Hanam.
E. of Warwick.
James alias
Ledosse.
- II. 74. Memo-
randum.** Mem^m of eight "writinges d^d to Mr. Gundrye," of which several remain, e.g., Mr. Swayne's "Brevyat," Green's Evidence, Letter of the Council about help to the Mayor, and Schedule by Ledosse about Busselage. See ii. 70, 76, 69 and 65. (This Mem^m is placed out of date because it seems to be connected with ii. 73.) S. 165. 2.
Jan. 15, 1586 (7)
English.
W. and M. R. Gundrye.
- II. 75. Letter.** From Mr. Mayor W. Pitt to T. Howarde, Esq., saying that the examination of Hugh Preston and his brother, for certain disorders, must be again delayed, as the Mayor and others are summoned to the Exchequer through "that idle pson Wm Samwayes." He requests Mr. H. to get from Sir J. Horsey the Indenture of the "ptensed Baylyffes" (for a M.P.) as a proof of the rebelliousness of the W. folks. See ii. 71. Answer at foot that Mr. H. asked for the "Yudenture . . . at the musters at Dorchester," but the "undershreyve had it." S. 139.
Oct. 26, 1586.
English.
W. and M. R. Howarde, Pitt,
Preston, Sam-
ways, Horsey.
Bailiffs of W.
Muster at
Dorchester.
- II. 76. Letter.** Letter with autograph signature of Sir F. Walsingham, to the L^d. Ch^f Baron, asking him carefully to consider the case between the "seditious" persons in W. and the people of M. R. He hopes that if the affair is as reported, those persons will receive "condigne punishm^t." (Copied in S. 47. F. 79.) S. 140.
Nov. 15, 1586.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Sir F. Walsing-
ham's
autograph.
- II. 77. Depo-
sitions.** In the Exchequer Court, before Baron J. Sotherton. In twenty-five folios. These are the original Minutes of Depositions by J. Mockett, Merchant, J. Pytte, d^o, T. Martin, "Yoman & Towne Clarke," all on May 13; W. Dottrell, Mercer, W. Pytte, Merchant, and Ric. Moutlowe, "Yoman" and Serjeant, on June 8; and J. Grene, Dorchester, Merchant, on Nov. 8. The first three reply to eleven questions
1586.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Mockett, Pytte,
Martin, Dott-
rell, Moutlowe,
Grene.

¹ This gives an odd idea of elections in those days.

relating to Ledosse's misdemeanors as recorded in vi. 29 and ii. 60, 61, etc. One or two extracts may be given. J. Pytte deposes to seizure of sails by L. On the Mayor demanding them he refused unless the Mayor gave him 20s. "And so stode with the maio^r and pore men abating by little and little" to 4s. J. Mockett says that when Mayor, he wished to make Ric. Broke "one of the number of the 'xxiii," and sent for him for that purpose, but he refused and said he would sooner obey L. He also says that W. Samways spoke of the Decree at "Hertford tearme" as of small moment, through which kind of talk the W. people "contynue verie sore and moche disordered." The three deponents on June 8 speak concerning the arrest of Ledosse, Ric. Brooke and W. Samways, under a Sheriff's Warrant to the Mayor. W. Dottrell, a Bailiff of the Corporation, says that Ledosse when arrested came "courteouslie" to him and promised to appear when required, but represented that he feared he should break the liberties of W. if he were to enter into a bond. Moutlowe and Pytte speak of Brooke's and Samways' violence. Pytte saw B. "drawe his dagger or poyneadowe and sweare by God that if either the Maio^r or the Serjeante did come neare him he would stabbe him." Dottrell saw J. Brooke come before the Mayor when sitting as judge in D.'s house, because L. kept him out of the Hall. J. B., offended at his brother's arrest, said he would act as Constable having been sworn in last Mich^a, and if the Serjeant came to him with processes he would beat him worse than his brother had done. Grene's deposition is imperfect. He says that about July 6, Ledosse refused to let the Mayor have a "fee bushel" of wheat, saying that he "did . . . take extortelie" the said bushel. The Mayor and L. "then both upon the Key . . . contendynge and debatynge" went into the bark whence the wheat was being landed, and L. said to the Mayor, "Come if you dare."

Misconduct of Ledosse.

Disputes fomented.

Threats of violence.

The Mayor excluded from W. Townhall.

The Mayor resisted.

S. 131.

Mem^a of the W. people's replies to certain Articles about rights. The most important seems to be that "Kyng H. the first had grunted Way the port of Waymouth before Kyng Ed. the fyrsts tyme to the Prior of Saint Swytheynes of Wynchester."

S. 143. 3.

II. 78. Memoranda.
Temp. Eliz. undated.
English. W. Grant of harbour rights to W. before the grant to M. R.

A curious Mem^m. slightly imperfect. It records that J. Broke said that the exemplification (copy) for the "Unitie of the Haven" was forged by a priest of the North Country (1) for £20; and that ²H. Holman of Portland was witness of it. Signed by Hu. (1) Boybart and J. Davys de Beauford. Then comes a P.S. that on a former day, at the same place, he said that pensions had procured the Royalties,

II. 79. Memorandum.
Feb. 3, 1587 (8). Latin & English W. and M. R. Alleged forgery of an exemplification.
Broke, Boybart, Davys.

¹ That is the Town Council.

² He seems to have had an enquiring mind. See iii. 15.

etc., of W. and M. R., and that if his bond of £500 were discharged, he would spend £100 in the quarrel. But the great interest of this paper is that it appears to record the above as having been said "apud le Taverne vocat the 'Bores Hedd, Boar's head. London." S. 146.

¹ It is needless to remind the reader that this Inn is immortalized as that in which Falstaff "took his ease."

CLASS III. MINUTES OF BOROUGH COURTS, WITH OTHER LAW BUSINESS.

THESE Minutes consist of a bundle of twelve pieces of parchment, of various sizes, fastened together at one end with a little thong of parchment. The largest piece is about seventeen inches by eight and a half inches; the smallest six inches by two and a half inches.

The contents are the Proceedings in the Law Court of Melcombe Regis. One small parchment is intrinsically very curious. It is the record of a "¹Cur pedis puluie," held in Nov., 1397. Such a record, of so early a date, Mr. Riley considers to be rare.

The interest attaching to these rough little parchments, with their dim writing, is very great. With the exception of the four earliest Charters, there is no writing in the possession of the Municipality, and informing us as to the Borough, so old as these Minutes. And they give us a curious glimpse, however slight, of the condition of Melcombe Regis almost five hundred years ago. The Law seems to have been regularly and firmly administered. Groundless indictment was punished by fine. Raising unjust "hue and cry" caused the delinquent to be ²amerced 6d. Several crimes of violence were punished. A sword, a "³baselard" (cutlass), several "daggers," a club, a staff, and lastly a rake, figure in depositions respecting assaults. Persons are fined for unlawful brewing, and for selling beer in vessels under standard

III. 1. Minutes
of Proceedings
in Law Court
of Melcombe
Regis.
1396—1398.
Latin. M. R.

Pie-powder
Court.

A Baselard.
Assaults.

Short measure.

¹ Curia pedis pulverulenti = Cours du pied poudreux = Pie-powder Court = Dusty foot Court. "It signifieth a Court held in fairs for the redres of all disorders comitted in them; which . . . is sūmary . . ." As to the word "Pie-powder," "Skene reporteth it to signifie a vagabond, especially a merchant, which hath no place of dwelling, where the dust may be wiped off his feet or shooes and therefore must have iustice sūmarily ministred unto him, viz., within three flowings and three ebbings of the sea."—Cowell's Interpreter, 1637, sub voce.

² Amerced.—See note on Amerciaments under iv. 40.

³ Baselardus = Basalardus = Coutelas.—Ducange.

Pie-powder
Court.

Barber, Cartere, measure; also for placing refuse in the streets. These two classes of offence, specially the last, were later a ceaseless grief of heart to the Magistrates.

Clavyle, Cole, Ketes, Momford, Northover, Russell, Vicary, Webbe. Among surnames in these Minutes, and still existing or well-known here, may be mentioned Barber, Cartere, Clavyle, Cole, Ketes, Momford, Northover, Russell, Vicary, and Webbe. Maiden St. is mentioned, also the "Chapel" of Melcombe.

S. 4.

III. 2. Minutes of Proceedings in Law Court of Melcombe Regis. 1400. Latin.

This is a bundle similar to the last, but consisting of only four parchments. The largest is about twelve inches by eight inches, the smallest three inches by two inches. The latter is the only parchment in a good state. It contains "Melcombe Panell, de Tō Hokke a. h. iiii. p̄mo" (Melcombe panel, of Hokke Term, 1 Henry IV. 1400). Of the thirteen names that follow, some are still familiar, some not; e.g. ¹Apreys. The two largest parchments, containing the bulk of the Minutes, are a good deal crumpled and rubbed; which, with the fading of the ink, makes them hard to read in parts. There seem to be only three cases of any moment. T. and Willelmina Cole, executors of the will of H. Frampton, complain of Emma Gilbertes for debt. She is attached by seizure of a small pot and a cup, valued at 13s. 4d. Roger Fox had found and retained a barrel of "pych." He made fine with the court in the sum of 2s. A black horse had strayed into the Borough bounds, and had not been claimed. The decision was that the bailiff was to take charge of it "qu^osque ²supanna^o" [sit] (until it be superannuated). It may be worth while to insert a Verdict verbatim. It is dated Tuesday next after Michaelmas, 2 H. IV. (1400). "XII^{em} libi vi^r q^r noia patent in cedut huic rot an^hx p̄r q^d quidm̄ extⁿeus extr l cultellm̄ cont^o pacē sup alm̄ extraneū iē m̄ inī pleg Thom̄ Cole." (Twelve free men whose names appear in the schedule affixed to this roll present that a certain foreigner drew a knife against the peace on another foreigner, for which [inde? from thence, for his appearance about this] T. C. becomes bail.) The roll ends with three lines of Minutes of another Pie-powder Court, Dec. 6, 1400.

Seizure for debt.

Stray horse.

Presentment or Verdict by Jury.

Pie-powder court.

Surnames.

Several still familiar surnames appear in these parchments; e.g., Abbot, Baker, Crokker, Elert (Ellard), Elys, Fox, Frampton, Walysh (Wallis), and Richards.

S. 5.

III. 3. Minutes of Proceedings in Law Court of Melcombe Regis. 1455, 1456. Latin.

This enrolment consists of only one parchment twenty inches by eight and a half inches. It is more handsomely written than the others, having a little bold, ornamental work in the headings. Parts of it are very dirty and faded, and therefore hard to read.

¹ Apreys. Perhaps Ap rees, usually changed into Rees or Price.

² The "Blue Book" gives this "quousque superannuat." I find no such word in Ducang, and the word looks to me like superannatus = suranné = superannuated.

The "tastatores" (tasters) of ale report Geoffry Samwyse as having brewed twice, and Alice Houperre once, and sold ale, contrary to the assize. They are amerced 2d. and 1d. respectively. Under pain of 3s. 4d., R. Chapman is to remove a "canem morden^p" (biting dog) that injures sheep and poultry. The constables are asked "qr non hent hic ad hunc diem 1 bill & 1 bacm" (why they have not here to-day one bill and one staff), which seem to have been used in an assault and should have been produced.

Tastatores.
Samwyse,
Houperre.

Dangerous dog.

A Bill to be
produced.

St. Thomas Street is mentioned.

S. 6. St. Thomas St.

These are papers mostly relating to Law Courts ; but the cases of themselves have not much interest. They bring out some curious particulars however, e.g., a tailor's bill of 1562. A few items follow.

III. 4. Minutes.
1556 to 1569.
Latin & English
M. R.

For making "of a pare of Velve hose" - - - 6s.
— cotten to lyne the pare - - - - - 2s. 6d.
— — — "beare out" the same - - - - 2s. 4d.
— cloth "to work the stockings" of the same 4s.

Tailor's Bill.

Again, in another paper the variety of coin specified is curious :—"octodecim statera argenti vocat xviii. Mary groets, quinque solidos vocat fyve Elizabeths shillings . ." Also 1s. of Philip and Mary, "one Spanysh ryall & a half and one peny of Queene Elizabeth's quoyne," all = 12s. 10d.

Various coins.

S. 34.

Two little Parchments pinned together long ago apparently. The first contains the Queen's "literæ patentēs," setting forth that she has inspected "librum vulgari^p nuncupat Doomes Daye" (a book commonly called Domesday), showing that the King holds Portland, and receives a rent of £65 a year from it. Which we have granted to be copied at the request of Rob. Pylman. April 22, 1562. With a small seal of the Exchequer.

III. 5. Letters
Patent.
1562, 1566.
Latin. W. ?
Domesday
quoted.
Portland.

S. 144. 1.

Seal.

The other Parchment, hardly ten inches by two inches, also from the Queen, appears to be a reversal of a decision against Hugh Randall, by Fr. Lane, for an alleged debt of £12 8s. 8d. Oct. 26, 1566.

Randall, Lane.

S. 144. 2.

In this Book, mostly filled with other matters, are some entries connected with Law Courts, especially at f. 99, which contains forms of Jury Presentments. One of these is against "lusus talorum & tregette."

III. 6. Book.
1567 to 1594.
Latin & English
W. and M. R.
Lusus Talorum
and Tregette.

S. 47.

These are two Depositions or Mem^a relating very particularly to the Borough Disputes, under which head they are described. See ii. 19, 20.

III. 7. Depo-
sitions.
May 3 and
June 6, 1576.
English.
W. and M. R.

S. 61, 62.

¹ "exemplificand." "Exemplification of Letters Patent is a Copy . . . of" [them].—
Jacob. s.v.

² Dice.

- III. 8. Recognizance.** This is a parchment document, with a fragment of a seal. It is the "Recognizance" of Hughe Charwilles, Typler; similar in form to numerous examples in the Folio Vol. B. S. 48.
July 17, 1571.
Latin & English
W. and M. R. (?)
- III. 9. Minutes of Law Court of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis. 1576.** This is a small folio paper book. The Minutes begin in January and extend to Oct. 1, 18 Eliz., 1576. They are for the most part in Latin, and of little interest, being chiefly records of Actions for Debt. One, p. 53, etc., and in which Owin and Roger Gregorye were concerned, seems to have been of some importance, having been before the Queen's Bench, as appears from three Briefs from that Court. One case is settled by Arbitration, "in forme . . . folowinge, viz., that all . . . maner accons . . . betwene the sayd ptyes from the Beginninge of the world unto . . . the date of these þnts shall cease . . .," and each pay his costs and be friends (page 46). In page 61 is a curious list of goods seized, the Latin freely rendered, e.g., "unū vetus culcitrū vocat¹ an olde fetherbedd with a fewe fethers in him." S. 56.
Latin & English
Arbitration.
- III. 10. Orders.** Eleven Orders by Mr. Mayor Monsell, to the Serjeants, for arrests and calling of Juries in rebus Raynolds v. Gregorie, and Keate (Town Clerk) v. Gregorie. (Two in duplicate.) S. 81. 1-13.
July 16--Oct. 29, 1577.
Lat. W. & M. R.
Raynolds, Keate, etc.
- III. 11. Record of an Action in Court of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis. 1580.** This is a curious document. It is, in its present form at least, a narrow roll more than six feet long. It contains the Minutes of an action Knight v. Churchill for trespass. Imperfect. S. 78.
Latin & English
Knight v. Churchill.
- III. 12. Depositions, etc.** Deposition or Mem^m about rebellious words of H. Preston against the Mayor, and of Ric. Brooke against Mr. Mockett, late Mayor. No date. S. 59. 3.
Temp. Eliz. Circ. 1580.
English & Latin
W. and M. R.
Preston, Brooke, Mockett.
- Latin Deposition of Rob. Peers, by his Attorney Alexander, concerning injury done to a mare. No date. S. 59. 4.
- Latin Deposition of T. Lewse, gen., denying an alleged debt of £4 16s. 0d. to J. Davie. No date. S. 59. 6.
- An Instruction, apparently, as to mode of proceeding in some case not defined. No date. S. 59. 7.
- Latin Depositions relating, partly at least, to the case above, Davie v. Lewse, the latter of whom, "solempniter vocatus" (being solemnly called), did not appear. No date. S. 59. 9.
- Deposition in writing so faded as to be illegible in parts. It is a Deposition or Mem^m of complaints against Roger Keate, Town Clerk, for browbeating a witness.

Keate complained of for browbeating a witness.

¹ See iii. 22.

in a Court held by the said Keate in Portland, and for threatening to get the witness summoned to appear in London. The case was *T. Samwayes v. J. Portland*, about title to certain land in Portland, in which Keate showed great partiality. On the back of the paper, but scored out, is a further accusation that Keate had concealed from the Mayor certain "originalle pcesses" which came from the Sheriff. Keate on his own authority made false returns to the Sheriff, who thereupon entered this Liberty by a process of non omittas, "to the breache of the libertie & . . . slander of the Mayor."

Samwayes,
Portland.

S. 59. 15.

Letter. T. Hanam, Recorder, to W. Pitt, ¹Deputy Mayor, *re Clemente v. Peeres*, at the trial of which he wishes to be present. May 5, 1581. (See ii. 36.)

III. 13. Letters.
May 5 to
July 17, 1581.
English.
W. and M. R.
Hanam, Pitt.
Wimborne.

S. 81. 15

Do. Do., asking for delay of this case until he can be present, it being a matter of weight, and "restinge somewhat dyfficulte." *Wymborne*. May 18, 1581.

S. 81. 16.

A long Letter from Deputy Mayor Pitt, apparently to the Mayor T. Howard, *re Jackson v. Barge*. June 2, 1581.

S. 81. 17.

Letter from Mayor (?) of Blandford, to T. Howarde, Mayor of W. and M. R., about a Marriage Certificate. July 17, 1581.

Blandford.
Howarde, Pitt.

S. 81. 18.

Order that J. Peere have restitution of what he lost by a former decision now quashed. (This former decision was probably in Melcombe Court, see ii. 28. 15, 16.)

III. 14. Decis-
ion. Latin.
Sept., 1581.
W. and M. R.
Peere.

S. 87.

A small folio paper book, covered roughly with an old parchment indenture, of May 14, 1577. Further, this indenture seems originally to have been part of a leaf of a large printed book. On the outside is written "Cubile cupit adolescens," and "And he that hath none may go like a mom, The wost of all his kine." In parts the book is much faded, discoloured, and decayed. It is a great curiosity, being apparently the only remaining Record of Weymouth Courts.

III. 15. Minnte
Book.
Latin & English
1582, 3.
W.

Minutes of
Manor Courts
of W., Ware-
ham, etc.

Although beginning on Oct. 1, 1582, eleven years after the union of the Boroughs, the Minutes of that day are headed "Waymothe Burgus. ss. ²Cur. Legal.

W. Borough
still so styled.

¹ Deputy, it seems, to T. Howarde, Esq. See ii. 33.

² The term "*Curia Legalis*" does not occur in Cowell, the *Termes de la Ley*, or the *Student's Law Dictionary*. But from the latter it would seem to be the same as *Court Leet*. For *Court Leet* is "likewise called the *View of Frank Pledge*." It "was ordained for the Punishment of Offences against the Crown, . . . under High Treason, but such as are punishable with Loss of Life or Member are only inquirable and presentable at this Court, to be certified over to the Justices of Assize."

- cū¹ vis ffranc pleg unacu cur Maſſu done Regine . . ." (Borough of Weymouth to wit. Court Leet with View of Frank Pledge, together with the Court of the Manor of the Lady Queen.) The Presentments contain some odd Latin, *e.g.*, p. 16.
- Butts. "claves sive Kaia vocat le towne Kaye." P. 15, "The Butts are deficient," and p. 72, are to be "newe made." P. 5, Under-tenants are not to feed cattle "upon the wall or in the comone." P. 19, Pigs are not "exire ad largu in comm campo" (to go at large in the common). P. 25, A law term occurs here and elsewhere in this book which has not been noticed in any others of these Records. "Ad hanc² Loquela pendent inter Johana Brooke vid q, et Joheḿ Wade deff . . ." (At this [Court] imparlaunces are depending between Joan Brooke, widow, complainant, and J. Wade, defendant . . .) This was at the "Cur dom Regine de tribuseptimanis" (The Lady Queen's three-weekly Court.) There was a Weymouth Serjeant at Mace, J. Drynkwater. P. 29, etc., The Portland Minutes are headed "Porlaude al. Portlande." Portland place-names occur, *e.g.*, P. 29, "Neale's Croft, Skurle's Croft, Soothe and Nooterne Breston," and P. 36, "Westone." In pp. 37, 38, is a copy of a long letter from the Queen under the Privy Seal, dated July 13, 1576, and addressed to the Earl of Pembroke, "Headd Stewarde" of the Manors of Wyke, Portland, and Weymouth. It sets forth that H. Howman, master gunner of Portland Castle, has found rentals, etc., showing that certain lands in Portland, belonging to the Crown, have been unjustly taken by private persons. This is to be redressed, and H. H. is to be admitted tenant of such lands to the value of £3 per ann., as reward. Then pp. 39, 40, follows copy of a letter from Holman or Howman to the Earl, describing encroachments, viz., Justice, Cofer's, Hormyng, Whytt's, and Barley Crofts, land in Smalcombe, Church Knappe and Reape Lane. He says that counsel have given their "resolute oppynyons" that H. M. Letter is warrant enough for resuming possession, and quotes a Rule of Lord Burleigh and Sir W. Manwood to the same effect, and an Exchequer Order. Wherefore he prays the Earl to "sease the sayd londs." Undated, but soon after Michaelmas, 1582. Then, P. 41, comes a Latin decision that Holman, "tormentoř seu balistař" (gunner), is admitted tenant. Dec, 1582. In P. 43, etc., are Minutes of three-wceklly Courts in Pimperne Hundred; at which P. 10, etc., the Warrener of Blandford, and P. 43, etc., the "Deciñō" of Kuyghtou, Durweston, Pimperne, Lamstone, Gounfyld, Stower
- W. Wall.
W. Common.
- Loquela.
- Three-weekly
Court.
- Portland Court,
and
Place-names.
- E. of Pembroke,
ManorSteward.
Howman.
PortlandCastle.
- Encroachments
- Portland
Place-names.
- Lord Burleigh.
Sir W.
Manwood.
- Holman.
- Pimperne Court
- Place-names.

¹ View of Frank Pledge. At the age of fourteen it was the custom for every free-born man to find surety for his truth towards the King. A certain number of neighbours (commonly ten) became bound for one another, and this company was called, it seems, a "pledge." At a "View of Frank Pledge," the Judge had to see that everyone in the Borough was in some Pledge. Cowell. s.v. Frank Pledge.

² Loquela sine die (in Old Law Records) an Impar lance or Petition for a day of respite in a Court of Justice.—Bailey. s.v. Loquela, apud Anglos = Placitum, Causa, aut causa prosecutio.—Ducange.

³ Decenarius = Deciner = Overseer of ten Friburgs = one Tithing = $\frac{\text{Hundred}}{10}$.—Cowell. s.v. Deciner.—Bailey. s.v. Tithing-man.

Payne, etc., present all well. There were also Deciners in Wyke (P. 48) for Sothover, Northover, and Elwell; also (P. 53) a "Mersor" (?) for Wyke and for Elwell. In P. 50, Knoles Combe in Portland, and P. 53, etc., Brydge in Wyke are mentioned. In P. 72 is an Order that the Charters, etc., of W., and the Seal, be kept in the Common Chest, and nothing be taken out except before twelve Burgesses. Also in P. 72, an Order that a fine of a penny for every foot is to be paid for allowing "pyggs to goo att lardge." The late Mr. Riley read the end of this Order, "the fyerst (first) to take to the same;" but, with submission, it seems to be "the syrent (serjeant) to looke to the same." P. 79, etc., contain Orders for paying "Landcheff" on land in Inmost Haye, Portland. In P. 80, the Wareham Minutes of April 15, 1583, are headed "Wareham Burgus. ss. Curia Legalis," etc., as in W. Minutes, Oct. 1, 1582. A refuse heap near St. Mary's is presented, a matter one would think more for the notice of the Mayor of Wareham. But indeed he seems to have been under the Manor Steward, for (P. 83) there is an Order that the Mayor is not to admit strangers to the Borough but with the advice of his brethren, and consent of the xii. Jurators. Penalty £10. S. 98.

Deciners.

Mersor.

W. Seal and
Borough Chest.

Stray pigs.

Landcheff.
Wareham
Court.

Mayor under
orders from the
Manor Court.

Recognizances for good behaviour of J. Clarke, Anne Whitte's daughter, and others. Jan. 23. S. 95. 5. III. 16. Recognizances. 1582 (3). Latin & English

Warrant of G. Trencharde, Esq., for Ric. Broke, of Weymouth, to be brought before him at Wolveton. S. 99. 9. III. 17. Warrant. 1583. English. Trenchard, Broke.

By Mr. J. Mounsell, Mayor, with seal (defaced), for calling a Jury to try W. Saunders and Ric. Edwardes. S. 103. 1. III. 18. Warrant. 1584, 1583. Lat. W. & M.R.

These Minutes are contained in some loose leaves in a very decayed condition. They extend from Oct., 1584, to Sept. 28, 1585. Besides the Law Proceedings there is the record of the Election of four M.Ps., L. Pembroke and J. Brooke for Weymouth, and R. Swayne and L. Tomson for Melcombe. The Election of all of them was held in Weymouth Hall. (Three sheets together, one sheet, and four single leaves.) S. 107. III. 19. Minutes of Proceedings in Law Courts, etc., of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis. 1584, 1585. Latin & English. Pembroke, Brooke, etc.

¹ Can "Mersor" be the "Dipper," or official who put the Cucking Stool into operation?

² Landcheap is "an ancient fine . . . at every alienation of land . . . in some peculiar land . . ."—Bailey. s.v.

³ May not this co-ordinate power of Manor Officials in an ancient Borough like Wareham, afford some clue to the pertinacious self-assertion of the W. Bailiffs in the new Borough of W. and M. R.?

- III. 20. Ad-
dresses. This seems to be a list of addresses of persons at Paris, Valenciennes,
Feb. 15, 1584 (5). Antwerp, Tournay, Ghent, and "Heddyng;" or rather, perhaps, a list of letters
French. found on Lucas Dorlege and Simon Vandevelde (?) "being examined." S. 95. 9.
W. and M. R.
- III. 21. Minutes
1584, 5. This is a small thin folio paper book, not quite perfect, containing Minutes
Latin & English of a Court not named, but with the Mayor (Hugh Randall) presiding. The
W. and M. R. Proceedings consist mostly of actions for debt, with some sales of Town land, and
Randall. do not seem to call for extracts to be made. S. 163.
- III. 22. Articles
May 4, 1584, Articles against Roger Keate, late Town Clerk.
and Letter
Mar. 17, 1586 (7) 1. Whereas for the fees of any one cause, however long, he ought to take
Eng. W. & M. R. only 6/8, he exacted from H. Knight £6 more, in Oct., 1582.
Keate. Fees. 2. At Dorchester Assizes in March, 1582 (3), and at Sherborne Quarter
Sessions soon after, he attempted to indict J. Allyn, then Mayor, and Aldermen
Surnames. Mounsell and Maior.
3. He called Mr. Mayor Mounsell, and others assisting him "in seate of
Justice," . . . "doltes, with other vile speeches."
4. ¹At Portland, in an action between Samwayes and J. Portland, about
Browbeating a title of certain land there, Keate "folowed the cause against Portland," and browbeat
witness. his witness J. Peers, threatening him, and serving him with a process to appear in
London. Being poor, Peers went to Keate afterwards, and begged to be released
from that journey. Keate consented, but made P. pay "an angelet of golde," and
Angelet. take an oath not to give evidence on Portland's side.
5. (Scored out.) Keate concealed certain Processes sent from the Sheriff,
whereby it came to pass that the Sheriff entered this Liberty by writ of non omittas,
to the breach of the Liberty and "sclander of the Mayor." (With a rough draft.)
S. 95. 7, 8.
Hanam. With this may be taken a Letter from Mr. Recorder Hanam to the Mayor
Howarde. and Aldermen, saying that Mr. T. Howarde has heard that they have not kept their
promise "heretoforethis made" to Roger Keate, with whom they are at law; and
advising careful action so as to retain Mr. Howarde's friendship. Wimborne
Minster. March 17, 1586 (7). S. 117.
- III. 23. Order,
etc. Order by Mr. Mayor Mokett to summon a Jury to try Ric. Brooke and Rob.
Mar. 18, Nov. 28 Whitte. (Latin.) March 28, 1586. S. 119. 7.
1586. Depositions by W. Stagge and W. Pitt respecting a "fardell of "Tregar,"
Latin & English called first "Dowlas," but this word is scored out. The fardel contained eleven
W. and M. R. half pieces. (English.) April 19, 1586. S. 119. 10.
Tregar. Dowlas,
Mokett.

¹ See iii. 12.

² Tregar does not appear in Bailey's Dictionary. Dowlas is a linen fabric. Falstaff complains of shirts of "Dowlas, filthy Dowlas."

"A Testimonyal" that in the matter of the said Tregar, W. Pitt is blameless, as against Gilles Ravenel. (Latin and English. A rough draft, apparently by the Mayor; to be copied and sealed.) June 10, 1586. See vi. 80. S. 119. 12^b

Pitt.

Deposition before Mr. Mayor W. Pitte, by Rob. Franke of Sewberie in Essex. He confesses the theft of some fish, "drye and weatte ruggin," and a net. (English.) Nov. 28, 1586. S. 119. 23.

Sudbury?
Ruggin.

"Recognizaunces for fleshe" by six persons at £50 each (March 7), and seventeen at £20 each (March 9), not to kill, eat, or suffer to be killed or eaten, in their respective houses, any flesh during this Lent, unless with special license in cases of necessity. Six "supervisores," one being of the odd name of "flandergowsin," were sworn in. S. 130.

III. 24. Recognizances.
Latin & English
Mar. 7 and 9,
1586 (7).
W. and M. R.
No meat in
Lent.
Flandergowain.

From Chr. Percie, "Vicecomes," to the Mayor, etc., requiring them to cause any accused persons, within their jurisdiction, to be arrested and produced at the Dorchester Assizes: also to send all freeholders of £4 a year, or upwards, to serve on Juries if required. With seal of crest, and castle below. "Per T. Mayo Subba" [Ilivum]. S. 147.

III. 25. Precept.
Feb. 28, 1587.
Latin & English
W. and M. R.
Liability to
serve on Juries.
Seal.

"In most lamentable manner," J. Loder and four others complain that Nich. Hunt and J. fforse "doeth use victulyng & keping of Shoop contrary to the Lawes," and to the injury of the petitioners, who therefore pray the Mayor to call them to account. Only one signs his own name. S. 151.

III. 26. Petition
April 18, 1587.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Unlicensed
Shopkeepers.

Order by Mr. Mayor W. Pytt to summon a Jury *re* Jones *v.* Frampton. S. 165. 7.

III. 27. Order.
Aug. 29, 1587.
Lat. W. & M. R.

Fourteen papers in various actions for debt, presenting no points of particular interest. S. 187. 2-14, & 189. 1.

III. 28. Law Papers.
Feb. 23, 1603,
to Dec. 3, 1609.
Latin & English
W. and M. R.

As many presentments have been made against J. Pitt for enclosing a certain piece of the Drove, at the East end of W., dividing it from the Manor of Wyke, he is now formally put in possession of it, at 2d. yearly rent, on condition that he puts "Boundstones" to mark the limit of the Borough there, and that he allows a footpath to "Waymouthe Northe" (Nothe).

III. 28a. Feoffment.
Jan. 30, 1604.
English.
W. and M. R.
Town Drove.
Nothe.

N. B. It must have been another part of the Drove for the persevering encroachment on which Ric. Brooke was often presented. See iii. 67, 103, etc. "Drove" is a word still in use in the sense of a lane or thoroughfare for the driving of cattle, rather than the passage of carts. M. iii. 4.

¹ Sheriff.—Cowell. s.v. Viscount.

- III.29. Minutes** This is a small folio paper book, in pretty good preservation. It contains
 Oct., 1604, to Minutes of the Court of our Lord the King, "apud Guihaldam" (at the Guildhall),
 Aug., 1606. which has been holden time out of mind. Extracts are scarcely called for, except
 Latin & English which has been holden time out of mind. Extracts are scarcely called for, except
 W. and M. R. perhaps the record of the escape of Arthur Adym, who "ex priona . . . fregit
 Adym. fugit evasit and rescussu fecit" (out of prison . . . broke, fled, escaped, and made
 Escape from rescue). Court held Oct. 9, 1604. S. 194.
 prison.
- III.30. Minutes** This is a volume similar to No. 29. It contains Minutes from Sept 9, 1606,
 Sept., 1606, to to April 20, 1609 ; but is imperfect and disarranged. Extracts not called for.
 April, 1609. S. 193.
 Latin & English
 W. and M. R.
- III.31. Minutes** Another similar volume, containing Minutes of the "Curia Domini Regis"
 Oct., 1606, to (Court of the Lord King), from Oct. 21, 1606, to Jan. 31, 1609. The Proceedings
 Jan. 31, 1609. are for debt, the routine being broken only by a few Recognizances, etc., and one or
 Lat. W. & M. R. two Indentures of Apprenticeship. For instance, at the Court of Oct. 4, 1608,
 Damon, J. Damon, Shipwright, taking W. Moatyer as Apprentice for ten years, binds himself
 Moatyer. to allow the latter at the end of his time, "four suits of appell lynnenn & wollen,
 Shipwright's . . . xxs, & . . . his axe, his adze, an augere, a caukinge yron, a mallett, a
 tools. Clawhammer, a Clinchhammer, & a gimlett." S. 195.
- III.32. Minutes** This is a thin paper folio like the foregoing. It extends only from July 4,
 July to Sept., to Sept. 4, 1609. Extracts not needed. S. 198.
 1609.
 Lat. W. & M. R.
- III. 33. Pleas,** This number of papers consists of a Royal Warrant to the Borough Serjeants
 etc. for the arrest of Michael Laurence, May 1, 1609, four Pleas for Debt, March 22,
 May 1, 1609, to 1610, to Aug. 16, 1612, a Plea respecting delivery of "quatuor mille lez slatts"
 Nov. 25, 1612. (four thousand slates) at £1 per thousand, Nov. 25, 1612. S. 207, 1-6.
 Lat. W. & M. R. Also a Deposition about the maritime affairs of the Borough, but of no
 Slates. particular interest. 1609. S. 199.
- III.34. Minutes** This is another folio paper book, containing Minutes of Proceedings of the
 April, 1613, to Borough Court (Curia Domini Regis), from April 20, 1613, to Oct. 1, 1616.
 Oct., 1616. S. 204.
 Lat. W. & M. R.

Folio B.

N.B. Here begin extracts from a large folio volume measuring seventeen inches by twelve inches by four inches, recently bound in green vellum, with metal corners, and escutcheon on each cover. On one escutcheon is the title, "The Records of the Charters, Peace, and Matters of Justice for the Town of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis." On the other escutcheon is "1646," being the first, but not earliest, date given in the book. Lettered at back "B."

With the exception of a few leaves at intervals the volume is pretty closely filled with writing up to p. 636—mostly Law Minutes. But see class iv. 40. After that come a number of blank leaves. Then follows an index, recently pasted in, giving dates of forty-seven “leaves which, being loose, were inserted without reference to dates.” With them the volume ends.

At a Court of ¹Placita (Pleas) before Mr. Mayor Roye, the Recorder, Bailiffs, and a Jury. III.35. Minute.
Sept. 30, 1616.
Latin.
W. and M. R.

The Presentments are only four in number, but are curious, e.g. . . .
“W. Brabant custodit domū tiplendm̄ sine licentia Abellus ffeaver [et aliū] sunt coes frequentator [es] domorum tiplendiā et coes ebrū” (W. Brabant keeps a tipping house without a license. Abel Feaver [and others] are common frequenters of tipping houses and common drunkards.) Against drinking.
B. p. 78.

At a Curia Legalis and Vis^a franc pleg. (Court Leet and View of Frankpledge), these Presentments, inter alia, were made. “Sterquilinium . . . prope le Jetty” (a refuse-heap near the Jetty) is complained of and ordered to be removed III.36. Minute.
Sept. 30, 1616.
Latin & English
W. and M. R.
Jetty.

“citra festum Nat^a Dm. px. futur” (this side of the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord next). There are no less than six similar complaints. One “sterquilinium” was “in ²venellā” leading to the house of W. Waltham, the Mayor; another “supen le Wharfe inter Sellarium d̄ti Johis Pitt et le Key David: Gyer” (on the Wharf between the Cellar of the said J. Pitt and the Quay of D. Gyer). Maiden St. is mentioned. In St. Mary St. was “a standing poole of water continually w^{ch} hath bin βsented theis many yeares, and yet there is noe reformacon, whereby . . . Children [are] ofte likely to bec drowned.” Another “greate standing poole in . . . the ffryery land” is complained of. It was agreed that “the Bell be ringed from Michaelmas to Lady Day, and that he may have 20s. for his paines that doth it.” It was proposed that “twoe Chamberlaynes” may be appointed to receive and disburse the revenues of the Town, “which hath received wronge by the Maiors.” Whereupon “clavi ciste huius ville committebantur custodie R. White et R. Knyghte, Ballivis, et J. Roye uno Aldermannorum” (the keys of the chest of this town were committed to the keeping of R. W. and R. K., Bailiffs, and J. R., one of the Aldermen). Refuse heaps.
Wharf.
Quay.
Maiden Street.
St. Mary Street.
Pools in the street.
Friary.
Bell.

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White,
Knyghte, Roy.

B. p. 79—81.

At a Curia Legalis the following Presentments, etc., and many more, were made. H. Hopkins “facit le slaughterhowse in medio vici ville” (in the middle of a street of the town). Margaret Page is licensed to keep an inn, two sureties being III.37. Minute.
Oct. 7, 1616.
Latin & English
W. and M. R.
Slaughterhouse

¹ Placita comprehends Pleas, Pleadings, Debates and Trials at Law.—Student's Law Dictionary.

² Venella, an alley. The word is not obsolete. There is “Friar's Vennel” in Edinburgh.

bound for her good behaviour, and a number of conditions laid down; *e.g.*, she is to "suffer none to tipple in her house on any Saboath day or festivall dayes in the time of divine ſervice or Sermon," or at any time after eight or nine p.m. in winter and summer respectively. She is to "suffer noe carding, dicing, ¹tabling, or any other unlawfull games." She is not to brew, but to "take her driucke from the Brewer," who is "to sell the beste after 6s. the barrell, and the small after 3s." She is to sell "by the alequartt and not by juggs or cupps . . . the best for 1d. the quartt and the second for 1d. the pottle." If, however, she brews, she is to sell at 3d. the gallon for the best, 2d. "the middle sortt," 1d. for the "smaller sortt." She is not to suffer flesh to be dressed "upon forbidden dayes unles for very needefull occacons such as the Law shall abeare." Sixteen more similar licenses were granted.

B. p. 82—84.

III. 38. Minute.
March 22, 1617.
Latin & English
W. and M. R.
Court held on

At Placitu, die Sab^{tie} (Sunday), March 22, 1617, it appeared that the above rules had not had much effect, for the jurors present several publicans because "braxant et tiplent^t Anglice doe brewe and tipple" contrary to articles. So they forfeit their licenses for three years.

Sunday.
Licenses
suspended.
Sunday
observance.

Again, Widow Hodder, another publican, had allowed "*malum gestum* in domo sua die Sab^{tie} dui sub vicibus t^{pi}bibus divinar^m precum" (bad conduct in her house on Sunday, on two occasions, at times of divine prayers).

Forestalling.

Christiana Totnes and others "*sunt com^s ²ingrossator: Buttiri et Ovor^m*" (are common monopolists or forestallers of butter and eggs).

B. p. 85.

III. 39. Minute.
Oct. 6, 1617.
English & Latin
W. and M. R.

At a Curia Legalis, Presentments were made again about "*sterquilinia apud le Jetty et apud angulum venelle ducentem ad domum W. Waltham*" (refuse-heaps at the Jetty and at the corner of the alley leading to the house of W. Waltham).

Maiden Street.

"*Vicus in le Mayden Streete est valde ruinos^s . . . ante le Backdoore R. Hill et alio^r.*" (The road in Maiden Street is very ruinous . . . before the back door of

Friary.

R. Hill and others). The "standing pool" in the Friary, and the disrepair of St.

St. Mary Street.

Mary Street are still complained of. So are many refuse-heaps, heaps of stones, and

St. Nicholas St.

"*le^s earth et durte*" in various places, as St. Nicholas Street and the "venella" at

Hell house.

the house called ³Hellhouse. The "*venella ducens versus le Seaside*" (the alley

Alley leading to
the sea-side.

leading towards the sea-side) has been encumbered with merchandize. "*Le Mantell*

A Mantell.

of the Chimney in *intore* domo mansionali J. Bagg *est valde piculos^s ad faciend*

Bagg.

ignem" (The Mantle of the Chimney in the inner part of the dwelling of J. Bagg is

¹ Tabling. Playing at Tables = Backgammon. See iii. 104.

² "Ingrossing" = "Forestalling," which "is the buying of . . . merchandize by the way as it cometh toward the Faire or Market . . . to the intent to sell the same againe at a more high and deere price."—Cowell. On Oct. 6, 1645, T. Vye "intercept *ang^s* forestalled" train oil.—B. p. 444.

³ See iii. 66, 120; iv. 41.

very dangerous for causing fire). A number of persons, the first being "Comes Arundell" (the Earl of Arundel) are presented as having failed to appear at this View of Frank pledge. J. Read is ordered to remove "le soyle et durte" from the "locus ferianus, Anglicè the Markett Place" every Wednesday at daybreak, and every Saturday in the afternoon. Mention is made of "retia vocata [s] eame 'nette" (nets called seine (?) net), and of the piles of the Bridge. B. pp. 86—88.

E. of Arundell.
Market Place.
Unlawful acts.
Bridge.

Minute of License to Elizth Audney to keep a public house, with sureties and under conditions as in the case of M. Page, above (iii. 37); only that in the present instance it is added that if E. A. will not sell beer to her poor neighbours at 3d., 2d., or 1d. a gallon, according to quality, the Bailiff or Constable may "enter into her howse and sell the same to the poore at that price." B. p. 89.

III.40. Minute.
Oct. 8, 1617.
Latin & English
W. and M. R.
Beer trade.

At a Curia Legalis, several Orders and Presentments against encroachments on the Town Land and "le Towne Drove," which latter is to be allowed "jacere apertum et insematum, Anglicè open and unsowen." Complaints of making "sterquilinia," and of not making and maintaining "keyes;" also of the stopping of "aque cursus" (a water-course) in Franches Street, which is to be allowed to go "cursu suo antiquo" (in its ancient course); also of the taking of "le earth a lez earth pitts;" also of the dangerous state of a house "apud Lovelane end." "Rogerus Chipp publicè dixit in plenâ cur: hec scandilosa Anglicana verba, The Towne hath wronged me" (R. C. publicly said in full Court these scandalous English words, The Town hath wronged me). ²He was amerced at 3/4d. Several persons are presented because "vendiderunt cervisiam" (they have sold beer). "John Hutchins hath com into this Towne to dwell wth a greate charge w^{thout} giveing of security to discharge the Towne." His landlord is ordered to be bound to "amove" him, or to give security to discharge the Parish of J. H. and his family. M. Allin is ordered "amovere le furse ryke" (to remove the furze rick) from his land. B. p. 91—93.

III.41. Minute.
Oct. 13, 1617.
Latin & English
W. and M. R.
Town Drove.

Franches St.
Love lane.
Chipp.

Amerciament
affeerd.

Pauperiam
guarded against
Furze rick.
Allin.

At Placita several persons are presented for "ingrossing" white penny bread and selling it again, ³apparently as an infringement of the rights of the bakers. T. Hayward and his wife are presented for persistently "disturbing of their neighbours att nights," in spite of former punishment. J. Luke was condemned (by jury) "to

III.42. Minutes
Oct. 16, 1616, &
Jan. 15, 1618.
Latin & English
W. and M. R.
Bread trade.
Disturbance a
crime.

¹ "Cū minor le Mesh qm̄ pvis̄ est p̄ statutū" (with a smaller mesh than has been provided by statute). The delinquents were fined 20s. each.

² "afficiabat^a p̄ Cur ad 3s. 4d. sed affer ad 4d." (was amerced by the Court at 3s. 4d., but was affeerd at 4d.) This is considered by an excellent authority to tend to prove that the Affeeror's duties and powers extended to mitigating fines imposed by other authorities.

³ Or to check illegal dealing in bread not properly assized, it is suggested.

- Stocks. sitt in stocks six houres" for stealing three quarts of train oil. It was ordered that there should be two aletasters, and H. Hillerd and J. Rickman were sworn to that office. R. Allin alias Belpitt was fined £10 for refusing to serve on a Grand Jury. Oct. 16, 1617. B. p. 94—96.
- Allin alias Belpitt. (There is a note here, and others follow, of irregularities in making entries in this part of the book.)
- Pitt. Order by Mr. Mayor J. Pitt and Bailiffs, that the Brewers shall "make good and holesom Beare, a stronger sorte at 11/ the hoghead, and a smaller sorte or Tabell Beare at 6/," and give notice of brewings that "the Aletasters and Alecunners" may taste the beer. Jan. 15, 1618. (Placed out of order of date.) B. p. 97.
- Price of Beer.
- III.43. Minutes Oct. 28 and 31, 1617. English. W. and M. R. Searchers of Leather. Foreign tour. Pitt. John Bagge and Robert Howard were "sworne searchers and sealers of Leather." Oct. 28, 1617. B. p. 109.
- "Robert ¹Browne, gent., third sonn unto Sir J. Browne, Knyghte, aged XXVIII. yeares or thereabouts, having to travayle into ffrance for the obteyning of the language, and bettring of his understanding in fforeigne affaires, came voluntarily before Mr. J. Pitt, Mayor." This was doubtless to swear not to say anything abroad to the injury of this realm. Oct. 31, 1617. B. p. 109.
- III.44. Minutes Dec. 13, 1617. English. W. and M. R. Turberville, Pettin. Assault. Robert Turberville, Constable, complains that H. Pettin, suspected of intending "som mischiefe" because he had been seen to carry a sword, and had said "that he would make som to kneele or com before their godfathers," and the said H. P. having been sought out and called on to give up his sword, drew it and ran at the Constable. The latter would have been run through if he had not "speedily caught one of the Watchmen's billes into his hands, and defended himself therewith." The defendant was imprisoned, on his way to prison "rayling" and threatening the Constable that he "would paye him soundely, but att this time he would obay his foolish office." Dec. 13, 1617.
- Sprage. Fordington. Ralphe Sprage of Fordington, examined, makes a long statement about his gambling and drinking in Weymouth and Dorchester with Jas. Bounde, from whom he borrowed "a booke of the warres in the lowe countryes." Dec. 13, 1617. B. pp. 112, 113.
- A book of the Wars.
- III.45. Minutes Jan. 15, 1617 (8) Eng. W. & M. R. Short weight. Randall, Ben-vile, Buckland. H. Randall "did take his oath upon the holy Evangeliste of God" that he went in fear for his life.
- J. Benvile of Bucklan, for bringing to market eight pounds of butter of short weight, was condemned to forfeit the butter, which was given to the poor. B. p. 114.

¹ Doubtless of Frampton.

At Placita, "Matthewe Allin speaking openly in the Courte that the Coarse w^{ch} Mr. Mayor [J. Pitt] did take would drive all men out of the Towne, the C^{te} did graunt the good behavior against him." Then follow Presentments by Constables and Aletasters about offences in their respective departments. There is one against "Brian Gates for suffring on the Saboath day to drincke sundry psons." "A vagrant pson [has been] whipped and sent away by passe." Divers persons were "punished in stocks for being druncke," or "for abusing the watch." Others "for being druncke paid 5/ to thuse of the poore." Again, "out of every alehouse 1stoning potts [were] broken."

III.46. Minutes
Jan. 19, 1617 (8)
English.
W. and M. R.
Allin, Pitt.

Sunday
observance.

Punishments
for
drunkenness.
Short measure.

B. pp. 98—103.

Royal Order for careful supervision of Alehouses. Feb. 12. 15 James I. (1618).

III.47. Orders,
etc.
Feb. 12, 1617 (8).
English.
W. and M. R.
Alehouse rules.

Regulations in accordance therewith. 1. Every Alehouse-keeper shall be bound in £10 with two sureties in £5 each, to "answere the King in case there bee a forfeiture." 2. That this recognizance and the license are to be renewed yearly. 3. That the Justices "bee very carefull" that the recognizances be certified at Quarter Sessions. 4. That the Justices shall search out those who "victuall" without license. 5. That they watch against brewers who sell to unlicensed victuallers. Subscribed by L^d Chief Justice,

(Fac-simile of autograph.) Henry Montague.

Then comes a form of license, with regulations appended, much the same as in p. 83. The chief alterations are, an enlarged list of unlawful games, viz., "Cardds, Dice, Tables, Quaits, ²Loggetts, and Bowles." Again the victualler is not to harbour "masterles men," and other notorious offenders. They are to sell "by sealed measure," strong beer not above 1d. a quart, "smale beere" not above a halfpenny a quart. Lastly they "shall not utter, nor willingly suffer to be uttered, drunck, or taken, any ³tobacco."

Unlawful
games.

Price of beer.
Tobacco
forbidden.

B. pp. 122—124.

Examinations and Inquisitio (Inquest) before the Mayor, as Magistrate and Coroner, concerning the death of W. Pitt. Feb. 16, 1617 (8).

III.48. Minutes
Feb. 16, 1617 (8).
Latin & English
W. and M. R.

Brian Gates (a name often seen in these Minutes) offered for sale to W. Keynes of "Hasselbere," gun-maker, a fowling piece. They and others go down to "Melcombe Sande" to try it. They set up a marke against Mr. Robt. Knight's wall, and then upon the sand about one hundred and thirty paces "à maguo muro

Hazelbury.
Keynes, Gates.
Knight.

¹ Stoning = stonen = of stone. The Dorset is stwunnen. These, above, were doubtless stoneware jugs of short measure.

² Skittles ?

³ The reader need hardly be reminded of K. Jas. I.'s hatred of Tobacco, as expressed in his "Counterblast."

⁴ It is strange that in a secluded parish like Hazelbury, there should have been a gun-maker.

Jetty a great wall.
Allin, Pitt. vocat° le Jetty, in altitudine quatuor pedum et latitudine octo pedum" (from the great wall called le Jetty, in height four feet and in breadth eight feet). A shot fired at this mark by P. Allin went over the Jetty, and fractured the skull of W. Pitt who was passing in a boat in the Harbour. The gun-maker deposes that he did not see this boat nor any other "nerer than nere aboute the middle waye betweene the Joseph then riding in the Hole and Weymouth Jetty." Pitt was brought on shore and lingered about three hours. And Allin "kneeling down ¹to his bedside and praying [Pitt] to forgive him, [Pitt] answered, 'I doe with all my harte.'"

Those concerned were bound over to give evidence at the County Sessions.

B. pp. 114—119.

III. 49. Minutes
Feb., 1617 (8).
Eng. W. & M. R.
Pomfret.
Dewlish.
Unfit brags.

Memorandum that T. Pomfrett of ²Devenish, Dorset, gent., "ranne armed into the house of Mr. J. Pitt, Mayor . . . making comparisons wth him, affirming that he was as good and a better man than he . . . swering many fearfull oathes and using divers other unfitt braggs." Feb. 19, 1617 (8). For this he made public submission next day.

B. p. 119.

Short weight.

Erasmus Cox, of Toller, Baker, was amerced 12d., his bread being one ounce "to lighte" in every penny loaf. Feb. 26, 1618.

B. p. 124.

Breach of
Lenten Fast.

E. Cuttance and Davy ffyppen, Constables, make presentment "that they did finde a legg and a shoulder of a calve sithence the time of Lent, killed by Walter Bythywood." The meat was seized and given to the poor. Feb. 28, 1618.

B. p. 119.

III. 50.
Miscellaneous
Memoranda.
March, June,
July, 1618.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Cranbourne
and other place-
names.

Examination of J. Johnson, of London. March 25, 1618. Noticeable chiefly for mention of place-names. He says that he came out of London on "Shrove Monday," and reached Meere on Saturday night. Thence he came by Hindon, Salisbury, Cranborne, Wimborne (King's Arms), and Lichett, to Weymouth.

B. p. 120.

Lighwith.
Osamington.
Sandforte
Bridge.

Examination, same date, of Scicily Harvy, of Lighwth, Wimborne. She speaks of intending to go to "Osmondton," by Sandforte Bridge. These two persons were accused of misconduct. Their sentence does not appear.

B. p. 121.

Pitt.
Wife beating.

J. Pitt was bound over to keep the peace towards his wife, whom he "in his druncknes did beate and pulled her by the haire." June 3, 1618.

B. p. 124.

Bowling.

Examination of Delinquents who were caused to confess that they had been ³bowling, and obliged to find security that they will do so no more. June 22, 1618.

B. pp. 124, 5.

¹ "To" for "at," good Dorset.

² Devenish = Dewlish doubtless.

³ In 1579 Bowling was accounted "lawfull disporta." See iv. 2^a.

Report from Maximilian Loader, one of the "Searchers of corrupte flesh," that Justinian Hingston "his boye" offered for sale "oxe fflesh w^{ch} dyed of itt sealf." It was ordered to be "given unto doggs." June 27, 1618. B. p. 127. Bad meat.

Memorandum. Hugh Trewen, Robt. Sanger, and — Bread, watchmen, "for that they were founde sleeping . . . in their watch, were set in the stocks by the space of one hower and upwardes." July 15, 1618. B. p. 130. Watchmen in the Stocks.

Information, taken by Mr. Mayor, about an occurrence on June 29, 1618. III. 51. Minutes Aug., 1618. English. W. and M. R. Loring.

One Loring, sixteen years old, "sounded a drumbe;" and, being forbidden by the Mayor, nevertheless did it again. Then some of the twenty-one persons named at the foot of the Information sounded the drum again, and about one p.m. "armed with musketts went forth of the towne wth a drumbe soundinge, a trumpett and ancient." The Mayor sent to them an order "to dissolve their company & retorne backe." The drummer was inclined to comply; but some others "affirmed they would beare him out." So he went on. After evening prayer they returned, armed as before. They said they had been "to fetch a so^mer Pole to set upp in the Towne, but broughte none wth them. In the fforefronte of this troope m^{ch}ed one Thomas Bascombe, with an Axe on his shoulder." Percevall Gibson, drummer, Matthewe Knott, annient, Angell Lawrence, and eighteen other names, "with sondry others unknown." Not dated. B. p. 130. Disorderly affair.

At Placita, a Presentment and Examination are minuted, about the above. The former is against twenty men for assaulting the Constables, "haveing wth them Swordes, Pykes, Musketts, and other unlawful weapons." And there is one other well worthy of notice, "Item they psent here are noe Butts in Melcombside." Some of the Presentments were decided by trials by Jury. J. Peters, for assaulting a Constable, was fined 12d.; Carding Abbott, found guilty of drunkenness "thereupon paid his ¹five shillings." Then follow (p. 134) enquiries about the unruly proceeding on June 29, as above. Percival Gibson, the drummer on that occasion, made affidavit that he was urged on by others. Several of the party were bound over to appear at the next Sessions. Among others was N. Allin, who is also to be of good behaviour, on account of "the obraidinge and contemptious speaches used by [him] unto Mr. Mayor in open Courte, vi^t that Mr. Mayor did beare him spline and malice." Aug. 20, 1618. B. pp. 131—134. Summer pole.

Edward Harvy, "appointed for . . . searching of Corrupte fflesh," accuses J. Hingston of killing, and exposing for sale the flesh of "a Bull unbayted." He was amerced 3s. 4d. Bascombe. Gibson, Knott, Lawrence.

A long Examination of J. Fletcher and J. Rutter, of "Wiggen," Lancashire, who had arrived viâ Shepton Mallet, Sherborne and Dorchester, having with them a Assault.

Butts.

Fine for drunkenness.

Allin, disrespect to the Mayor.

III. 52. Minutes Sept. (?), 1618. Eng. W. & M. R. Unbaited bull.

Wigan. Sherborne. Dorchester.

¹ The price of half a hoghead of strong beer. See iii. 68.

Deroye colour. horse and a "cloke of collar ¹deroye, layde wth silke lace." They are asked about the object of their wanderings, and about the horse and "cloke." As to their object, Suspected theft of a horse. they both say that it was to seek for a tapster's place for Rutter. But each says that the horse is his own, names the seller, and the price, one giving it as 53s. 4d., the other as £3 20d. B. pp. 135—137.

III. 53. Minutes
Oct. 6, 1618.
Latin & English
W. and M. R.
Obstructions in
the streets.

Mantell.
Mowsell.

Stray pigs.

Many Presentments at a Curia Legalis. By one, a number of persons, including three Aldermen, are accused of making a refuse-heap "in vico vocat : St. Nicholas St." in the street called St. Nicholas Street. Three other Aldermen, W. Browne, "Whealer," and others are presented for placing "moeremia sua apud occidentalem finem opidi" (their timber at the West end of the town), to the injury of the King's way. Again, "le Mantell domus W. Mowsell, ubi fecit ignem, est valde periculosus" (The mantel-piece of W. Mowsell, where he makes his fire, is very dangerous). An order is given that "for every pigg that shall be found goeing abroad in the streetes" the owner shall pay 16d. Oct. 6, 1618. B. p. 140, etc.

III. 54. Minutes
Oct. 12, 1618.
Latin & English
W. and M. R.
Breweries in
Hope.
Town Drove.

St. Nicholas St.
W.

Frank-pledge.

Paving.

Forrega.

Cade.

Fine partly
remitted.

A Presentment at a Curia Legalis, that Rich^d Brooke "deiecit et pravit fossam ad includend: le Townes Drove prope domos Braxator." in Hope;" (has thrown down and laid low the ditch for enclosing the Towns Drove near the Brewer's houses in Hope), and has manured the Drove with a view to ploughing it. He is ordered to let it alone, under a penalty of 40s. The same Brooke "subversit regiam viam, Anglicè hath torne downe the high waye" in St. Nicholas Street; and has placed there "quædam leꝝ stakes" (certain stakes) to the danger of men and horses. This is to be reformed under a penalty of 20s. Disrepair of the "Keyes" is presented. A batch of defaulters respecting Frank-pledge are fined 12d. each, and another batch 6d. each. Others "non pavierunt" the road by their houses. W. Bondfield has laid his fish "et fecit ⁴forregã" (and has made a furnace?) near the house of Rob^t White, "cum admodum malâ fumigatione, Anglicè wth a very ill stincke." To be discontinued under a penalty of 20s. Peter Cade, "being convented" for being drunk, was fined 5s. "w^{ch} he laide downe, and 3s. given backe unto his Mother in regard shee is a poore woman." Oct. 12, 1618.

B. pp. 142—144.

III. 55. Letter,
etc.
Oct. 31, 1618.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Suspected
murder.

Copy of Letter from the Mayor and Bailiffs to Sir J. Dore, Utkinton, Cheshire, saying that according to his desire Ellis Entersey, suspected of murder, has been imprisoned. "And soe comending yo^r wpe to the good keepinge of the

¹ This must mean "du Roi." Years later "bleu du Roi" was a noted colour at Sèvres.

² This seems to be the spelling, but "mæremia" is correct. It means building timber, but later in the Records is repeatedly Englished "ship timber."

³ Ric. Brooke was a headstrong, violent fellow. See iii. 74.

⁴ Forrega is not in Migne's Ducange. It may (?) be for fornega a possible form of fornachia, a furnace, viz., for drying the fish. Or can it be dog-latin for Forge?

Lord, we hartily take o' leave . . . this laste of October, 1618." "Pt script. Wee can say nothing to cleare the poore man of that facte, but this much we can say on his behalfe, that he hath very zelously and religiously . . . behaved himsealfe . . . by the space of five weeks & upwards."

A good word.

Entersey says that one Garrett, alleging that he had been wronged by the father of Entersey, attacked him with "a long dagger made of a sword blade." E. wrested it from him; but, on his promise to be quiet, returned it. G., however, "did freshly violently assaulte" him. Whereupon, "being moved in blood," with a cudgel he "brake the said G.'s head." Oct. 31, 1618. B. pp. 144, 5.

Brawl.

Homicide.

J. Williams, "of Bodman, Tynmyner," condemned to the stocks by statute "against the most odious and loathsom sinn of druncknes," was on his "penyency" let off. (In p. 147, Cittarne Burcq in Holland is mentioned.) B. pp. 146, 7.

III. 56. Minute.
Dec. 4, 1618.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Denunciation of
drunkenness.

W. Smith, ¹Hellyer, on the shore towards Sutton "against Tems Well," found a dead body. Turning "towards the highwaye upon the ²hill," he saw three men, who helped to draw the corpse to shore. J. and Justinian Hingston and Francis Warren, the three men above-mentioned, say that they found in the dead man's pockets only a pair of gloves and "certaine flossetts." But at a little distance from the corpse they found a hat, "a bonde to weare aboute the necke," a staff, knife, and a double purse, containing a piece of gold of 11s., and about 6s. in silver. This money J. Hingston kept, and they hid the purse "in the Chessell."

III. 57. Minutes
Feb. 3 (?) and 4,
1618 (9).
Latin & English
W. and M. R.
Tems Well.
Smith, Hing-
ston, Warren.
Drowned man.

Chesil = shingle

Inquisitio (Inquest) about the death of W. Roberts. On evidence which does not appear, the verdict is that he "felonicè se submersitt . . . felonice ut felo de se seipm̄ subm̄s^t & murderavit contra pacem dci dm Regis . . ." (feloniously immersed himself . . . feloniously as felo de se immersed and murdered himself). Tems Well is described as within the liberty and precincts of the Borough.

Inquest.

Tems Well.

B. p. 147.

Constable Rose deposes that Mr. Nich: Strangwayes of Abbotsbury, and Mr. E. Hayne of Martinstown defied him and the watch on being, with others, asked their business, when riding hard across the bridge at eight or nine the evening before. Mr. S. "pceeded farther with [very] undecent words" against Mr. Mayor; and Mr. Hayne said "Push! we will drive the watchmen before us." Whereupon Mr. S. and Gabriel ffisarde enter into a recognizance for the appearance of Mr. Hayne at the Sessions. B. p. 149.

III. 58. Minutes
Feb. 6 and 11,
and June 30,
1618 (9).
Eng. W. & M. R.
Strangways,
Hayne.
Disorderly
conduct.

On Feb. 11, E. Hayne appeared at a Placita, but no proceedings against him are minuted. B. pp. 150—3.

¹ A stone-tiler. Stone tiles were called heling stones.

² This must be Greenhill.

Sunday
observance.

Two absentees from Church were fined 12d. each, and so was W. Croome for "ladeing of his lobster potts upon the Saboath day." June 30, 1619.

B. pp. 156—9.

III.59. Minutes
Sept. 4 & 6, 1619.
Latin & English
W. and M. R.
Drunken brawl
and murder.
Parmyter,
Maynard.

Enquiry about the stabbing of Robt. Parmyter in a drunken brawl. Nicholas Maynard, having played at ¹tables for several pints of wine, got into a quarrel and scuffle, in which a lock of hair was pulled out of his head. This lock was picked up by Parmyter, who would not give it up to him. Thereupon arose a scuffle with Parmyter, who got Maynard's head under his arm and beat it with a stone pot. Maynard, who had before drawn his ²knife and been persuaded to put it up again, ³hereupon stabbed him twice. One wound was in the tongue, of all places; the other in the breast. But this last was not deep, "glancing upon the Ribbes, and not inwardly into the capacitye"—deposes "4W. Bury, of Dorchester, Chirurgion." P. was led out by White, a sailor, "to the penthouse before the entry . . . of the howse, where he knelled downe and desired [White] to pray for him. And thereupon [W.] willed him to have a good harte. Whereunto he aunswered that he had a good harte." He rose and was supported a little further, and then fell down and died.

Bury of
Dorchester.

Death in the
street.

Inquest held Sept. 4, 1619. Maynard is found guilty of feloniously killing Parmyter. He is also returned as possessed of no goods except "un^m eq^m castrat: coloris bay" (a bay gelding) worth 20s. All concerned were bound over to appear at the Sessions of Gaol Delivery.

B. pp. 159—65.

III.60. Minutes
Oct. 11, 1619.
Lat. W. & M. R.
Longwell,
Brooke,
Fowler.
Franches Close.

Presentments at a Curia Legalis. For instance J. and Egidius Fowler "nocent fontem vocat: Longwell" (injure the spring called ⁵Longwell) by watering their horses there, and are enjoined to cease this practice, under a penalty of 3s. 4d. Richard Brooke "fecit unum le Pitt" (has made a pit) at the East end of Franches Close. He must "reformare idem delictum" (reform the same fault) under penalty of 5s. He, too, "non pmisit les Towne Drovers à retro le3 Brewhouses iacere apt:?" (has not allowed the Town Drovers behind the Brewhouses to lie open). This he had been ordered to do at a previous court.

Town Drovers.
Breweries.

B. pp. 169, 70.

¹ "A contraverry aboute beareing of twoe tablemen" is mentioned, which may mean back-gammon pieces. But one antiquarian takes tablemen = waiters.

² "A pair of knives" one witness says—perhaps a two-bladed knife.

³ "Amased" with the blows on the head, he says.

⁴ He was connected with W. He bought land in High Street of the Bailiffs of W. in 1592 (M. ii. 56), but sold it again in 1593 (M. iv. 2).

⁵ The Longwell exists now, but is covered over. It is near the South end of St. Thomas Street.

At Placita, J. Clarke was found guilty by a jury, and “ordinat : est p Cur : q^d flagellabit^{ur}” (it was ordered by the Court that he be whipped). Sarah Biggs is presented as “paci^s D^m. Re^g perturbatrix et vicinorum suor : vexatrix et molestatrix” (a disturber of the Lord King’s peace, and a vexer and troubler of her neighbours). R. Wilshiere “taken druncke . . . is to paie 5s. att the retorne of the ¹fellowshipp from Sea.” B. pp. 173—5.

III. 61. Minutes
Dec. 13, 1619.
Latin & English
W. and M. R.
Disturbance a
crime.
Fine for
drunkenness.

Re-examinations of four witnesses respecting the stabbing of Parmyter (above), in which they adhere to their former assertion that they knew of no previous malice between him and Maynard who killed him. B. p. 176.

Parmyter’s
murder.
Maynard.

Enquiry about a rope supposed to be stolen. R. Crowte says he found it in the water under the “keye,” between the Bridge and the “Stayres in Waymouth side ;” that he laid it behind the “Portall” of his father’s house ; that he took it “unto Casewaye,” and there sold it, and also a ²bow of his father’s. Mention is also made of Putton in West Chickerel and of Broadway. B. pp. 178—80.

III. 62. Minutes
Jan. 1, 1619 (20).
Eng. W. & M. R.
Stairs on W. side
Casewaye.
A bow.
Putton,
W. Chickerell,
Broadway.

The Mayor, etc., to go at next Assizes to the Recorder and get him to persuade the L^d Ch^f Baron to dispense with the attendance of the Borough Constables at Assizes, showing to him exemption in the Charter. C. p. 67.

III. 63. Order.
Mar 10, 1619 (20)
Eng. W. & M. R.
Constables
should not
attend Assizes.

“Primo die Aprilis [1620] Upon this p^sent day Thomas Deanes, alias Boucher, of this Towne, Taylor, being broughte before Mr. Mayor for speaking certaine blasphemous words against the Bible, and being thereupon ex^d by Mr. Mayor, did openly say the Bible was false in that yt was set downe in the Bible that God is a spiritt ; and said further that he thoughte the m^{is}ters of the Church to be the Divell’s m^{is}ters, and that the olde religion was better then o^r religion.”

III. 64. Minutes
Ap. 1 & 26, 1620.
Latin & English
W. and M. R.
Blasphemy.

B. p. 181.

At Placita, April 26, 1620, “Temperantia Stickland, K. Ashe, Gratia Turner, Alicia Godfrye et Thomasina Longe . . . fuerunt ³rixæ et paci^s d^{cti} D^m Regis pturbatrices et vexatrices vicinorum suo^m . . . et co^m molestatrices et seminatrices lit^m et Discordi^u inter vicinos suos ad magnum gravamen et pturbatoem vicinorum suorum” (T. Stickland and the others have been quarrelsome and disturbers of the peace of the said Lord King, and vexers of their neighbours . . . and common troublers and sowers of strifes and discords among their neighbours, to the great offence and disturbance of their neighbours). So a Jury trial was instituted (p. 184) and all but K. Ashe were found guilty. Whereupon “ordinat : est p Cur q^d pdict

Surnames.

Disturbance,
etc., punished
by a ducking on
the Cucking
stool.

¹ Perhaps the crew of a fishing or trading vessel in which he had a share.

² This is the only mention of a bow which has been observed in these Records.

³ Rixæ, can only be Rixæ, quarrels ; but seems here and elsewhere to be used as equivalent to quarrelsome, rixosæ.

- . . . laventr, Anglicè [be] ducked" (it was ordered by the Court that the women aforesaid . . . be ducked). J. Long is tried for stealing "unam petiam funis. Anglicè one piece of a roape." A presentment about the man above-mentioned as speaking against the Bible and Ministers.
- Fine, etc., for drunkenness. It may be noted that the punishment for being "taken druncke" was 5s. fine or six hours in the stocks; and for "tipling," 3s. 4d. fine. More than one "vagrant and wandringe pson" was whipped according to Statute. B. pp. 182—5.
- Vagrants whipped.
- III.65. Minutes April 28 to July 12, 1620. Latin & English W. and M. R. Tobacco not to be drunk or tippled. Cannoner. Recognizances for twelve Victuallers, etc., April 28, 1620, with conditions as before. But a new term occurs respecting Tobacco, which is not to be "uttered druncke, taken and tipld."
- Jocosus = Joyce Taylor, Cannoner. Recognizance, May 6, 1620, for the appearance of the wife of Balthazar Taylor, Cannoner.
- Jocosus = Joyce Cannoner. Recognizance, July 12, 1620, for the appearance of Jocosus Vandorgozen. In the usual English explanation of the Latin Recognizance, Jocosus is rendered Joyce.
- Wife beating. Examination of T. Gardner, Constable (p. 188), July 12, 1620. Called to the house of J. Longe, he found Longe "beating his wyfe and holdinge a knyfe in his hand. And thereupon [he] willed the said Longe to be quiett, and the said L. willed him . . . to gett himselfe out of his howse, sayeing that his owne howse was his Castle; and that he, the said T. Gardner, had nothing to doe there unles itt were for felony or treason, and tould him . . . further that he had nothinge to doe wth itt yf he did kill his wyfe . . . [L.] pulled downe his sworde and came ruing att him wth itt so vehemently as he thinketh that the said J. L. would have run him through wth itt yf he . . . had not shifted himselfe from itt." J. Long had to find securities for his appearance at the Borough Sessions. B. pp. 186—9.
- Law expounded Assault.
- III.66. Minutes Sept. 14, Oct. 2, 1620. Latin & English W. and M. R. Disturbance a crime. Townegrounds. Murderer (gun) Maiden Street. East Lane. Hell (a house).
- At Placita, Michael Howard, his wife, and Christian Barker are presented "for scoulding and disturbing of their Neighbo^{rs}." Sept. 14, 1620. B. pp. 190—2.
- At a Curia Legalis, Presentment of three persons for laying "uovem le Milstones" (nine Millstones), "duo tormenta, Anglicè twoe peece of ordnance" and a boat, on the "Towne Grounds." Presentment that Barnard Michell "posuit quatuor tormenta, Anglicè three peece of ordnance and one ¹murderer, et moeremia et saxa in vico vocat : Mayden Streete" (has placed four guns, in English, three pieces of ordnance, and a murderer, and timber and stones in Maiden Street). Presentment that a boat had been placed "in vico sive venellá vocat : the East Lane, ante domum vocat : Hell" (in the street or alley called the East Lane, before the house called ²Hell). A "cumulum de le Chalkstones," and also an unsafe "mantle,"

¹ This seems to have been the same as a "base," which was a breech-loader.

² This house with the strange name was at the corner of East Street and Hell Lane, now softened to Helen Lane.

both in East Street. R. Knighte and Clemens Bryne "debent facere quoddam guttor currere in mare" (ought to make a certain gutter run into the sea). A "fabrica" (workshop), and a "parvū gardīn" (little garden) are reported as encroaching on Maiden Street. A heap of "burrs" (millstones) and planks was to be removed from St. Thomas Street. J. Read has a stable very dangerous "in portendū lumen sivē candelū" (for carrying a light or candle) [into]; and a "ffurserecke" is similarly complained of. "Tollerd ffratrū" (Toller Fratrum) is mentioned in a Recognizance.

Various obstructions and encroachments.

Toller Fratrum.

B. pp. 193—6.

At a Curia Legalis a Presentment that "Sterquilinium vocat. le Towne Mixon est posit : in le Channel, et multum inde p tempestates pluvū levat : in portū" (the refuse-heap called the Town Mixen is placed in the Chanuel, and thence is greatly carried away by storms of rain into the port). Presentment that "les Sloughes Cornuū" (? of horns) have been placed "ante domum corearū" (before the house of hides = tan-house?) of R. Pitt. Presentment that an "earth pitt" has been dug "in le ffranches ad finem superioris clause de ffranches" (in the Franches at the end of the upper close or fence of the Franches). Several complaints are made of obstructions, etc., in Franches Street; and an "aque cursus" (water course or gutter), and the drainage from a "domus porcina" (pig-stye) are allowed to damage that street. The paving of High Street is complained of. The inhabitants in the Hope are accustomed to throw out into the port "le sweepings et alia le ffilth" of their houses. Butt's Lane is mentioned. H. Hillerd "incrochiavit sūp viā px adiacen Newbury" (has encroached on the way lying very near to Newbury). R. Brooke is again presented for not letting the Town Drove lie open. Oct. 9, 1620.

III. 67. Minutes Oct. 9, and Dec. 5, 1620. Latin & English W. and M. R. Town Mixen.

Franches.

High Street.

Hope.

Butt's Lane.

Newbury.

Town Drove.

B. pp. 197—9.

Recognizances for victuallers, etc., bound not to dress meat during Lent "or at other times prohibited for any respecte;" and ten more on Feb. 7, 1620 (1), for Lent only. Dec. 5, 1620.

B. pp. 200—2.

At Placita, a Presentment that "at the time of Evening Prayer there were frenchmen drinking at Mrs. Lock's," on Sept. 17. Presentment that on Oct. 15, "being the Saboath Day . . . Goodwife Adams did steale cabbidge and 2 carretts." E. Stott was imprisoned "for brawling and quarrelling." Memorandum laying down prices for Brewers to charge.

III. 68. Minutes Feb. 26, 1620 (1). English. W. and M. R. Stealing on Sunday.

Euy hogshedd of stronge Beere, cont. 63 gal. - - - xs.

Price of Beer.

Euy kilderkin of stronge Beere, cont. 21 gal. - - - iiis. iiiid.

Euy hogshedd of smale Beere - - - - - vs.

Euy kilderkin of smale Beere - - - - - xxd.

B. pp. 203—5.

¹ See iii. 60.

² This, doubtless, phonetic spelling may illustrate the passage in the "Merry Wives," where Sir Hugh saying Vocative, "Caret," Mistress Quickly cuts in with "And that's a good root."

III.69. Minutes
May 29, 1621.
Latin & English
W. and M. R.
Place-names
and Surnames.
Basil a woman's
name.

Morsell, Moun-
sell, and other
Surnames.
Assault.

Recognizances for the appearance at the General Sessions of "Clemens Keeche de Bemister, J. Sherwin de Cerne Abbas, E. Greene de Dorchester, et Jaspo Dodridge de Bridport," concerning the wounding of Alice Mounsell, "in case that shee shall happen to die thereof within one yeere." Examination about the same assault, May 30, 1621. Bazill, wife of Robt. Case, saw Dodridge strike Alice Mounsell in the face with "a peece of boorde" so that "she lay astonished and grovelling upon the ground." E. Morsell saw W. Mounsell and Alice his wife "drugde and drawne along the streete most pittifully." After the assault the Mounsell were taken to the shop of J. Pope. Here Ann Lyne tried to comfort Alice, but "Dodridge whoe was hawling and pulling aboute her did take this ex^{te} by the arme and did bite her most cruelly." Dodridge's "greene breeches" seem to have caught the eye of more than one of the witnesses.

B. pp. 206—9.

III.70. Minutes
June 12, 1621.
English.
W. and M. R.
Surnames.

Sudden death.

H. Smarte, fisherman, deposes that he, Hugh Martin and Carding Abbot went fishing off Portland. Martin suddenly fell down in the boat. He himself and Abbot "tooke [Martin] upp and bowed him forward and Rubbed downe his stomacke as he himsealfe was wonte to doe when he hath had the like qualmes . . ." But Martin "was stroken dead."

B. p. 209.

III.71. Minutes
Sept. and Oct.,
1621.
Latin & English
W. and M. R.
Seville,
Madrid, etc.
Romanist
questioned.

Whipping.

Sir. J. Browne.

Assault
threatened.

Repair of roads.

Nic. Furman, of Sapcote, Leicestershire, is examined as having lived abroad, going to Dunkirk, St. Lucar, Seville, "Madrill," Toledo, back to St. Lucar, and thence to Weymouth. He is a "Romish Catholicke," and "lived in St. Georgs Chapple at St. Lucar by the space of twoe monethes." The papers which he brought were for Mr. Allin, at the Flying Horse, Fleet Street. He was repeatedly pressed to take the oath of allegiance, but would not. Sept. 29, 1621.

B. p. 223.

J. Bascombe and Amy Pushman, "altogether suspicious," were whipped and set in the stocks. Oct. 1, 1621.

B. p. 219.

Mention is made of the street leading "vz domū dñi Jhis Browne militis" (towards the house of Sir J. B., Knight). Oct. 1, 1621; also of the Broadstone. Oct. 8, 1621.

B. p. 222 & 6.

A sword is drawn in a quarrel arising from a suspicion that one man cried "Bawe" at another. Oct. 8, 1621.

B. p. 224.

The "Jur Supervisores Regie vie" (sworn overseers of the King's way) are presented for not calling together the parishioners to repair the roads. Oct. 8, 1621.

B. p. 226.

III.72. Minutes
Feb. and June,
1621 (2).
Latin & English
W. and M. R.
Cox, Saunders.
Bockhampton,
Pokeswell.

J. Tyler is presented because he had worked in the art and mystery "cervisiarū Anglicè le Brewer," not having been duly apprenticed. Feb. 5, 1621 (2). (This sort of presentment occurs frequently.)

B. p. 239.

Gyles Cox, of Bockhampton, deposes that he came to Weymouth, by seven a.m. on June 6, with Parson and Mrs. Saunders, of Poxwell. They had dinner at

Richard's Inn, and then went on board a "Barcque of the West Cuntry laden with wyne," of which he drunk so much that he "knewe not his owne doeing . . . nor where he was" till next morning, when he found himself in a "standing bedd," and in the "Trundle Bedd" in the same room was Mrs. Saunders. From her evidence it seems that in that room they and others had supper, before the end of which he went to bed. Then after the rest were gone she locked the door and lay down in the "Trundle" bed. Cox was bound over to appear at the Borough Sessions, but the result does not appear. He was fined 5s. for drunkenness the same day.

Drunkenness.
Standing bed.
Trundle bed.

June 7, 1622.

B. p. 246.

Joane Waterman, Chambermaid at Richard's Inn, deposes that Mrs. Saunders took Cox's money out of his pocket and counted it ("twenty-six Ryalls, forty-six ten shilling pieces, and some white money"), saying that she must stay to take care of it. July 2, 1622.

Ryalls.

B. p. 253.

R. Samborne, of W. and M. R., Merchant, deposes that he heard J. Cotton, of the same place, Freemason, speak of a rising of the poor to cut the Mayor's throat, and of making "a black day with" the deponent and others, for shipping away victuals. June 13, 1622.

III.73. Minutes
June and July,
1622.
English.
W. and M. R.
Surnames.

B. p. 248.

Depositions by J. Oliver, of Sutton Pointz, Husbandman, Margaret, wife of J. Marshall, of W. and M. R., Trumpeter, and of Debora Whittey, primarily about an accident to a child. But it comes out that if O.'s load in his cart had been sacks of wheat, and not of peas, as it was, he would have been in danger of having the sacks cut by the women in the town, through want of corn. June 15, 1622.

Sutton Pointz.
Scarcity and
threatened
violence.

B. p. 249.

Christmas Peters, who actually had cut a bag of peas in a cart, accounts for it from his being "in drincke and that he thincketh the divell did move him to it." June 19, 1622.

Temptation by
the devil alleged
as an excuse.

B. p. 252.

The same temptation was alleged by W. Smith, about cutting a sack of biscuit. July 12, 1622.

B. p. 254.

Depositions that Ric. Brooke had driven his brother-in-law Ric. Martin's cattle out of "closes" called Roweall, Parkmeade, and Rylands in Wyke Parish, and had even asked a butcher to kill one of the cattle. On being advised to "take an orderly course" in the dispute which existed about Martin's farm, Brooke answered "that he would have ¹Stafford's lawe against him." Brooke walked up and down in

III.74. Minutes
June and Sept.,
1622.
Latin & English
W. and M. R.
Brooke,
Martin.
Stafford's Law.

¹ It is not clear what this means. Possibly "Stafford's lawe" may be a sort of grim pun on his reliance on his "staff"—his "picked staff"—as a means of evicting Martin. "Staff-hording" is the only legal term observed which is at all like the phrase in question, and its meaning is "a Right to follow Cattle in a Forest," which will hardly do.—Student's Law Dictionary, 1740.

- Wyke place-
names. Parkmeade "with a picked staff in his hand, and had a glistening thing lyeing by him," being a sword as the deponent thought. He threatened one woman that if she opposed him, as she proposed, "he would bang her." He threatened to reap and carry off Martin's corn. He put a cow of Martin's into his own outhouse; and when "replevin" was served for its release, for some time he would not obey. He had "scowred upp his halbert" with the intent to kill Martin. He behaved with great violence to T. Gardner who had been surety for a debt of Brooke's. This was not paid and G. narrowly escaped imprisonment, and seems to have repaid himself for his forfeit out of the price of certain sheep of Brooke's, sold at Dorchester Fair.
- Headstrong
attempt at
eviction. Hereupon G. being with others "above in [Brooke's] dining chamber," B. seized a sword, drove the rest out and frightened G. so that he cried out of the window for help. June 19, 1622. B. p. 250.
- Assault. B. found his way into prison, through the window of which he continued to utter threats against M. W. Winter, hearing this, said he would tell M. of his speeches "w^{ch} the said Ric. Brooke did request him to doe." Sept. 16, 1622. B. p. 254.
- A year after he answers to his recognizances and "exoneratur p ordinan. Cur" (is exonerated by order of the Court). Sept. 22, 1623. B. p. 278.
- III. 75. Minutes
Sept., 1622, and
Jan. 1622 (3).
Latin & English
W. and M. R.
Loitering a
crime.
Benville.
Christide. Ric. Byshopp was sent to the house of correction for being "a loyterer aboute the Streets." Sept. 30, 1622. B. p. 261.
- Mention is made of "stouynge trewes," p. 261, and of "stoninge troughes," p. 305.
- Lydia Benville, servant to Mr. J. Pitt from "Christide two years past . . . until 2^{Sto} James Tyde last," suspected of stealing, speaks of an "Aperne, Boulter, Coyffe, Crosseclothe, neckcloth, handcuffs, & a yard of bonelace." During the above time she received "in wages and in gifts" £3 10s. 0d. Jan. 3, 1622 (3). B. p. 272.
- Wages. A Jury found her guilty, and it was ordered "q^d sedebit in cippis p spaciu^u viiii. hore" (that she shall sit in the stocks for the space of eight hour[s]). Sept. 22, 1623. B. p. 280.
- Stocks. Order for prosecuting the action against 3Jasper Dodridge for breaking the 4liberties of the Town by arresting Mr. W. Holman. C. p. 86.
- III. 76. Order.
Jan. 27, 1622 (3)
Eng. W. & M. R.
- 1 Replevin is a Writ which lies where a Person is distrained for Rent or other thing, and it is directed to the Sheriff to deliver to him the distress, the Owner thereof giving Surety to the Sheriff that he will pursue his Action against the Party distraining, and return the Distress again if the Taking shall be adjudged lawful.—Student's Law Dictionary.
- 2 July 25.
- 3 See iii. 69.
- 4 The greatest jealousy was always shown with regard to intrusion by officials of the Sheriff, Vice-admiral, etc., into the Borough Liberties.

Marmaduke Pattison, "by his owne Confession . . . a vagrant, idle, and begginge pson," was whipped and sent home to Yorkshire "with a pasporte from Tithinge to Tithinge." Sept. 22, 1623. (Many like cases from time to time.)

B. p. 284.

III.77. Minutes
Sept. and Oct.,
1623.
Latin & English
W. and M. R.

On Sunday, March 30, Jos. Maunders, T. Samwayes, and Laureuce Sanger "were att Sandesfoote Castle, and were absent from Evening prayer." The first two paid 1s. each, which was given to the Churchwardens, but Sanger refused. Sept. 22, 1623. (Many other absentees from Church were fined from time to time, yet the Weymouth Magistrates were more lenient than those of Dorchester. See Roberts' Social Life of the Southern Counties.)

B. p. 284.

Sandsfoot
Castle.
Fine for absence
from Church.

Various Presentments. W. Comfrey "fecit quandam structuram Anglicè Bulck." Oct. 6, 1623.

B. p. 286.

III.78. Minutes
Oct. 6 & 20, 1623
Latin & English
W. and M. R.

Mention is made "vie apud le3 Rocks."

B. p. 287.

T. Kneller "posuit le3 Earth . . . in . . . St. Nicholas Streete a le 'pynion domus Johis Lyne usque ad le pynion domus Rici Noyes . . ." (has laid earth in St. N. Street from the pynion of J. L.'s house to the pynion of R. N.'s house).

B. p. 289.

Pynion.

H. Randall "incrochiavit sup vicu in ponend unu par de le3 stayers" (has encroached on the street by putting up a pair of stairs).

B. p. 290.

Encroachments
etc.

Another has erected "domu vocat a penthouse." J. Luke, Cooper, "arsit vasa sua, Anglicè, did burne his casks" in the street. Unlawful nets and dangerous "tonnells" (chimneys) are presented. A Proclamation that void ground in High Street, on which houses formerly stood, must be built upon in two years or be forfeited to the Town. Oct. 20, 1623.

B. p. 290.

Tonnells.
Disused land to
be forfeited.

Peter Fey and Simon Lyde swear that they go in fear of one another.

B. p. 295.

III.79. Minutes
Feb. 4, 1623 (4).
English.
W. and M. R.
Irish vagrants.

Several Irishmen are examined about this time, one of them being accused of very bad conduct, and begging, although calling himself a gentleman.

For a serious offence J. Sweete "was putt in the Choller." T. Angell, of Weeke (Wyke), "ffidler" was fined 9d. for playing his fiddle in Widow Wilforde's house on June 3 (Sunday?). He did the same in another house, at one or two a.m., Sept. 14, being also drunk at the time. He was put in the stocks and fined 2s. 7d. But this was returned to him by order of the Mayor. Sept. 21, 1624.

B. p. 304.

III.80. Minutes
Sept. and Oct.,
1624.
Latin & English
W. and M. R.
Choller.

¹ Pynion does not appear in Bailey's Dictionary. It is, however, now in use, in the sense of a gable.

- Tews. Presentment of a well (fontem) dug in "Tewss," or "Tewses," near the
Townwell. "Townewell," and deeper than the latter, "cum conveiancia" to the former.
B. p. 307.
- J. Fowler and Roger Chipp drive their horses out of the horseway on to the
"Caseway" to Rodwell. B. p. 308.
- Wages. J. Man "scidit lapides, Anglicè, hath scaffelled stones" on the Quay. Jas
Spicer, hellyer, is amerced 5s. for charging 4s. 6d. for his son's work for one day.
B. p. 309.
- A throng. The Jury speak of "le Key opposit ad angustiam, Anglicè, against the
¹thronge p domū . . . J. Ellis." B. p. 310.
- III. 81. Order. Order that the ²Suit, commenced in the Star Chamber by Mr. Jas. Hanam,
Feb. 4, 1624 (5). against the Mayor, etc., shall be defended. C. p. 100.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Star Chamber.
- III. 82. Minutes. The Jury present H. Barkway for laying earth "in loco ubi le ³Maypole
Oct. 3, 1625. antehac stet [it]" (in the place where the Maypole formerly stood). B. p. 321.
Lat. W. & M. R.
Maypole.
- III. 83. Book. A paper folio Book of Minutes of Borough Law Proceedings from March 29,
1625—1627. 1625, to May 1, 1627. It is in a parchment cover, and is nearly perfect except at
Latin & English the end, where damp has done much harm. Extracts do not seem needed. S. 209.
W. and M. R.
- III. 84. Minutes. Maximilian Loader is presented because "incrochiavit sup vastū regiū ad
Oct. 10, 1626. faciend gardinū" (he has encroached on the King's waste to make a garden).
Latin & English T. Andrewes "pmisit ptem montis p adiacentis ad viam" (has let part of the hill
W. and M. R. near the road) in St. Nicholas Street fall down. (This must have been St. Nicholas
St. Nicholas St. Street, Weymouth.) B. pp. 324, 5.
W.
- III. 85. Agree- This seems to be an Agreement or Conveyance "devat Mons^r le Bailly Putz,
ment. Johne de Carteret, etc., Juret" (before Mr. Bailiff P., J. de C., etc., Jurors), by
May 4, 1627. Richard Constance, so infirm and old "q̄t ne peutt plus se gouverner" (that he can
French. Jersey? no longer control his actions). He therefore makes over to his daughter "Magdolaine
Constance," and to the authority of her husband Jacque le Febre, all his goods and
"deux qrts" (two quarters) of his rent, on condition that they take care of him.
Signed, Bisson. (Probably in a Jersey Court.) S. 223.

¹ Drong is the present form of the word.

² This was perhaps a claim to possession of M. R. Common.

³ This was at the crossing of St. Mary and Bond Streets; yet St. Mary Street is immediately mentioned in the Presentment, in a way that half looks as if the former site of the Maypole had been out of that Street.

- W. Vervill and others are presented for playing at cards at Widow Hillerie's, on Nov. 1, during the time of Evening Prayer. May 13, 1627. B. p. 334. III.86. Minutes May 13, and Sept. 21, 1627. English. W. and M. R. Vervill, Hat and Feather.
- Among many put in the stocks and fined for drunkenness was a man with the odd name or nickname, "John Hatt and feather." Sept. 21, 1627. B. p. 336.
- Presentment of an encroachment "apud angulum de Newbery Close ad finem de Meechers Lane" (at the corner of N. C. at the end of M. L). B. p. 341. III.87. Minutes Oct. 8, 1627. Latin & English W. and M. R. Newbury. Encroachments
- Matthew Allin and others have encroached on High Street "in ponend porticos et appendices, Anglicè, Porches and Penthouses" before their houses. (In p. 350 such erections are described as built "upon fundacons and posts.") B. p. 342.
- Brewers are to charge not more than 12s. per hogshead for the best beer. Oct. 8, 1627. B. p. 344. Price of Beer.
- "Le Chapplestayers" are mentioned as a locality where the old Edinburgh warning, "Gardyloo," was much needed. B. p. 351. III.88. Minute. Oct. 3, 1628. W. and M. R. Latin & English Chapel Stairs.
- Order of the Court (of Common Pleas?) *re* the Mayor, etc., and Babbidge *v.* Crossing, allowing the latter to answer in the country if he chooses. S. 224. III.89. Order. Nov. 24, 1628. English. W. and M. R.
- Obligation by Jas. Osborne, Yeoman, to pay to David Gyer on St. John Baptist's Day next, 50s. for the poor. S. 225. III.90. Obligation. Oct. 20, 1629. Latin & English W. and M. R.
- This is another paper folio similar to iii. 83, but without any original cover. Besides Minutes of the "Curia Domini Regis" it contains entries of Apprentices' Indentures, also some letters about trade, of slightly earlier date. See vi. 82. Extracts do not appear to be called for. But it may be noted that at a Court on Dec. 8, 1629, Mr. Mayor adopted the questionable course of giving away some mutton, "being corrupt fleshe by the oath of R. Hickes and T. Hingston. S. 228. Bad Meat.
- Presentment "q^d Maria floriday vid non hêt suffi² les pinion et mantle foci, Ang^{co} a Mantle to make fire in" (Widow ff. has not a proper pinion, etc). The name Percy appears in the Minutes of this day. B. p. 362. III.92. Minute. Oct. 10, 1630. Latin & English W. and M. R. Floriday, Percy
- The Jury present the Corporation "qui non hent par iacut, Anglicè a paire of Butts. (They still had none, Oct. 13, 1634. B. p. 389.) B. p. 368. III.93. Minute. Oct. 10, 1631. Latin & English W. and M. R. Butts. Allin.
- The Presentments seem to have been often failures. Matt. Allin, *e.g.*, had been several times presented and fined for not having a proper quay on the edge of

- Persistent offender. his land at Hope, so that rubbish there "lavat^r in portu" (is washed into the port). He is again presented, but, as he had not paid the fines nor built a quay before, he probably did not much concern himself. B. p. 369.
He is also presented "quia fecit sterquilinum in coemitrio capelle" (has made a refuse-heap in the cemetery of the Chapel). B. p. 371.
- III. 94. Book. This is a folio paper Minute Book of the Curia Domini Regis, similar to
1631 to 1633. iii. 91; but the entries do not present much interest. At the end are the Minutes
Latin & English of a Pie-powder Court, held to consider a claim by M. Cassemar of £265 from Jas.
W. and M. R. Jolly "Seneiur de Besne," who is ordered to pay. As far as has been observed, this
is the only Minute of a Pie-powder Court since the Fourteenth Century, recorded in
Pie-powder these Documents. See iv. 1. S. 229.
Court.
- III. 95. Minutes A long suit with the City of Exeter was going on at this time; and Mr. Fr.
1632, 33. Gape, Town Clerk, rode to London several times in connection with this affair, e.g.,
English. in April and July, 1632, and Oct., 1633. C. pp. 122, 3, 135.
W. and M. R. Gape.
- III. 96. Minutes Presentment of a dangerous "Tunell Cachianæ" (Chimney of Kitchen?).
Sept. and Oct., B. p. 379.
1633.
Latin & English T. Wallis' house, called "the working house," is mentioned. Sept. 30,
W. and M. R. 1633. B. p. 380.
Wallis.
- Shambles in Presentment "q^d vicus ante Crucem et sic 'altior, Anglicè upwards, ad finem
Stephen Street. et a^r retro domus vocat the Shambles in vico vocat Stephen Streete" (that the
street before the Cross and so upwards to the end of and behind the house called
the Shambles in Stephen Street), is in disrepair. B. p. 384.
- Jordan. J. Jordan is presented for breaking a hole in the wall of the Townhall, and
Water thrown through the said hole often throwing water "sup libros, papiros et scripta" (over
over the books, papers, and writings). The marks of his doings may be seen to this day, we
Archives. suspect. B. p. 384.
- W. three- Presentment that the three-weekly court in W. side ought to be kept.
weekly Court. B. p. 384.
- A carpenter and two hellyers are presented "quia concordiam fecerunt ad
opus eins faciend" (because they have made an agreement for doing his work).
This seems to mean that they had agreed to spin out the job undertaken by the
carpenter. They broke the Act 24 Henry VIII. 12. B. p. 384.
- Buckets. The Town is presented "quia non habent aquæ vases, Anglicè water bucketts,
Crooks. les Crookes ferri et sufficie^r" (buckets and crooks for use at fires). Oct. 7. 1633.
B. p. 386.

¹ The Town Clerk's latinity seems to have been on a par with Longfellow's, with his "Excelsior."

Dorothy Malthame has stolen "duas Tunicas, Anglĕ vocat petticoats . . . unū Indusiū Laneū Anglĕ vocat one woollen wascoat . . . unā vittā Anglĕ vocat a Coife unā peciā panni lanei Anglĕ vocat a Saddle Cloth." April 2, 1634. III.97. Minutes Ap. 2, etc., 1634. Latin & English W. and M. R.

B. f. 15.

Justinian Bagg and Jos. Maunders, Sergeants at Mace, having arrested Rob. Francis alias Knight, were attacked by Prudence Knight and four other women, who ". . . maltractaverunt ita q^d de vita sua magnope despabant . . . et rescusserunt" (ill treated them so that they greatly despaired of their life . . . and rescued) the prisoner. The first woman was acquitted, the others fined 40s. each. Sept. 29, 1634. B. f. 3^b.

Bagg,
Maunders,
Knight.
Rescue by
women.

Two men were presented for "ingrossing" "centum fasciculō" (a hundred faggots), and "mill^o lignear Anglĕ a thousand billets of wood," respectively. III.98. Minutes 1634. Latin & English W. and M. R.

B. f. 4^b.

Four sheaves of wheat are valued at 6d. Sept. 29 (?), 1634. B. f. b.

The Overseers are to provide a house for Richard Rich, "a poore impotent man, and his wife, and . . . if she doe hereafter trouble her neighbours she is to be punished by the ¹Cucking Stool." 1634. B. f. 32. Cucking Stool.

This is a Document of ninety-three folios, and seems to be a Brief or Opinion in the case Attorney General, Sir J. Banett, *versus* twelve inhabitants of W. and M. R. (Mayor, etc. ?) probably on a "Quo Warranto." It goes into the whole Constitution of the Borough, quoting Act of Parliament, Letters Patent, and their regulations as to Coroner, Forfeitures, Wrecks, Flotsam, Jetsam, etc. S. 106. III. 99. Brief. Michns., 1634. Latin. W. and M. R.

Two men are presented for living idly (*otiosè*), Oct. 6, 1634. B. p. 387.

N.B. It was the rule, and had been the custom, for all freemen to attend the Courts. From frequent Presentments this custom seems to have now fallen into neglect.

Matt. Allin's "Beere Cart" had broken the wall round a well, to the danger of children and others. He is to repair it. (But did not for a long time.) Oct. 13, 1634. B. p. 389.

III. 100.
Minutes.
Oct. 13, 1634.
Latin & English
W. and M. R.
Non-attendance
at Courts.
Allin.

T. Loveles is presented "quia posuit le dale ad portand aquam" (because he has put a spout (?)) to carry water out of his house at the end of Love Lane—very offensive to passers by. Oct. 13, 1634. B. p. 391. Loveles. Love Lane.

¹ "Cucking Stool is an engin invented for the punishment of scolds and unquiet women, and it was called in old time a Tumbrell. A Pillory and Tumbrell are appendant to a Leet, without which right cannot be administered to the parties within the view" [of Frankpledge].—*Termes de la Ley*. A Cucking Stool is said still to exist at Wotton Bassett, and a Pillory at Marlborough.

- III. 101. Case for Counsel, etc. Order referring, among other things, to the Case below. Oct. 9, 1634. C. p. 144.
- Oct. and Dec., 1634. Three Copies of a Case for Counsel—two with opinions. By custom, confirmed by Charter, "goods forreine bought and forreine sold out of the Market shall be forfeited." A foreigner (that is anyone not having the freedom of the Borough) rents a cellar not in a street, and there on a Market Day sells to another foreigner three cwt. of iron bars, which the Mayor seizes.
- English. W. and M. R. Case and opinions about Foreign sales.
1. Are they forfeited? Yes. R. King. I think so. H. Rolle.
 2. Is a sale in any open place on a Market day considered a sale "in Market overt?" The sale must be in a place where such things are usually sold. R. K. I think not, unless the place has been accounted part of the Market. H. R.
 3. If it is, is a private cellar, out of any street, a market overt? It cannot be so. R. K. This cannot be. H. R.
 4. Can a freeman, factor to a foreigner, retail goods to another foreigner, out of the Market day? He may sell wholesale, but not retail. R. K. I think not. H. R. (Mr. J. Hill, of Dorchester, in this and other cases seems to have been guilty of foreign buying and selling. He brought an action about this matter, and so did a buyer from him, Fooks of Sutton. But the affair was settled by Fooks confessing his error, paying 5s. fine, and getting his half ton of iron. July 20, 1635. C. p. 144.) Dates of opinions. Dec. 2 & 6, 1634. S. 235.
- III. 102. Bonds. Bond by Matt. Allin, Brewer, and John his son, to pay £54 to the poor of M. R., "supervisoribus pauperum" (to the Overseers of the poor). Two small seals. Sept. 1635 and 1638. (This seems to have been £50 principal, and £4 interest, which last only was paid Oct. 30, 1635.) S. 234.
- Latin & English W. and M. R. Bonds for payments for the poor. Allin. A similar Bond by T., Matt., and J. Allin, in a sum of £40, to pay on Sept. 29, 1639, £21 12s. 0d. for the poor of W. side. Small seals. Sept. 24, 1638. S. 240.
- III. 103. Minutes. Oct., 1635 & 6. Latin & English W. and M. R.
- Ingrossing. A Presentment not observed before occurs, viz., "quod de aliquo contra regem ignoscantur" (that they are ignorant of anything against the King). A man has laid, among other things, "asserios" (?) in the street. Oct. 5, 1635. B. p. 393.
- Butts. T. Biggs is presented for lighting a fire in his house which is full "del Strawe et beanehelme." Five people were fined 1s. each for "ingrossing" butter, cheese, eggs and apples. Oct. 11, 1635. B. p. 397.
- Town Park. The name "Lovelasse" appears in this, perhaps, its true spelling. The Butts "minus suffieñ sunt" (are insufficient). "Parcum ville . . . nullū habet ostiū" (The park of the Town has no gate). The name Damon appears. Oct. 3, 1636. B. p. 401.
- Longwell Cross. The "Longewell" (often mentioned) and the Cross seem to have been near one another. This well still exists, and is very deep. It was uncovered some years

- ago. Every year about this period Ric. Brooke (a most resolute offender, see iii. 74) is presented for ploughing the "Town Drove," here termed "venella" or passage. Oct. 12, 1636. B. pp. 403, 4. Brooke. Town Drove.
- "Ric. Keat, etc., fecerunt affraia . . . et traxerunt sanguinem" (have made affrays and have drawn blood). Oct. 12, 1636. B. p. 405.
- T. Jackson, "an idle person, masterles, living and abiding in alehouses and other ill places," is to be sent to the County House of Correction, unless "he doe forthwth depte the towne and returne noe more unles he pcure a service." B. f. 34. III. 104. Minutes. Sept. 21, 1637. Latin & English W. and M. R. Idleness a crime
- Ph. Bugden is presented "quia ¹astragalizavit ang^{oo} played at Tables." B. f. 45^b. Astragalizavit = played at tables.
- Also Nath^l Peacocke "quia sinit Chartarum ludum usitari in domo sua die Sabti" (because he allows the game of cards to be used in his house on Sunday.) B. f. 46. Cards.
- H. Michell, Mayor Elect, is amerced £10 for not appearing at this Court to take his oath. Oct. 2, 1637. B. p. 407. III. 105. Minutes. Oct. 1637.
- E. Belbin and H. Nicholls come into Court and claim, the one three tenements, the other one. Oct. 9, 1637. B. p. 409. Eng. W. & M. R. Claim of property.
- W. Barnes and J. Hingston are presented because they killed two bulls in the town, "and did not ²bayte them openly." B. p. 419. III. 106. Minutes. Oct. 7, 1639. Eng. W. & M. R. Unbaited bulls.
- (Hingston is again presented for the same fault, "quia duos tauros occidit qui canibus non fuer^{nt} pulsati;" and three other butchers were similarly presented. Oct. 5, 1646. B. p. 459.)
- Eliz. Cotton is presented for declaring that "she did not care — for the Kinge." She is ordered to appear and be punished. B. p. 431. III. 107. Minutes, etc. Oct. 3, 1642. Latin, English, and French. W. and M. R. Rebellious words. Place-names.
- Presentment of a rubbish heap made by "portato^r et paccato^r" (the porters and packers) of the town. The latter term has not been before observed. B. p. 433.
- Mention is made of Knight's Corner, Rosemarie Lane, Coniger Lane, and Markett Streate. B. pp. 432, 4. Gape.
- Francis Gape, Town Clerk, had been dismissed and his ³successor seems to have been very painstaking. Whether for this, or some other cause, here for the first time in these Minutes occurs the Affeeror's Oath, as follows: "Vous iures que Affeeror's oath.

¹ Some have thought that tables = draughts. "Astragalizavit" from ἀστραγαλοι, dice of a long shape, proves that tables = backgammon.

² Possibly this obligation to bait bulls before killing them arose from an idea that the meat was thereby improved, just as a coursed hare is better eating than a shot one.

³ Ric. Scovil, or Ric. Mayer. See iv. 72.

vous bien et duement taxes, assesses, et affires, toutes les amerciements presentus a ceo Court, et en fesaunce de ceo, vous ne spareres acun pour amour, timour, ne affection, ne rayse, ne enhaunce a scun plus greuous que sera resonablement, solonque lour desertes faytes et nemy plus nie meinder, ne pour enuie ne pour amour, asses ou affire, mes sur chescun seueralement, solonque le quantity de leur offenses faytes et nemye auterment si vous aide dieu" (You swear that you [will] well and duly tax, assess, and affeer all the amerciements presented at this Court, and in performing this, you shall not spare anyone for love, fear nor affection, nor raise nor enhance [it] to anyone [to be] more severe than it reasonably shall be, according to their actual deserts [,] and neither more nor less, neither for envy nor for love, assess or affeer [it], but on every one severally, according to the amount of their actual offences, and not otherwise, so help you God). B. p. 435.

(This is much longer than the imperfect English form written, with others, at the beginning of this Vol. B., viz. : "You shall truly and indifferently affere the Amerciam^{te} of this Courte nor enhance (?) the same for any hatred or malice neither affere any one for any . . . rightly and indifferently as neere as god shall give yo^u grace. Soe [help you God].) B. p. 431--5.

III. 108. Forms
1642.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Sunday
observance.
Tobacco not
forbidden.

Two Copies of form of Recognizance for an Alehouse-keeper, with the usual restrictions, but also forbidding him to allow haunting of the Alehouse on the "Sabath Daie or festivall daies." But there is no prohibition of Tobacco, as in K. James I.'s time. Form of License for an Alehouse-keeper. S. 246. 5, 6, 7.

III. 109. Book.
1644—1649.
Eng. W. & M. R.

This is a small folio book, bound in limp parchment covers, 167 pp. from the beginning being mostly occupied with law proceedings of various kinds. Inside the first cover the then Town Clerk has thoughtfully written references to the cases most out of the ordinary routine. A few extracts are given below in order of date; also under Borough, Harbour, Finance, and Church. S. 245.

Cuttance.
Pownt.

H. Cuttance deposes that he loaded "a ¹birding piece with small birding shott . . . and did halfe bend the Cocks . . . not considering it would discharge it selfe unles it had ben full bent, but . . . putting his finger to the clicker of the spring . . .," the piece went off and shot Alice Pownt in the shoulder. Jan. 14, 1644 (5). S. 245. p. 9.

Accidental
wounding by a
Birding Piece.

Cavaliers.
Rose.

J. Jourdain called Mr. Bailiff H. Rose "a cavaleire and two faced knave." J. begs to be forgiven, and on the Bailiff's intercession this is granted. Fabian Hodder is spoken of as a staunch Royalist. May 8, 1646. S. 245. p. 61.

Hodder.

Waltham.
Arthur.

There was another lively scene, arising from politics seemingly, between J. Waltham, Merchant, and Capt. Arthur "one of yo^e Com^{tee}" (for the Parliament), who was called very bad names and threatened by the former. J. W. was imprisoned "for his lewd carriage." May 27, 1646. S. 245. p. 63.

¹ A term used in the Merry Wives of Windsor.

Edith Hoble was accused of great insolence to Mr. Mayor T. Waltham, saying that he was then a Mare but would soon be a Horse—"with other [very] opprobrious words." Indeed female names, Avice, Alice, Johan, etc., figure a good deal in the Court Minutes about this time. June 18, 1646. S. 245. p. 72.

Waltham.
Insolence to the
Mayor.

Mary Chiles says that the week after the siege, last February twelvemonth, William, a middle-aged Merchant with flaxen hair and yellow beard, lodged in her husband's house, having with him £300 in gold and silver. Chiles wished to kill him and get the money, alleging "that it was noe matter for killinge of a man now twas a tyme of warre." He struck W. on the forehead while asleep, killing him at once; then they both dragged the corpse downstairs into an outhouse; and thence, with a horse, "to the workes by y^e north side of the blockhouse," where they carried it down by a breach to the end of the Jetty, and threw it into Mr. Pitt's pool. Then they went home, Chiles "strooke fire . . . and told the mony . . . putt it into his pockett and then went both to bedd . . ." Against this self accusation Judith Finch deposes that "the same night that the forts of this Towne were surprized by the enemy, W. Courtney of Taunton Deane," entrusted her with about £100 and some wares,—which, after the alarm was over, he received back. He told her that during the siege he was at J. Chiles' house, and she says that she saw him a quarter of a year after, and has heard from him lately. Rob. Bindell deposes to being at Chiles' with Courtney. Lastly, Courtney himself deposes to being in Chiles' house at the time in question, with J. Mercomb, of Taunton, Carrier, who was living on Monday last. He is mentioned, apparently, because his complexion was more like that described by M. Chiles than Courtney's was. In this frequented "house of entertainment" the two men slept "on straw or Beane-helme." July 20 and Aug. 20, 1646. S. 245. p. 78.

Self-accusation
of murder.

Chiles.

Finch.

Taunton Deane.

Straw bed.

H. Roze has placed "duos tumulos prope ¹templum sup vastum dni Regis" (two heaps near the church on the Lord King's waste). Oct. 5, 1646. B. p. 455.

III. 110.
Minutes.
Oct., 1646.

Barnard Michell's meadow called "²Greene," is washing away into the mouth of the port. Oct. 5, 1646. (In this page and elsewhere occurs a strange word "allones.") B. p. 456.

Latin & English
W. and M. R.
King's Waste.

A number of tradesmen are presented for carrying on business without license. Among them are a "³cutler and iremonger," a gunsmith, a silkmercer, and a "chirothecarius" (glover), who said that he "had gained liberty by the sword, and would exercise his mystery" in spite of all opponents. Oct. 5, 1646. B. p. 457.

Chirothecarius.

¹ This is the first instance (that has been observed in these Records) of the use of Templum instead of Ecclesia. The French Protestants still call their Churches "Temples," not "Eglises."

² It was near East Street.

³ This existence of the trades of cutler and gunsmith (now first noticed) may be accounted for by the military occupation of the town.

On this day there was an attack on abuses, the late Constable, Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgesses (Capital?) being all presented for neglect of making and considering presentments. B. p. 458.

Windmill.
Checker House
and other place-
names.
Coker.

Several place-names in the Borough occur hereabouts, and may be taken notice of together. Marbell's Quay, B. p. 461. The road from Chanel's Works Lane to Wilson's Well, the Churchway near the Windmill, and "le Checker," B. p. 462. Also "the Checker House in Hope," B. p. 503. Little Street and Hodges' Corner, B. p. 469. There was a "magnum sterquilinum" in Little Lane, leading from the Blockhouse to St. Mary's Street, B. p. 470. Rob. Coker, "armiger," was living in Hell Lane. New Street is mentioned, B. p. 471. The Friary Garden, B. p. 481. The frequent occurrence of the words "aque cursus" and "water-course" is somewhat ambiguous. But they seem to mean no more than a gutter, for one is mentioned in, or as needed in, Love Lane, B. p. 475.

III. 111.
Minutes.
Oct. 25 (?) and
Dec. 4, 1646.
English.
W. and M. R.
Military
domination.
Churchey,
Peeke,
Black Rod.

Mr. Alderman G. Churchey deposes as to the tyrannous conduct of Mr. Peter Peeke, who, on Oct. 13, about three p.m., wished to force three soldiers upon him although he was doing his share of quartering soldiers by paying sixpence a week for one, and his house besides was full of children. Mr. P. "comanded his souldiers to carry mee to the 'Blackerodd." He was kept within the prison till nine p.m., when he seems to have promised 1s. 6d. a week, and so was released. On Oct. 25, Lieut. Peeke sent two more soldiers, whence arose fresh disputes, with "provokeing and urgent termes," and Lieut. P. accused Mr. C. of having sworn. At seven p.m. came Lieut. P., Capt. Harding, two Serjeants, and many musketeers "with matches burneing and ran into my house in a hostile manner, and affrighted my people and in a speciall manner a sicke sonne in a dying condicon." After another dispute, with "many pvoking termes," such as "malignant" and "cavaleer," the officers seem to have left, and then Mr. C. soon dealt with the soldiers, who "depted in a loveing manner." But between eight and nine p.m. some other soldiers came and insisted on seeing that every bed was full. "In the end my wife gave them a groat and soe they went."

Cavalier.

S. 245. p. 95.

Pippon.

Constable Edwards deposes that Ric. Pippon was found, with others, drinking. Being questioned as to this by the Constable, he answered "that whereas a sheepe had but 4 leggs some would make five of it . . . some would make more of a business than twas." Dec. 4, 1646.

S. 245. p. 104.

III. 112.
Minutes.
July and Aug.,
1647.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Miles, Harvey,
Cotten,
Edwards.
Witchcraft.
Drunkenness.

Edith Bull deposes that she heard Damaris Harvey say that Avice Miles is a witch, and that Amy Cotten "never prospered after shee was Cursed by the said Avice Miles." July 19, 1647.

S. 245. p. 116.

Constable Edwards was accused of being drunk and "not able to goe or stand," at the last Fast Day. Aug. 3, 1647.

S. 245. p. 119.

¹ See iii. 116.

(In Licenses granted Nov. 2, 1646, the prohibition of tobacco reappears, after being apparently omitted for several years. B. p. 464.)

Four women are presented "quia p̄mercati sunt et tuniopolæ in foro." The two long words are not in Migne's Ducange. The late Mayor, etc., were again presented for neglect of duty. Again Justinian Hingston and also J. Hingston have killed a bull "sine verbacone cum canibus" (without beating with dogs). Oct. 5, 1647. B. pp. 472, 3.

Leonard Hellard is presented for laying in "New Key Streete" a beam or log, on which the boys play, to the disturbance of the neighbours, "p̄cipue John Dudley vadendo super idem lignum et inspiciendo eiû fenestro" (specially of J. D. by going on the same beam and looking in at his window). Oct. 2, 1648. B. p. 481.

The Town Clerk construes oddly. A "grave pecium maremü" (rightly maremü, a heavy piece of timber) is presented as lying in the street in a manner that is dangerous, especially to those passing by, "nocte, Angliê on horsebacke." J. Arthur has made a refuse-heap "in diverticulo Angliê in the Backe Lane;" and he has laid anchors in St. Thomas Street near the ¹White Hart. The Quay from Ford's Drong to Martell's Corner is mentioned. Oct. 9, 1648. B. pp. 482, 4.

(The heading of the above Minute gives the King his full titles, but it is for the last time. Latin, too, goes out of use in the Curia Legalis; and the first Minute in the new fashion, is that the Mayor Elect, J. Browne, Esq., did not appear to take his oath, and was fined £100, and Mr. H. Waltham and Mr. Rob. Wall, Bailiffs elect, refused to take their oaths and were fined £50 each. Oct. 3, 1649. B. p. 486. Latin continues to be used in the Minutes of the "Generalis Sessio Pacis" Sept. 21, 1649, etc. B. f. 19.)

Although, as above noted, Latin is still partially used, the form of course changes. Here we have "noia Juř pro Re publica" (the names of the Jurors for the Republic). B. f. 19.

The form of indictment now runs "et Ricus Scovile gen qui pro Custodibz libtatis Anglie autoritate Parliamenti in hac parte sequitur filiter . . ." (and R. S., gentleman, who for the Guardians of the liberty of England by authority of Parliament on this side faithfully follows . . .), instead of "pro dno Rege" (for the Lord King) as heretofore. B. f. 20.

Rob. Clarke is presented "quia super . . . diem Sabbati it̄m̄eral¹ fuit" (because he travelled on Sunday), and J. Senior "quia Consilium Sociorum Juratorum non celavit sed revelavit" (because he did not conceal, but revealed, the advice of his fellow jurors). He was fined 5s. A distinction is made about swearing.

III. 113.
Minutes.
Oct. 5, 1647.
Latin & English
W. and M. R.
Tobacco again
forbidden.

Unbaited Bulls.

III. 114.
Minutes.
Oct., 1648.
Latin & English
W. and M. R.
Annoyance by
boys.
Odd construing.

Back Lane.
White Hart.

Royal style
ceases and
Latin is disused
except in the
Generalis Sessio
Pacis.

III. 115.
Minutes.
Sept. 21, 1649.
Latin.
W. and M. R.
Jurors for the
Republic.

Guardians of
the Liberty of
England.

Sunday
observance.

¹ The present White Hart in Lower Bond Street, close to St. Thomas Street, is quite as old, probably, as this Minute, but from another entry the White Hart of the seventeenth century seems to have been on the East side of St. Thomas Street.

Swearing
punished.

A number of people are fined 1s. each (as persons often were in former years), "quod juramenta juraverunt profanè" (because they profanely swore oaths); but a foreigner is also fined 1s. "quia blasphemè execravit" (because he blasphemously cursed).
Sept. 21, 1649. B. ff. 19, 20.

III. 116.
Minutes.
Oct., 1649.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Amercement
and Affectors.
Black Rod,
Red Lion,
Mountjoy,
Drawbridges.

The Affectors were very active in reducing "paynes" or fines; e.g., "Amercement xs., affectered to vs."
B. p. 486.

Several place-names occur here, the Black Rodd and the Ship, B. p. 486, the Red Lion in Maiden Street, Mountjoy (between which and the Blockhouse was a well destitute, like some others, of a stone "coller"), the West Drawbridge, Royal Drawbridge, and Hynes his Lane. Oct. 3 & 8, 1649. B. pp. 487, 489, 90.

III. 117.
Minutes.
1650?
English.
W. and M. R.
Templum.
Sunday
observance.

In Commonwealth times a man was presented "quia abfuit a templo" (because he has been absent from the temple), instead of, as before, "ab ecclesia" or "a servitio divino" (from church or from divine service). The last entry in Vol. B. is a Presentment of Judith Sweetlove, who "tribus separalib; diebus Sabbath . . . abfuit a templo" (who on three different Sabbath Days was absent from the temple).
B. f. 47.

III. 118.
Minutes.
Sept. 30, and
Oct. 7, 1650.
English.
W. and M. R.
Holmes.
Affecting.
Aldermen's
gowns.
Earthwork.
Town Walls.
Longwell.
Marsh called
Chaynes Work.
Peters.
Love Lane.

Eleven persons are presented for "letting their Swyne goe at Liberty about the Towne without Yoakes, Rings or Cloggs." Mr. W. Holmes, late Mayor, is presented for not levying the ²estreates for two years. Amerced £5, affectered to £3. The Aldermen are presented "for not attending the Mayor in their gownes according to the Auncient Custome of the Towne." Sept. 30, 1650. B. pp. 493, 5.

Mention is made of "carrying of earth for the states use;" probably for an earthwork. Oct. 7, 1650. B. p. 495.

Place-names again occur, e.g., the Town Walls, B. p. 494, the ³Long Well or "Comon Well of the Towne," the Bridge at the lower end of Hill Lane (called Wilcher's Bridge, Oct. 13, 1651, p. 503), the ⁴Marsh called Chaynes Work, an Leech Lane called also Symes Lane. Oct. 7, 1650. B. p. 496.

Widow Peters has a dangerous chimney in her house in Love Lane and cannot afford repairs. The word "collecon," appended, seems to show that the Court helped her. W. Tizzard, Shoemaker, and neither a freeman nor licensed, is

¹ At this day "le temple" is the substitute for "l'église" among the French Protestants, as noted before.

² "Estreate . . . the true note of an originall writing. For example of amercentments . . . in the rolles of a Court, to bee levied by the . . . Officer . . ."—Cowell, s.v.

³ It seems to have been in St. Thomas Street at the West end. See iii. 103. In B. p. 513, the Shambles are described as between the Town-hall and Longwell.

⁴ See iv. 33^a.

presented for baking, and "hucstering from the Markett." (Do., do., p. 503, but here it is called "haulstring." Having "no ability," and eight children, it is feared that he will be chargeable to the Town.) Oct. 7, 1650. B. pp. 496, 7.

Haulstering or
Huckstering.

At a Hall W. Seager, Miller, was fined £20, for the poor, for using a short half-peck for five years. (He paid £10, Jan. 3, 1650 (1)). C. p. 237.

III. 119. Minute
Nov. 8, 1650.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Short measure.

Rob. Clarke, Roper, is presented "for pitching his Forks and workinge upon the Towne Wast." Amerced 20s, affeered 10s. Maior Harding has laid "great luggs" (logs?) on the Waste. H. Welman has no pump or bucket to his well, "leaveing it unusefull . . . if a fire should happen." Mr. Mayor G. Pley is presented for "makeing a noysome Mixon." Amerced 5s., affeered to 1s. 6d. Sept. 6, 1651.

III. 120.
Minutes.
Sept. and Oct.,
1651.
English.
W. and M. R.
Ropewalk.
Unuseful well.

B. pp. 499, 500.

Many of the houses in Love Lane were thatched. The "souldiers" were a grievance, e.g., Sergt. Thomas encroached on the Town land by the Chapel Fort and threatened to beat passers by. Amerced 10s., "and soe affeered." Widow Bull keeps an unlicensed and disorderly alehouse "in a house built for one of the poore of the Towne." B. p. 502.

Love lane
houses thatched
Military
domination.
Chapel Fort.

Mr. Mayor G. Pley and Mr. T. Waltham having carted water to the injury of the streets and bridge, their cart-wheels "being iron bound," were amerced 2s. each. Seventeen persons were amerced 4s. each (affeered to 2s.) for not coming or sending to repair the highways in "Whitesonweeke last" for four days. Oct. 13, 1651. A place called "Lyne" or "Lynd" is mentioned, also "Hell Doore," being probably simply the door of the house called Hell, at the corner of East Street and Hell Lane. B. pp. 504, 5.

Pley, Waltham.

Lyne.
Hell Door.

Two men are presented "for making of a mixon in the highway, and for laughing and jeareing at the Jury." Amerced 6s. 8d., affeered 3s. 4d. W. Barnes was amerced 12d. "for killing of a bull and not beating of him." Nic. Marriner "for sweareing one oath," was amerced 3s. 4d. E. Bouzer, for being drunk "to pay 5s. or sitt vi houres by the heelea." B. p. 508.

III. 121.
Minutes.
Oct. 12, 1652.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Amerciament.
Affeerors.
Fine or Stocks
for
drunkenness.

O. Moore is presented "for setting a dry barrell very dangerous for fire on the Topp of his Chemney." Oct. 3, 1653. B. p. 510.

III. 122.
Minutes.
Oct., 1653.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Sunday
observance.
Sally Port.
Drawbridge.
Sarah
Brimstone.
Jurors for his
Highness.

A. Eburne is presented "for bearing a burden on the Sabboth day." The Sally Port at the Middle Drawbridge, and the Chapel Hay are mentioned. The odd name "Sarah Brimstone" occurs. This day the "Jury for the Coomonwealth" appears for the last time. Henceforward (e.g., Oct. 2, 1654, p. 516), the style is "Juro" for his Highness." Oct. 10, 1653. B. p. 513—515.

¹ In the Fac-simile of the Miniatures in the Luttrell Psalter several thatched houses appear in a fancy view of Constantinople.

III. 123.
Minutes.
Oct. 2, 1654.
English.
W. and M. R.
Amerciament
for disturbance.
Spinning in the
street.
Place-names.

J. Chiles was amerced 20s., and afeered to 10s., for careless use of candles in his stable, and for being "a comon disturbance to his neighbours . . . at night." Mr. Rob. Clarke is presented "for suffering his servannts to spiinne in the Streets being a great trouble to the neighbo^r, &c." The Back Street, West Street, Knaplock's Corner at the Harbour, West Key, the Ammunition House, Brook's Drawbridge, Elliot his drong, Ford's drong (these two near to each other and to the Quay), and Simon's Lane near the top of Butt's Lane, are mentioned. Oct. 2, 1654.

B. pp. 517—521.

III. 124. Minute
Oct. 1 and 8,
1655.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Beadle.

The Town is presented "for not having of a Beedle." Oct. 1. Love Lane end, by the West Gate, ¹Watcombe Drove, and Rogers' Lane are mentioned. Oct. 8.

B. pp. 525—8.

III. 125.
Minutes.
Oct., 1656.
English.
W. and M. R.
Fish Stone.
Pillory.

Mention is made of the Woman's Prison (called the Bridewell, iii. 127), and of the Fish stone, doubtless the "broad stone" mentioned elsewhere. The Town is presented "for not having a Pillory & Pound," and Anne Gire "for building a ²Linage against her ³Penion end on the Towne Ground." Oct. 6 & 13, 1656.

B. pp. 532—4.

III. 126.
Minutes.
Oct. 5, 1657.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Grinterne
Bridge, Pillory,
Buckets, Crooks

T. Hide "hath builded out a great ⁴grinterne . . . next his shop thereby encroaching on the Towne Streete" at the end of the Bridge. (It was not amended a year after, Oct. 4, 1658, p. 541.) The Town is still without a Pillory, and also Buckets and Crooks in case of fire. Oct. 5, 1657.

B. p. 537.

III. 127.
Minutes.
Oct. 4 and 11,
1658.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Bridewell.
Corn Market
and other
place-names.

Mary Wood is presented "for living an idle course of life out of service, therefore it is ordered that she be sent to Bridewell if taken at home again;" and the same of Susan Welman's daughter, "a masterles person." The Corn Market Place, the White Lion, Wayman's corner in the Back Street, and the Bridge at Dodderell's Throng end are mentioned.

B. pp. 541—4.

III. 128.
Minutes.
Oct., 1659.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Jurors for the
Keepers of the
Liberties of
England.

The heading now begins "The Jurors for the Keepers of the Liberties of England," instead of "for his Highnes." Oct. 3. After going on for years presenting people for not pitching the street, each in front of his own house, the Jury now

¹ Doubtless Gipsy Lane. Watcombe, or Wodcombe is the field in the angle between the Wyke Road and Gipsy Lane. This has come to the writer's knowledge after Class I. was printed. In the Perambulation of W. in i. 40, Wodcombe occurs. The "well called Tunne," also named there, was probably Rodwell, but it possibly was a well formerly existing in Gipsy Lane. The name Wodcombe was communicated by W. Bowles Barrett, Esq.

² Can this be a "wood house?" There is a Low Latin word Lignagium.

³ Penion = Pinion, which is still in use in the sense of Gable.

⁴ Grinterne is now used as meaning a compartment or division in a Granary.

“present and order that a Rate shall be made in the Towne of Waymouth for the repairing of the Highwaies” there, everyone rated 1d. weekly for the poor to pay 12d. for the above purpose, and others in proportion ; or to send a labourer to work eight hours on every day appointed for highway repairs. Oct. 10. The surname Arding occurs (Daniel A. Gouldsmith, Oct. 31, 1663), and Tizzard a few years before. The Chapel Stairs near the sign of the Star, the “Key” behind the sign of the Anchor, and the Long Drove are mentioned. Oct. 3 & 10, 1659. B. pp. 547—553. Highway Rate.

The Town Clerk now at once returns to the Latin heading “Curia legis” in place of “Court Leet,” Latin Minutes and everything as in 1648. “Oct. 1, dni nri Car ii &c &c duodecimo, A.D. 1660.” And the very first Minute taxes his Latinity, and no wonder. For who ever saw the Latin for “Grinterne,” now again presented for at least the third time? Five people are presented “quia onera sup diem Sabbati . . . portaverunt” (because they have carried burdens on the Sabbath). There is still no “colistrigif ang^o a Pillory.” “Conclave p Juratoribus Grandibus ang^o the Grand Jury Chamber” is out of repair. B. pp. 554—6. III. 129. Minutes. Oct. 1, 1660. Latin & English W. and M. R. Latin resumed. Sunday observance. Pillory. Grand Jury Chamber.

W. Baggs' house has such bad chimneys that in rainy weather the inhabitants of the lower rooms cannot “ibi remanere aridi” (keep dry there); he, meanwhile, living “in Insulâ Cæsariensi ang^o Jersey.” B. p. 562. III. 130. Minute Sept. 30, 1661. Lat. W. & M. R. Insula Cæsariensis.

Col. Hean, Capt. Babbidge and another, depose that they were assaulted as they “were runing through the Ally of the White Hart,” and Col. Hean (who was a leading man at W. in Commonwealth times) was called “Traitor” by Ph. Bartlett. Oct. 14, 1663. B. p. 565. III. 131. Minutes. 1662, 1663. Eng. W. & M. R. Hean, Babbidge. Assault. White Hart.

N.B. After this date the records of the Courts seem to cease to be kept in the old formal order.

The Recognizances for not killing meat in Lent now begin again. Feb. 28, 1662 (3). B. p. 567. Lent again observed.

The name Pidgeon occurs. March 2, 1662 (3). B. p. 568. Pidgeon.

Emanuel Frost was imprisoned until he could find bail for his appearance to answer for “abusing of G. Strangeways, Esq.,” and saying before the Bailiff, “The Devill will split you all for doing such Justice.” May 25. B. p. 583. III. 132. Minutes. May, 1665. Eng. W. & M. R. Strangeways. Abusive language. Rumsey a supposed Jesuit. E. Tucker thought to be a Quaker. Oaths refused.

A disjointed Minute of the examination of W. Salt, of Rumsey, Teacher and suspected Jesuit, and E. Tucker, of W., thought to be a Quaker. They avowed and defended certain weekly meetings, and refused to take the Oath of Allegiance, alleging that all oaths were unlawful. ¹Committed to Dorchester Gaol. May 31. B. p. 584.

¹ This was a terrible sentence. The Plague was prevailing, and the old Gaol at Dorchester was a small and probably unhealthy one. It stood in High East Street, just above the White Hart.

- III. 133.
Minutes.
1666.
English.
W. and M. R.
Wife beating.
Waltham.
Roundhead.
Serge Weaver.
- Rebecca, wife of W. Bright, deposes that he broke over her shoulder and arm "a ¹Crabbtree sticke full of nobbs," and then "strooke her down with his fist wherewith he amazed her." March 15, 1665 (6). There was another assault on a woman with a stick. She had called J. Waltham, the assailant, "croptear Rogue and Cuttpurse Rogue." March 20, 1665 (6). B. p. 592.
- Sack drinking.
- Depositions by Mic. Cary, "Sargeweaver," and Christopher Cowell, Shoemaker, both also "souldiers" in Capt. Killigrew's Company. It seems that shortly before, being on duty at night "uppon the mayne Guard," Strawbridge, another soldier, brought a great wooden can of ²sack, holding about four quarts. This was drunk by these and other soldiers, again filled and again emptied, one man also bringing "to the quantity of a Pottlesacke in his hatt." All this wine was stolen from the wine cellar of the Bull. "Over the water" then meant W. side, as it does now. Nov. 10, 1666. B. p. 597.
- Bull.
Over the water.
- III. 134.
Minutes.
Dec. 29, 1668.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Inquest.
Effort to revive
a drowned man.
George.
- Inquest on Steph. Chambers, who, when tipsy, fell into the Harbour about eight p.m. When taken out of the water T. Martyu and others "Roled him on a Cask to gett the water out of his body and caried him into the George." He revived enough "to speake some froward words," and was carried home, but died before morning. Dec. 29, 1668. C. p. 317.
- III. 135.
Minutes.
Oct. 2, 1674.
English.
W. and M. R.
Hyde.
Abusive words
to the Mayor.
- Mr. Alderman Hyde, having been accused of speaking words (not specified here), and being required to find sureties for his appearance, "replied to the said Major (Mayor) 'What ! I call the King Rogue!' the Major answered itt was downe upon Record and itt could be pved against him. Mr. Hyde answered 'itt must bee by such a — fellow as thou art,' and soe went out of the Hall." Oct. 2, 1674. C. p. 349.
- III. 136.
Minutes.
1677, 1687.
Lat. W. & M. R.
- Two leaves of Minutes of Court of Record, May 29 to Sept. 18, 1677. Very little business is minuted. One leaf do., do., Oct. 11—22, 1687. S. 255.
- III. 137. In-
denture, etc.
1678 & 1684 (5).
Eng. W. & M. R.
Lattermar.
Petticoat Lane.
- "Indenture," being a Demise by Jas. Lattermar of a house in Petticoat Lane to his son Thomas, after the death of James and his wife. With seal. Oct. 8, 1678. Revocation of the above before the Mayor, etc. March 17, 1684 (5). S. 256.
- III. 138.
Minutes.
1680, 1681.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Pley.
- Alderman G. Pley deposes that his brother, after much abuse and threatening in their father's house, threw a stone, about three pounds in weight, at him (G.) and hit him in the side. Jan. 13, 1679 (80). B. p. 613.

¹ This reminds one of Giant Despair's "grievous crabtree cudgel," in the contemporary Pilgrim's Progress.

² Falstaff would have applauded this "excellent endeavour of drinking good, and good store of fertile Sherris." See Henry IV., Part 2, Act 1.

Again he deposes that his brother Richard swore that "he would before night pistoll him." Oct. 16, 1680. B. p. 619. Family quarrel.

E. Young deposes that on April 13, Dorothy Clements dragged her into her house and beat her, and "broke her head Clothes from her head and swore she would beate her to mortar." May 4, 1680. B. p. 613. Young, Clements. Assaults by women.

Joane Whicker complains that Eliz. Gosley "hath . . . abused her . . . in language and blowes and kickes." April 7, 1681. B. p. 619. Whicker, Gosley.

By virtue of an Order to the Sheriff, W. Lewes, from "the Right Hon^{ble} George Lord Jeffery," and a Precept from the Sheriff to the Mayor, etc., commanding them to erect within the Borough "a sufficient gallows for the executing the several persons sentenced and appointed to be executed on Tuesday next within your said Borough," it is ordered that the Gallows be erected on or near Greenhill in the confines of the Borough. "Twelve persons being executed . . . their heads and quarters were disposed of by the Maior according to the Sheriff's pcept . . . as followeth,"

To Upwey	4 qrs. 1 head.	6 qrs. 1 head at the Grand Piere.	Ghastly List.
— Sutton Poyntz	2 qrs. 1 head.	2 qrs. at Waymouth Townend.	
— Osmington	4 qrs. 1 head.	4 qrs. 1 head neere the Windmill.	
— Preston	2 qrs.	2 qrs. at Waymouth Townehall.	
— Weeke	4 qrs.	1 qr. 2 heads at the Bridge.	
— Winfrith	4 qrs. 1 head.	1 qr. 2 heads at Melcomb Townehall.	
— Broadmaine	2 qrs. 1 head.	<u>16 qrs. 6 heads.</u>	
— Radipoll	2 qrs.		
— Winterborne St. Martin	} 2 qrs.	Sept. 14, 1685. C. p. 387.	
— Puddletowne			
— Bincombe	2 qrs.		
	<u>32 qrs. 6 heads.</u>		

Oct. 14, 1685. To Bill of Disburstm^{ts} for y^e Gallows, Burning & ¹Boylng y^e Rebells executed p ord^r att this Towne } £15 ,, 14 ,, 3 Costs.
S. 254. f. 86.

Order that H. Pollexfen, Esq., "Councello^r att Law shall be the Standing Councill" for the Corporation at a fee of 40s. per annum. C. p. 393. III. 140. Order May 21, 1687. Eng. W. & M. R. Fee.

¹ Boiling in pitch. These "Rebells" were some of those condemned at Dorchester. The Chair used by Lord Jeffery on that occasion is in the Town Hall, Dorchester. He lodged opposite St. Peter's Church, in a house just now admirably restored.

- III. 141. Order Jan. 20, 1687 (8).
Eng. W. & M. R.
Backway. Order that Mr. Town Clerk Backway shall ride to London to take Counsel's advice, and put in a plea, in answer to a Quo Warranto questioning the Borough privileges, etc. C. p. 398.
- III. 142. Book. 1699—1724.
Latin & English
W. and M. R. This is a folio Book, unbound, of about five hundred pages, containing miscellaneous records, mostly relating to Law.
- Wages. Elinor Chandler of N. Charleton, Northumberland, seems to have been examined simply as a stranger. She had been a "covenant servant" to a farmer for 20s. a year. Aug. 27, 1700 (?). F. 10.
- Aldermen Harding and Lisle gambling. J. Thorne and two other Constables found Capt. Harding and Mr. Lisle, Aldermen, gaming and wrangling in the Bear at ten p.m., and they refused to leave the house. The Constables thought the game was tables. Capt. H. was throwing dice. No punishment is noted. Nov. 25, 1700. F. 14.
- Carrying a Burgess. Rob. Ellary complains of an assault arising from a dispute about division of money "for carrying one of the Burgesses" (chairing a M.P.?). Jan. 13, 1700 (1). F. 15^b.
- Duel. Williams, Freke. Peter Green deposes that J. Parker swore "by God's blood and wounds." April 15, 1701. F. 20^b.
- Depositions and Inquest connected with a drunken duel. In the "Collector" Bower's house Mr. Winston Williams and Mr. W. Freke "dranke punch to a greate hight," and at eight p.m., a quarrel arising, they went to Melcombe town-end and fought with swords. Williams was stabbed in the stomach and died about one a.m. 1701. F. 25^b, etc.
- Pucket, Jerrat. Bay Tree. Constable turned out by a landlady. E. Pucket, Watchman, hearing a great noise and swearing in the Bay Tree entered. However the landlady, Mary Jerrat "took him by the shoulders and turned him out." Dec. 2, 1703. F. 57^b.
- "Sate in the stocks." Pucket also deposes that J. Parker swore four oaths. Here, as in several similar instances comes the pithy note, "Sate in the stocks." Jan. 18, 1703 (4). F. 61^b.
- Griffin, Bound. Crown and Sceptre. Assault. G. Bound, Ostler at the Crown and Sceptre, deposes that Dr. Humfry Griffin "who hath a stage in this Town," being unreasonably offended at being asked if he could cure the cramp, caught Bound by the hair, and with his own head struck B's face such a stroke "as amazed him," and covered him with blood. Dec. 26, 1704. F. 72^b.
- Turner, Fenner. Seditious letters. Jas. Turner, of the Diligence Privateer, deposes that on Monday, July 23, he received three letters in one cover, franked S. Barker, to be left at the house of Mr. Fenner, a minister in Weymouth. In one, dated Norwich, were the words, "the Queen hath broken her Coronation oath." The rest of the letters, "intermixed in

¹ This seems to make it clear that "Tables" was Backgammon and not Draughts, as some think.

sundry hands," he could make nothing of. At the Bear he delivered the letters to a stranger called, he is told, "Mr. Daniell Dufoe," in company with Mr. Fenner, Independent Minister. Dufoe was often named in the letters. On July 21 he received another letter, with like address, but not franked, and delivered it to Mr. D. in Mr. Fenner's presence, Mr. Jonathan Edwards also coming into the room. July 26, 1705. (It would rather seem that the letters came to the wrong Capt. Turner.) Five other persons depose, saying among other things, that Mr. D. said he cared not who saw the letters, or if they were set up at the Market Cross—also that it was one of the "Earle of Dysart's party" who spoke the above words against the Queen. A Warrant was issued, signed Ro. Price, to bring Mr. Fenner, Mr. Dufoe, Mr. Edwards, Capt. Turner, and Capt. Jas. Turner to Dorchester, as having received traitorous letters. July 27, 1705. F. 74—78.

Bear.
D. Defoe.

Edwards.

Defoe's words.

A lively riot arose from the proceedings of a press-gang from the "Pembroke gally," Capt. Gruchy. At least two of the Pembroke men were wounded, and two of the other side. Lieut. Ripley, commanding the press-gang, was fined 9s. for the poor, on the charge of drunkenness and swearing. Feb. 26 & 27, 1705 (6). F. 84^b, 85^b.

Press-gang.

Officer fined.

Examination of Hugh Ryely, alias Amiable Vincent. Half a year before this present war began he sailed from Dublin to Havre, thence he went to Paris, and, in several colleges, studied Rhetoric, Greek, Hebrew, etc., etc. Desiring to become a Protestant, and change of air being prescribed for him, a Pass was obtained from the King of France. After trying in vain at Cherbourg, he got a passage on board the Transport, and landed at W., with no papers of any kind except his Pass. Dec. 12, 1711. F. 144^b.

Romanist examined.

Learning.
Wishes to be a Protestant.
A Pass from the King of France.

J. Scarlett deposes that one Foster, Custom House Officer, gave him "a piece of tin or pewter in the shape . . . of a crooked sixpence" to pay for beer, and F. said that he had passed others on his way from London. Nov. 9, 1714. F. 175.

Base money.

J. Jerard deposes that Ric. Webb, called his wife, among other names, an old Witch, and said that she had bewitched his child to death. (It is worthy of note that there is hardly any reference to witchcraft in these Records.) Sept. 19, 1716. F. 187.

Witchcraft.

Peter, "Marquis of Lambert," complains of an assault on him. Jan. 28, 1717 (8). F. 197.

The Quakers' Meeting was disturbed by firing a gun. Jan. 26, 1719 (20): F. 210^b.

Quakers' meeting disturbed.

Hugh Margary, Barber, deposes that being in a boat with J. Russell, "in the river going to Radypole," R. "forced him down duple into y^e Bottom of the Boate,

Margary.
Russell.
Assault in a boat.

¹ De Foe speaks of this affair in his "Review of the Affairs of France," published July and August, 1705.

- to the prejudice of his health, and afterwards threw him . . . into the water near the Old Salt House." Dec. 20, 1721. F. 229.
- Salt house.**
- Many assaults by women.** N.B. In this Book there are a great many cases in which women are complained of for abuse and violence. Now there seems no evidence of the Ducking Stool having been kept in repair and use during this period. May not cause and effect be detected here? An astonishing number of widows kept public houses. On one occasion twenty-one licenses out of thirty-six were granted to widows. S. 259.
- Many widows publicans.**
- III. 143. Presentments.** Six papers of Presentments of Juries, variously designated; some as at the Grand Inquest, some at the Court Lect, and one by the Constables. The Town is presented for not pitching streets, 1726; for not emptying Cunniger Ditch, "very much offensive," 1724 & 1725; for not repairing the street near Mr. Morgan Tizzard's, so bad by the traffic of waggons that "the Neighbourhood cannot go across the street and is a great anequence." Sir Jas. Thornhill is presented for letting stones lie in the highway near the "Pown"—also a "great anequence." W. Allen and J. Hendy are presented "to be slatermen to see there are good skins sold here." 1726. (Hendy and another were nominated "gashers of hides" in 1725. Then comes the Constables' Presentment, Oct. 2, 1727, headed "Dossett Sh." "Imprimus we present the Town for not keeping the Stocks in good repair." At the Grand Inquest, of the same date, "we present Omne bene." At the Court Lect, also of the same date, "we present the Church way, a great part of . . . Buckler Lane which being a very bad way to carry the corps of the neighbors to Week . . . ; also "the highway betwix Mr. Crisdys house and . . . Wilson's Well being greivous way both for man as wel as hors." Oct. 9, 1727. S. 260. 1-7.
- 1716. 1725-7.**
- English.**
- W. and M. R.**
- Coneygar Ditch**
- Streets in a bad state.**
- Sir James Thornhill.**
- Pound.**
- Stocks.**
- Buckler Lane.**
- III. 144. Book.** A Folio Volume, about twelve inches by eight inches, and two and a half inches thick, bound in green vellum, with metal escutcheon inscribed "Minutes of Meetings of the Town Council. 1724-1800." It appears to contain all Minutes, both of "Matters of Justice," and "Constitutions, etc.," previously divided carefully (for the most part) between the two great Folios. It is indicated in this Catalogue by the initial "D." In the period comprised in this Volume, several well-known names come to the front, *e.g.*, Devenish, Fry, Steward, Templeman, Tizard, Tucker, and Weston. The Volume begins with a startling series of cases of assault, pp. 1-19, from pulling hair from Sarah Deed's head, to the fracture of the skull of T. Stuckey against his own kitchen floor. June 9-Oct. 26, 1724. Again, J. Ryall deposes as to stone throwing and other insults suffered by his mistress, "Madam Townson," himself and his fellow-servant, when they were "carrying" her (in a sedan chair) to and from Church, or driving her in her coach about the town. March 26, 1725. D. p. 28.
- 1724-1800.**
- English.**
- W. and M. R.**
- Description of Folio Vol. D.**
- Several surnames.**
- Many assaults.**
- Unpopularity of Madam Townson.**

¹ Madam Townson may have been the widow of Mr. Theobald Townson who was Mayor, 1685.

The next year many assaults occurred again. Susan Weyman was with difficulty prevented from attacking Durell Bayly, and afterwards threatened to brain him with a shovel. March 14, 1725 (6). P. 40. Threatened assault by a woman.

It was an indictable offence to sell fish in the Borough anywhere but in the Market. The "Blew Anchor" is mentioned. March 15, 1725 (6). P. 41. Fish not to be sold except in the Market.

T. Pomeroy, Postmaster, deposes that Rob. Drew, "Postboy," i.e. carrier of the Mail Bag, from Dorchester, on a complaint of irregularity in his work and of his not blowing his horn, assaulted the deponent in his own house, and challenged him to fight. March 21, 1725 (6). P. 42. Blue Anchor. Assault. Pomeroy, Drew

T. Hickman wishes himself and Jos. Read to be bound over to the County Sessions, as not expecting justice here, "meaning this Incorporacon." It seems to have been done. P. 43. Hickman and Read distrust Borough justice

The Queen's Head and the Thistle and Crown are mentioned. P. 43. Queen's Head. Thistle and Crown. Assault.

Ric. Beale deposes that W. Hayward, Sidesman, "drew a tuck," swore he would kill him, and "made a push" with the tuck. June 15, 1726. P. 47.

H. Bradshaw's life was threatened by a dancing master. July 20, 1726. P. 49.

A Deposition about shooting one of "the Rookes belonging to the house where Mr. Quetteville lives." March 9, 1726 (7). P. 64. Rook shot.

T. Brayne deposes about an assault on him "at the post-house . . . as [he and others] were reading the news." Jan. 27, 1726 (7). P. 65. Assault.

Mr. Town Clerk Cooper came in for his share of assaults, for reading the Riot Act "in the Towne Walk" where he had found Mr. Harvey, J.P., being insulted by a mob. Aug. 15, 1727. P. 72. Riot Act. Town Walk.

Depositions showing that this mob was excited by a dispute in the "Townhall Walk" between Mr. Harvey and J. Ward, of Hackney, about electing M.Ps. W. Harvey, Ward. Pillory.

pulled out a printed letter and said that "if the Corporacon durst reparaire the pillory he would gett upon it and read that letter . . . and would preach halfe an hour to the people, and then come downe and burn the pillory." Aug. 16, 1727. P. 75, &c.

The Golden Lion, the Boot, and the Presbyterian Meeting House are mentioned. Pp. 82, 98, 103. Golden Lion, Boot, Presbyterian Meeting House.

Folio Vol. D. Borough Chest.

In a bundle of sheets of Minutes of W. Sessions, beginning in 1762, are one or two points which may be noted. III. 145. Minutes. 1762—1799. English. W. and M. R.

On Dec. 28, 1779, the Rev. Jos. Wilkins, Presbyterian Minister of W., takes the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and declares against Popery, and for the truth of the Holy Bible. M. v. 7. 16.

¹ This may remind us of the riding-post and his horn, in Cowper.

² This was the roofed-in pavement or foot-path in front of the Town Hall. Some remnants of a similar arrangement may be seen at Marlborough.

CLASS IV. GENERAL AFFAIRS OF THE BOROUGH.

N.B. THIS Section may fittingly begin with a notice of a number of Documents which almost up to the completion of this Catalogue were not known to possess any interest. Indeed some of them had not come to light at all. But on examination and search it was found impossible to pass them over. Among them are some few of the chief curiosities possessed by the Mayor and Corporation. All that seem to demand special notice are spoken of under the Classes and dates to which they respectively belong. (See Class i. 5^a, 5^b, 16^a, 18^a; ii. 11^a, 24^a, 27^a, 39^a; iv. 37^a; vi. 10^b, 91^a; also Appendix.) The above collection of Miscellaneous Documents is referred to as "M."

Documents
lately
discovered.

References to
chief ones.
See also below.

At this point must be noticed a part of the above collection which have been numbered, docketed, and arranged in three bundles, numbered ii., iii., iv. Bundle ii. contains eighty-six Feoffments, Confirmations, and Leases by the Mayor and Corporation of M. R. or W. and M. R., and a few by the Bailiffs of W., from Aug. 9 (26 Henry VIII.), 1534, to June 10 (40 Eliz.), 1598. Bundle iii. do., do., by the Mayor, etc., of W. and M. R., from Aug. 18 (1 James I.), 1603, to March 20, 1655, and contains forty-two documents. Bundle iv. do., do., by private persons, eighteen documents, from May 24 (36 Henry VIII.), 1544, to March 25 (7 William III.), 1695. Of these one hundred and forty-six parchment Indentures, etc., nearly all relate to laud in the borough, and the localities are shortly named in the dockets. Some few are Leases of Petty Customs; and a few others are curious as being Feoffments by the pertinacious Bailiffs of W. long after the "Act of Union." The seals of these and of some others are interesting. Nearly all the above Deeds are Latin.

IV. i. Feoff-
ments, etc.
Aug. 9, 1534,
etc.
Latin & English
W., M. R., and
W. and M. R.
Dates.

A few Documents in these three Bundles are specially noticed. See iv. 2^a, 3^a, 12^a, 17^a, 22^a, 33^a, 37^b; vi. 10^a. See Appendix. M. ii., iii.; iv.

To this Article it is thought fitting to append the following List.

¹ Bundle i. is fully noticed, Class i. 5^a, etc., as specified above, under N.B.

DORSET SURNAMES FROM THE DOCUMENTS ABOVE MENTIONED,

And which have not been observed elsewhere in the Records, with few exceptions.

Aden	M. iv. 7.	Kingman	M. ii. 50.
Andrews	— iv. 18.	Lawse	— ii. 4.
Blowndell	— ii. 22.	Lewes	— iii. 37.
Bonville	— ii. 66.	Loddis	— iii. 1.
Boyte	— ii. 71.	Man	— iii. 23.
Burley	— iv. 5.	Massy	— ii. 1.
Burred	— iii. 30.	Millis	— iv. 5.
Chamberlayne	— ii. 35.	Morgan	— iii. 26.
Champion	— iii. 9.	Morrall	— ii. 29.
Chamyn	— iv. 9.	Neale	— ii. 69.
Channinge	— iv. 10.	Newton	— ii. 5.
Churne	— iii. 18.	Odiam	— ii. 49.
Cleaves	— ii. 30.	Payge	— ii. 55 ^b .
Corbin	— ii. 31.	Reade	— iii. 27.
Cumfrie	— iv. 17.	Riland	— ii. 55 ^b .
Darbye	— ii. 36.	Salter	— iii. 31.
Dennis	— iii. 11.	Scotte	— ii. 17.
Eburne	— iii. 16.	Seager	— iii. 35.
Flandergosen	— ii. 47.	Stoodleigh	— iii. 33.
Frye	— i. 1.	Tanner	— iv. 2.
Gollde	— ii. 56.	Wallys	— ii. 77.
Jewe	— iv. 13.	Willcocks	— ii. 68.
Keyes	— iii. 7.		

IV. 1^a. Instruct-
tions.
May 29, 1551.
English.
¹M. R.
Admiralty.

Instructions to the Mayor of Melcombe Regis how to answer when called upon to explain a refusal, or hesitation, in reply to a demand for “a place to sytt in,” by H. Ayshley “nameing himself vice admirall.” The Mayor is to ask Mr. A. for a sight of his authority from Sir W. Herbert, High Admiral; and to quote chartered exemption from jurisdiction of Admirals, etc.; and further to offer future production of Charters. S. 13.

IV. 2. Letter.
May 15, 1555.
English.
M. R.

Letter from R. Phelyps, ²Charborough, saying that he is required by the King and Queen (Philip and Mary) to “serv ther Highnes within one houres warning, as well with myne owne presence and sewite as with other . . . within

¹ M. R. and W. stand for “Melcombe Regis” and “Weymouth” respectively, and indicate to which Borough, or to both, the several Documents respectively refer.

² Near Wimborne.

myne owne office." He therefore calls on the Mayor of Melcombe Regis to have "yn redynes, with such armour and other weapones as they have," T. Samways, T. Buck, R. Bellpytt, and three others. S. 17.

Muster.

Francis Lawse, Mayor of M. R., and J. Burley and Owen Grigory, Bailiffs of the same, of the one part, and Owen Raynolds, of the same, Yeoman, of the other part, enter into an agreement by indenture for a twenty-one years' lease to O. R. of "all that theyre Conynger and warren of Conyes . . . aswell wthin the said Towne as wthoute . . . allwise reseruede . . . highewaies and pathes . . . tharbaige and pasture." Rent 40s. He is to "repayere and maynteigne" the coneygar and warren. This would seem to imply a ring fence. But he is not to "ordeigne any trenche, pale, hedge, dike, wall, or other engyne," meaning probably cross fences. He is to "replenyashe" the warren with conies yearly. "For the more Savegarde of his saide conyes," he may erect on the ground a house of twenty-one by twelve feet. And he may set traps for dogs, cats, and other "vermyne."

IV. 2^a. Lease.
Mar. 26, 1563.
English.
M. R.
Lawse, Burley,
Grigory,
Raynolds.
Leases of
Coneyar.

With small seal bearing O. R.

M. ii. 4.

This Lease, however, did not run its course, perhaps solely through the death of the Lessee, which happened not later than Sept., 1577, when possession of a house in St. Thomas Street is confirmed to his widow.

M. ii. 9.

And on March 11, 1579, there was a similar Lease in favour of Barnuarde Maior for twelve years of "all that there conigeare . . . called Melcombe conigeare on the northe side of the 'Towne diche," reserving "feedinge . . . for the ²rother beastes and horsebeastes of the inhabitants . . . wth free libtye for all kinde of psones . . . to walke, bowle, shute and otherwyse to use there lawfull disporte and wth all other customes of y^e sayed towne." Rent 40s., and forty couple of conies, and he is to leave at least one hundred couple in the warren. The Mayor, etc., will meet any demand for "tithe conyes and tithe rabbate." Small defaced seal.

Town Ditch.
Rother beasta.
Horsebeasta.
Shooting and
Bowling.
Tithe of
Rabbits.

M. ii. 27.

Copy of Precept from "Thomas Lorde Howarde, Vicounte Byndon, Vice-admyrall of . . . Dorset," to the Mayor of Melcombe Regis, for keeping the Admiralty Court in that Borough. There is an Answer in Latin annexed, saying that the Mayor, etc., are not bound to answer to any Admiral unless in cases wherein the Citizens of London are equally bound.

IV. 3. Precept
and Answer.
June 2, 1564.
English & Latin
M. R.
Viscount
Bindon, Vice-
Admiral.

S. 24.

For some reason this Indenture has the locality not expressed, or rather erased. Hence, probably, it remained in the hands of the Corporation although duly sealed and signed by the Mayor, T. Newton, and by several Burgesses as

IV. 3^a. Feoff-
ment.
July 1, 1566.
Latin. M. R.

¹ This was doubtless the same as the "Coneygar Ditch" often mentioned, which was on the site of Lower Bond Street.

² These terms are still in use in Dorset and Scotland respectively.

witnesses, including G. Bagge (twice), with his curious "mark" or hieroglyphic, which appears not unfrequently in different documents. The nondelivery of this Lessee's counterpart leaves the Corporation in possession of an interesting curiosity. **Borough Seals.** inasmuch as the M. R. Seals remain in fair order, on two slips. On the first is Seal ii. (See. i. 41), with the Mayor's signature. On the second the large Seal of Lions, Reverse, Seal i., with signatures of the Burgesses and J. Chubbe, "Scriptor." It may be suggested from this that Seal ii. was specially for the Mayor. Indeed the legend is "Sigillum Maioratus de Melcomâ." M. ii. 5.

The same Seals, similarly placed, also are appended to a Deed of Gift by H. Michell, in 1567. This Sealing he procured because his own Seal (on the first slip) was "plurimis incognitum." It is a small head. M. iv. 8.

Two of the W. and M. R. Seals (See i. 42) are on the slip of an apparently cancelled Feoffment by the Mayor, etc., in 1593. But they are much broken. M. ii. 61.

IV. 4. Letter. Autograph Letter from Fr. Asheley to "his Lovinge Frende the Mayer. Sept. 1, 1566. Stewarde and other Officers of Melcm Rgs and to the Jury there," saying what English. agreement he has made "betwyne the Controler of Poole and G. Dorsett for certain M. R. variances . . . betwyxt them." S. 26.

IV. 5. Letter. Letter from T. Carew, ¹Wolveton, to the Mayor of Melcombe Regis. Sept. 10, 1566. recommending a stranger, Piere Menarde, and offering to become surety for him in English. £100. M. R. S. 27.

IV. 6. Order. Order under the hand, and Borough Seal of the three lions, of Owen Sept. 17, 1566. Raynolds, Mayor of Melcombe Regis, to T. Favell, Serjeant at Mace, for the arrest Latin. of Launcelot Raynolds. Endorsed "L. Raynolds non est inventus in libertate." Warrant. (L. R. has not been found within the liberty.) S. 28.

IV. 7. Order. Order, do. to do., with same Seal, for the arrest of T. Newton. Endorsed Nov. 26, 1566. several times, "Non est inventus." Latin. M. R. S. 29.

IV. 8. Order. Order, do. to do., with fragment of the same Seal, for arrest of T. Newton. Mar. 4, 1567. "Non inventus." Latin. M. R. S. 30.

IV. 9. Petition. A well written and preserved Petition to the Privy Council for a grant of 4d. Temp. Eliz. per thousand pilchards exported, for twenty-one years. It is alleged that this would English. be by no means hurt the fishermen, the export being by merchants only, chiefly to W. and M. R. Council. Spain. S. 35.

¹ The fine seat of the Trenchards, near Dorchester. It still remains.

Mr. Attorney's Notes for an assurance between the citizens of Exon and the Mayor, etc., of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis. S. 38.

IV. 10. Notes.
Temp. Eliz.
English.
W. and M. R.

This is a large folio Volume of sixty-eight leaves of very stout paper. It is imperfect, the first remaining leaf being numbered thirty-nine. It is partly a Journal, and partly a Common-place Book, containing forms, precedents, and statutes. It begins with forms of indentures and obligations. ¹At folio 42 are limitations of the Jurisdiction of the Lords Treasurer, Admiral and Keeper in London. At folio 43 are "the Customes of Billingsgate." There are about forty items, of which No. 1 is "For euy grete ship that is at lande for standage, iid." The last is that "Leding men" (pilots) from Billingsgate to Gravesend shall not take more than iid. Doubtless these regulations are entered here because, as the W. and M. R. liberties were to be the same as those of London, so also the duties, etc., were alike in the two harbours. Folio 45, etc., contains Forms of Oaths of six London Officials. The corresponding forms (folio Vol. B) for W. and M. R. are nearly the same, but the total for W. and M. R. is thirteen. Folio 53 contains a copy of a very curious letter from the Earl of Leicester, addressed to all Mayors, etc., etc. It says that in certain pastures of "Dorset and Somersed" there are many "smalle nags . . . contrarie to the Statute . . ." He enjoins the persons addressed to help R. Gregorie, the bearer, in buying up and exporting forty nags, June 4, 1571. Folio 56—59 contain the Borough Constitutions, signed by R. Pitt, Mayor, and others, one G. Bagg using a very elaborate "mark." Folio 76^b contains other "Constitucons." Dec. 30, 1584. Folio 81 contains memoranda of the resignation of the Borough Recordership by T. ⁴Hanam, Jan. 10, 1591 (2); the appointment of W. Weston as his successor, Jan. 18, 1591 (2); and of R. Swayne as Weston's successor on Oct. 14, 1594. The salary was five marks, or £3 6s. 8d. per annum. Folios 100 to 106 contain a copy of the "Statute of Winchester." This consists of rules, or statements of duties, connected with seventeen different trades. The shortest may be given. "Also the sise of a white Tawyer is that he make nor tawe no manf of lether but sheppes . . . gotes . . . deres . . . horse . . . and houndes lether, and y^t it be made of sufficient staf, and if he do the contrary to any of thes he to be amfised and judged according to the form statute." S. 47.

IV. 11. Book.
1567 to 1594.
English & Latin
W. and M. R.

Customs of
Billingsgate.

E. of Leicester.

Ponies.
Borough
Constitutions.

Hanam.
Weston.
Swayne.
Salary.
Statute of
Winchester, or
Rules of Trades
Tawyer.

Appointment under the hand of Richard Pitt, Mayor, of Thomas Hanam, of the Middle Temple, "Utter-barister," to be Recorder of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, for an "anuitie of three pounds syx shillings and eight pence." Seal gone. S. 44.

IV. 12. Ap-
pointment.
April 1, 1570.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Recorder
Hanam.

¹ It is on these limitations that the Mayor's demur to admit a Vice-Admiral to perform official duties in W. and M. R. on various occasions was founded.

² Doubtless Dorset "heath-croppers" and Exmoor ponies.

³ See iv. 34.

⁴ Of Wimborne. This is still a County family.

IV. 12^a. Six
Feoffments by
Bailiffs of W.
1570, etc.
Latin. W.

Not indented.

W. Seals.

It may be best to comprise here in one notice seven very interesting Documents, viz., the only Feoffments issued by the Bailiffs of W., which remain in the possession of the Corporation. Of these one is of the year when the "Act of Union" of the Boroughs was passed, one of the year before, and the rest long after. These last afford proof of the persistence of the W. Bailiffs in asserting their power. ¹This sale of W. Town-land, independently of the Mayor, etc., was one of the charges against them. It is worth noting that these Feoffments are not indented; whereas almost, if not quite, all the M. R., and W. and M. R. ones are so, the counterpart, signed and sealed by the Feoffee remaining with the Corporation. The sealing of these W. Deeds has been done with three Seals.—1. A pointed oval Seal about two and a half inches long, bearing a ship, with one mast, on the dexter side of which is a shield charged with three Chevrons. Legend indistinct. 2. A round Seal, two inches across, bearing a ship, with one mast, on the dexter side of which is a shield with Chevrons as above. On the sinister side, a shield charged with, apparently, three lions. Legend indistinct. 3. A round Seal, same size, bearing the Chevron shield, with mediæval scroll work at the sides and top. Legend indistinct. There was a fourth W. seal, of which one impression remains (See vi. 66), and it is strange that it does not appear here. The Feoffments are as follows :—

DATE.	BAILIFFS.	FEOFFEE.	LOCALITY.	SEALS.
April 28, 1570	{ J. Brooke W. Dothrell	J. Wade	Hope	Two Slips, on first, Seals 2 & 3, much broken, on second Seal 1. M. ii. 6.
June 29, 1571	{ T. Samwyse Hugh Randall	Constance Knot	Hope	Three Slips, Seals gone. M. ii. 7.
Sept. 18, 1581	{ T. Clement Ric. Pitt	Ralph Ryland	Hope	One Slip, Seals 2 & 3 defaced. M. ii. 38 ^a .
Oct. 22, 1581	{ Hugh Randall J. Brooke	W. Dottrell	Land between Port and High St.	Two Slips, Seals as on No. 1. M. ii. 38 ^b .
Sept. 6, 1591	{ Roger Payge H. Harveste	J. Sunders	Hope	Same as No. 1, much broken. M. ii. 55 ^a .
Sept. 6, 1591	Do. Do.	Jane Riland	Hope	Same as No. 1, much broken. M. ii. 55 ^b .
² Jan. 10, 1592	{ W. Dotherell Jas. Golde	W. Bury, Surgeon	High St.	Same as No 1. M. ii. 56.

Low Latin.

These Deeds are in Latin, *e.g.*, "Noveritis nos ballivos . . . barganizasse . . ." (know that we the Bailiffs have bargained . . .).

¹ See ii. 63.

² Jan. 10, 34 Eliz. It is worth noting that this date is followed up in the deed by "1592," not "1591" as one would have expected.

- Small undated Paper, containing an apology, or excuse, to "your worshipes," by some one not named. S. 59. 5. **IV. 13. Letters, etc.**
Temp. Eliz. English.
W. & M. R. (?) Hyet.
- Letter, dated London, April 11, 1571, from "you^r poore frend and coburges Clement Hyet," to the Mayor, etc., apparently. It promises diligence in some cause then in hand, but he "can do nothing wthowt money." S. 59. 10. Money needed.
- Letter from Ric. Pitt and J. Mounsell to W. Pitt, brother of the former. It seems to relate to Borough law-business. It is undated. S. 59. 13. Pitt, Mounsell.
- Case for Counsel as to Admiralty Jurisdiction; and Mr. Jo. Hammond's Opinion that, as before the Union of the Boroughs such jurisdiction was exercised by the Bailiffs, so now the Mayor as Chief Officer of the united Borough should exercise the same. S. 37. **IV. 14. Case and Opinion.**
Temp. Eliz.
Eng. W. & M. R. Admiralty.
- Curious autograph Letter, dated from Russell Place, written by Francis Earl of Bedford. It has a good seal of his arms. It requests the Bailiffs, etc., of Melcombe Regis (meaning doubtless the united Borough) to allow him to nominate a new M.P. for the Borough in place of one lately dead. The Earl proposes that "upon the returne of yo^r Indentures yo^a will send the same . . . with a blank for y^e name." S. 52. **IV. 15. Letter.**
Jan. 12, 1575 (6)
Eng. W. & M. R.
The Earl of Bedford wishes to nominate a M.P.
- Draft Appointment of "our wellbeloved in Christ," Humfry Jolliff, Attorney in the Common Pleas, to be Attorney to the Mayor, etc., in an action against Widow Hastinge, Jas. Hannam, Esq., and others, "to gayne or loose ^lccxl acres of pasture and lxxx acres of marshe . . ." See v. 26, and iv. 81. S. 58. 5. **IV. 16. Paper.**
Temp. Eliz.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Lawsuit about the Common and Marsh.
- Latin Letter, or Writ, with seal of arms, from "Matheus Arundell, Miles, ²Vj² Con² Dorst," instructing the Mayor, etc., to elect a new M.P., inasmuch as one of the members "jam diem clausit extrem²" (has now closed his last day). There is an English endorsement by Owin Raynold, Mayor, that the Writ came to him on Saturday, Jan. 28, and that the Election took place on Monday. S. 60. **IV. 17. Letter.**
Jan. 26, 1576.
Lat. W. & M. R.
Election.
- This may be noticed as giving a little fragment of topography. The "Green" was on one occasion presented as crumbling away into the Harbour, but its locality was not further defined. Here however the Mayor, etc., grant "peciam terre . . . in . . . le grene" abutting on the Western side on St. Mary Street, and on the Southern on St. Edmund Street. M. ii. 16. **IV. 17^a. Feoffment.**
Aug. 9, 1578.
Latin.
W. and M. R.
The Green.
- The Green is mentioned in several other Feoffments (e.g. M. ii. 45, 48), in which the plots are said to abut "ex parte orientali super Maiden Street," and "ex parte boreali sup communē terē Burgi."

¹ M. R. Common and W. Marsh. See iv. 89. On her death-bed long after, she asked her son Mr. Hannam to give up all litigation. See iv. 81.

² Sheriff.

- IV. 18. Lease. Parchment Indenture, under Borough Seal (defaced), by W. Pytte, Mayor
Oct. 1, 1578. etc., leasing "1that there longe shoppe" adjoining the 2North and West ends of the
Eng. W.&M.R. "Towne House," for a term of twenty-one years, to T. Clarke, at 20s. per annum.
Pytte, Clarke. T. Clarke signs, with an elaborate "mark." No other signature appears. S. 69.
Townhall.
- IV. 19. Letters Letter, dated Feb. 25, 1580 (1), from H. Rogers and others to T. Howarde,
1580 (1). Esq., asking him to consent to the liberation of an Oxford Student, who was
English. imprisoned for going about with another Student to get money "for there better
W. and M. R. exhibition," showing a forged license. "Master T. Howarde, Esquier" answers, on
Howarde. the same paper, that he cannot consent, for there are many evil-disposed people
roaming in disguise, "sum leke scolers;" and this "forsworn varlet" may be one of
Vagrant them. Master H. speaks of lamentable news from Scotland. S. 77.
Oxonians.
- IV. 20. Notice. Notice to collect tenths and fifteenths for the Queen, in the Liberty of the
April 9, 1582. Borough, from Collector J. Martin, of Winterbourne Bellett, alias Cripton. S. 96.
Eng. W.&M.R. Martin.
- IV. 21. Certi- Certificate by Bailiffs Randall and Dotherell of the burning of the house of
ficate. J. Dore, and that his wife was "grevoslye scalded." S. 99. 7.
Dec. 23, 1582. English. W.(?)
Randall,
Dotherell.
- IV. 22. Testi- Apparently a draft Testimonial by Mr. Mayor (?) Allyn, etc., to the good
monial. character of J. Feaver and J. C. [hapell?] (Mr. Mounsell seems to have been
May 10, 1583. Mayor in 1582, 3. See ii. 49.) S. 143. 4.
Eng. W.&M.R.
- IV. 22a. Feoff- This Feoffment is worth notice because the price paid by St. Chamberlaine,
ment. Smith, for a plot of ground in Maiden Street, about thirty by thirty-five feet, is the
Sept., 1584. acceptance of Abel Edwardes as apprentice, to Michaelmas, 1592. During this time
Lat. W. & M.R. to the same A. E. "sufficient victu, vestitu, et hospitiu . . . cum rationabili
Edwardes, castigacoe suppeditabnt" (Food, clothing, and lodging, with reasonable chastisement
Chamberlaine. shall be supplied). M. ii. 46.
Apprenticeship
- IV. 23. Letter. Precept from G. 3Trencharde and J. 3Willyams, Esqs., for mustering and
Sept. 30, 1585. training nine men (named) as the Borough contingent to appear with armour and
Eng. W.&M.R. weapons at Dorchester on Oct. 13. Each "shott to bringe wth him 10 bullets, a
Trenchard, rolle of match and 1½ lb of powder," and not to fire away any ammunition without
Williams. orders. From Wolveton. S. 114.
Muster.
Wolveton.

¹ "That there," good Dorset.

² A Shop, so placed, is shown in prints of the old M. R. Town Hall.

³ Of Wolveton and (doubtless) Herringstone, two fine old houses now standing near Dorchester, and the latter still in possession of the Williams family.

Francis Hawley, Esq., writes to the Mayor about fish required, but for what purpose does not seem to be specified. But as he was Vice-Admiral for Dorset, he may refer to the tenth claimed by the Lord Admiral out of prize cargoes. He speaks of a warehouse and new locks to be provided; and that care must be taken "that no imbesuling be." Dated seemingly from "L. Lester his house." S. 115.

IV. 24. Letter.
Oct. 17, 1585.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Hawley.

Mr. J. Mokett, Mayor, testifies that J. Detanone, Merchant, "ville Chinon infra Ducatū Touraniæ¹" (of the town of C. in the Duchy of Touraine), fearing an edict of the King of France, had come to W. with his family, and had abode there about a month "famā integrā" (with perfect reputation). The Mayor affixes the official Seal, "ultimis nonis Januarii anno Dm 1585 secum computacionē ecclīæ Anglicanæ" (on the last nones of January, A.D. 1585 (6), according to the computation of the Anglican Church). This is perhaps for "pridie nonarum," i.e. Jan. 4. S. 119. 12^a.

IV. 25. Testi-
monial.
Jan. 4(?), 1585(6)
Latin & English
W. and M. R.
French refugee.

"The Tolze of a nagge sold to T. Hengston," by R. Peers of Apsom, "in open streate" in M. R. side. It was "of color taddyvoe toppe cutte in the neare yeare burned in the further buttocke." The "tolze" was witnessed by J. Allyn (Mayor?) and others. S. 119. 4.

IV. 26. Memo-
randum.
Feb. 13, 1585(6).
Eng. W. & M. R.
Taddyvoe
colour.
Tolze. Allyn.

Copy Conveyance by J. Peers, "thelder," of M. Regis, of the one part, to his brother Balthazar, of the other part, of a plot of land one hundred and thirty-five feet from N. to S., and ninety-three feet from E. to W. It is next to and S. of a lane N. of "the late fryerie," and next to and E. of a lane to be left about eighty feet from the E. side of J. Peers' new houses. Payment of £20 was made beforehand. The land to be "holden of the Chief Lorde of the Fee by the yearlye rent of 8d," as the purchaser's share of the rent of one noble, payable to the Corporation for the whole Friary, and for all the other land "so purchased" by J. Peers. He appoints his "well beloved in Christ," T. Martin and Robt. Jurdan his Attorneys, to take seisin and give the same to Balthazar. S. 112.

IV. 27. Con-
veyance.
Mar. 17, 1585(6)
Eng. W. & M. R.
The feoffment
to J. Peers from
the Town
remains.
Friary land.

Martin, Jurdan.

This little paper is the Will of "Joane Ryves sicke of bodie, but I thanke God wholle of minde." It is interesting to find the Mayor witnessing the bequest of this poor woman's slender belongings, e.g., "to T. Wawker a patched pan . . . it̄m to Magge Budwyns my russet cassacke." And the payment to "such as take paine about me [is] at the discrecon of Mr. Mayor." S. 119. 18.

IV. 28. Will.
Aug. 11, 1586.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Widow Ryves'
Will.
Wawker,
Budwyns.

¹ This is the first time that "æ" for the Latin Genitive has been observed in these Records.

² This is not in the Dictionaries of Cowell, Bailey, or Jacob, but the last two have "tolsey," a place where merchants meet.

³ See v. 26, where a payment of 5s. "towards the buriall of Mother Ryves," seems to show that the testatrix lived on for ten years.

IV. 29. Letter. To the Mayor, etc., from ¹T. Howarde, Esq., asking for a loan of £40 to make
1586. up £140, rent asked for, six weeks before rent day, by my Lord Admiral [C. Howard].
Eng. W.&M.R. Howarde. The loan will be repaid in six weeks with a quarter of wheat as interest; or the
Lord C. Howard whole can be repaid in wheat at 3s. 4d. per bushel, saleable at 4s., and fit to make
Price of wheat. "byskey." He expects his "brother²Horsey," and will not forget the town affairs.
From ³Walterston. S. 122.

IV. 30. Letter. From G. Trenchard, Esq., to Hugh Randall (one of the Bailiffs of the Manor
April 26, 1587. of W. ?) saying that he hears that a "last of powder . . . for a contynewall store"
English. W. has been provided, but only "c c li." on W. side, where also "C match" should have
Trenchard, been found, but this has been neglected. He therefore enjoins Randall to see to
Randall. this, or those in fault must be treated as has been done at Poole, "of the w^{ch} I would
Ammunition. be right sory hoping that thimportance of the cause . . . will urge e^{vy} honest man
Poole. to be willing . . ." From Wolveton. S. 153.

IV. 31. Letter. Letter or Precept with signatures of T. Howarde, G. Trenchard, and
June 12, 1587. J. Willyams, Esqs., to Mr. Mayor W. Pitt, requiring him ("for that Mr. J. Payne is
Eng. W.&M.R. now sick") to send five men, named, and four more, to the muster at Dorchester,
Howarde, that "wee may make the better choice;" also twenty bearing callivera. Annexed
Trenchard, is this note.
Williams, Muster.
Payne.

		Armo ^r .	Soldiers.
Coraslets.	Waymouth	The borough ii coraslets fur.	[Bartholomew Clark.
Pitt, Preston,	Melcomb Regia.	Mr. W. Pitt mayo ^r	a Cor. fur. a
Buckler, Brook,		Mr. J. Payne	a Cor. fur. a
Clark, Deake,		Mr. Ric. Pit	a Cor. fur. a
Hunt, Willsden		Mr. Preston for the	
		Widow Buckler's farme,	a Cor. fur. a
		J. Brook	a Cor. fur. a
			J. ffowler.
			Ric. Willsden.
			S. 156.

IV. 32. Orders. Four Papers pinned together, relating to musters.
Apr., etc., 1590. Letter from Sir G. Trenchard to the Mayor, first about recovering a stolen
Eng. W.&M.R. cloak, and then ordering the Borough coraslets to be sent to Dorchester by eight
Sir G. Trenchard.

¹ He was second son of Thomas, first Viscount Bindon, See iv. 3, to which title he afterwards succeeded, and was also Lord Howard of Walden and Earl of Suffolk. He was much concerned in Borough affairs, and in 1575, 6, was one of the Bailiffs of W. and M. R. and was a J.P. thereof. In 1581 he seems to have been Mayor, with W. Pyt as his deputy. See ii. 28, 33.

² Of Melcombe Horsey, of which house there are some remains.

³ There is a fine old house there, injured by fire, but admirably restored. It is, however, probably hardly so old as Mr. Howard's time. He had a house in the Borough.

⁴ This irresistibly recalls the muster scene in King Henry IV., Part 2.

a.m., the Monday following, on such men as Mr. J. Payne shall appoint. From Dorchester. April 18, 1590.

Payne.

From Mr. Payne, to the same effect. There were two corslets from the Borough, and one each from R. and W. Pytt. See iv. 31.

Muster.

Do., do., May, 1590. The rendezvous was "Pumrie near Dorchester."

Pumrie =
Poundbury.

From Sir G. T., ordering the Mayor to send the corslets to Dorchester the next day, and to place them upon the "tallest and meetest psons you have there."

From Wolveton. May 14, 1590.

S. 168. 1, 2, 3, 4.

Three undated papers which seem to be of about this date.

"Licence of passeporte" for Lucas Dorleye and Symon Vanderverva, of "Amvarpe," who came "in a Spanyshe botome from Allerede in Byskeye," and are hereby allowed to go to London.

IV. 33. Pass-
port, etc.
1587 (?).
English.
W. and M. R.
Passport.

"R. Devenish Lease for the shopp at bridge foote." It would seem that this Lease was in duplicate; one copy, an "Indenture," sealed with the Borough Seal and kept by D., and the present paper signed and sealed by D. and kept by the Mayor. Seal gone. No date.

Devenish.
Lease.

Mem^m of "names not to enter the towne," with twenty names; and "to enter the towne," with only one name. This must have been in connection with a pestilence. No date.

Quarantina.

S. 167. 2, 3, 4.

Raynolds Channyng the elder, Butcher, sells to his son Raynolds his moiety of a "plat pece of grounde, and Arme of the Sea Milles thereupon erected." Endorsed "The deeds conchnge Channyns worcke," and "Channing to his son . . . one half of marsh." See iii. 118. This notice of tidal mills is remarkable. M. iv. 10.

IV. 33^a. Con-
veyance.
June 12, 1590.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Tidal Mills.

A wonderfully ill-penned, but well composed, letter from Mr. Recorder Hanam, to the Mayor it seems, saying that, after holding office twenty years, he wishes to resign. He hopes that Mr. Weston may succeed him. (So he did.) Nov. 22, 1591.

IV. 34. Letters.
1591, 2.
English.
W. and M. R.
Recorder
Hanam.
Weston.
Hanam—
Resignation.

Formal Resignation of the Recordership under Mr. Hanam's hand and seal. Jan. 10, 1591 (2).

Letter from Mr. Hanam to the Mayor, etc., expressing his joy at their choice of "a most fitt recorder." The Recordership was Mr. H.'s first office, and "god willing I will never be unmyndfull of you in token whereoff I have sent you a smaull pece of venisō. Thatt w^{ch} remaineth dewe to me . . . I have appointed your Towne clarke to bestowe for me." Wymborne. Jan. 16, 1591 (2).

Present of
Venison.

S. 170. 1, 171, 170. 2.

¹ Poundbury, a Roman Camp, still called as spelt phonetically by Master Payne. Indeed some antiquarians think him to be in the right, the name being, according to them, a corruption of Pomœrium.

IV. 35. Receipt. "Ambros Lyppscom his acquittance," to Rob. Morrys, Bailiff, for goods delivered to him, and in connection with which one J. Walters was tried and executed. S. 167. 5.
 Mar. 2, 1591 (2).
 English.
 W. and M. R.

IV. 36. Letter. Letter from the Privy Council, with autograph signatures of ¹J. Archbishop of Canterbury, Lords Burghley, C. Howard, Hunsdon, and Buckhurst, addressed to the Justices of Dorset, and requiring them to meet and devise means for contributing to the erection of W. bridge. From Greenwich, with Seal of Rose and Crown, and S. C. P. (Sigillum Concilii Privati ?) (Also a certified copy.) S. 172, 173.
 May 12, 1592.
 Eng. W. & M. R.
 Autographs of
 Lords of the
 Council.
 Bride.
 Seal.

IV. 37. Letters From T. ²Howarde, Esq., to Mr. T. Barefoote, Mayor, etc., in answer to several letters asking his concurrence in connection with "conndit heds yn y^e comon of sutton pointes." His good will "ys coparable w^h his w^{ch} lekth best your good ;" but he knows not "yn what stede his lysence may serve" them. However "what in me lieth I willingly graunte . . ." "The going fforwarde off your ³brdge lekth me well hoping christyan Love will increse therby." He seems to dissuade them from pressing at present for help from the country. "ffrom y^e courte at Wynsor." Windsor. Good Seal of Arms, in shining red wax, more like that now used than any hitherto observed in these papers. Aug. 13, 1593.
 Aug. 13, 1593.
 Eng. W. & M. R.
 Howarde,
 Barefoote.
 Water supply
 proposed.
 Bridge.
 Seal.

Gorges. From A. (?) ⁴Gorges, Esq., to the Mayor, etc., consenting to a similar request, provided the taking a water supply does no "βiudyce to the Inherytaunce of my daughter, nor the detryment of the Tennants." With Seal of Arms. Aug. 14, 1593.

Sutton, Preston Agreement (two copies) by J. Willyams (of Herringstone ?) and W. Caiers, Freeholders, and seventeen Tenants of the Liberty of Sutton Poyntz and Preston, allowing conduit heads to be built in, and water to be taken, and pipes to be laid from two springs in the common called Southdown, to that part of the Borough which before "was called Melcombe Regis," and where the water on the spot is "somethinge brecheye." W. Caiers and fifteen of the tenants sign by mark. Aug. 26, 1593.
 Southdown
 springs.

Stannfeyld. Draft Letter from the Mayor and Inhabitants of M. R., to Edmonde Stanfeyld, Esq., and the "Ladye Howard Vycountys Byndon his wyffe," praying them as Lord and Lady of the Manors of Sutton Poyntz and Preston to accede to
 Viscountess
 Bindon.

¹ J. Abbot.

² He was second son of Lord Bindon, owner of the Lulworth Estates, to which Southdown, Sutton Poyntz, then (as now) belonged probably, although subject to common rights it would seem.

³ From MS. Chronology of Denis Bond of Sutton. "1597. The Timber Bridge att Waymouth bilt. My Father gave £40 towards it, and the like sum to the Gitty and to the New Church."—Hutchins' History of Dorset. 1863. ii. 442.

⁴ The Gorges' family were of Wraxall, Somerset, and Bradpole and Sturminster Marshall, Dorset.—Hutchins (1868). Vol. iii. 342. See iv. 53.

and confirm the grant as above. The water was to flow in "pypes of Leade." Sept., 1593.

Letter from the above, with autograph signatures, to Mr. Mayor Barfoot, etc., freely consenting, provided the tenants are not injured. From ¹Lulworth. Sept. 9, 1593. S. 179, 176, 174. 1, 2. 175. 1, 2.

Barfoot.

This Indenture between the Mayor, etc., of the one part, and T. Middleton, of London, Gent., of the other part, relates to the gift by the latter of £10, the interest to be spent for wood for the poor. See iv. 45. M. i. 10.

IV. 37^a. Benefaction. Mar. 1, 1595. Eng. W. & M. R. Wood for the poor.

From T. Chafin, Esq., to Mr. Mayor W. Pytt. He acknowledges a letter asking him to meet Mr. Howard and other gentlemen next day at W. "for reformation of abuses." As this is the first time he has heard of this—"hastie notice in myne opynion"—he seems to postpone his visit. S. 183.

IV. 38. Letter. Dec. 20, 1596. English. W. and M. R. Chafin.

From two Feoffments it appears that certain plots of land in the Coneygar were bounded on the West by the way leading from St. Mary Street, and on the East by that leading ²through the Bulwark. M. iii. 1, 3.

IV. 38^a. Feoffments. Aug. 18, 1603. Latin. W. and M. R. Bulwark.

Mem^m of business done and money laid out by R. Keate (late Town Clerk) in 1599, etc. The first item is connected with a Feoffment to J. Corbyn, two original parchment Indentures, connected with which, exist. M. ii. 31, 33.

IV. 38^b. Memorandum. 1607. English. W. and M. R.

Mem^a of Bonds and Decrees delivered to the Mayor and to Mr. Alexander, Attorney. S. 207. 7.

IV. 39. Memoranda. May 8, June 25, 1617. Eng. W. & M. R. Alexander.

In the Folio Vol. B., chiefly devoted to Law Minutes, are some things coming under Class iv.; e.g., pp. 4—9, Forms of Oath, viz. :—

IV. 40. Forms of Oath. Oct., 1617. English. W. and M. R. Oaths.

- The Oath of the Mayor.
- — Supremacye.
- — Allegiaunce.
- — the Bailiffs.
- — — Cunstables.
- — — principall and capitall Burgesses.
- — a freeman.
- — the Serjeante att the Mace.

¹ Lulworth Castle was then in building (of stones from Bindon Abbey and Mount Poynings) by T. first Viscount Bindon, who carried on the work from 1588 to 1609. Theophilus second Earl of Suffolk lived there in 1635, but the interior was still unfinished in 1641, when H. Weld, Esq., bought it.—Hutchins.

² This expression looks as if the bulwark was a defence of some extent, not a mere battery.

The Oath of an Attorney.

— — a true Liedgman.
 — — the ¹Afferours of ²Amerciaments.
 — — — olde Cunstable in a Lawdaye.
 — — — Porters.

It may suffice to give the first and the last.

Oath of the Mayor.

THE OATH OF THE MAYOR.

You shall swere that yo^u shall well, justly and lawfully to the uttermoste of yo^r power serve the Kings Ma^{tie} in thexecutinge of the office of Mayo^r, Coroner, Esocheato^r and Clarke of the Market of this Borrough and Towne of Waymouth and Melcombe Regis for this p^asent yeare to co^m. And the same Borrough and Towne yo^u shall endevor safely and surely to keepe to the behoffe of o^r soveigne Lord the King his heires and Successo^rs Kinges and Queenes of England.

Alsoe yo^u shall lawfully and rightfully intreat the People and Inhabitants of this Borrough and Towne and righte and justice shall yo^u doe to every one aswell to straungers as others to poore as rich in all that belongeth to yo^u in yo^r office to doe. The liberties Constitutons and lawful ordinanncs of this Borrough and Towne for the more quiet and better governinge of the same yo^u shall set upp and the same from time to time to the best of yo^r Power meinteine.

Good Assise yo^u shall set upon bread, wine, Ale, Beere, ffish, flesh, Corne and all other victualls; The weightes and measures within this Borrough and Towne lawfull shall yo^u keepe and due execucon doe upon the defalte that thereof shalbee found according to the lawes and statutes of this Realme.

The Mace and ³Seale nowe delivered unto yo^u [you] shall safely keepe and deliver to the nexte Mayo^r of this Corporacon. Soe helpe yo^u God.

Oath of the Porters.

THE OATH OF THE PORTERS.

Yo^u and every of yo^u shall well faithfully and truly demeane and behave yo^rselves in bereing doeing and executinge the office of Porters wthin this Borroug and Towne of Waymouth and Melcombe Regis; you shall att all times bee attendant

¹ *Afferours, afferatores, aliis affidati* . . . be appointed in Courts leet, etc., to mulct such as have committed faults arbitrarily punishable and have no expresse penalty set downe by statute.—Cowell's Interpreter, 1637, sub voce. An Amerciament was ordered and Afferours sworn in, at Portland, in 1846.

² *Amerciament*. [A.] be such [punishments] as be arbitrarily opposed (imposed ?) by afferours. Manwood would inferre an a: to be a more mercifull penaltie [than a fine]. The author of the new tearmes of lawe saith that a: is . . . a penalty . . . for an offence . . . for the which [the criminal] putteth himselfe upon the mercie of the Lord.—Interpreter, sub voce.

³ The Seal Bag, containing eight Seals (See i. 41, 42) is to this day put into the hands of the Mayor when he is sworn in.

upon the Mayo^r of the same Borough and Towne for the time beinge to β forme that service w^{ch} by him yoⁿ shalbee required to doe. The busines of the Merchants of the same Borough and Towne and such others as shall repaire hither in such busines as they shall put yoⁿ in trusts to doe yoⁿ shall carefully and diligently see to bee donn. The goods of any person wherewthall yoⁿ shalbee credited yoⁿ shall not imbasell nor deceitfully convey away or demynish. Such β fitte as shall arise or growe due to the Mayo^r and Corporacon of this Borough and Towne and their assignes and come to your hands for and in respecte of the Cartage yoⁿ shall Carefully and faithfully gather and take upp to his use and a true accompt thereof unto him whensoever yoⁿ shalbee thereunto called yoⁿ shall yeald and pay. Any Cattle Piggs (Geese or Ducks to wander in the streetes yoⁿ shall not suffer but them yoⁿ shall impound and in all things belonginge to the office of Porters yoⁿ shall behave yo^rselves honestly and faithfully to the uttermoste of yo^r power. See helpe yoⁿ God.

Stray Cattle and Poultry to be impounded.

B. pp. 4—9.

(Here begin extracts from a Folio Vol., seventeen inches by eleven inches by three and a half inches, green vellum, metal corners and escutcheon, on which and on a fly leaf is the Title, "The Records of the Constitutions, Orders, and Matters concerning this Corporation of Weymouth and Melcombe Regia." At the beginning is a lettered Index occupying pp. i.—xxii. Then pages 1—427 are filled almost entirely with Minutes of Orders, etc., of the Mayor and Council from Oct. 9, 1617, to April 10, 1695, including also Records of Apprenticeships and Grants of Freedom of the Borough. In page 2 is an Order as to what is to be entered in the "Greater booke of the twoe bookes" (Vol. B.), and what in the lesser, viz, the present one, indicated in this Catalogue as C. This Order is expressed in the respective Titles. Oct. 9, 1617.)

IV. 41. Lists, June 18 and Aug. 6, 1617. English. W. and M. R. Folio Vol. C.

"A Survey of the Rents of the Burgages, Tenem^{ts} and Lands in Waymouth . . . taken the 18th day of June, 1617 . . ."

Survey of W. Burgages.

In the East side of Hope	14	properties.
— West — —	35	—
— South — the High Street	68	—
— North — — —	44	—
— — — — West Street	25	—
— South — — —	19	—
In St. Nicholas Street	22	—
— Newbury	6	—
— the South side of Franchis Street	8	—
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Streets.

Pitt, Russell.

J. Pitt the elder possesses four properties, "Lord Russell's heires," three. The highest rent seems to be 5s., the lowest 1d., total £12 3s. 0d.

Survey of M.R.
Burgages.

Do., do., in Melcombe Regis, Aug. 6, 1617. This is a much fuller return than the W. one, giving boundaries and other particulars, the W. list giving only owners' or tenants' names.

Streets.	In the South part of St. Edmund Street	10 properties.
	— North — — — —	14 —
	— West Street	7 —
	— — part of St. Nicholas Street	12 —
	— East — — — —	2 —
	— West — St. Thomas —	24 —
	— East — — — —	25 —
	— West — St. Mary —	30 —
	— East — — — —	35 —
	— West — Maiden —	4 —
	— East — — — —	25 —
	— — of New Street	19 —
	In East Street	10 —
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		217 —
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Surnames.
M. R.
Topography.

The highest rent seems to be £2, the lowest 1d., total £18 6s. 4d. Among the names are Powlett, Sir J. Browne, Bond, Michell, Martin, Frampton, and Churchill. As to topography in 1617, we find that the site of the Custom House adjoining the Guildhall was, in whole or in part, a yard belonging to the latter. The Bridge stood on its present site, or close to it. The haven, even above the Bridge, was called the "Sea." There must have been inlets of the Backwater not now existing, for a burgage in West Street, Melcombe, and one in St. Thomas Street, were bounded both N. and W. by the sea. In the W. part of St. Nicholas Street was Sir J. Browne's house and garden, bounded on the N. by a lane called Cuniger Ditch (now Bond Street), and on the W. by the sea. In St. Mary Street, adjoining the Town-hall were the "Long Seller," bounded on the N. by the Town-hall Yard, and a "Roome built over the walke now the Custom House." It was let for £1 7s. 8d. There was only one ²tenement (that of J. Pitt the elder), between St. Edmund Street and the Church, on the E. side of St. Mary Street. The Church and Churchyard were bounded on the S. by that tenement and J. Holliday's. So Church Passage did not then exist. North of the Church on the same side were three or four tenements, and then "a lane," which must be St. Alban's

¹ This was rebuilt immediately after this date, it seems. See iv. 42.

² In 1883 the last surviving portion of this house was destroyed, to the great grief of all lovers of antiquities and of the picturesque.

Street. Blockhouse Lane is mentioned. In the E. side of Maiden Street there is a tenement on the quay, a plot of ground and a cellar, and then "a Lane," which must be Hell (now Helen) Lane. Then "B. Michell his dwelling howse bounded in the S. on the Lane . . . in theaste p^{te} on a tenem^t of Gyles Greene called Hell . . ." In the survey of East Street it is again mentioned, viz., "a tenem^t called Hell bounded in the E. on the Lane towards the Sea, in the S. on a Lane called Hell . . ." Its owner is described in the rental as "gentleman," and he was a town councillor and at one time ¹M.P. The town rent of this tenement with the ghastly name was 1½d.

Hell, a house so named.

C. pp. 55—66.

Any Alderman, or Capital Burgess, summoned to assist the Mayor in public business in the Guildhall on either side, and not attending, shall be fined 3s. 4d. and 12d. respectively. P. 1. (Five Capital Burgesses sign by their marks.) Oct. 9, 1617. Orders of the same date (p. 2) about enrolling all Freemen and Tradesmen, etc., also as to decision respecting the confirming and entering, or the contrary, of Constitutions of the Borough. Then an order about the two great Vols. See iv. 41. Next must be noted (p. 3) an Agreement between the Mayor, etc., of the one part, and T. Lovelis, of the other part, for the erection of a house abutting on the W. end of M. R. Town-hall. It would seem to have been of timber, with overhanging upper story, "in bredth by the ground 9 foote, and a loft 11 foote westward." It was to have "oves of the lynag of the Bouchers Shamells upon five turned Pillers of 12 inches square, with 5 windowes each of 3 lights [on the W.], and 1 window towards the N., of the whole breadth." The "lower loft of good deale boords and the upper lofte of 2-inch planke." To cost £15 10s. 0d. Nov. 3, 1617. On admission to the Freedom of the Borough (p. 3) £5 was to be paid. Nov. 10, 1617. An ²Apprentice had to give 12d. each, to the Mayor and Town Clerk, and to the Bailiffs, 6d. each, and 3s. 4d. for his freedom (p. 4). Nov. 10, 1617. From Orders (pp. 5—7) it would seem, among other things, that the value of "graines" for cattle feeding was unknown; for brewers are forbidden to throw them into the street. Nov. 14, 1617. There was to be an "Assembly" of Mayor, etc., at M. R. Guildhall, every Friday, at eight a.m., with fines for absence as above (p. 8). Nov. 14, 1617.

IV. 42. Orders, etc.
Oct. and Nov., 1617.
English.
W. and M. R.
About
Aldermen, etc.
The Great
Minute Books.

Addition to
M. R. Hall.

Fees.

Grains wasted.

C. p. 1—8.

Warrant to the Serjeants at Mace to forbid the enclosure of "Clarke Hill pcell of Melcombe Coñon." Four workmen, of Radipole, were accordingly forbidden "to dike any farther." Dec. 1, 1617.

IV. 43. War-
rants.
1617, 18.
English. M. R.
M. R. Common.

¹ See iv. 56.

² There are a number of "Inrolementes" of Apprentices' Indentures in C. pp. 26—33, from May 22, 1618, to Aug. 10, 1641; and the Corporation have some parchment Indentures of Apprentices.

Warrant to the Serjeants at Mace to warn T. Powlett, Gent., to throw open his enclosure on Clarke Hill, and not to carry any corn thence ; which warrant was served on Mr. P. Aug. 19, 1618. C. pp. 11 & 41.

(He seems to have held his ground, for on Sept. 30, 1622, four women were imprisoned for taking away gates from "the Comon of M. R. w^{ch} Mr. T. Powlett holdeth." B. p. 261.)

IV. 44. List and Orders. 1617, 18. English. W. and M. R. Freemen.

Pp. 14, 15. List of Freemen of the Borough.	Nov. 10, 1617, etc.
The Mayor, 2 Bailiffs, 9 Aldermen, 24 Capital Burgesses, by Charter	36
Freemen, "by Patrimonye" - - - - -	13
— — Service - - - - -	11
— — Fine - - - - -	24
	84

Of these, seven were admitted some years later.

County Surnames.

Then in pp. 16, 17, thirty-one more Freemen are recorded down to March 12, 1639 (40). Several were "ex gratiâ," being of county families, as, Freke of Ewerne Courtney, Strangwayes of Abbotsbury, etc., Sir G. Moreton, Sir G. Horsey of Melcombe Horsey. Gyles S., Esq., the last of the list, "freely gave £5 to the use of the poore." At P. 213 is a further list of Freemen, admitted down to Oct. 24, 1662.

Beadle.

P. 14. A "beedle" is to be appointed for punishing Rogues, etc., Dec. 12, 1617. P. 18. Rob. Stone, Radipole Parish Clerk, is to have 40s. per annum for

Clock and Bell.

"Kepinge of the Clocke" all the year, and for ringing the bell at eight p.m. and four a.m. from Mich^s to Easter. Jan. 9, 1617 (8). P. 19. Four or more watchmen

Watch.

are to be on duty each night. Every householder is to act as Watchman in turn, or provide a deputy, under penalty of 8d. Jan. 16, 1617 (8). C. pp. 14 to 19.

IV. 45. Benefactions.

Records of Benefactions.

Mar. 4, 1617 (8). English.

W. and M. R. Benefactions.

Sir T. Middleton, £10. Interest to be spent on wood and coal. M^{rs} Rosamond Payne also left money for the poor (See iv. 37*). Mr. Rob. Middleton, of London, whose wife was born at W., left £100, to be lent in sums of £25, at five per cent. per annum, to young merchants or others. The four first "lents" took place on Oct. 4, 1616. C. pp. 20, 21.

IV. 46. Agreement, etc. 1618.

Eng. W. & M. R. Slates. Addition to M. R. Hall.

T. Lovelis agrees to set up along the N. side of M. R. Town-hall, six turned pillars "1annswereables" to those on the W. side (See iv. 42), and joist and plank the same ; all for the slates and other materials of the old Penthouse now to be removed, and his 2Freedom gratis. This new erection seems to have been simply a

¹ An example of the pluralizing of Adjectives in English, to which attention has been called of late.

² He received it (p. 40) on Aug. 7, 1618.

roof over the footway. There is a marginal note "for the walk." The date given is Feb. 6, 1617 (8).

Inventory and Valuation of "Deodand Goods" of J. Dry, a suicide. They amount to less than 14s., including "one mattres of Sedge 4d.," and "one Amery" (Awmry or cupboard?) 1s. 6d. March 4, 1617 (8). C. p. 23. Deodand goods.

Titles to land in "Hope" are to be produced. (They seem to have proved void in law, but each supposed owner received 30s. "in respect of their needs and necessitie." P. 82. Aug. 2, 1622.) This Order mentions "the High Street, in Hope eastward to the Looking Place in Wyke Manor." July 3, 1618. C. p. 39. IV. 47. Order. July 3, 1618. English. W. Titles remained. High Street in Hope.

"Whereas the bearer hereof, William Parker, is to make his repaire to Plymouth and elsewhere aboute his Ma^{ty} affaires Theis are to pray and require all those whome it doth concerne to furnish both thither and backe againe wth one able and sufficient post-horse and guide att the rates usuall and accustomed, whereof you are not to fayle. And for yo^r soe doinge this shall be yo^r warrant. From Charinge Crosse the third of October, 1618. To all Justices, Mayors, etc. Thomas Lake." B. p. 140. IV. 48. Warrant. Oct. 3, 1618. English. W. and M. R. Warrant for post-horses.

As wheels with "iron Stirts or Dowles" damage the bridge and streets even more than iron-bound wheels do, 4d. is to be levied on each cart or wain running on the same, and traversing the bridge or streets (each passage?) C. p. 44. IV. 49. Order. Oct. 23, 1618. Eng. W. & M. R. Iron-bound Wheels.

Grant to H. Russell of ground "without the Cuniger," West of the highway towards the "Narrowe Cont" (or Cout), for a windmill. C. p. 51. IV. 50. Grant. Nov. 8, 1619. Eng. W. & M. R. Windmill.

The Mayor is to entertain such lords and their followers as shall come "to view the ³Quarr of Portland." C. p. 68. IV. 51. Order. July 28, 1620. Eng. W. & M. R. Quarry of Portland.

A Pound is to be made near Melcombe Blockhouse. Each porter is to give yearly to the Mayor, "upon S^t Thomas Day before Christide" a fat capon or 18d. C. pp. 70, 71. IV. 52. Orders. Oct. 13 and 27, 1620. Eng. W. & M. R. Pound. Christide.

Mr. W. Mounsell is dismissed from being a "Capital Burgess," for causes "best knowne unto this Assembly." Aug. 10. The Mayor is to write to "Mr. Mayor of Exceter" to ask what "they of E. intend to doe touching IV. 53. Orders. Aug., Oct., Nov., 1621. Eng. W. & M. R.

¹ Possibly from the Feoffments being granted by the Manor Bailiffs only. See ii. 63; iv. 12^a.

² Probably the "Narrows," where Victoria Terrace now stands.

³ Has this anything to do with the building of the Banqueting House, Whitehall?

Sir. F. Gorges. ¹Sr fardinando Gorges piect about the plantacon and ffyshinge att New England." Oct. 22.

License to a French Protestant Refugee.

"John Caresine (¹), Frenchman, of late an elder of the Church at ²Newhaven, cominge over into England upon the broyles in ffrance," and who has brought with him cloth and stockings, may open a shop during the pleasure of the Corporation. Oct. 26.

Giles Greene.

Mr. Giles Greene is to proceed against the Sheriff's bailiffs who "did break the Libtie of this Towne." Nov. 2. C. pp. 72, 3, 4.

IV. 54. List.
1621 (?)
English. M. R.
Rental.

Alphabetical Rental of M. R. There seem to be about one hundred and twenty rent payers. The Custom House and two plots on Friary land are entered without names of owners or occupiers. C. p. 76, 7.

IV. 55. Orders.
1622, 1623.
Eng. W. & M. R.
M. R.
Town-hall.

The East part of the Town-hall is to be finished. March 15, 1621 (²). Flax is to be bought with £20 of the "poorestock," in order "to sett the poore on worck." March 29.

Four Overseers of Poor are appointed. May 3.

Work for the Poor.

A scheme for buying a house "for the settinge of the poore at worcke," for hiring a woman to keep the poor children at work, and for apprenticing or employing them. May 9, 1623. (P. 93. Twenty frames for "ynckle" making were to be got, and Benj. White's wife to be mistress. Dec. 12, 1623.)

Beer 10s. per hogshead.

Brewers are to charge not more than 10s. per hogshead for any beer. Jan. 20, 1622 (3). C. pp. 80, 1, 8, 6.

IV. 56. Orders.
1625, 1626.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Allowance to M. Ps.
Strangwayes,
Pyne, Michell,
Greene, M. Ps.

Cart-horses and "other horses and horsebeasts" are not to eat their hay nor to be tied up in the streets. March 11. Only one Burgess shall be sent to Parliament April 19. But this was not carried out, for it was ordered that the four Burgesses shall have 2s. 6d. a day. Sir J. Strangwayes, A. Pyne, Esq., Alderman Barnard Michell and Giles Greene, Gent., were chosen. Jan. 20, 1625 (6). C. pp. 100, 104.

IV. 57. Letters
July 10 and 16,
and Aug. 26,
1625.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Earl of Suffolk.

Copy of Letter, dated July 10, from the Privy Council to the ³Earl of Suffolk The King, having cause to expect an invasion from Spain and Flanders, and having a "good flete of shippes" wherewith to attack the enemy, another to guard the coasts and narrow seas, further thinks it needful that the trained bands should be

¹ Sir Ferdinando Gorges, ob. 1647, was son of E. Gorges, Esq., of Bradpole, etc. (See iv. 37), and Sir F.'s son, Rob. Gorges, Esq., was Governor of New England in 1623.—Hutchins, iii. 342.

² Perhaps Havre de Grace, then a somewhat new haven.

³ This Earl of Suffolk was son of T. Howarde, Esq., afterwards Lord Howarde of Walden and Earl of Suffolk, and builder of Lulworth Castle, also of Audley End. Hence his connection with the Militia of Dorset and also the Eastern Counties.

drilled, "aparte firste, then by degrees in ffoyles, Squadrons, whole Companies and regim^{ts}." Care must be taken that officers and men are not only "able and sufficient . . . but also well affected in religion." Besides the trained bands, all men from sixteen to sixty are to be enrolled, exercised and armed as well as may be; arms sequestered from recusants to be so used. For every one thousand soldiers there are to be one hundred pioneers, also carts, and "a convenient number of naggess to mount 'shotte on," for speedy conveyance on an emergency. The soldiers are to have knapsacks. The Earl of Suffolk's district is to be Cambridge-shire, Suffolk and Dorset. Signed by Lords Mandeville, Pembroke, etc.

Militia to be drilled.

Mounted Infantry.

Lords Mandeville, and Pembroke.

This is followed by a letter with the apparently autograph signature of "Theo. Suffolke," from "Audliend, July 16, 1626," to H. Hastings, Esq., Sir T. Freke, Sir J. Browne and Sir Nath. Napper, Deputy Lieuts., requiring them to carry out the above order. At foot is a mem^m of ammunition required in his district.

E. of Suffolk, Hastings, Freke, Browne, Napper.

	POWDER.	MATCH.	LEAD.
Cambridge	32½ ³ Lasts.	2½ Tons.	2½ Tons.
Ipswich	5 "	1 "	5 "
W. and M. R.	2½ "	2½ "	2½ "

Ammunition.

Poole and Lyme, the same. This letter was ten days on its way.

Copy of Order from the Privy Council to the Earl of Suffolk, to the Deputy Lieuts., to Sir Anth. ⁴Ashley [Vice-Admiral ?] and to others, including the Mayor of W. and M. R., saying that about one thousand soldiers from Devon and Cornwall are to be quartered in Dorset. The men are to be under "m^rshall lawe," and to be billeted at from 3s. a week for a private, to 7s. for a lieutenant. The regiments for Dorset, Hants, Sussex and Kent are named; those of the "Seriante Maior," the Earl of Essex and Col. Brace were appointed for Dorset.

Ashley.

Devon & Cornwall Militia quartered in Dorset. Allowance for billeting.

S. 217, 218.

On the same subject. From Sir T. Freke to Mr. Mayor Russell, asking him to meet himself and other Commissioners at Dorchester on "Saterdy," about billeting the Devon and Cornwall Soldiers.

IV. 58. Letters Aug. 31 and Sept. 30, 1626. Eng. W. & M. R. Freke, Russell, Browne, Strode. Billeting Militia.

From Sir J. Browne, Sir T. Freke and Sir Ric. Strode, to the Mayor, saying that the Lieut. and Ensign of Sir T. Yorke, quartered at W. and "lyeing att a coomon Inn doe finde it very chargeable." The Knights ask that, as in other counties, the Mayor will advance to the Lieut. 20s. a week, and to the Ensign 13s. a week, on security of their pay. From Dorchester.

S. 222, 219.

¹ Soldiers, marksmen, as now "a good shot." So Falstaff, in King Henry IV., Part 2, "O giue me alwayes a little, leane, old, chopt, bald Shot." The invention of Mounted Infantry is, after all, a very old idea.

² Audley End. Part of this majestic house remains, and is the seat of the Earl of Braybrooke. For Hastings, etc. See note, vi. 87.

³ A Last = twelve Barrels.

⁴ Doubtless of the Shaftesbury family.

- IV. 59. Orders. Persons billeting soldiers are to have 3s. 6d. per week per man. Oct. 10,
1626, 1627. 1626.
Eng. W. & M. R. The shop under the new building at the Town-hall is to be made a prison.
Billeting. Nov. 3.
M. R. Prison. Order for defending any action brought against townsmen for coming and
going on the "ground att the Northe." April 2, 1627.
- Rashley a fuller J. Rashley is admitted to exercise the trade of a Fuller. Nov. 16, 1627.
C. pp. 106, 7, 8.
- IV. 60. Order. Whoever lodges strangers, without giving security that they shall not be
Aug. 29, 1628. chargeable to the Town, shall forfeit £20. C. p. 109.
Eng. W. & M. R. Precaution
against paupers.
- IV. 61. Memo- Ric. King, Esq., was chosen Recorder, in the place of Hugh Pyne, Esq.,
randa. deceased. (After 1628 the Mayor, etc., for many years gave up the old custom of
Feb. 4 and all signing the Minutes). From various entries, here and elsewhere, tradesmen not
April 17, 1629. being freemen seem to have paid very unequally for leave to exercise their trades.
Eng. W. & M. R. One tailor pays 40s., another 15s. They are not to take apprentices except from the
Ric. King, town.
Recorder. C. p. 112.
Fees for
Freedom.
Apprentices.
- IV. 62. Order. "A difference" having arisen between Widow Lock and her servant Joane
July 28, 1630. Parmiter, whom the widow "had unreasonably beaten," Joane was allowed to "depte
English. from and out of her said dame's service." C. p. 114.
W. and M. R.
Difference.
- IV. 63. Memo- Mr. J. Small, Town Clerk, having died, was succeeded by Mr. Francis Gape,
randa. whose entries are less formal and methodical than his predecessor's. The latter, it
1630, 1631. may be noted, always used the strange spelling "Guihald," but Mr. Gape writes
English. "Guildhall." Dec. 30, 1630. Widow Small, as long as she lives in the town, is to
W. and M. R. have £5 a year. Jan. 7, 1630 (1). C. pp. 115, 16.
Fr. Gape, Town
Clerk.
- IV. 64. Memo- Mem^m of entry by the Mayor, etc., on land in High Street, W., forfeited
randum. through being left waste and unused. (It was relinquished to Widow Serry.
April 3, 1631. P. 120. Dec. 16, 1631). C. p. 117.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Land forfeited.
- IV. 65. Certi- The Constable, etc., of Trinity Parish, Jersey, certify that Abraham and
ficate. Joanne Coutance are fit persons to keep a tavern. Dated, St. Heliers. Several
May 27, 1633. quaint signatures, including two Carterets and two Dumaresques. S. 231.
French. Jersey.
French
Certificate.
- IV. 66. Memo- Mr. H. Waltham to be Captain of "Trayned Souldyers" of M. R., in place
randum. of Mr. T. Gear, resigning through age; J. Cade, Lieut., and Owen Hollman,
Aug. 9, 1633. ¹Antient. C. p. 122.
English. M. R.
Militia.

¹ That is Ensign.

Order for a new Pillory and Cucking Stool ; also two dozen leather buckets to be bought in London. C. p. 144. **IV. 67. Order.** Oct. 9, 1634. Eng. W. & M. R. Pillory, Cucking Stool, Buckets.

Refuse is to be laid, not in the Streets, but on "the strond in the E. side of M. R. from the Jettye upwards unto the Bulworke there, and Newberry in W." **IV. 68. Orders.** Oct. 23 and 30, 1635.

A long Order (which had to be repeated later) against the use in the streets of carts with wheels either iron-bound, or with iron dowels or studs, to the damage of paving and gutters. C. pp. 149, 150. Eng. W. & M. R. Bulwark, Jetty. Iron-bound wheels.

"Taffata" is to be bought in London for two Ensigns for the Corporation.

A pavior is to be employed to repair the street-gutters, many being "in decay and noysome." (The gutter seems to have then been, as often much later, in the middle of the street, and it appears that each householder had to pave from his house to the gutter—"home to the gutters."—P. 167. Nov. 8, 1639.) **IV. 69. Orders.** June 10, Sept. 16, and Oct. 14, 1636. English. W. and M. R. Ensigns. Paving. Quarantine.

Every man "of ability of body" shall (in turn ?) personally "warde in the day time during this tyme of Infection, except the Mayor, Baylifs and Alden." C. pp. 153, 155.

A salute of three guns is to be fired at the coming and departure of the Right Hon. "Theophilus Erle of Suffolke." See iv. 57, and note. Mr. H. Michell, Mayor Elect, not having come to be sworn in, is fined £10, and £100 more if he does not take the oath "by Allhollontyde." (Nevertheless he delayed till Dec.) C. pp. 158, 159. **IV. 70. Orders.** Sept. 15 and Oct. 2, 1637. English. W. and M. R. E. of Suffolke. Fine on the Mayor.

"The ²roofoe over the walke, the Custom house and the Jury Chamber shall be layed with Bricketes and covered with plaster of Paris," by Howsley of Portland, at 2s. 2d. a day. Sept. 25, 1640. (All to be roofed with lead, by Gayland of Dorchester. Oct. 8, 1641.) **IV. 71. Order, etc.** Sept. and Oct., 1640. Eng. W. & M. R. M. R. Town-hall

Ric. Rogers, of Bryanstone, Esq., was made a Freeman - Sept. 29, 1640.

²Gerard Napper, of More Critchell, Esq. - - - Oct. 16, 1640.

Sir Walter Erle, Knight - - - - - Oct. 22, 1640.

C. pp. 169, 170.

Mr. Ric. Mayer was elected Town Clerk, in place of Mr. Fr. Gape, "amoved." (The latter however was reinstated. P. 176. Aug. 17, 1643. Nevertheless, from the change of handwriting, Oct. 18, 1644, Gape seems not to have held office for **IV. 72. Memoranda.** Nov. 8, 1642. Eng. W. & M. R. Mayer, Town Clerk.

¹ From the repeated edicts against iron-tired or studded wheels, they would seem to have been somewhat of an innovation in the seventeenth century. Perhaps the solid, wooden wheels still used for stone-carts in Portland, may resemble the iron-less ones which the Corporation appear to have favoured.

² This is a little obscure.

³ The two last were M. Ps. for the Borough.

- more than a year after his restoration, during which there are no entries. The new
 Scovile, Town Clerk. Town Clerk, after this, was Mr. Ric. Scovile. P. 196.) C. p. 175.
- IV. 73. Order. Every Wednesday and Saturday R. Hawkins and W. Winter, with "their
 Jan. 29, 1644 (5). horses and pots" (carts) are to remove refuse from the streets to appointed places
 Eng. W. & M. R. Wages, £8 a year for the two. Lighters also were used for carriage of refuse.
 Scavengers. C. p. 178.
- IV. 74. Memo- Mr. J. Bond was elected Recorder in place of Mr. King, deceased. Oct. 18,
 randum, etc. 1645. (Dr. J. Bond took the oath of Recorder and of Supremacy (p. 191). Sept.
 Oct. and Nov., 21, 1646.)
 1645.
 Latin & English A Warrant from J. Fitzjames, Esq., Sheriff of Dorset ("Joñes ffitz James de
 W. and M. R. le Weston, Arm., ¹Vicecomes Com̄ pdi") setting forth that by decision ("judicio")
 Bond, Recorder of the House of Commons, Gerard Napper and Ric. King, Esqa., are rendered
 Napper, King, incapable of sitting in Parliament ("sedendi . . . incapaces") and that two other
 Strangways, members must be elected. And the same about Sir J. Strangways. Nov. 1, 1645.
 dismissed from Their incapacity doubtless arose from their being Royalists; for one of those now
 Parliament. elected was Col. Sydenham, "Governor of the Garrison" for the Parliament. The
 others were Mr. Recorder Bond, and Mr. Alderman Matt. Allin. All to serve gratia
 Sydenham, Nov. 3, 1645. C. pp. 183, 4.
 Bond, Allin,
 elected M.Ps.
- IV. 75. Order, On Saturday afternoons, at the "Toleing of the Hall Bell," everyone is to
 etc. clean the street and gutter before his door "by raking them with Colerakes and
 Mar. 20 and washing them with water," and carrying refuse away to appointed places.
 June 19, 1646. "Lieuten^t Peter Peeke, Clothworker," was admitted Freeman to that trade
 Eng. W. & M. R. for 5s. Alex. Clatworthy, a native of the town and descended from "auncient
 General street Townsmen," was therefore admitted Freeman for £1, instead of £5.
 cleaning. C. pp. 187, 8.
 Peeke,
 Clatworthy,
 Freemen.
- IV. 76. Con- Copy Indenture between J. Graunt, of Ower Moyne, Tailor, and Mary his
 veyance. wife, of the one part, and Adam Jones, of Holworth, within the Parish of Milton
 1646, etc. Abbas, Yeoman, of the other part. This is a "feoffment" to the latter of a message,
 English. etc., in Ower Moyne. April 20, 1646.
 Ower Moyne. Copy Release from J. and M. G. to A. J. in relation to the above. Feb. 20,
 Holworth. 1649.
 Benefaction for
 Ower Moyne.
- Ower Moyne Copy Indenture between A. J., of the one part, and Rodolph Gough, of Ower
 surnames. Moyne, Clerk, E. James, Philip Parmiter, J. Battwick and Rob. Meech the younger,
 all of Ower Moyne, Yeomen, of the other part, conveying to them the above

¹ Viscount = Sheriff. — Cowell. s. v.

property ¹for the poor of that Parish. July 20, 1652. (It may be noted that in this document, of Puritan times, a certain rent is made payable at "the feast of St. Michael Tharkangell and the Annunciation of the Blessed Lady St. Mary the Virgin.")

Mem^m The above deeds were inscribed in this book at the request of the Parishioners of Ower Moyne. Signed Ben. Gaith, maior. R. Scovil, Towneclerk. Rob. Mondy, Jos. Dornford, S^tiants at Mace.

Gaith, Scovil,
Mondy,
Durnford.

B. pp. 12—17.

Mr. J. Knight, of Yetminster, was authorized as the only teacher of Latin in the town. (Four pounds a year were allowed to him for rent. Jan. 27, 1646 (7).)

S. 245, pp. 105, 107.

IV. 77. Memo-
randa.
Dec. 29, 1646.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Knight, Latin
Master.

Do. This was a compromise. He had asked leave to set up a Grammar School, which was refused.

C. p. 193.

IV. 78. Memo-
randum.
Dec. 29, 1646.
Eng. W. & M. R.

Rob. Coker, Esq., late Sheriff, and late Governor of this town, and Col. Jas. Heane, Governor, were admitted Freemen "ex gratiâ." Jan. 20.

Order for a return of all "martiall officers and souldiers" and other non-freemen, using any trade in the town. Aug. 25.

C. pp. 204, 215.

IV. 79. Memo-
randum, etc.
1648.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Coker, Heane,
Freemen.

"A Protestacon by div^s Townsmen against Malignants in Office;" against Mr. G. Churchey, Mr. Jas. Gear, Mr. Ph. Bugden and Mr. J. Hodder as "exempted" by Parliament from voting in any "Corporall townes." The names are not given here, but they are in S. 245, a rough minute book, 1644—9, from which part of Vol. C. was copied. "Mathewes Day." Sept. 21.

IV. 80. Pro-
tests, etc.
1648, 1649.
English.
W. and M. R.

"Another Protestacon . . ." Parliament had forbidden all who had been in arms for the King from holding, or voting about, any office. Alderman Rose had been Serjt., and Gabr. Cornish, Master of Ordnance, when this town was garrisoned against the Parl^t. G. Churchey had aided the Royalists and was "daily sequestrable." The last two had voted for the first. Sept. 21. (G. Cornish resigned his seat in the Town Council. Nov. 3.)

Churchey,
Gear, Hodder,
Rose, etc.,
complained of
as Royalists.

"An auncient booke of Records" was brought to the Corporation by Mr. G. Churchey. It had been in the hands of his brother [in law], Mr. Fr. Gape, late Town Clerk. Sept. 29, 1648.

Book of
Records.

¹ This seems to be the only benefaction in Ower Moyne. In 1830 it consisted of a cottage made into two tenements, a garden, nine acres arable, three acres meadow, six acres in the common, and nine acres in the heath. Three acres were sold to pay for enclosing.—Hutchins (1861), i. 461. The house at E. Holworth is old, and so is the back wing of that at W. Holworth, visible from the Esplanade. It is still part of the Parish of Milton Abbas.

Resignation. Resignation, in writing, of the Royalist Aldermen, etc., G. Churchey, Jas. Gear, H. Rose, Ric. Harrison, J. Hodder and Alex. Clatworthy. Jan. 19, 1648 (9). (These, with Fabian Hodder, were restored and their successors removed. Oct. 13, 1662.) C. pp. 216, 217, 221.

IV. 81. Deposition, etc. 1648, etc. English. M. R. Hanham, Hastings, Bulwarks, Tems Well. M. R. Common. Curse feared. Benj. Hanham, Gent., deposes voluntarily that his late mother, the Lady Mary Hastings, life tenant of the Farm of Radipole, declared to him that the disputed land "from about ¹Timswell unto the gate Northward, comonly called the Bulwarkes, which lands are knowne by the name of the Comon belonging to the said Towne," belonged to the Town as she verily believed, and that the deponent (her heir) should not contend further about it, or "the poore of the said Towne would curse the detayners." Dec. 7, 1648.

The "Com^{tes} of Dors^t" said that they would not oppose the Town making entry on the Common. Oct. 19, 1649. The Serjeants at Mace, Scholars, etc., made entry and sowed one bushel and half a peck of wheat on the Common. Nov. 2, 1649. One peck of barley was to be sown on the "barly ground" of the Common. April 19, 1650. C. pp. 218, 229, 230.

IV. 82. Memoranda. 1649. Eng. W. & M. R. Samuel Bond, Recorder. Mayor fined. Dr. J. Bond resigns the Recordership, and is succeeded by his half-brother, Samuel Bond, of Dorchester, Esq., Barrister-at-law. April 23. J. Browne, Esq., Mayor elect, was fined £100 for not coming to be sworn in. Oct. 8. C. pp. 224, 229.

IV. 83. Depositions. Oct. 7 and 12, 1649. English. M. R. Day, Cox. Boundaries of M. R. Borough. Bulwarks, etc. Laurence. Perambulation of Radipole. In a parchment-bound small folio vol., chiefly of Law Minutes (See iii. 109) are two curious entries at p. 9, reverse way from the end; about M. R. bounds. E. Day, eighty-two years old, and H. Cox, eighty-three, say that seventy-four and fifty years ago, respectively, they joined in Ascension Day Procession round the bounds of M. R.—from the town to the end of the Bulwarks, to an "old elderne stubb" at ²Washford—thence to "Rodipoll Way," where was another bound "called ³Blackrocke"—thence towards Sutton to another bound, a great white stone yet standing between Sutton and M. R.—thence back to "Blacklands Yeate," and so to the town again. Further, Elizabeth says, that Mr. ⁴Laurence, Minister of Radipole, with his parishioners, used to go round their bounds on the same day; and at a pound on the bounds ("in the place of which pound a dairy house was sithence builded"), he read a chapter and "alsoe a psalme there to be sung." After this the perambulation was continued, the villagers on the West side of some rails then

¹ Tems Well at the Greenhill. See iii. 57.

² A spot on the Backwater still so called.

³ The high bank near Hanover Terrace, to the north.

⁴ See vii. 8.

standing, and the townsmen on the East side. The land called the Common then belonged to the Town, and the townsmen sent their cattle there, about sixty head, under a hayward. (Here and in iv. 81, the Bulwarks seem to be spoken of as works of some extent.)

Cattle on the
Common.
Hayward.

S. 245. p. 9^a.

Rent of Town land, at the North end, was remitted, because a fort for the use of the State was erected there.

C. p. 235.

IV. 84. Memo-
randum.
Sept. 28, 1650.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Fort.

A Scavenger is to be hired and a horse and "pott" provided to carry M. R. refuse to "the void place by the Jutty," whither also refuse from W. is to be brought by boat. (He was also to cart sand thither. Dec. 12, 1651.)

C. p. 236.

IV. 85. Order.
Oct. 11, 1650.
English.
W. and M. R.
Scavenger.

J. Smith is to have a ninety-nine years' lease of Mawd Welman's house, if he resigns his rooms in the Friary for a School-house.

C. p. 240.

IV. 86. Order.
Aug. 8, 1651.
Eng. W. & M. R.
School-house.

The "Trustees for sale of Fee Farme Rents" give notice that as that of M. R., 20s. per annum, has been sold to J. Dewye, all payments are to be made to him. Dec. 16, 1651.

IV. 87. Memo-
randa.
1651, 1652.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Fee Farm Rent
sold.
Freedom.
Apprentices.

Ric. Brownwell may use his trade of Barber Surgeon for a fine of 20s., and he is to take every second apprentice from the town. Feb. 20, 1651 (2).

C. p. 243.

Declaration by Mr. Mayor Pley that J. Hanwell and T. Vey have deposed that, from 1588 and about 1610 respectively, they kept sheep by day and night and all the year on West Lulworth Down, now claimed by Winfrith Newburgh Parish, except inasmuch as the Lulworth people have a "slight" within this down, for their cattle to feed up to eleven a.m. T. Vey also deposes that often "after he was of remembrance hee went on procession as the custome then was with the minister and parishioners . . . to take view of the boundaries of the said parish," going to 'Blacklande Yeate, a white thorn at Hemerhill Foot, Mildowris Barrow, thence along a ridge (mentioned by both H. and V. as the boundary between W. Lulworth Down and Winfrith Down) to Furzeymire Pitt, "where they had usuall Beere and Cake-bread."

C. p. 232.

IV. 88. Declar-
ation.
Aug. 31, 1652.
English.
West Lulworth.
Pley, Hanwell,
Vey.
W. Lulworth,
Winfrith.

Parish bounds.

Mr. Sam. Osborne, "the Town Agent," is to have £10, besides charges, for "soliciting the Common busines." Dennis Bond, J. Browne, J. Trenchard, Esqs., and Col. W. Sydenham, M.Ps., are to be Trustees of the Common for the Town, as ordered by Parliament. April 22, 1653.

IV. 89. Orders.
1653.
English. M. R.
Fees.
M. R. Common.
Bond, Browne,
Trenchard, Syd-
denham, M. Pa.,
to be Trustees.

¹ This office exists, or up to late years existed, at Fordington, under the Duchy of Cornwall.

² The site of Alexandra Gardens, probably.

³ It may be noted that the farm at or near the place in question is called Slight now.

⁴ It is odd that there should have been a "Blackland Gate" in the boundaries of both M. R. and W. Lulworth.

- Fee. T. Holland is to have 40s. for measuring Melcombe Common and making "a
 Acreage of plott of the same." There were one hundred and seventy-two acres, twenty-three
 Common. ¹goades East of "Darchester way," and fifty-four acres, fifty-five goades West
 thereof. Aug. 5, 1653. The Common was let at 50s. per annum. Sept. 30, 1653,
 Boundaries. at 24s. three years later, when the boundaries are, Eastward to "the Sluce leading
 to Sutton," Westward as far "as is the Townes right," and Northward to the ditch
 by the highway side. The farmer of Radipole continued to interfere with the
 Common. May 16, 1656. C. pp. 247, 259.
- IV. 90. Memo- Paid to Mr. Mayor £12 "of Mr. G. Phippen's Clerke his quist money," £8
 randum. for M. R. poor, £4 for those of W., to be "lett out at Interest." C. p. 249.
 Jan. 20, 1653 (4)
 Eng. W. & M. R.
 Benefaction.
- IV. 91. Lease. "Indenture" between the Mayor, etc., of the one part, and Ric. Devenish,
 Feb. 7, 1653 (4). Shoemaker, of the other part, being a Lease of a shop at W. side bridge foot, at 30s.
 Eng. W. & M. R. a year. Not signed, and the Seal gone. S. 247.
 Devenish.
 Lease.
- IV. 92. Memo- It may be noted that the trade of Parchment-maker existed in the Borough
 randum. at this date. C. p. 258.
 Nov. 16, 1655.
 Eng. W. & M. R.
 Parchment-
 maker.
- IV. 93. Order. A Lease of certain land for one thousand years is to be granted to Nic. Miul.
 Feb. 22, 1655 (6). The Town Wall towards the sea is mentioned. C. p. 258.
 Eng. W. & M. R.
 Town Wall.
- IV. 94. Order. From a long Order about the old difficulty of cleaning the streets it seems
 June 4, 1657. that there was more than one Market Place, that "the void ground by the Jutty
 English. fort" was still being filled up—and that "the [chief?] Market Place" extended from
 W. and M. R. the "higher part of the Church" to the posts on the Town Quay in the chief street
 Market Place in by the Custom House; as far Westward as the Town Pump and Eastward to the
 St. Mary Street passage and entry into the Town-hall. C. p. 260.
 and St.
 Edmund Street.
- IV. 95. Memo- The Beadle was to have 12d. "each time that hee doth execucon by whipping
 randa, etc. of any person." Feb. 25, 1657 (8).
 1658.
 Eng. W. & M. R. The present White Hart is quite as old as 1658, but the sign would seem to
 Beadle's Fees. have been moved. Mr. Mayor Waltham lived "over against the White Hart in St.
 White Hart. Thomas St." And he had a "sisterne" (presumably adjoining his premises) "in
 the Backstreete called St. Nicholas St." Hence his house seems to have been on
 the West side of St. Thomas Street, and the White Hart on the East side thereof.
 July 23. Sept. 17, 1658. The Globe, St. Mary Street, is mentioned. Sept. 17, 1658.
 C. pp. 262, 63.

¹ Goades = Perches doubtless.

Copy of a Precept from J. Strode, Esq., Sheriff, by authority of "his Highnes Richard Lord Protector," for the election of four Burgesses. The House was to "treate with the great men and nobles." Jan. 3, 1658 (9). J. Trenchard, Esq., Col. Lago, Col. Clarke and Mr. Middleton were elected. Jan. 6, 1658 (9). Copy of do., do., but by authority of "the Keepers of the Libtie of England." April 2, 1660. General Mountague and Sir W. Pen were chosen for W., and Mr. P. Middleton and Mr. Alderman Waltham for M. R. April 9, 1660. Mr. S. Mico, Merchant, was a candidate. General Mountague was soon made a Peer and was succeeded by ¹Col. Bullen Reynes. June 22, 1660. (The latter and Sir W. Pen were again elected, with Sir J. Strangeways and Winston Churchill, Esq. March 27, 1661.)

C. pp. 264, 66.

IV. 96. Precept, etc. 1659, 1660. Eng. W. & M. R. J. Strode, Esq., Sheriff. Trenchard, Lago, Clarke, Middleton, M. Ps. Mountague, Penn, Middleton, Waltham, M. Ps. Mico. Reynes, Penn, Strangeways, Churchill, M. Ps.

As Mr. Knight, School-master, has declined to teach seven poor children gratis, as desired, his allowance of £4 per annum is to cease from Lady Day.

C. p. 272.

IV. 97. Order. Mar. 20, 1660 (1) English. W. and M. R. School-master.

²Humfry Weld, Esq., Deputy Lieut. of Dorset, was made a Freeman. Sept. 19, 1661.

C. p. 274.

IV. 98. Memorandum. Sept. 19, 1661. Eng. W. & M. R. Weld, Freeman

Copy of Order by the Commissioners for governing Corporations, to restore certain Royalist Aldermen, etc. (See iv. 80.) Signed by R. Banks, Rob. ³Culliford, J. Churchill, J. Turberville, with other Dorset names.

Do., do. removing four Capital Burgesses and substituting others, including Daniell Ardin, Goldsmith.

C. pp. 281, 83.

IV. 99. Orders. Oct. 13, 1662. Eng. W. & M. R. Restoration of Royalists. Banks, Culliford, Churchill, Turberville, Ardin.

The first Copy, in this volume, of the form of Abjuration of the "Solemn League and Covenant," with copy signatures of the Mayor, etc. (As far as has been observed the name Sturt first appears on April 8, 1664.)

C. p. 287.

IV. 100. Abjuration. Sept. (?), 1663. Eng. W. & M. R. Abjuration of Covenant. Sturt

H. Jacob, son of C. J., of Dorchester, saying that he has served eight years with a Wine Cooper, but having no Indentures, may not live in the Borough, but may come thither "as hee hath occasion for the Curing of Wines."

C. p. 292.

IV. 101. Order. April 7, 1665. English. W. and M. R. Jacob, Wine Cooper.

¹ He seems to have worked well for the Borough. See vi. 117.

² H. Weld, Esq., bought Lulworth Castle and Estates of James, third Earl of Suffolk, in 1641. He was second son, and heir, of Sir J. Weld of Arnolds, Edmonton, and grandson of Sir Humphrey Weld of Holdwell, Herta., Sheriff of London, 1599, and Lord Mayor, 1609. The Welds were originally of Cheshire.—Hutchins.

³ The meaning of "Culliford" Tree near W. has been a puzzle. If an original place-name the termination "ford" is an odd one for a barrow on the top of a chalk hill. It has been suggested that Culliford means "Culver," a wood-pigeon. Here, above, seems another explanation, possibly. It may have been named after an ancient owner, or tenant, a Culliford. Hutchins says that the Cullifords, of Encombe, were owners of S. Holworth, White Nothe. But, again, the Liber Nonarum, temp. Edw. III., spells the word "Culfardestr."

- IV. 102. Order.** 1665.
English.
W. and M. R. Quarantine against the Plague.
- "In regard it hath pleased Almighty God lately to visit severall places of this Kingdom with the Pestilence, To the end that this Towne through a gracious pvidence may be βserved," two "able persons" are to watch for twenty-four hours at the N. end of M. R., and two at the W. end of W. June 23, 1665. (Presumably they were to exclude all coming from infected places, but this is not expressed, nor is it clear how the rotation of watchers was to be maintained.)
- Durnford.
Hingston.
Threat by a woman.
- Josias Durnford, Serjeant at Mace, deposes that on his telling the W. watcher, from the Mayor, not to admit Thomazine Hingston "in this Tyme of Contagion," she, hearing this, said "that shee would come into Towne though the Major should hang himselfe, and threatened that shee would have [Durnford's] eares." July 20, 1665. B. pp. 585, 87.
- IV. 103. List.** Mar. 13, 1665 (6)
English.
W. and M. R. Militia. Guns.
- This seems to be a List of Officers of a Company of Foot to be one hundred strong, from the whole Borough; and a list of guns, viz., six Demiculverins, five Sakers, two Mynnyon; also four Drums "wth y^e drum maior" of Col. Fownes' Regiment. C. p. 295.
- IV. 104. Will.** Dec. 21, 1666.
English.
W. and M. R. Sir S. Mico's Benefaction.
- Extract from Sir S. Mico's Will, giving the George; the profits to be used for apprenticing three children yearly; and £500 to be laid out on land, from the profits of which 120s. are to be given yearly to a good divine for preaching a sermon in M. R. Church, on the Friday before Palm Sunday; and the rest to be given to ten poor old seamen. Then follows a list of the first "penconers." C. p. 284.
- IV. 105. Precept, etc.** 1666 (7).
Latin & English
W. and M. R. Browne, Coventry, Harvey. Riotous Election.
- Latin Precept from J. Browne, Esq., Sheriff, for the election of a M.P. ²Mem^m that the Election began between eight and eleven a.m., on Friday, Jan. 25. Before two p.m. seventy-five votes had been given for Sir J. Coventry, and fifty-nine for Michael Harvey, Esq. Votes were disputed on both sides, to be considered afterwards. There being "a great noise and heate in y^e hall," the Mayor adjourned further proceedings to ten a.m., on Monday; Mr. Harvey protesting. On Monday Sir J.'s votes rose to one hundred and forty-three in all, Mr. H. "producing noe Freeholders that day." So Sir J. was proclaimed Burgess in the hall, at the "Firsh Stone" (Fish Stone?), and at the Weymouth end of the Bridge. (After the above) at a hall, Jan. 33, 1666 (7), in reference to the above Precept, "a new and unknowne way of making freeholders" was considered. ³It was resolved that none might vote but those who at Mich^a Law-day last were known to be seized of a freehold within the Borough, being above fourteen years old. Then follows a copy of the Indenture certifying the Sheriff of the above Election, dated Jan. 25, 1666 (7), although the Election was continued on Jan. 28. C. pp. 302, 3.
- Youthful Voters.

¹ See vii. 46.

² See a long and curious account of this Election in Ellis' History of Weymouth.

³ It seems extraordinary that the franchise could be regulated by a Town Council Order.

The Pest-house is mentioned, but not its locality. June 12, 1668. The Guard House at Clark's Hill, and the Women's Prison are mentioned. June 29, 1668.

The firing of "Gunnes and 'Birding peeeces" in the Town is forbidden, and so is the carrying of fire uncovered.

An Order from the Privy Council to cause all Mayors, etc., to take the prescribed oaths. Sept. 28, 1668.

Copy of a Letter from the Duke of Richmond about this, Nov. 6, 1668, and answer, Nov. 11, 1668. C. p. 308—316.

IV. 106. Orders, etc. 1668. Eng. W. & M. R. Pest-house, Guard-house, Clark's Hill, Bridewell. Birding peeeces. Order about Municipal Oaths.

At this period, and somewhat earlier and later, there were several orders allowing "turned pillars" to be set up before houses. Ric. Strong and Dan. Arding are, e.g., now permitted to do so, paying 4d. a year rent. The former is also to pave "itt" (the walk within the line of posts) with "broad stone," the first mention of such paving observed in these Records. C. p. 323.

IV. 107. Orders Sept. 17, 1669. Eng. W. & M. R. Pillars before house. Paving.

J. Kimber, Porter, "to be bound to the good behaviour for abusing the major (Mayor Woder) to his face, saying he could have no justice, but dismissed." Jan. 5. Order that £7 7s. 3d. be paid to the delinquent for repair of his house (!) Jan. 12, 1671 (2). C. p. 337.

IV. 108. Orders 1671 (2). Eng. W. & M. R. Woder. Abuse of Mayor

Nath^l Bond, Esq., was chosen Recorder, in place of his brother Samuel, deceased. July 21, 1673. Mr. T. De la Court was chosen Town Clerk. Aug. 19, 1673. C. pp. 343, 45.

IV. 109. Memoranda. 1673. Eng. W. & M. R. Nathl. Bond, Recorder. De la Court, Town Clerk.

The Bailiffs, Mr. Godfrey Righton and Mr. W. Mainard, had been refused their Certificates chiefly because, whereas the Act required them to have received the Communion on a Sunday, they had done so on Christmas Day. They were re-elected this day, and took the Oaths and Abjuration of the Covenant. C. p. 352.

IV. 110. Memoranda. Jan. 25, 1674 (5). Eng. W. & M. R. Communion Test. Righton, Mainard.

Mr. J. Glover, of Dorchester, was elected Town Clerk in place of W. Claver, whose election does not appear, there being a blank in this Vol. from Sept. 1675, to G.'s election, Jan. 20, 1679 (80). (P. 384. Mr. Glover having left his duties for weeks, and the Mayor, etc., being "noe way certen" when he may return, he is removed, and Mr. H. Backway, Attorney, appointed. March 20, 1682 (3).)

IV. 111. Memoranda. 1680. Eng. W. & M. R. Glover, Town Clerk. Backway, Town Clerk. Tests. Pley.

Mr. G. Pley is removed from the Town Council, not having received the Communion as by Law required. May 12, 1680.

Mr. W. Maynard, Alderman, is removed from Office for not taking the Oaths. Oct. 4, 1680. Maynard.

¹ A Shakesperian word.—See Merry Wives. Act iv., Scene 2.

- Henning, M.P. H. ¹Henning, Esq., was elected M.P. in place of T. Browne, Esq., deceased.
Nov. 11, 1680. C. pp. 352—372.
- IV. 112. Mem- Mr. T. Ledoze, late Mayor, delivered to Capt. Ric. Yardley, new Mayor,
oranda. "the two Serjeants' ²Maces, fflower Towne Seales, the great Statute booke, the lesser
1687. Statute booke, the two great Towne books of Record and the Keyes of the Towne
Eng. W.&M.R. Ledoze, Chest and Presse;" and ex-Bailiffs Biles and Collier delivered to Bailiffs Evered and
Yardley. Maynard "their two keyes of the Towne presse and chest." (This interesting
Maces, Seals, memorandum is the first of the kind that has been observed in these Records.) It
Books. may be noted that Mr. Rob. Wall, Weymouth, appointed Constable, was afterwards
A Constable a chosen "Capitall Burgess," another Constable being then elected. Jan. 14, 1686 (7).
Councillor. Taylor. Whereas Alderman Taylor was elected Mayor, now for "divers causes us
Mayor removed moving, and according to the power" by Charter, "we amove him . . . from the
Tomson, said Office." Signed by Mr. Tomson, former Mayor, Bailiff Evered, and niue others.
Evered. And in the Leet the same day he was re-elected. Oct. 3, 1687.
Market. Tubs for selling corn, "tresses" and boards are to be bought and let out in
the Market. Oct. 28, 1687. C. pp. 389—95.
- IV. 113. Mem- Mr. T. Cooper, Attorney, was elected Town Clerk, in place of Mr. Backway.
orandum. deceased, non-residence to be excused. C. p. 401.
Dec. 14, 1688.
Eng. W.&M.R. Cooper, Town
Clerk.
- IV. 114. Mem- No less than seventeen Aldermen and "Capitall Burgesses" were disqualified
oranda. through not taking the new Oaths appointed under William and Mary. The ³Oaths
1689, 1690. are not given, but the Abjuration of the Covenant continues. Aug. 23, 1689.
Eng. W.&M.R. The Charter of King James I. and Exemplifications of Quo Warranto, etc.,
Non-juring were replaced in the Town Chest, having been taken out for defence of the Borough
Aldermen, etc. against a Quo Warranto in King James II.'s time. Oct. 13, 1689.
Abjuration of the Charter, etc. Covenant.
Charter, etc. Mansel. Mr. J. Mansell was chosen a "Capitall Burgess." May 16, 1690.
Freedom. All who bear the Offices of Mayor, Alderman, Bailiff, or Capital Burgess shall
during tenure thereof, be ex-officio Freemen, without Fee or Oaths. June 6, 1690.
(This was reversed for all except the Mayor. Oct. 12, 1694.) C. pp. 402—8.
- IV. 115. Mem- T. Freke, Esq., Jr., was chosen M.P. in place of Nic. Gould, Esq., deceased.
orandum. C. p. 414.
May, 1691.
Eng. W.&M.R. Freke, M.P.

¹ Still a County name.

² The Maces, eight Seals, and the two Books of Record remain. It may be that vi. 5, seventeen by eleven inches, but containing only f. 39—106, and giving many "Constitutions," Forms, etc., is a fragment of the great Statute Book, and possibly iv. 118 is the "lesser" one. The Seals are eight in number, and at least four W. Seals are missing, and one of M. R.

³ See iv. 118.

Jonathan Sanders may "sett in a post to beare up a signe post to be laid over from the New King's Armes Inne near the Fish Stone by the Towne Pumpe," for a yearly payment of 6d. Aug. 3, 1691.

Mr. ¹Nathl. Osborne is to be summoned to deliver up "divers Bookes and evidences" belonging to the Corporation. Oct. 3, 1692.

A "Cabinett maker" is mentioned for the first time. March 9, 1693 (4). The name Ridout appears. Sept. 21, 1694. C. pp. 414—24.

J. Bearnas, of the one part, surrenders to the Mayor, etc., of the other part, a piece of ground, having B.'s shop on the W., the Quay on the S., the George Inn on the E., and the Sun Inn on the N. With Seal and 6d. Stamp. S. 257.

A Folio Book, unbound, of almost five hundred pages, filled with somewhat miscellaneous records, mostly of law, but some relating to Class iv., *e.g.*,

F. iii. The Oaths, temp. William and Mary. 1.—Of Allegiance. 2.—Of Abjuration of Papal or other foreign Authority. F. 1. Oct. 2, 1699. "Mem. it soe hapned" that no Election of Mayor, etc., took place on St. Matthew's Day, Sept. 21, 1699, so under their hands and seals the Mayor (Bury) and Bailiffs resign and others are elected. Here, as throughout this Book, these Magistrates abjure the Covenant. F. 3. Ropewalks were in operation. F. 21^b. April 18, 1701. The ²£500 left for poor seamen by Sir S. Mico, hitherto lent on interest, contrary to his directions, is now to be laid out in land. (F. 236 and 204. The Aynes' Estate, Osmington, was bought, the Conveyance (six papers) being put into the Town Chest. Nov. 1, 1718. It was let to Mr. Clapcott.)

From Rules for the Scavenger (f. 50^b. June 22, 1703), as also for the Porters (f. 33. Nov. 6, 1701), it would almost seem that the minor Streets were about this time mostly without definite names. For instance St. Edmund Street and St. Alban's Street are called the first and second cross street.

Some place-names may be here noted. F. 57^b. The Bay Tree in W. F. 59^b. The Fox in W. F. 72^b. The Crown and Sceptre in M. R. F. 185^b. The Compass in W. F. 206^b. The Golden Lion. F. 226^b. The Boot. F. 237^b. The Greyhound at Blandford. F. 235^b. "Sandwitch," Dorset (Swanage).

F. 102^b. Dennis Bond, Esq., was chosen Recorder in place of Nathl. Bond, Esq., deceased. Sept. 12, 1707.

F. 195. J. ¹Lock, do Dorchester, Butcher, is mentioned. Nov. 12, 1717.

F. 207. Mr. T. Cooper, the younger, of Dorchester, is appointed Town Clerk, in place of Mr. T. Cooper, resigned.

IV. 116. Order, etc. 1691—1694. Eng. W. & M. R. Large Sign Post King's Arms, Fish Stone, Pump. Osborne. Borough documents. Cabinet-maker. Ridout.

IV. 117. Surrender. Oct. 15, 1694. Eng. W. & M. R. Bearnas. George, Sun.

IV. 118. Memoranda, etc. 1699—1724. Latin & English W. and M. R. Oaths.

Election of Mayor omitted.

Covenant abjured. Ropewalks. Mico Benefaction. Aynes' Estate, Osmington. Clapcott.

Minor streets nameless.

Place-names.

Dennis Bond, Recorder.

Lock, Dorchester. Cooper, Town Clerk.

¹ Perhaps the same who is called Samuel O. See iv. 89.

² See iv. 104.

¹ A name well-known there now.

- Benefaction by General Harvey F. 215^b. Acceptance of an offer by General Harvey, to present £500 to the Corporation, Sept. 5, 1720; and again this was under consideration (f. 222^b), May 22, 1721.
- Sir Jas. Thornhill, Freeman. F. 229^b. Sir ¹Jas. Thornhill was admitted a Freeman of the Incorporation, *nem. con.* Jan. 9, 1721 (2).
- Thornhill Almshouses. F. 230. Grant to the same of ground, one hundred and eighty by sixty-five feet, between St. Thomas Street and St. Mary Street, for one thousand years, at 1s. a year, for the erection by him of an almshouse. The Pound stood there, and he was to erect another elsewhere, as should be appointed. March 30, 1722.
- Pound.
- School-master. F. 236^b. Mr. W. Hobbs, School-master, was to have his School-rate paid on condition that he should teach gratis two W. boys and two M. R. boys. March 8, 1772 (3). S. 259.

- IV. 119. Memoranda, etc. 1724—1800. A Folio Vol., see iii. 144. Several well-known names appear in this book. *e.g.*, Devenish, Fry, Steward, Swaffield, Templeman, Tizard, Tucker and Weston. The Abjuration of the Covenant is not mentioned.
- Eng. W. & M. R. W. Surnames. P. 133. Mr. G. Paslien was elected Town Clerk, in place of Mr. Cooper. Paslien, Town Clerk. deceased. Nov. 6, 1729.
- Mico Benefaction. P. 135. The [Mico] land at Osmington was let to T. Wilshire, at the rent paid by the late H. W., which would seem to have been reduced at some former time, as the allowance of 40s. to each pensioner had to be diminished. Jan. 2, 1729 (30).
- G. Doddington, Freeman. P. 139. G. Doddington, of Hossington, Esq., was elected a Freeman (Afterwards Baron Melcombe Regis.) May 19, 1730.
- Way, Town Clerk. P. 146. Mr. A. Way, of Bridport, was elected Town Clerk. Jan. 26, 1730 (1).
- R. Tucker, Tizard. Pp. 202, 3. Mr. R. Tucker, Mayor, and Mr. E. Tizard, Alderman, attended at the Town-hall, on St. Matthew's Day, the day for electing a new Mayor. For some reason no one else would attend, and no election took place. Next day, Mr. J. Tucker, senior Alderman, and others, the Mayor being absent, elected a new Mayor, Mr. Ric. Jeanes, according to the Act for such an emergency. Sept. 22, 1741.
- Election of Mayor omitted. J. Tucker, Jeanes.
- Election again omitted. Swaffield, Town Clerk. P. 207. A similar occurrence on St. Matthew's Day. 1743.
- P. 212. Jos. Swaffield, Gent., was elected Town Clerk, in place of And. Way, (Gent., deceased. July 7, 1744.
- Election of Mayor on Sunday. Basham. P. 218. On St. Matthew's Day, being Sunday, Mr. J. Basham was elected Mayor. Sept. 21, 1746.
- Thanks to G. Doddington of Eastbury, Esq. P. 222. The Corporation thanked the Right Hon. G. Doddington, of Eastbury, Esq., for his "indefatigable endeavours" in getting the "Explanatory Charter or Letters Patent," of Aug. 19, 1747, relieving them from their difficulties. Sept. 21. 1747.

¹ The well-known Artist, a native of the Borough.

² See i. 22.

- P. 230. R. Prowse and Jos. Bennet had twenty-one year leases granted to them, so that they might erect two wooden bathing houses on the N. side of the Harbour. Sept. 30, 1748. Prowse, Bennett. Bathing houses.
- P. 238. The gutters, and also three feet on each side of them are to be paved by the Corporation. March 22, 1749 (50). Paving.
- P. 251. W. Crossman is to be allowed to keep School in W. Guildhall. June 28, 1754. Crossman, School-master in W. Town-hall. Extra Bounty.
- P. 255. Order that, besides H.M. bounty, a guinea shall be given to every able-bodied Volunteer for Army or Navy. March 31, 1756.
- Pp. 264—9. Copy of Rule of King's Bench about the Election of Mayor, etc. Feb. 12, 1759. In accordance with this Rule, Mr. T. Gollop was elected Mayor. Feb. 26, 1759. Rule. Gollop, Mayor.
- P. 555. The Order for this Writ or Rule is inserted, and the Notice of Election in p. 560.
- P. 308. Rob. Smith, of Dorchester, Gent., was elected Town Clerk in place of Jos. Swaffield, Gent., deceased. June 29, 1770. Smith, Town Clerk.
- P. 381. T. Whicker having lost £150, and more, and Jas. Pitt having found in the Harbour a purse containing £129, and upwards, supposed to be part of the above, the Corporation adjudge £10 to be spent in clothes for Pitt and the rest to be given to Whicker. July 15, 1784. Whicker, Pitt. Money lost.
- P. 386. The Corporation decide to attend the Mico Sermon at M. R. Church, on Friday before next Palm Sunday, and after Church, to distribute the Charity money at the Guildhall. Nov. 22, 1784. This seems to be the first Minute of the kind. The Mico Estate, at Osmington, was let at this time for £26 a year. Mico Sermon and Benefaction. Aynes' Estate.
- P. 396. The Esplanade is now first mentioned, viz., in a Lease to Miss E. Thorne, for ninety-nine years, of a plot of ground near to the same; and in leave to Mr. Purling and Mr. Jackson, to make their garden walls in East Street parallel with "the ¹Wall called the Esplanade." March 7, 1785. Esplanade. Thorne, Purling, Jackson.
- P. 398. J. Symes, Gent., is elected Town Clerk, in place of Mr. Smith, resigned through age. Nov. 16, 1785. Symes, Town Clerk.
- Pp. 405, 6. Giles Templeman, Esq., Barrister, is elected Recorder, in place of W. Chafin Grove, Esq., resigned. Oct. 6, Nov. 3, 1786. Templeman, Recorder.
- P. 408. The road to the sands, lately made from the East end of Coniger Ditch, is to be filled up, and the Esplanade levelled where cut for that road. Nov. 16, 1786. Esplanade.
- P. 413. Mr. H. Thornhill may occupy ground called the Cove, overflowed at high tides, and lying on the S.W. part of St. Edmund Street. July 2, 1787. Thornhill. Cove.

¹ This must have been a (probably) rough and insufficient predecessor of the present wall, and seemingly situated more to the West. At one time the Esplanade was faced with turf.

- Bowles, Town Clerk. P. 419. Mr. Symes, Town Clerk, resigns. Nov. 5, 1787. P. 421. C. Bowles, Gent., is appointed in his place. Nov. 9, 1787.
- The King expected. P. 441. "There being reason to expect that the King . . . will shortly take up his residence here . . ." a Committee was appointed to consider necessary regulations. June 15, 1789.
- Address to K. George III. Pp. 442, 3. Copy of the Address to their Majesties presented at the house of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester, the day after they arrived. It is a good Address, dwelling on the domestic virtues of the King and Queen, and on the constitutional administration of Government. J. Arbuthnot, Esq., was Mayor. July 1, 1789.
- Arbuthnot. Duke of St. Alban's. Esplanade. P. 451. The Duke of ¹St. Alban's was permitted to erect a seat on the Esplanade, opposite his house, and also to make steps to the sands there. July 2, 1790.
- Second Address to K. George III. Encroachments. P. 456. A second Address to the King. Sept. 8, 1791.
P. 463. The encroachments on the Boundaries of the Borough by the Lord of the Manor of Radipole are to be resisted. April 2, 1792.
- Fire engines. P. 466. The Serjeants at Mace are to employ men to practise with the two Fire Engines. May 28, 1792.
- Backwater reclamation. P. 467. It is to be considered what land may be reclaimed from the "Backwater," Northward from the N. wall of the ²Poor-house.
- Taylor Benefaction. P. 469. In 1753, J. Taylor, Esq., left £70 to the Mayor, etc., towards instructing two boys in navigation. Having now increased to £208 it was resolved to begin to use the interest as above. July 5, 1792.
- Third Address to K. George III. Dispute about a Press-warrant. P. 474. Third Address to the King. Aug. 23, 1792.
P. 480. Order that a Letter shall be sent to the Admiralty about the insolence of Capt. Grindall, of H.M. Ship Thalia, when asking the Mayor to endorse a Press-warrant. March 11, 1793.
- Randall Benefaction. Pp. 486, 488. Orders relating to a Field, at W., given by J. C. Randall, Esq., to the Mayor and the Rector of Wyke, in trust, for the benefit of four widows. It was let for £9 a year. Dec. 2, 1793, Jan. 6, 1794. P. 541. This was a brick-field. Rent to the amount of £52 had now accumulated and was invested. Aug. 7, 1799.
- Mr. Bryer's offer to bring water to W. Forestalling. P. 489. ³Copy of a Petition to the Commons for an Act to enable the Mayor, etc., to accept an offer by Mr. Bryer to bring water to the Town. Feb. 24, 1794.
P. 500. An Order against "forestalling the markets." April 20, 1795.
- Sir W. Pulteney Mayor. Crescent. Isaac. P. 513. Sir W. Pulteney, "Inhabitant," was elected Mayor. Sept. 21, 1796.
P. 516. Mr. W. Isaac was about to build on Melcombe Narrows, N. of Gloucester Row. (See v. 66, p. 479.) July 24, 1797.

¹ Is St. Alban's Street named after the Duke?

² This house is still standing in West Street.

³ Two letters of Mr. Bryer's about the Water supply have lately been found, one of them suggesting the above Petition. M. v. l. 21, 22.

P. 530. The Rev. Jos. Lamb was appointed to teach Navigation, under the Taylor benefaction (p. 469), in place of Mr. Crossman, resigned. Nov. 19, 1798.

Lamb.
Taylor
Benefaction.

P. 532. The Town Clerk was to notify to the Coroner that he had exceeded his powers in holding inquests on two corpses found within the Borough, the Mayor being Coroner there. Feb. 4, 1799.

Coroner warned
off.

Pp. 543, 4, 8. The Esplanade Wall was now planned. 1800. (See v. 66, p. 543, etc.)

Esplanade
Wall.

P. 554. (Inserted) Copy of an Address to the King on his escape from an attempt on his life. Nov. 6, 1795.

Address to
K. George III.

Respecting localities, it may be noted that (p. 313) the "White Hard Inn in Weymouth" is mentioned. June 28, 1776. This must mean "White Hart,"—if so, a second Inn of the name in the Borough, being in W., and opposite a quay. The other White Hart was in St. Thomas Street.

White Hart in
W.

P. 349. High West Street in W. is mentioned. Oct. 12, 1779.

High West St.

P. 508. There was still a Timber Yard in St. Thomas Street. May 9, 1796.

Timber Yard.

P. 543. St. Thomas Street and St. Mary Street had no houses at their Northern extremities. (See v. 66, p. 543, 4.) Feb. 3, 1800.

St. Mary St.
and St. Thomas
St. incomplete.

To this Class may be appended a notice of a Parchment Deed, whereby W. Peverel, of "Estringstede," of the one part, conveys to W. Gervays, of M. R., and Cristina his wife, of the other part, a Messuage, etc. ; thirty-two pieces of silver having been previously paid. Witnessed by T. Slyde, Nic. Faber (or Smith), H. Langgyn, H. Bendis, H. de Ringstede, and others. It is undated, and there is nothing to fix the date with certainty. But it is supposed to be of the time of King Edward III. or Richard II. Seal lost.

IV. 120. Deed
Poll.
Undated.
Latin.
Ringstead.
Peverel.
Slyde, Faber,
Langgyn,
Bendis.

S. 3.

A List of apparently the end of the eighteenth century may be given. It is connected with billeting soldiers and a few horses.

IV. 121. List
of Inns.
Undated.
English.
W. and M. R.

Golden Lion	White Horse	Royal Oke (sic)	Old Rooms
Crown	Three Tuns	Globe	Portland Arms
King's Head	Antelope	Turk's Head	King's Arms
Cooper's Arms	Cutter	Black Dog	Hotel
Bear	George	Nag's Head	Lyon's Head
White Hart	Duke Cumb ^d	Boot	

M. v. l. 17.

CLASS V. BOROUGH FINANCE.

- V. 1. Receipt.** ACQUITTANCE to T. Samways for 13s. 4d. S. 9.
 July 20, 1546.
 English. W. (?)
- V. 2. Receipt.** Discharge, beautifully written. It is signed by T. Hyde, and acknowledges
 1547 or 8. payment by Sir George ¹Delalynde, Sheriff of Dorset, of two "detts of the fyvetene"
 English. M. R. granted to King Henry VIII., amounting to £53, charged on the Town and
 Fifteenth. Burgesses of King's Melcombe. S. 11.
 De la Lynde.
- V. 3. Receipt.** Receipt from Sir G. De la Lynde (?) for arrears of rent due from Melcombe
 1550. Regis. S. 12.
 English.
 M. it. (?)
- V. 4. Receipt.** Receipt under the hand of Ric. Durant, of the Exchequer, to Master Pulintoft,
 Michs. Term, Under-sheriff of Dorset, for 26s. 8d., charged for "a peticon and other things," made
 1552. by him in the Exchequer, relating to money granted to King Henry VIII., probably
 English. M. R. that mentioned in v. 2. S. 14.
- V. 5. Receipt.** An Indenture under the hand and Seal of Owen Raynolds, Mayor of King's
 Oct. 1, 1553. Melcombe, acknowledging receipt from T. Samways and others, inhabitants and "free
 English. M. R. comburgeses," of 47s. 4d. towards his "wayges . . . for being a burges of the
 Pay to a M.P. plymt." S. 16.
- V. 6. Discharge** "A Bill" under the Hand and Seal of J. Wadhme., the younger, "Capytayne
 Feb. 4, 1553 (4). of . . . the . . . Castell of Sandysfoote," discharging Melcombe of all payments
 English. M. R. due to him during the Session of Parliament, as Burgess for the Borough. S. 15.
 Pay to a M.P.
- V. 7. Release.** Letter written, or at least signed, by Francis, Earl of Bedford, releasing
 Jan. 3, 1558 (9). Melcombe from any charge for attendance as M.P. of his nominee, J. Moynes, of
 English. M. R. "Bruteporte." There is a good Seal of Arms. S. 18.
 E. of Bedford.

¹ This was an old Dorset family. It was a Delalynde who, centuries before, killed the famous White Hart, admired and spared by the King. See Hutchins.

Receipt for 26s. 8d. and 30s., "two sevell detts of fyvetenes," granted to King Henry VIII., in the thirty-second year of his reign (1540, 1), and now paid by the Mayor of Melcombe. S. 19. **V. 8. Receipt.** Dec. 10, 1559. English. M. R.

Acquittance for 20s. "fee farme of the Borough, due at the feast of St. Mychaell tharchangle," now paid by O. Raynolds, Mayor. Oct. 29. A similar document. Nov. 3. S. 22. **V. 9. Receipts.** Oct. 29 and Nov. 3, 1561. English. M. R.

Acquittance under the hand and Seal of J. Leweston, of Leweston, Dorset, Captain and "Lewetenante" of Portland, for money due for attendance at Parliament, apparently as Burgess for the Borough. S. 23. **V. 10. Acquittance.** Oct. 1, 1563. English. M. R.

Receipt under the Hand and Seal of Christopher Hole for 20s., one annual fee. S. 25. **V. 11. Receipt.** Jan. 3, 1566 (7). English. M. R.

Receipt by E. Hardie through his deputy, Roger Russell, for 14s. 2d., being part of the grant to the Queen by Parliament, in the fifth year of her reign, 1562, 3. Signed and sealed by J. Chubbe. S. 31. **V. 12. Receipt.** Sept. 1, 1567. English. M. R.

This is a very curious account of the expenses of R. Keate, Town Clerk, during an absence of forty days or more, on Borough business, in London. Many of the items are quaint and interesting. On Feb. 10 he spent 5s. on a supper at the "Sarrazen's Hed," Westminster, "in the companie of certen courtiers." His own expenses for twenty-one days of his stay in London were 38s. 2d. He had to spend 6d. on a new pocket, his old one being torn "wth the cariag of the monney." "Soalling my boates" cost 16d. The fee for writing a "Certificate to the Counsell," and for a copy thereof was 10s. "Horse-bread" from Feb. 10 to March 17 cost 15s. His "charge frō London" was 10s., four days' journey. The total was £10 3s. 1d. S. 53. **V. 13. Accounts.** Feb. 6 to circ. Mar. 20, 1575 (6). English. W. and M. R. Saracen's Head, Westminster. **Wear of pocket by carriage of money.** Fee.

A beautifully written parchment, headed "Pcella terr . . . assignat pro Junctura dne ¹Jane nup Regine Anglie," and stating that from the customs of the water of "Weymouth" there are 40s. due per annum. Two Memoranda below seem to show that 18s. were paid in Feb., 1577 (8), and 20s. at some other time. S. 63. **V. 14. Receipt.** Feb., 1577 (8), etc. Latin. W. Queen Jane, née Seymour.

¹ Queen Jane, née Seymour. A Dorset Jointure, but not the same, was settled on Queen Catherine, née Parr, to whom in 1544 King Henry VIII. grants the Manors, etc., of Pimperne, Wyke, Portland, etc., the Boroughs of Cranborne and Wareham with certain Chases and Parks; but there is no mention of W. or M. R. These Manors, etc., were long in the hands of the de Clares, Earls of Gloucester. For instance in 8 Edw. I., the Earl of Gloucester claimed View of Frank-pledge, Gallows, Pillory, Cucking Stool, Infangenethief, etc., in Cranborne, Wyke, Portland, Weymouth, and Elwell in Upwey.—Cranborne Chase, pp. 189 & 309. Hutchins says that about that time Earl Gilbert exchanged the Manor of W. for other property belonging to the Priory of St. Swythun.

V. 15. Accounts

1578.
English.
W. and M. R.
Journeys to
London.
Poole.
Southampton.
Hartley Row.
Marmalade.
Tower.
Greenwich.
Price of shoes
and horse meat.
Staines,
Andover,
Blandford,
Sarum.

Two accounts of the expenses of R. Keate, Town Clerk, who spent some time during Easter Term, 1578, in London, on Borough business; and again in Trinity Term. The first account is from April 14 to May 19. His halts for the night on his up journey were Poole, Hampton (Southampton), and ¹Hartlerewe. An item or two may be extracted. "To the caryer for bringing my cap-case to London, 6d." A box of seven pounds of marmalade "geven to Mr. Neale," 8s. 4d. A breakfast "to iii. of my L. Chief baron's men, 2s. 8d." "For serch in the Towre, 10s." Boat hire to Greenwich and back, 6d. Two pair of shoes for himself, 2s. 5d. "Horsemeate for 29 days, 14s. 6d." "For washing my shirts, 16d." "To the ostlers, 4d." "To the maydens, 6d." On his return he halted at "Stanes," Andover (viâ Hartlerewe), Blandford (viâ Sarum). The Total is £6 11s. 3d.

S. 67. 1.

Westminster.

Fee.

Fee.

Price of
Grazing.

The second account is from May 31 to June 28. His route each way was like the last. In this account "bote hire" to Greenwich occurs nine times. He also took a boat "divers times" to and from Westminster. "Ingrossing a Supplicacon directed to Sr Xpofer Hatton," cost 3s. 4d. A supper "bestowed upon Talbot the Clarke of the Towre" cost 3s. 6d. "For seinge iii or iiiii bundells of Records at the Tower," 3s. 3d. His horse "24 dayes at gras" cost 8s. The total was £7 9s. 11d.

S 67. 2

V. 16. Accounts

1578 and 9.
English.
W. and M. R.
Journey to
London.
Fee.

R. Keate's account during Hilary Term, 20 Eliz. (1578), when he was twenty-six days in London, on Borough business. The items resemble those in his accounts above. One looks significant:—"To Sr Walter Mildmaye's man to pcure a warrant fr the pety customes, 10s."

S. 72. 1.

Five accounts pinned together, and similar to the above. A few particulars may be given.

Journey.
Fordington,
Blandford, Sa-
rum, Andover,
Basingstoke,
Bagshot, Hamp-
ton, Richmond,
London,
Aveley.

Horse hire.

Fees.

1. R. Keate "departed from ²Fordington," Oct. 31, 1578, and his stages were, viâ Blandford to Sarum; viâ Andover to Basingstoke; viâ Bagshot to Homstone (Hampton?) The Court was at Shene, as it appears from his charging for three dinners at Richmond. From Homstone he went viâ London to Aveley. He returned (by the same route as on his up journey), Dec. 6, 1578. Total not given.

2. This absence lasted from Jan. 21, 1578 (9) to April 18, 1579, "beinge Easter Even." The only item that seems to need recording is "For hire of my horse upwards, 5s." The total was £12 8s. 6d.

3. A shorter absence, from May 14 to June 5, 1579. "For drawing and engrossing of the English bill against the Bayliffs of Waymouth" he paid 10s. The fee to an Attorney of the Exchequer was 3s. 4d. Total £3 5s. 6d.

¹ Hartley Row.

² It may be noticed, in connection with R. Keate's two starts from Fordington, that the name (only with S at the end) exists there to this day. He was of Fordington. See v. 20.

4. On June 17, 1759, he again started from Fordington and remained away until July 14. Total £3 8s. 0d.

5. He left Weymouth on Oct. 16, 1579, and remained away until Dec. 5. He went viâ "Wynborne" to "Ringwoodde" the first day. Then viâ Romsey to 'Alford. The third day via "ffarum" to "Cobhm̄." His business was connected with the disputes between the Boroughs, fomented by J. Broke and others. He "paid to a typstaff to bring J. Broke before the iudge of the King's Bench to retorne the heas corpus fr Henry Michell, 2a." "Counsellors' fees to Mr. Recorder of London, Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Napper, and others," were in all £5 12s. 6d. "A buckram bag to carry the books" cost 12d. Total £15 8s. 10d. S. 72.

Wimborne,
Ringwood,
Alresford?
Fareham,
Cobham,
Brooke.
Fees.

This is a very curious and carefully written Document. It is "thaccompte of Rychard Pytt for the year of his maioralltye," and it fills a roll of paper five feet long. First come receipts, among which may be noticed:—

V. 17. Account
1578, 9.
English.
W. and M. R.
Mayor's
account.

On "7 weye of lyme lacke ii bushells" - - - - -	13s. 4d.
"Petty customes" of canvas, "and a pocket of hoppes" - -	1s. 4d.
"Received of Lewes the shoemaker of frampton for his fyne of one case of glasse being forfeited" - - - - -	10s.
"Petty customes" of the Michael bound "for Sherbrocke" -	3s. 8d.
— — from Jourdame of Sarrence for 2 puncheons of "pruyns" - - - - -	1s.
For "passingers" in the John - - - - -	14d.

Cherbourg.

More than one French vessel comes in laden with iron. Among disbursements may be mentioned—

Iron from France.

.. "for Wyne . . sent to the Castle of Sandsfoote for Sir W. Paulet"	6s. 10d.
.. "for iii pounce of sugar . . sent with the same wyne" - -	4s.
.. "horse hyer to go to Dorchester with Roger Keate, which was to sett the proclamation for eatinge of flesh" - - -	6d.
.. "to the shrive for our Indentures for iiii Burgesses" - -	8s.
.. "for makinge cleane of the towne harness" - - - -	6d.
The total receipts were £12 7s. 7d., the outlay £12 1s. 2d.	S. 74.

Wine for Sir W. Paulet.

Lent ?

Town armour.

A very rudely written Slip, seeming to be a receipt for 4d. for the "youse of y^e bayllys." No date. S. 99. 14.

V. 18. Receipt.
1583 (?)
Eng. W. & M. R.

For 12d., petty customs, paid by J. Denche, of Dorchester, Merchant. Seal gone. S. 143. 6.

V. 19. Receipt.
Nov. 7, 1583.
Eng. W. & M. R. .
Denche.

"Roger Kets Bond." R. K. "de ffordington" enters into a bond in £100 to W. and Ric. Pytt, J. Allen and J. Mocket. Seal, a Death's Head, with motto

V. 20. Bond.
June 11, 1587.
Latin & English
W. and M. R.

¹ Alresford ?
² Or more likely 1579, 80. See ii. 28.

- “ Fides coeli clavis.” “ The condition of this obligacon is ” that he binds himself to accept the award of G. Trenchard, T. Hanam, J. Fitzjames and Ric. Swayne, Esq., in a controversy about “ a certen recompence w^{ch} the said Roger challengethe to have in consideracon of his travell about the said towne busynes,” failing which the £100 must be paid by June 25, 1588. S. 164.
- Draft of “ Condition,” as above. S. 165. 6.
- V. 21. Letter. From J. Dewye to the Mayor, certifying (which had been doubted) that the
Feb. 6, 1590 (?) bearer is authorized to receive tenths and fifteenths, viz., £4 10s. 0d. for W., and
English. £9 10s. 0d. for M. R. S. 165, 8.
W. and M. R.
- V. 22. Account Expenses “ in rydinge to Darkmothe,” by “²Borport ” to “ Collyvord ” the
Temp. Eliz. first day ; next day to Exmouth, where the “ passage ” cost 2d. ; the third day by
(1590 ?) Tor and “ Tyngmoth ” (passage 1d.) to Dartmouth. Total charge 20s. 7d. No date
Eng. W.&M.R. or signature. S. 167, 1.
Journey to
Dartmouth.
- V. 23. Account Two folios containing the amounts of Mr. J. Bond, Mayor, 1590, 1. A few
1590—1596. items may be given :—
Eng. W.&M.R.
Mayor's
Account.
Chafin.
- | | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|----|--------|
| To “ the Shreve Mr. Chafin in an ^o 1591,” M. R. rent | - | - | 1 0 0 |
| — “ 1 pece of temb ^r fr chapell dore ” | - | - | 0 2 0 |
| — “ Payd Mr. Rog ^e Keytte by agrement ” | - | - | 20 0 0 |
| — . . “ for y ^e pore of Borpot . . . ” (Bridport) | - | - | 1 0 0 |
| — “ a supper given to Capten Sprynge ” | - | - | 0 16 9 |
| — “ the Juges Dyet and Sargent Hanam at tymes ” | - | - | 10 0 0 |
| — “ 2 Sords and dagers fr ^r y ^e corsletes ” | - | - | 0 18 0 |
| — “ gerdells and hangeres for sords at Dorchest ^r ” | - | - | 0 2 4 |
- On Aug. 18, 1593, he brings out a balance, showing that “ the Towne is Debytor ” to him £31 14s. 2d. But on Feb. 25, 1595 (6), the Auditors “ puse this accompt,” and severely “ disducte ” the Judge’s “ Dyet.” S. 177.
- V. 24. Accounts “ 1593. Rent collected in my yeare ” (Mr. Mayor Barfoote’s). The number
1593. who paid was about sixty-eight, the yearly amounts vary from £1 5s. 1d. by
Eng. W.&M.R. T. Barfoot to 1d. by “ the heyres of H. Carder.” The total received was £16 0s. 2d.
Town Rents. It appears to have been rent of Town Land. S. 178.

¹ Money was paid to him a few years after, so probably the award was in his favour. See v. 23. He travelled and travailed much in the “ towne busynes.” See v. 15, etc. It may be that his account of January 19, 1607 (8), was still connected with this business. See M. v. 1 (Appendix).

² Bridport? Bridport is spelt “ Burport ” in one or more of the old County Maps.

Five pages connected with the Audit of Mr. W. Dottrell's accounts for the year of his Mayoralty, 1589, 90. The Auditors were three Pitts, J. Denche, J. Brooke and W. Mounsell; and instead of allowing £10 17s. 4d., Mr. D.'s claim as balance due to him, they make out a balance of £3 due to the Town. The following are a few of the items in the accounts:—

	£	s.	d.	
"Lynarde Vandargosen p ^d for himself and iii sones for thayar freedom" - - - - -	2	0	0	Vandergozen. Freedom of Borough.
Also "towarde the Chapell" - - - - -	1	0	0	
Edmond Chowne, "chorchewarden at Rodypoll" paid for his freedom of the Borough - - - - -	2	0	0	
In outlay, a breakfast was given to Sir H. Palmer and eighteen men for - - - - -	2	0	0	Entertainments
To a "dynar" to Sir G. Trenchard "then newe knyghted," with "dyvs jentellmen . . . and many §vyng men" (partly paid for with cash in hand) - - - - -	0	17	0	
— carrying "a ffrencheman deaseased" to Radipole Churchyard - - - - -	0	1	0	
— "iii Spanyards w th a gyde" sent to "Darkemothe . . . to take shepyng" - - - - -	0	1	0	Expenses to Dartmouth.
— "ii men Es ^p mondaye to dorches ^t to were ii corsletts" - - - - -	0	2	0	
— a horse and man, in charge of a prisoner, to Dorchester gaol, and "y ^e kep for his ffee" - - - - -	0	2	0	
— "a potell wyne" to Sir G. Trenchard - - - - -	0	1	4	Wine for Sir G. Trenchard.
— "Tymbar for Repracyons off charrell's ² hyve in W. syde" - - - - -	0	3	4	
— Sending a letter to Mr. Recorder Hanam (to Wimborne?) "a bowght Leave for the chorchyarde" - - - - -	0	2	4	
— Sending to Sir G. Trenchard (at Wolveton, Dorchester?) "ii prentises off London . . . taken . . . vagaraunte" - - - - -	0	2	0	Vagrants.

From this document, as well as other sources, we learn that Mr. D. was a keen W. man. He heads p. 5 thus, "Wemothe and my home R and in the haule on my homes syde . . ."

S. 166.

Four-and-a-half folio pages of Mr. W. Waltham's account during the year of his Mayoralty, beginning Michaelmas, 1596.

The Revenue was £42 14s. 4d., consisting of Petty Customs (£20), Town Rents, Carts, and Drawing the Bridge. A wreck "behind the Town" was sold for "Behind the Town."

¹ This can only be part of the cost. Probably v. 22 is connected with the same affair.

² Hythe, a word still used along the Fleet or Little Sea to mean an inlet and landing place.

³ That is, on the Esplanade shore. The "Front" was then, and long after, the "Back."

	10s. Next comes "a note of . . . moneyes . . . from the Cuntry . . . towarde . . . setting forth the great ¹ Katheren in Cales . . ."		
The Great Katharine.		£	s. d.
	From the Mayor of Poole - - - - -	26	13 4
	— — — — — Lyme - - - - -	33	6 8
	— Sir R. Rogers' Division (of the County) - - - - -	24	0 0
	— Sir Matt. Arundell's Division - - - - -	12	10 0
	— Sir G. Trenchard's Division - - - - -	23	0 0
	Constables of Whitechurch Hundred - . . . - . . . - . . . - . . .	18	19 8
		138	9 8
	Among items of outlay may be noted :—	£	s. d.
Guillaume.	"To the Shreve's man for arest . . . upon French Gillam" - - - - -	0	1 6
	— "convayeing of a madd man out of the Towne" - - - - -	0	0 3
	-- "a shrowde for a poore man that died in Jhonsons porch and to the woeman that shrowded him" - - - - -	0	3 4
	— Four ropes for the [draw] bridge - - - - -	0	4 0
Expulsion of a bad character.	— "carying of a badfellowe to Langton to be convayed from whence he came" - - - - -	0	0 6
Fee.	— "Mr. Singge for his Counsell about the triall of our ² Cōmon" - - - - -	0	10 0
M.R. Common.	— "releaving of poore sicke sould ^{rs} w ^{ch} were sent a shore from the Earle of Essex" - - - - -	1	5 8
Chapel Slates.	— outlay "to amend the Chapell," including eight hundred slates, 4s. 4d., one thousand lath nails, 1s. 8d.; Hellyers, five days 5s., etc., etc. - - - - -	1	9 10
Mother Ryves.	— "Towarde the buriall of Mother ³ Ryves" - - - - -	0	5 0
Stocks.	Mr. J. Small received, apparently for Law business, £56 out of a total outlay of £88. There are many small items, also, connected with the Stocks, the "Drumbe," "making cleaue the Bridge and Markett" (at 4s. per annum), the Clock, the Way at Tems Well (at the Greenhill), etc., etc.		
Tems Well.			
The Great Katharine.	Further there are a number of details of laying out the contributions towards equipping the " ⁴ Great Katheren" in "Cales voyage." Mr. Mayor claims		

¹ A MS. in the King's Library mentions the Catherine as one of the six vessels forming the Weymouth quota for the Fleet against the Armada. She was of only sixty tons!—Ellis' History of Weymouth, p. 15. But from the mention here of "Cales" (Cadiz), and in another item of the "Cales voyage," it may seem that she also helped Sir F. Drake in his "singeing the King of Spain's beard" there in 1583. If so the county was a long time in refunding the cost to the Borough.

² The Melcombe Common lay on both sides of the Dorchester Road, principally on the East side. See iv. 89.

³ See iv. 28.

⁴ See note v. 26.

as due to himself a balance of £31 7s. 4d. But "uppon the vew" of the account several "thinges dislyked are stroken out," and "uppon review" of it as late as Sept. 23, 1602, all balance due to him is disallowed. S. 184. Severe Audit.

"Accompt of Mr. J. Mockett's Mearaltie," contained in one sheet. A few items may be quoted:—

	£	s.	d.		
"For the establishing of the burgesses in the plament house" -	-	4	10	6	V. 27. Accounts 1597, 98. English. W. and M. R. Mayor's Account.
— "113 days at 5s. 8d. per day, allowance to the Burgesses" -	-	28	5	0	
— "the Juries diner uppō the laweday in W. side" -	-	0	8	0	Jury's dinner.
— "the ¹ Becon men, more than I R ^d " -	-	0	10	6	
— "mending the Coking stole" -	-	0	1	6	Cucking Stool.
— "a lambe skyne for sponges" (for guns) -	-	0	0	8	
— "wyne bestowed uppon the lieftenantes and the captaines at tymes in their logings" -	-	1	5	0	Wine for Cap- tains, etc.

The total outlay is £174 12s. 8d. On the other side the ²Custom House brought in £19 10s., the Petty Customs, £24 1s. 6d., etc., etc. This Mayor, like his predecessors, claims a balance due to him; but again the Auditors differ from him, bringing out, on March 31, 1601, a balance of £6 4s. 4d. the other way. But finally on Sept. 22, 1602, this balance is "allowed" and the "accompt shall stand clearly discharged." S. 185. Audit.

Accounts of Mr. J. Bond's second Mayoralty, from Michaelmas "Ao Jesus," 1599, to Michaelmas, 1600. The Petty Customs were about the same as above, and were paid in by J. Pit, of "³Lanehous," and R. Rowles. Instead of only 4s. a year, paid formerly to "Father Bryne" for cleaning the Bridge, etc., 18s. is now given to Morten. Among other items may be mentioned:—

	£	s.	d.		
To "sendynge 2 boys wher they wer born" -	-	0	0	7	
— "J. Small to Retorne in a bone vevers of the flesh in Lent" -	-	0	2	6	Lent.
— "mendynge the stox in Waymoth syde" -	-	0	2	6	Stocks.
— outlay concerning "soders for erland" -	-	0	2	0	
— "the frenchman that had the false pistoles" -	-	0	1	4	Base money.

The Account is not finally "cleared" until Sept. 30, 1605, and then with the usual deduction from the Mayor's claim. S. 186.

¹ The Beacon was on a spot now occupied by a clump of trees on the South of the road between Belfield and Wyke Church.

² It seems puzzling that the Custom House is named as a source of income to the Town, the great Customs belonging to the Crown, and the petty Customs being mentioned apart.

³ In Wyke Parish.

V.29. Accounts		Accounts of Mr. W. Holman for the year of his Mayoralty, Oct. 2, 1602, to	
1602, 3.		Oct. 3, 1603. Some items are curious :—	
Eng. W. & M. R.			
Mayor's			
Account.			
		£ s. d.	
Wine for my Lord Viscount.	To "putting in 4 pillowes in y ^e daw (draw?) bredge" - - -	0	1 0
	— outlay "at my L. Vicomte being in the towne for y ^e p̄esse, for 3 pottells of clarrett wyne at 3 meales" - - -	0	4 0
	— — "1Secke at 3 meales in y ^e townes name" - - -	0	6 0
Price of Oranges, Lemons, and Potatoes. Fees.	— "a C of oranges and ½ C of Lemones and pottatooe routs . . . with carridge" - - -	0	10 6
	— "Mr. Dr. Jessop . . . dew fr̄o the towne to ² he for the defenc of o ^r mesaredg and bushelledg ² . . ." - - -	1	0 0
Mar. 29, 1603.	— "the Messenger . . . fr̄o the Court w th the ³ pclamation" - - -	0	10 0
July 24.	— "Uppō the Crounnation daye" to a gunner, etc. - - -	0	0 10
Coronation of King James I.	— "one hd of beare in W. Sid and one hd in M. R. Sid" - - -	1	10 0
Fee to a Preacher. Fee.	— "Geven to yonge Jesp Jounes the precher" - - -	0	13 4
	— Pd Doctor B. Jessop for his fee the pter for ending o ^r controversie conserning the bushelledge" - - -	1	13 4

A crane was erected on the Town Quay at a total cost of £14 2s. 4d. It immediately earned £4 14s. 0d. on five hundred and sixty-five chests of sugar, at 2d. Still the "Cranedg" was let for £4 a year, only. The letting of various town dues seems now to begin systematically. Contrary to precedent Mr. H. charges himself £4 11s. 3d., "dew by me to the evening of this accompt." The Auditors seem to have struck off this debt. S. 188.

V.30. Accounts		"T. Barfoot his acc ^o for his year of Mayrolty ending at Mychellmas 1604,"	
1603, 4.		containing a few points worth extracting :—	
Eng. W. & M. R.			
Mayor's			
Account.			
Phippen.			
		£ s. d.	
	To Goodman Phippen for "byndinge the bridge pillers w th railles" - - -	}	2 9 1
	. . . for - - - - -		
	— "mending the Ramer and the Whele for the bridge" - - -		
Players.	— "My Lo Sandones players" - - - - -	0	5 0
Charter.	— Mr. Hyde for "counsell" in drawing a new ⁴ Charter - - -	1	0 0
Market stone.	— "settinge up a markt stone before Mr. ⁵ Pit's dore" - - -	0	3 3
	— "Chrystyan Wynter for vyttell whē yt was doubted thatt her house was infected" - - - - -	0	3 11
Serjeants' Cloaks.	— "6½ yds. frenche rosett for sargnts clokes" - - - - -	3	14 0
	— "H. Leonard for "domedge . . . by imprisoument" - - -	1	3 4

¹ This spelling is worth notice, from its nearness to "Sec," one of the renderings of Sack.

² He = him, true Dorset.

³ Doubtless for the Proclamation of the Accession of King James I., March 24, 1603.

⁴ The only one extant to which this can apply is that of 1616. If so, it was long in hand.

⁵ Probably the house quite lately demolished, close to St. Mary's Church.

The total outlay, £71 6s. 3½d., left the Town £4 15s. 0d. in the Mayor's debt; and this was "allowed of" (minus 14s. of the cost of "rosett") on Sept. 22, 1606, but the Mayor never received it. Only on July 23, 1611, it was received by "J. Barfoot ex^r to my father T. Barfoot's will."

Audit.
Payment
delayed.

S. 190.

"Acc^o by me W. Waltham in the tyme of my Mayoraltie," Michaelmas, 1605, to Michaelmas, 1606. Among the items are:—

	£	s.	d.	
To "26 of helling (heling) stones" - - - - -	0	1	4	V. 31. Accounts 1605, 6. Eng. W. & M. R. Mayor's Account.
— "sending of the proclamation of the flaege (or fladge) to Lyme" - - - - -	0	2	0	
— "newe setting y ^e [market ?] stone by Mr. Hodder's dore" - - - - -	0	2	4	
— "geven unto the Quenes players" - - - - -	0	1	0	Players.
— "a beame rope" - - - - -	0	19	4	
— "mending the towne beame" - - - - -	0	1	0	Town Beam.

The Mayor claims a balance of £43 15s. 6d.; but the Auditors demand £6 4s. 6d. for the Town.

S. 191.

Audit.

"Acc^o in the tyme of the Mayoraltye of Mr. J. Pitt," Oct. 6, 1606, to Oct. 5, 1607:—

	£	s.	d.	
To repairs of W. Chapel, in all - - - - -	20	0	0	V. 32. Accounts 1606, 7. Eng. W. & M. R. Mayor's Account.
— contribution for "the Repayinge ¹ of Wooll Bridge" - - - - -	0	5	0	
— "wachinge of Jn. Brock" (probably Brooke) - - - - -	0	1	6	
— "Charges of ² Sweet of the Keyes" (but £45 in all) - - - - -	2	2	0	
— "Ironworke, stoachs and nayles for the Jetty Jew" - - - - -	0	2	6	
— "the scollidinge stoole ingyne and Ironwork" - - - - -	0	3	0	Cucking Stool.
— "sending into Portland about the pyratts" - - - - -	0	0	3	Pirates.
— "a book of Roals cost" - - - - -	0	5	0	

And among receipts:—

"For hevinge of balast w th out a sayle whereof yt went into the harbour" - - - - -	0	3	0	
— "the ground in the conigar sold to Mr. T. Barfoot" - - - - -	31	0	0	Land sold.

Mention is made of the "Towne Seales" and "Tryangles." The Mayor debits himself with £18 and upwards.

S. 192.

Town Seals.

"The Accompte of J. Mocket in the thirde tyme of his mayoraltye geven up the 1st of Octobr 1608."

V. 33. Accounts
1607, 8.
Eng. W. & M. R.

¹ This fine old Bridge still stands.

² That is, probably, a Law-suit about the Quays. If so, Suit must have been then pronounced like Suite.

³ The Parchment Feoffment of this land remains. M. iii. 13^a.

		£	s	d
	" For a pecke standard for salte " - - - - -	0	3	0
	— " apsent to the L. chif Justice " - - - - -	0	10	6
Entertainment.	— " the entertaynement of Captayne Burglye and his followers at tymes for the better havinge in the shipp of Rye " - - - - -	3	5	0
Bridge. Church. Audit.	More than £26 were spent on the Bridge, and £29 on the Church. The Petty Customs brought in £4 10s. 0d. The Auditors refuse the item for the Captain, etc.	S. 197.		
V. 34. Accounts 1610, 11. Eng. W. & M. R. Mayor's Account.	" A juste accounte of all such moneyes as I have layd out in my meralty. 1610." It seems that the year was from Michaelmas, 1610, but Mr. J. Bond's dating is careless :—	£	s	d
	" For a crest and mending the hall " - - - - -	0	0	8
Earl of Essex.	— " my L. of Essex and my L. Knowles expenses at their being in towne " - - - - -	2	6	0
A Bishop.	— " my L. Bishop dyett to my sealf " - - - - -	1	0	0
	— " 36 ¹ vorse faggouts couls (?) (for a bonfire? July 16) " - - - - -	0	1	2
	" Given to the Knights of this Shire when they dynded at Mr. Raynalles " (given in wine ?) - - - - -	0	3	0
Entertainment.	" Gave my Lord ² Waldon for a bankett of sweete mets " - - - - -	1	0	0
Mocking the Jury. Audit.	Received " of Spicer for mocking the Jurye " - - - - -	0	1	0
	The Auditors demand a balance of £16 9s. 8d. (See " Harbour ")	S. 201.		
V. 35. Accounts 1611, 12. Eng. W. & M. R. Mayor's Account. Whipping.	" Robert Knight his Account as ffoloweth," from Oct. 13, 1611, to Sept. 30, 1612 :—	£	s	d
	" Received of a Glasier for forin hopes bought and sold " - - - - -	0	3	0
	" Paid H. Tucky for whipping a sailer " - - - - -	0	0	4
	" Geven J. Samwayes in Recompence of his wifes hurt by the Sergeant " - - - - -	0	5	0
	" Geven to the sicke men y ^t wher bound to Virginia y ^t wher licenced to depart home " - - - - -	0	2	0
James.	" P ^d Mr. Jas. James for lent of his Kettell " (for pitch ?) - - - - -	0	0	3
Beer.	— " for $\frac{1}{2}$ a dosen of bear for the Labours " - - - - -	0	0	6
Crane.	— " Valince and Stonerackes for caring downe the craine and setting it up " - - - - -	0	0	8
Wine for Master Sheriff.	— " a pottell of wine and suger y ^t I sent Mr. Shrife at his beinge in Towne " - - - - -	0	1	4
Soldering the Seals.	— " Bolf for ³ sodringe of the Sealles and for nayles for the lighter " - - - - -	0	0	6
	The Petty Customs amounted to £67.	S. 202.		

¹ Furze faggots and coals ?

² T. Howarde, Esq., was summoned to the House of Lords as Lord Walden.

³ This " sodringe," probably, remains good to this day.

"Accompt of monys disbursed . . . by G. Pley the younger during his Maiorality." An unusual outlay for sailors and others landed, appears in this account, e.g. :—

	£	s.	d.	
"To a poore man . . . from Bred [a?] taken for an East India man" - - - - -	0	1	0	
— "six other poore miserable creatures y ^t came from y ^e Islands"-	0	6	0	Charity to foreigners.
		S.	203.	

"The Booke of Accounte of Mr. J. Roy latte Mayor . . . from Mychellmas 1615 to Mychellmas 1616." Much of his long and minute account relates to the Harbour, under which class it is noticed ; but a few other items may be given here. "Y^e pettye customs" were let to Mr. Ric. Allen for £112.

	£	s.	d.	
"Received of tow flemens for draweing of blood . . ."	0	2	6	Drawing blood.
To "1 C. 1 q ^t of orloop nayles at 2s. p C." - - - - -	0	2	6	
— "ringing the bell, to Jouller for a wholl yeare" - - - - -	1	0	0	Bell.
— "Tho. Bowles for mending of the brudg and a place for Cucking Stoll" - - - - -	0	5	0	Cucking Stool.
— paid "unto French guilliam for macking cleane of the towne coralettas and mending" - - - - -	0	9	6	Guillaume. Town Armour.
— "given the queens players for not playing here, by order of the Aldermen" - - - - -	1	10	0	Players.
— "for wyne at the landing of Sir Jn ^o Digbey" - - - - -	0	2	0	Wine for Sir. J. Digby.
— "for my owne allowance for the Leckture" - - - - -	10	0	0	Lecture. Fine.
— "Mr. T. Geare gave Mr. Recorder 5 Jacobus pece for the following of the Charters" - - - - -	5	0	0	Charters.
(More than £75 were spent in London law business.)				
— "9 douzen of lopsters J ^{no} Poop att Mr. Recorder and 2 dz of crabs w ^{ch} cost" - - - - -	8	16	0	Lobsters for Recorder.
— "Sent Mrs. Pynne by Coningsby 6 lb 1 q ^t of painted marmalady in a fayre boxe at 18d. p lb and 3 lb of conservis of ¹ pottata at 18d. p lb." - - - - -	0	18	4	Marmalade and Potatoe Jam.

His four pages of closely written outlays come to £296 19s. 9d., leaving the Town in his debt £58 9s. 2d., which the Auditors allowed. S. 206. Audit.

Order for payment of £22 9s. 6d. for procuring a new Seal to the Town V. 38. Order.
²Charter, and for enrolling it in the King's Bench and Exchequer. C. p. 39. July 3, 1618.
Eng. W.&M.R.

¹ This surely puts the Potatoe in a new light.
² This must be the Letter Patent. See i. 18.

- V. 39. Orders.** Order for the Cellar, under M. R. Town-hall, to be "graunted by a candle" for seven years to the highest bidder.
 Nov. 3, 1619.
 Eng. W.&M.R.
 Clock. Order for a new clock "to be sett up in M. R. Church;" price to be £4 with the old clock. C. pp. 50, 51.
- V. 40. Order,** Order for 2d. a day to be allowed to Roger Growte, while in prison.
 etc.
 1620. March 10, 1619 (20).
 Eng. W.&M.R. Resolution to mortgage the Town Revenues as security if it should be necessary to borrow £225, half of £450 demanded by the King towards an expedition against the Turks, i.e., Moorish Pirates. (Mr. E. Lechland paid £225 into the Exchequer, Feb. 1, 1619 (20).) June 14, 1620. C. pp. 67, 68.
- V. 41. Orders.** The Auditors of Borough Accounts are to be the two Bailiffs, one Alderman and three Capital Burgesses, these last four to be chosen as Auditors for the year, on St. Matthew's Day. Oct. 20, 1620.
 1620, 21, 22.
 Eng. W.&M.R.
 Expedition against Pirates.
 Powder, Pikes, Order to buy four barrels of Powder, twelve Land-pikes, and two dozen Buckets. Leather Buckets. Dec. 1, 1621.
 Greene. Order for £10 to be paid to Mr. Gyles Greene towards "a key and slipp w^{ch} he hath builte upon the Towne ground on the E. side of his house and in Hell Lane," and also for his delivering letters to the Privy Council concerning the Papist Furman, and suits against W. Mounsell and the Serjeants at Mace. March 15, 1621 (2). C. pp. 70, 74, 80.
- V. 42. Orders.** Order for £3 to the maker of the King's, Princes', and Town's Arms.
 1623, 4. Feb. 28, 1622 (3).
 Eng. W.&M.R. Order to rent a house of Mr. J. Pitt, at £3 per annum, for a ²workhouse for M. R. Sept. 3, 1623.
 Work-house.
 Captive in "Turkey" = Morocco. Order for 40s. for a "newe shute of appell" for H. Browne, late captive in Turkey. Oct. 15, 1634. C. pp. 86, 88, 98.
- V. 43. Orders,** Orders, for 40s. towards "the Repacon of ³Moones Bridge, neere Dorchester." etc.
 1631, 2, 3. June 3, 1631; and to buy a "Rundlett" of eight or ten gallons of the best wine that can be had, for a present to ⁴Sir Fr. Ashley, "as a gratuity for his Love and readinesse to pleasure this Corporation." Dec. 23, 1631. A bequest of £20
 Eng. W.&M.R. Mohun's Bridge Wine for Sir F. Ashley.
- ¹ This is the house strangely called "Hell." It stood at the corner of Hell (Helen) Lane and East Street. The above extract shows that its owner was a man of good repute, indeed for a time he was M. P.
- ² Probably the good house, still called the Workhouse, in West Street.
- ³ That is Mohun's. There are two Mohun's Bridges close to Dorchester on the old Bath Road, one of which may be the one here spoken of. The Mohuns were of Bothenhampton near Bridport. A burying place of theirs was Fleet, in the old Chancel of which are monuments to some of the family.
- ⁴ Vice-Admiral of Dorset?

from Widow Gold, of Dorchester, for the poor of the Borough, was received, **Benefaction**
March 30, 1632. Order for £3 for Rob. Hibbard, thrown out of work through a **from Mrs. Gold.**
 "fall he took" when helping to quench a fire, at Mr. H. Waltham's house. July 5,
 1633. C. pp. 116, 21, 30.

Account of Mr. Fr. Gape, Town Clerk, for law and other expenses in London, **V. 44. Account**
e.g. :- £ s. d. **Dec. 13, 1633.**
To Mr. Littleton - - - - - 2 0 0 **Eng. W. & M. R.**
 — "allowing the Chre in the Crown Office" - - - - - 4 17 6 **Gape.**
 — "Sir Sydney Mountagne for gett an answer to our Petition" - 5 0 0 **Charter.**
 At the foot is an order for payment of the total, £49 18s. 4d., with Borough **Sir S.**
 Seal (the ship), and signed "Tho. Wallis, Maior," in a hand which looks like print. **Mountagne.**
 S. 233. **Seal.**

The Town Clerk is to ride to London to petition for an abatement of the sum **V. 45. Orders.**
 of £220, the amount called for from the Borough towards "setting forth a shipp of **1634, 6.**
 warre for his Matyes service." Dec. 19, 1634. **English.**
W. and M. R.

The Mayor and others are to ride to Blandford to meet Mr. Sheriff and **Ship money.**
 divers Mayors about the money demanded for "setting forth a shipp of warr."
 "The first ship money" is noted in an old hand, but see above. **V. 40. Oct. 29,**
 1636. **C. pp. 145, 56.**

A Beadle is to be appointed, and to have a coat, staff, and 20s. per annum. **V. 46. Orders.**
March 9, 1637 (8). Alehouse keepers are to pay for the use of the poor 4d. on **1638, 9, 40.**
every hogshead of beer sold. Oct. 11, 1639. Steph. Pollard is to have 10s. **English.**
towards "getting a 1spell" to serve in his stead against the Scots. Sept. 25, 1640. **W. and M. R.**
Tax on beer.
C. pp. 160, 6, 9.

"A noate for the Towne" by Goodman Minar :- £ s. d. **V. 47. Account**
To "Fower paire of wheeles" (for guns ?) - - - - - 1 4 0 **Jan. 30—**
 — "myselfe for 3 daies" - - - - - 0 6 0 **Mar. 22, 1640 (1)**
 — "J. Boulte — 1 — " - - - - - 0 1 4 **English.**
 — "carriage tymbre to make the skrew to Dorchester" - - - 0 0 3 **W. and M. R.**
 — "bringinge the skrew from Dorch." - - - - - 0 0 4 **Boulte.**
 — "labour to bringe the guns out of the blockhouse and 2carringe **Guns on the**
 them unto the hille" - - - - - 0 5 2 **Nothe?**
S. 243. 1.

In a parchment-bound small folio volume, mostly of Law Minutes, are one or **V. 48. Orders &**
two items connected with Finance, e.g.—On p. 1 a Mem^m that the rent of "Caseway **Petition, etc.**
mill" was £16 12s. 6d.; and on p. 8^a is a copy letter asking Mr. B. Pitt to pay the **1643, 5.**
Eng. W. & M. R.
Caseway Mill.

¹ A substitute.
² Good Dorset.

- Middleton Benefaction. same. On p. 7 (at end, reverse way) is an Order that £50 of Mr. Middleton's gift shall be kept in "the Towne's hands," and the interest spent in a weekly dole of bread. J. Thornton, Mayor. Dec. 22, 1643. On p. 39 is a copy of Petition from Thornton. the Mayor, etc., to the Committee for Dorset, against the threatened exaction of £4 a week for the Parliamentary army, whereas, through damage during the siege, quartering of soldiers, and "extreame poverty for want of trade as in former times," they can hardly maintain themselves. Nov. 7, 1645. On p. 40 it is noted that Exaction for the Army. they were told to make a fortnight's payment, and appear at Dorchester to receive an answer. Nov. 21, 1645. S. 245.
- V. 49. Orders. The Town Clerk, in answer to the "Com^{tees}" who rate the Town at 12s. a week for the "County troop," is to point out the cost to the Town in quartering the garrison. Dec. 11, 1646. 1646, 8.
Eng. W. & M. R. Exaction for the Army. Beer. Any one selling beer brewed out of the Borough is to pay a fine of 4s. per tun, informers to have one third. March 24, 1647 (8). C. pp. 193, 205.
- V. 50. Account. This is an Account, partly, of Arrears of "Towne Duties" owing to Mr. W. White, given to the Mayor by G. Pley, and extending from March 25, 1648 (!) 1648, 9. English. to Sept. 29, 1649. Among the goods named are several showing the then importance W. and M. R. of the cloth manufacture in the County, e.g., Madder, Redwood, "Copperis," "Galles," "Allum," "Fustic," "Shumicke," and "Earth." Some other merchandise may be Dyes for Cloth. mentioned, as, Resin, Tobacco, Currants. Soap, Ginger, "Liquoris," "Raisins solis," "Mullusses," Starch, and "380 basketts of fruite," weight two hundred cwt. A Imports. quantity, or receptacle, called "searn" is named. S. 246. s.
- V. 50a. Account. This is a loose sheet, only recently found, and giving Mr. G. Pley's Petty Dec. 25, 1649 to Mar. 25, 1650. Customs accounts for a quarter. From entries, e.g. :— £ s. d.
Eng. W. & M. R. Sir S. Mico's trade. "For Mr. Samuel Micoes entry for 37 Butts of Sacke, 240 c. raisins solis and 91 qrs. of Malago" - - - - - 2 2 3
Also for "Smirna rasins," Sir S. M. seems to have traded to Spain and the Levant.
There is one odd entry "For eight Coates and Breekes" - - - 0 8 0
Melledge. The name "Melledge" occurs. M. v. 1. s.
- V. 51. Order. The Governor of the Garrison is to receive £10 "to fill up the new worke Nov. 2, 1649. soe farre as the second post behither the worke westward directly over athwart the Eng. W. & M. R. Jutty." Nov. 2, 1649. C. p. 229.
- V. 52. Mem- "For double transcribing the Towne duties in parch^t" the Town Clerk oranda. received 6d. June 13, 1651. 1651.
Eng. W. & M. R.

¹ Fuller's earth?

Whereas through decay of trade, and the wars, the Town Duties have much diminished, and the outlay about soldiers, paving streets, and rebuilding the marsh wall destroyed in the siege, has been great, the Corporation are obliged to borrow £70 of the Poor's money at interest. Rate not specified. Aug. 15, 1651. (P. 255, do., do., for £25. Oct. 20, 1654.) Received 23s. wheel money (arising from a fine or tax of 2d. for every iron-bound wheel each time a cart or waggon passes through the paved streets, imposed June 21st, 1650.) Sept. 29, 1651. C. pp. 239, 40, 42.

Decay of trade.

Wheel money.

Indented "note of the States Timber, 1651, in the friery Yard." This is probably timber which for some reason was sold for the good of the Town. It is in forty-two lots, total "29 ¹Koomes 3 hodgshedes and 03 foott." By us T. Hughes and W. Gillet. S. 246. 9.

V. 53. Memorandum.
Oct. 10, 1651.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Timber measure.

Grant for ever to Mr. Humfry Favell of a plot of ground, one hundred and twenty by twenty-four feet, in the angle of the Wyke and Sandsfoot Roads, for £3, at a rent of 1d. per annum. The original Parchment Lease remains. C. p. 245.

V. 54. Grant.
Oct. 1, 1652.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Grant of Land.

A sheet containing two accounts between the Borough, of one part, and Mr. Holmes and Capt. Arthur respectively, of the other part. It is a very rough and slovenly document, the first being dated 1655, and the second 1653, which is probably right. Capt. Arthur seems to have been lessee of the Market at £12 15s. 0d. per annum, the Bridge at £5 15s. 0d., and the Ballast, etc., at £10 5s. 0d. Sales of some of the "Town's timber" are noted, perhaps that mentioned in v. 53; e.g., "2 ²Tun 2 hogs. and 3 foot, 33s. p tun," £4 5s. 0d. The Jury's dinner cost 30s. against 8s. in 1597. There was received "for forfeiture of a mikson 20s." S. 248.

V. 55. Accounts
July 10, 1653?
English.
W. and M. R.

Timber measure.

Mem^m of sale of the stones of ³Cold Harbour Fort, save the great ashlar stones and those westward kept as a boundary against the sea; also of most of the stones of the New Fort, those of Mountjoy Fort, those at the "North Fort in W.," and "the healing stones" there, moreover the stones at Chapel Fort "except the now building there and the 4 ⁴pillar stones." Total received £51 1s. 0d. C. p. 248.

V. 56. Memorandum.
Oct. 28, 1653.
English.
W. and M. R.
Sale of stones.
Pillar stones.
W. Chapel.

"Josiah Dornford's note for . . . jornes for . . . the Towne," undated, but signed by Roger Cuttance, Mayor. The "jornes" were to Dorchester, Bere, and Minterne, one being "to meet St^s Winston Churchell" at Dorchester. Beer was 2d. per bottle. See v. 60. S. 249.

V. 57. Account.
1657 (?)
Eng. W. & M. R.
Dorchester,
Bere, Minterne.
Price of beer.
Churchill.

¹ This use of Koom or Tun, and Hogshead in cubic (?) measure of timber is strange. A *Ton* of timber is forty cubic feet, but the word here is *Tun*; and then there is "hogshead."

² Some Antiquarians take this term to be evidence of Roman occupation; and this Fort seems to have been in M. R. This appears to be the only evidence (slight enough) against the opinion that the Romans did not occupy M. R. See Introduction.

³ One of these now stands by the South door of Holy Trinity Schools, which are on the site of W. Chapel, which was made into Chapel Fort. An order for "playnings of" the ground was made March, 1658 (9), when probably that stone was buried.

- V. 58. Order.** Copy of Order for the appearance of the Constables at the ¹George, Dorchester, in connection with a grant of four subsidies. Signed by Giles and G. Strangways, Robt. Naper, and J. Curchill (Napper and Churchill) C. p. 281.
Oct. 13, 1662.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Strangways,
Napper,
Churchill.
- V. 59. Memo-
randa.** Speed's Chronicle, distrained for Capt. J. Arthur's Town rent, was "sould by a peece of wax candle" to Mr. J. Studley for 29s. He also took "Thames Well" from the Borough at 2s. per annum. (Tems Well, Greenhill.) C. pp. 287, 8.
Nov. 13, 1663.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Speed's
Chronicle.
Tems Well.
- V. 60. Account** Account between the Borough (Sir Rog. Cuttance, Mayor), and an unnamed Collector of M. R. Town Rents, amounting to £9 19s. 0½d. Twenty-two items are for land, e.g., Cook's, Micho's, Gapes', Mr. Arden's, Elliot's land, etc., etc., varying from £1 11s. 6d. to 2d. Also "for y^e windmill 5s." There are three half-crowns for three "ammercements att the sessions." S. 250.
1666.
English.
W. and M. R.
Various Estates
Windmill.
- V. 61. Memo-
randum, etc.** A Mem^m which seems to record that Mr. Mayor Gach and eight others joined in lending £100 to Government, at six per cent. per annum, on security of "y^e additional Tax." March 13, 1665 (6).
1666.
English.
W. and M. R.
Gach.
The King seems to have been lately in the Borough, the Corporation borrowing £100 to meet the cost of his reception. An Order is now made to mortgage the ²Marsh to the lender, Capt. G. Strangways, for ninety-nine years; but redeemable at a year's warning. He is to pay "interest of the poor's monyes" due therefrom. May 28, 1666. (See v. 52.)
Marsh
mortgaged.
Strangways.
- The George. The George was let to Sam. Roberts at £10 per annum. Nov. 28, 1666.
C. pp. 295, 6, 300.
- V. 62. Orders.** Major Bury, Muster Master, is to receive £6 up to Michaelmas, 1670, and 40s. per annum after. Oct. 19, 1669.
1669.
English.
W. and M. R.
Muster Master.
Weymouth
farthings.
Bury.
Order to lay out £10 on minting ³farthings "for the Towne's use and profit for the poore;" the "superscription" to be "a W. ffarthing" on one side, and on the other, "ffor the poore," with the Town's Arms. Nov. 5, 1669. C. pp. 326, 8.
- V. 63. Receipt.** Imperfect Receipt by Major Bury, Muster Master, for £6, money paid for "the Militia of this Towne," by the Mayor, etc. With Seal of Arms and another with a cypher. Oct. 20, 1670. (Also £2 paid Sept. 25, 1671. See v. 62.)
Oct. 20, 1669.
English.
W. and M. R.
Muster Master.
S. 253. 3.

¹ This old inn, after being re-fronted many years ago, was demolished in 1881 for the erection, on the site, of the Dorset Museum.

² The Marsh, mentioned here and elsewhere, is the low ground stretching S.W. from the Gas Works.

³ Specimens exist, in the Dorset Museum and elsewhere, also mites.

A folio volume of about one hundred and sixty pages, containing the Borough Accounts. A few items may be extracted :—

V. 64. Book. March, 1668, to Jan. 17, 1693 (4). English.

		£	s.	d.
1668.				
May	7. Lobsters to Col. Reines and Mr. Recorder for service done	2	9	0
—	15. The Bookes and ruling - - - - -	0	9	0
—	17. Bells for the Bellman - - - - -	0	17	6
June	8. Faggots for a "bone fiere" on the King's birthday -	0	4	6
July	9. Fees, etc., in "Redemption of the Marsh" - - -	56	0	0
Oct.	5. To the ten decayed seamen out of ¹ Sir S. Mico's gift	15	0	0
	The yearly Salary of Mr. Town Clerk Scovill - - -	10	0	0

W. and M. R. Lobsters for Col. Reynes.

Bonfire on the King's birthday

Mico Benefaction. Town Clerk's Salary. Sergeants' Cloaks. Recorder's Salary.

The Serjeant's Cloaks, which in the early part of the century cost £3, now cost £8 9s. 8d. Also the Recorder's salary which for years had been £3 6s. 8d. per annum, was now £10. Further :—

		£	s.	d.
1670.				
July	9. Mr. Hewes, Schoolmaster, q ^m salary and rent of School -	3	10	0
Dec.	2. ² A brass bushel bought in London - - - - -	10	17	7
Oct.	To poor Frenchmen (other gifts to French and Dutch) -	1	7	4
In 1674.	— Entertainments to the Recorder at the Bear - - -	6	10	0

School-master's Salary. Brass Bushel.

Entertainment.

1676.				
July	2. "Pd Tucker's note . . . for sitting forth the dum boy to Newfoundland" - - - - -	6	13	4

1676 (7).				
Jan.	4. "A. Gorge . . . for his freedom of being a bacar" -	0	10	0
Nov. 17.	For the bull collar - - - - -	0	6	0
	Fine from Overseer Strong "for abusing" the poor -	5	0	0

Freedom to be a baker. Bull Collar. Fine for abusing the Poor.

1679.				
Jan.	6. "Fowler's Bill for billding the townehall" - - -	12	0	0

Town-hall.

1682.				
Nov.	8. For firing the guns on Nov. 5 - - - - -	0	5	0

Salute on Nov. 5.

1683.				
March 1.	Bill for the Pillory - - - - -	6	1	8
	" ³ Peeter" Green's bill for the Pump and Pillory - - -	0	12	0

Pillory.

May 10.	Faggots "for the boone fire" - - - - -	0	11	0
July 9.	"Firing y ^e guns upon the happy news of his Ma ^{ties} safe deliverance from y ^e horrid plotts of presbiterians" -	0	6	8

Bonfire. Salutes on the King's escape from a plot.

¹ This gift consisted of the George Inn and Premises, and £500, at this time lent to Farmer Vis at six per cent. per annum, but afterwards laid out in land at Osmington. There was also a Charity called "the Lady Browne's Gift."

Vic.

² Standard brass quart and pint measures were procured in 1700. M. v. 6. 1.

³ Probably great-grandfather of Peter Green, a well-known boatman at W. forty years ago.

			£ s. d.
	1683.		
Bontire on Nov. 5. and May 29.	Nov. 9. Faggots for Nov. 5	- - - - -	0 10 9
	Aug. 9. Do. May 29	- - - - -	0 11 0
	1685.		
King Jas. II.'s Coronation. Gallows for Rebels.	April 24. Bonfire on King James II.'s Coronation Day	- - -	1 8 11
	Oct. 14. " Bill . . . for the Gallows, Burning, and ¹ Boyling y ^e Rebells executed p ord ^r att this Towne "	- - -	15 14 3
	Nov. 20. " Paid Mr. Mayor at the Beare . . . for setting up a post w th the quart ^s of the rebells at W. towne end "	- - -	0 1 6
	1688.		
Salute for King William III. ?	July 4. Firing the guns	- - - - -	0 10 8
	Aug. 18. Faggots for the boufire	- - - - -	0 11 6
	1693.		
Freedom to be a barber.	July 18. Ric. May for license " to use the trade of a barber and perrywigg maker "	- - - - -	2 10 0
	1693.		
Seal for the Mayor.	Dec. 18. To Philip Taylor for a ² new Town Seal for Mr. Mayor	- - - - -	0 9 0
			S. 254.

V. 65. Memo-
randum.
Mar. 28, 1695.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Holworth.

A Mortgage on Hollworth Farm is mentioned, but with what this was connected cannot be perceived. C. p. 426.

V. 66. Book.
1724—1800.
English.
W. and M. R.
Fines to Stamp
Office.

A Folio Vol. See iii. 144. A few extracts relating to Finance may be made—*e.g.*—P. 195. The Corporation had to pay a fine of £30 to the Stamp Office for stamping the Minutes of Election of three Aldermen, at different recent dates. March 5, 1740. The Minutes of Elections of Mayors did not require stamping, it seems.

Jeanes.
Wallis. Bagg.
Fanvill.
Drake.
Cloberry.

P. 245. Order to repay to Mr. Jeanes, late Mayor, £25 10s. 4d., which he had to pay to T. Wallis and S. Bagg, being debts and costs due to them from Jas. Fanvill, imprisoned, but who escaped. June 26, 1752.

Pp. 278 & 280. Order to arrange for payment to the Drake family of the fee farm rent, demised by the Crown (or Commonwealth?) to Sir J. Cloberry, and now claimed by the Drakes, it seems. Sept. 12, 1761 and June 3, 1762.

Pp. 312, etc. Order for a Lease for one hundred and ten years, from the expiring of a lease already granted to the late G. Gollop, Esq., for the life of J. Tucker, Esq., of six hundred feet in length from N. to S., and two hundred and

¹ See iii. 139. These were some of the large number of the Duke of Monmouth's adherents condemned at the Dorchester "Bloody Assize," by Judge Jefferies. Others were sent elsewhere for execution, *e.g.* to Poole.

² This is doubtless the small Seal with a dark mahogany handle. See i. 42.

- fifty feet in breadth from E. to W., of ¹waste land on the Narrows, forty feet N. of Townsend's ground, and reckoned in breadth from the middle of the road, in favour of Andrew Sproule, Esq., of Bath, rent £20 per annum. A note says that Mr. Tucker died Oct. 5, 1779, so the lease expires Oct. 5, 1889. Nov. 8, 1770.
- P. 360. Mr. Tucker having died (as above) it is ordered that two years' rent be demanded of Mr. Sproule "at the Hotel." Sept. 27, 1781.
- P. 366. Order for letting the Marsh Lands by auction, and also certain Waste Lands to be hereafter described are to be let, in lots, for ninety-nine years, determinable on three lives nominated by the lessee.
- P. 371. Leases were accordingly granted, of plots not described, to J. Purling, Esq., at 10s. per annum; Morgan Wallis (two plots) at 6s.; J. Webb, at 2s.; and W. Andrews Tizard, at 2s. July 9, 1783.
- P. 375. Order that a Tax of 2s. 6d. per annum shall be paid for every Bathing Machine. Nov. 5, 1783.
- P. 377. Lease for ninety-nine years, at 6s. per annum, of a Plot, twenty-nine by twelve feet, at the E. end of Silver Lane, in W. May 12, 1784.
- P. 469. In 1753 J. Taylor bequeathed £70 to the Mayor, etc., towards the instruction of two boys in navigation. It had now increased to £208, and it was resolved to bring the interest into use, as directed. July 5, 1792.
- P. 471. Order to let certain Land, near Hooker's Dock, also five Plots for embanking, at the ends of Petticoat and Conigar Lanes, for one hundred years. (They fetched from £1 1s. 0d. to £5 0s. 0d. per annum.) Aug 23, 1792.
- P. 479. Order that Leases for one hundred years be granted to Messrs. Gear, Isaac, and Hamilton, of Land, two hundred and forty feet long and one hundred and fifty feet deep, at 4s. per running foot per annum. They are to build twelve houses thereon, in which no business or trade is to be carried on. (These form the Crescent.) Oct. 3, 1792.
- P. 506. Sir W. Pulteney is to have a Lease of Ground, at the N. end of York Buildings. April 4, 1796.
- P. 519. This land is described as by the Esplanade, opposite Mr. Samuel Weston's Timber Yard. Rent, £2. Nov. 13, 1797.
- (Pp. 543, 4. Sir W. was to have a lease for five hundred years, at £5 per annum, of land between "the roads leading to St. Mary and St. Thomas Streets," N. of Sir Jas. Thornhill's Almshouses, and running to a point. ²No building was to be erected on it. Feb. 3, 1800.)
- P. 508. There was still a Timber Yard in St. Thomas Street. May 9, 1796.
- P. 510. A Plot at the Cove, ninety-seven by twenty feet is to be let for ninety-nine years to J. Arbuthnot, Esq., at 2s. 6d. per annum. July 1, 1796.

Narrows.
Belvedere.
Sproule.

Hotel.
Marsh.

Building
Leases.
Purling,
Wallis, Webb,
Andrews-
Tizard.
Bathing
Machines.

Building Lease.
Silver Lane.

Taylor
Benefaction.

Land to be
embanked.
Petticoat and
Coneygar Lanes

Building
Leases.
Gear, Isaac,
Hamilton.

Crescent.

Pulteney.
Building Lease.

Esplanade.
Weston.

Roads to St.
Mary and St.
Thomas Streets
Thornhill
Almshouses.

Cove.
Arbuthnot.

¹ The site of Belvedere.

² This stipulation must have been cancelled, it would seem.

- Donation to Widows. P. 519. A Donation of £21 is to be given for the widows and children of the killed in the action with the Dutch Fleet on Oct. 11. Nov. 13, 1797.
- Defence of the Country. P. 520. A Contribution of £200 is to be given towards the Fund for the defence of the country. Feb. 16, 1798.
- Corporation Income. P. 534. At this time the gross income of the Corporation, apart from charities, was £664 1s. 1d., on which the "duties upon income" seem to have amounted to no less than £292 15s. 7d. April 18, 1799.
- Esplanade. P. 543. The Esplanade Wall was now thought of, and all building on the Esplanade or adjoining shore is forbidden. Dec. 2, 1799.
- P. 544. Proprietors are to be asked to subscribe towards the Esplanade Wall 13s. per running foot of their frontages towards the Esplanade. Jan. 7, 1800.
- P. 548. A Contract is to be entered into with Messrs. Jas. Hamilton and Rob. Vining to build the Esplanade Wall, at 13s. per running foot, on an average six feet high, and two feet thick, from the Road to the Sands, opposite the ¹Shrubbery, to Mr. Ford's house in Gloucester Row. March 17, 1800.
- Shrubbery. Gloucester Row

¹ The Shrubbery was on the site of the Royal Terrace.

CLASS VI. HARBOUR, SHIPPING, & COMMERCE.

NOTE.—Most of the Charters, and also several Documents in other Classes, relate more or less to the Harbour Affairs.

THIS is a very curious Extract from the Rolls of Parliament. “In Rotulo pliamen^t de anno xi Regis H. sexti. Itm̄ une autre peticon fust baille au Roy en mesme le plament en la tenure qensuit” (In the Roll of Parliament of 11 King Henry VI. Also another Petition was presented to the King in the same parliament in the following terms.) “To our soverayne Lord the King plese it to your Royall ma^{tie} . . . [that] your porte of ¹Melcombe [suffering from] . . . scarate of healpe of pepole to . . . resyst the . . . ennemies . . . [whereas] your towene and havon of poole is well . . . manned and there ys a sewar . . . haven . . . wheare yo^r mayor and burgesses ben fully purposed, yo^r gracyos lycens there to had, to walle ²incarnell and fortify yo^r sayde towne . . . [wherefore the petitioners pray the King] to annull the sayde porte of Melcombe . . . The com̄ons ben assented to this byll . . .” which was to take effect “at the feast of saint illerey next comming.” ^{ex p me} Johem̄ Olever. (See i. 26.) S. 7.

VI. 1. Extract
1432, 3 (?)
English, French
and Latin.
M. R.

Poole Harbour
v. M. R.
Harbour.

Copy, extracted by the County Clerk of the Peace, of an Indictment of the Bailiffs, etc., of Weymouth. It is dated “³in prima septimana quadrigesima.” 2 Eliz. Forty people “riotose et routose sese assemblaverunt,” and seized in the port “quing mille piscem Anglice fyve thouson mylettes,” worth £10, “rete Anglice a Sayue nett,” worth £5, and a boat, worth £5. S. 20.

VI. 2. Indictment.
1560.
Latin. W.
Bailiffs of W.

This is a Letter speaking of a cargo of Herrings which seem to have been exported to Southampton. See iii. 4 for other papers under the same number. S. 34.

VI. 3. Letter.
English.
W. and M.R.(?)

A Petition in very good writing, praying the Privy Council for a grant for twenty-one years of 4d. on every one thousand pilchards exported; which would not hurt the fishermen, as merchants effect the transport, chiefly to Spain. S. 35.

VI. 4. Petition
Temp. Eliz.
English.
W. and M. R.

¹ It seems strange that Weymouth is not mentioned.

² “Incarnell” = crenellate, probably.

³ In the first week of Lent, with the fast of which season this seizure of fish may have been connected.

VI. 5. Book. In this Book, relating chiefly to other matters, are some things connected
1567 to 1594.
English.
W. and M. R.

with the Harbour.

F. 57. The duties of the "Water Baylye." He is, *e.g.*, to levy "the Ankerage, lastaige, comon keyaige, grounddayge, bussellaige and bomaige."

Ballast. F. 57^b. Seven "Constytucyons for the mayntenance of the Haven." They forbid throwing refuse or "scroope ballast that is to saye sande gravell earth or the like" into the haven, and breaking "anie grounde . . . upon . . . the strones of either sied."

Export duties. F. 74^b. Order by Mayor, etc., dated March 9, 1583 (4), for the payment of one half-penny a quarter of "wheate barleye malte ¹wottes beanes and pease," exported by a freeman of the town, and 1d. do., do., by a stranger. This is to be for the maintenance of the Haven.

F. 75. Taxation for the proposed bridge over the Haven. April 30, 1584. The number taxed was ninety-six, the amounts vary from 20s. to 1s. S. 47.

VI. 6. Letter. Draft Letter to Sir F. Walsingham from the Mayor, etc. They say that, as
Nov. 9, 1574.
English.
W. and M. R.
Pirate?

desired, they demanded one Slocomb from the Lieutenant of Portland Castle, but in vain. S. had gone out of Weymouth Harbour by night in a "barke in warlyke maner appoynted," and had gone to Portland Castle. By the connivance of the Lieutenant he had sailed away. S. 51.

VI. 7. Account. An Account of duties paid in Sept., Oct., Nov., and Dec., but the year is not
Temp. Eliz. (?)
English.
W. and M. R.

given. The total is £13 14s. 8d., made up of fifty-one items, of which "canvas" is oftenest repeated. On Nov. 13, Jas. Churthe paid £1 12s. 7d. on seven thousand five hundred and thirty ells (?) of Canvas, and one hundred and eighty reams of Paper. Three times "300 basketes of Aples," at 5d. duty, appear, and Cider was imported. More than one thousand lbs. (?) of "tobaco" were imported at 8d. duty per one hundred lbs. (?) The exports show only three items; *e.g.*:—From the Dorchester Mercers, ninety ells (?) Dorset Cerses (Kersey ?) 10s. duty. S. 58. 2.

VI. 8. Articles, Eighteen Articles "to be exhibited" by J. Peers the younger against Ph.
etc.
Temp. Eliz.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Small "Ship."

fabyan, Pet. Ryve and W. Spawling. J. Peers and B. Maiger "took to ffraight . . . a ²ship . . . the George of ffifteene tons," to go to Falmouth or Plymouth for a cargo. They took in three hundred thousand pilchards (twenty thousand to a ton) and made "³Kuba de cela" in Spain. There, it seems, they sold the fish; and they

¹ Wottes = Oats.

² This may illustrate the use of the word "ship" in the Bible. A. V.

³ Kuba de cela cannot be identified in any Map of Spain accessible to the writer. But for the mention of Walnuts one might suppose Cuba to be meant, and Spain to be used for Spanish Colony.

took in one hundred and three thousand "orrenge" and seventy-four hannacks of walnuts. These were measured by a quarter hannack, "by wood and not by heape," each of these containing about six hundred nuts, a heaped bushel containing eighteen hundred. The defendants sailed without authority to Bristol, and sold some of the cargo to the owner's damage, oranges being 10s. per thousand at Weymouth, and only 3s. 4d. at Bristol, and a similar difference as to walnuts. Great part of the cargo they either sold for their own good, or consumed, feeding on walnuts at sea. The merchants think themselves thereby "dampnified" to the sum of £50. The defendants behaved equally ill with regard to a cargo of "10 waighes of sea coales," each of forty-eight heaped bushels, and worth at Weymouth 30s. per waigh. Then follows a statement of other charges against them, £19 10s. 9d. in all; e.g., for a "quarter carde," 5s.; for a hogshead of beer drunk out on board, 18s. Then two more, about £23 together.

Oranges.

S. 59. 11.

Two Depositions, on one paper, of men examined as to possible hostility towards this realm abroad. J. Harte had been two years in "Cales in Andelozia" (Cadiz.) He knew of nothing done there against Her Majesty or this Realm, "and so did depose to the Othe of the Supremacie." Ric. Phellippes had also been at Cales, having sold his "shippe" there for £6 15s. 0d., meaning to lay this money out "about this next vintage;" but was robbed. He deposes as above.

Enquiry as to Spanish hostility.

S. 59. 12.

Deposition by R. Evens, of London, who sailed from Portland Roads, in the barque Gallyon, of thirty tons. He left her at Plymouth, finding that the master, G. Easte, and the crew meant to carry the vessel away from her owners.

S. 59, 14.

"The Confession of Nic. du boyse against the acion of the baylyffs of Weymouth," W. Ledoze and Hugh Randall (?); in boarding a "Barque of the Ryver of Cedrw" (?), and with threats demanding duties, which had already been paid to the Mayor's Officer. They seized a sprit-sail in security for, or in lieu of, the duties. Signed by Duboyce, O. Raynolds, Mayor, and five others. May 3, 1576.

VI. 9. Depositions. 1576. Eng. W. & M. R. Bailiffs of W.

S. 61.

Examination of W. James, alias Ledoze, who seems to have been very rebellious. "He had spoken to as good men as [the Mayor] was." "The opinious of the Town Judgs beinge offered to the . . . Counsell was by them toste over the Barre." (In Endorsement) "The Mayor was no Mayor there." June 6, 1576.

S. 62.

This is noted because of a Harbour term used in it. Mr. Mayor W. Pytte, etc., say that they "feofasse . . . and barganizasse . . . J. Feaver . . . angularem . . . peciam terre . . . in . . . S^t Elmond Streate . . . et ex parte occidentali cuius² hathe ibm̄ vo² a hithe or wharfe . . . ex opposito finis

VI. 9^a. Feoffment. Aug. 19, 1578. Lat. W. & M. R. Pytte, Feaver. Hythe or Wharf.

¹ This would seem = a third of a bushel. Spelt afterwards "hannickes."

² These contentions must have driven away trade in no small degree.

. . . St Nicholas Streate" (have feu'd and bargained to J. F. an angular piece of ground in St. Edmund Street, and on the West of a certain "hatha" there, called a hythe or wharf opposite the end of St. Nicholas Street.) M. ii. 19.

VI. 9^b. Bond.
Sept. 5, 1578.
Latin & English
W. and M. R.
Jetty.

Bond by J. Peers for the erection, within four years, of a Stone Jetty, from the South of the land lately bought by him of the Corporation, and to extend towards the North and North East, "over againste the olde Juttie of the late Borough . . . of W." Penalty, £100. (He had just bought the site of the Friary, Maiden Street, with the land behind the same, to the E., between it and the sea. This is confirmed in an Indenture. Sept. 6, 1578. M. ii. 13.) M. i. 4.

VI. 10. Order.
Sept. 1, 1579.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Restrictions on
Navigation.

Navigation
Rules.

Copy Order, signed by H. Asheley, G. Trencharde, J. Horsey, and J. Peers. Mayor. It sets forth that it is H.M. pleasure that no vessel should be rigged, victualled, or made ready, except by well-known merchants or masters, or by others who can show a warrant from the Queen, or from six of the Privy Council, allowing them to sail on H.M. service or for "discovery of sune newe trade." And such persons must give security to the Admiralty for good behaviour. All going forth on trade should have "letters testimoniall" under the Seal of the Admiralty; or of the Vice-Admiral of ports not under the Admiralty; sealed also by the Mayors and Custom Officers of the respective ports. S. 70.

VI. 11. Account
1579.
Eng. W. & M. R.

In the account of Rich. Pytt during the time of his Mayoralty occur two items relating to the Harbour:—

"To Hewghe Charles for 3 boat load of stones for the Towne Key" - 7a
To the same "for mendinge of the Keye on the other syde of the water" 3a
S. 74.

VI. 12. Depo-
sitions.
Dec. 7, 1582.
Eng. W. & M. R.

Cockets.

Enquiry about
taking Ship's
Papers, etc.

"Coram maiore." J. Pierson and Ric. Watson, of the Godfreede, were put on board "the Frenchman" by the Master (owner of the G. ?) W. Pitte, and told by the Captain, W. Goste, to keep her; as he meant to take her to [South] Hampton. In weighing anchor they intended only to keep near the G. in the Roads.

W. Goste, Capt. of the G., confesses that, having been on board a Frenchman of "Deep" (Dieppe), in Portland Roads, he took away his bills of lading, "cockettes" and safe conduct under the Admiralty Seal, and showed them to "the admyrall and generall of the fleet," who bade him return them. He disobeyed. Brought before the Mayor, he promised to restore all, but did not; being asked (he says) by the merchants of the French ship not to give her up, as they feared a "Flossyner" (Flushing vessel) then in the Roads.

R. Todde, Frenchman and Master of the ship in question deposes, that "he did aske Goste to keep the said ship," and would ask to sail under convoy of the

¹ Certificates of payment of duty. See Note to iii. 110.

Fleet, if bound for Southampton or Plymouth, as he feared to enter Weymouth Haven, his ship not being "good to be aground." (Signed with an elaborate flourish.)

He again deposes that the General offered to take his ship into the Haven, not answering for her safety in the Roads, but this T. declined for the reason above.

Goste and his company are bound over, in £200, to appear when called, and to keep the peace. S. 95. 2.

"This hew and cry to goe northward toward London." From Bailiffs Randall and Dotherell (of Weymouth) for arrest of J. Yonge. (See below.) S. 99. 8. VI. 13. Hue and Cry. Jan. 5, 1582 (3). English. W. Randall, Dotherell.

Deposition or Mem^m by Hugh Randall and W. Dotherell, Bailiffs of Weymouth. "Helerie Galle," of Exeter, Merchant, came to W., Jan. 9, and "did requere serten Carzeys" in the hands of the above, and claimed also by J. Yonge, of Exeter, to whom the goods were delivered by A. Feale (?) Master of the Margaret of "Jarzey." On the coming of Galle the packs were opened and given to him out of the house where they had been stowed. The packs were elaborately marked, and two marks are given in the document. Galle put the goods (thirty-seven pieces) on board the Margaret again. S. 99. 6. VI. 14. Deposition. Jan. 10, 1582 (3). English. W. Theft of Kersey.

Deposition before Mr. J. Mounsell, Mayor.

And. Feall, of Gersne (Jersey ?) Master of the boat Margaret, says that in Nov., 1582, being at Exmouth, he received from Hilary Gallue, of Exeter, Merchant, one pack and six "ballots" of "Kerç," marked as in margin, to be taken to the Isle of Gersne for Gallue and J. Lovemore. The wind being fair he sailed without notice, whereby he had no "coguel" with him. He was driven to W. by stress of weather. Further, that being with J. Young and other Gersne merchants, J. Y. said that he had friends here; and, as the owners of the goods were also his friends, those goods should be safe. Thereupon Feall delivered them to Y., who broke his word, and in his own name put the Kersey on board the "Trust in God" for "Sherbrouk in Normandye" (Cherbourg). VI. 15. Deposition. Jan. 11, 1582 (3). English. W. and M. R. Kersey exported.

Two sailors of the Margaret depose in accordance with the above; one of them, Arthur Favell, signing his name very creditably.

N. Williams says that the Kersey was laid in his kitchen and removed to Carden Ledoze's bark.

Ledoze says that he was to take the Kersey for Young to "Sherbroke," and bring back a ton of goods for 50s.; but that the goods were taken ashore again to Hugh Randall's house, for the owner to claim. S. 95. 3.

VI. 16. Letter.
Feb. 10, 1582 (3)
English.
W. and M. R.
Pirate.

"The trew copie of the conncellers lre to the Shirive, etc."

T. Purser, a notorious Pirate, has infested the coast and assaulted English and French ships near Weymouth. He took one of "Rochell," and tried to take another. The townsmen came to the rescue, slew seven men and wounded others, and forced Purser to retire. He threatened the town and ships there with "spoile and fyer." The Council therefore fall in with the townsmen's application for help towards making a "small bullwarke" on the shore, and procuring guns and shot. Accordingly the neighbouring inhabitants are urged to contribute. See vi. 24.

S. 90. 1.

Jan. 17, 1582 (3), Raffe Rylandes confesses that he and others took a cable left behind by Purser's prize.

S. 95. 4.

VI. 17. Letter.
1582 (?)
English.
W. and M. R.
Borough
impoverished.

Draft Letter to the Privy Council from the Mayor. He says that in letters of Feb. 7, the Council had ordered the Merchants and Ship-owners of W. and M. R. to give £450 towards a Government Expedition against "those Robbers of Argier and Tunis"—that the late Mayor pleaded the "poore estate" of the town—that it was conceded that the town should recover the above sum by "levying of one upon a hundred . . ." "upon the goodes traded to and from this towne." Hereupon the Dorchester Merchants have transferred their trade from Weymouth, "not six myles distant," to Poole, eighteen miles from them. Therefore it is asked that one per cent. may be charged on them at Poole for Weymouth. The Dorchester Merchants seem to have thought this unfair, the Poole trade being to France, that of Weymouth to Spaine, a voyage taking four times as long as the other. On this the duty on goods for France was ordered to be half that to Spain and the Levant. The Mayor then complains of the poverty of the Town, four ships having been taken by the Turks and one sunk, to the value of more than £2000, and the Spanish trade being rather a loss than gain; and he ends by praying that "the Spanish trade may pay but thone halfe of one p C." Undated.

S. 90. 2.

Poole r.
W. and M. R.
Dorchester.

Moorish
Pirates.

VI. 18. Depo-
sition or
Memorandum.
1582.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Pirates.
Swanage.

Memorandum of information to Mr. Howarde and Mr. Mayor that J. Newman kinsman of Hugh Randall, has become a Pirate, and has had "to pece of ordenance out of Waymouth," either from J. Brocke or H. Randall—that on June 23 Hynton a Pirate Captain took J. Ward's bark at _____ and brought her to "Sandewych in Purbecke," removing from her two packs of canvas worth about £100, belonging

¹ It is remarkable that both distances should be understated. It would be natural, though wrong, to exaggerate the nearness of Dorchester to W., calling the distance less than six miles, instead of eight. But that the distance to Poole should be put down as eighteen miles, whereas as the crow flies it seems to be at least twenty-two; and by road, round the head of the harbour, twenty-eight, does seem odd. However it appears that Antiquarians have observed other under-estimates of distance in old writings, and have half suspected that the mediæval mile was longer than the modern one.

² Swanage. It is spelt Sandwich in a Map of the present day.

to J. Mounsell. The pirates cut down the gallows (?) where certain others of the same calling had been hung at Studland. Altogether if no remedy is found "no man wilbe able to travell." Undated.

Studland.

S. 90. 3.

Letter to the Privy Council, relating to the Borough Disputes, under which head it is noted (ii. 46.) But it may be referred to here also as alleging unfair interference with commerce on the part of the Mayor, for the sake of private gain in the sale of salt. This called down on him a sharp autograph letter from Sir C. Hatton (ii. 47.) Sept. 3, 1583.

VI. 19. Letter.

Aug. (?) 1583.

English.

W. and M. R.

S. 101, 102.

Receipt under (defaced) Seal of Weymouth, by the Queen's Bailiffs, for 14s. 4d., harbour dues.

VI. 20. Receipt

Sept. 26, 1583.

English. W.

S. 99. 11.

This is noted under "Borough Disputes" (ii. 51); but it may be here referred to as speaking of W. Chappell having gone on board a pirate vessel at E. Lulworth "to by suger."

VI. 21. Mem-

orandum.

Oct. 1, 1583.

Eng. W. & M. R.

S. 99. 13.

Relating to Disputes (ii. 55) as above; but to be also noted here as alleging usurpation by the Weymouth Bailiffs of the levying of Petty Customs (See vi. 20), and as incidentally mentioning a Custom House on Weymouth side.

VI. 22. Depo-

sitions.

Oct. 18, 1583.

Eng. W. & M. R.

S. 105.

J. Cowarde deposes that in Sept. he was on board the John Evangelist, of Hampton, of which Matt. Beaumont of Shaston was Lieutenant. In company with the Providence, of London, they boarded a Frenchman of about sixty tons, near the "Southe Cape." Finding only pomegranates on board they let her go.

VI. 23. Depo-

sition.

Dec. 7, 1583.

Eng. W. & M. R.

S. 95. 6.

Pomegranates.

(See vi. 16.) Examination before the Mayor, of J. Hawte, Ric. Bownell, H. Huigens, and W. Bonde. On June 8 they went on board the ship of T. Purser, Pirate, in Portland Roads, being sent by J. Wade with a French letter to Purser, from whom they brought back an answer. They heard Purser say that if he could take any ships in Weymouth Harbour he would "sett them a fyer." Then comes a copy of Purser's letter. He says that no one on board could read French, but taking it to be Wade's wish to buy the ship, he will sell her and her cargo, except sixteen barrels of herrings, for £100, accepting "1000 byskey and 2 toonne of bear" in part payment. "Otherwayes he shall see her to make a brave fyer." Pinned to this paper is a Memorandum, saying that on Oct. 30, 1582, one Pudseye and one Ryves showed to Mr. Mayor a French Commission from the Duke of Brabant, of March 26, for arresting the Duke's enemies. Hugh Randall asserted that on board their ship he had seen the Council's letter concerning the matter. Also P. and R. asserted that it was "the L. of Leicester's shippe or bonte;" wherefore the Mayor proceeded no farther in examining them.

VI. 24. Depo-

sitions, etc.

Jan. 5, 1583 (4)

and

Oct. 30, 1582.

English.

W. and M. R.

Pirate.

S. 100.

¹ A prize, probably.

- VI. 25. Letter.** Draft Letter to Sir F. Walsingham, from the Mayor, etc., apparently. This is an answer to a letter in which Sir F. said that he had been told that a bark of Chichester had taken the Pirate Sprage and his prize in Portland Roads. The Mayor denies this, saying that the Chichester Captain promised help, but kept aloof. A Weymouth bark took the pirate vessel, and a Weymouth pinnace the prize. Endorsed "The Copie of the lres drawn by Arthur Cree and sent to the L. Treasurer and Mr. Secretary." S. 90. 4.
- VI. 26. Deposition.** Before Mr. Hugh Randall, Mayor, and Mr. W. Welborne, Commissioner. H. Proullfe, of Landwilt in Wales, sailed in the Jesus of Bristol, H. Musgrave, Master, for "Leachborne" (Lisbou), having received the Communion five days before, and means "to doe the like." On April 1 all English, French and Flemish ships were "stayde at Leachborne . . . and mutch communicacon was there had of Sr ffranos Drake his goinge to sea wth his navye of shipp^s." He protests that he is a true subject. S. 119. 2.
- VI. 27. Deposition.** By B. Delascale, Factor to Merchants of "Parise, Telowse, and Burdeaux," on board the Salamander of St. Andrews. She was taken by a Flushing "fliebote." and rescued by the gallion Venner, W. Venner, Gent., Master. S. 119. 3.
- VI. 28. Letter.** Copy of Letter, with fac-simile signature of Lord C. Howard, Lord High Admiral, Commander of the Fleet against the Armada, and afterwards Earl of Nottingham. It is addressed to Fr. Hawlye, Esq., Vice-Admiral in Dorset, requiring him to detain until further orders, such "oade" as may be brought into port, large quantities being said to be imported into Dorset. It seems to have been taken by the Prince of "Condye" in his passage to Rochelle, "wiche cause the frenche ambassator heere dothe verie earnestly followe." (See vi. 31.) S. 108.
- VI. 29. Deposition.** (Another of the many Documents relating to the Harbour and to Borough Disputes.) Mr. W. ¹Colston, of "Bristoe," Merchant, deposes as follows, before Mr. J. Mokett, Mayor. Going from M. R. side towards his ship in the roads, he asked G. Moone, in Hugh Randall's house, to go on board. He leaped into a boat near W. side quay. J. Chapell and W. Frannces followed and wished to pull him back, as being under arrest. Moone asked the deponent and others to take him into one of their boats, which were going to the ship, to whose crew he belonged. This was done. Then W. Percye and five or six other W. men stoned them, and hit "Mr. Farewell's man of Poole" in the neck. However, Mr. Colston and his party went on and saw his ship make sail. Returning towards the ²passage boat they saw

¹ It is hardly necessary to note that Colston of Bristol was a name of power among Merchants in old times.

² The ferry boat over the harbour, before a bridge was built.

ten or twelve persons, including "Ledosse nameing him selfe baylye of Waymth. one Rich. Jurden goinge in a skye color gowne" and W. Sammwysse. They bade the deponent go to the Hall. He said that he had not offended and would not go except by force. W. Sammwysse, at Ledosse's summons then "caryed him into the Halle." Ledosse sat as judge and wished the deponent to be bound over to appear. On his refusing they consulted, and got him to promise to return to the Hall between six and seven a.m. next day. Signed, "p me W^m. Collstn."

Ledosse.
Bailiffs of W.
Samways.

Rich. Colston, of Bristol, and W. Holman, Merchants, depose as above and add that W. Sammwysse said that the Mayor had nothing to do with Admiralty matters. (The Colstons are again mentioned, vi. 44.) S. 110. 1.

Deposition before the Mayor in Weymouth Hall, by W. Samways. He says that he laid hands on Rich. Colston by command of W. Ledosse, Bailiff, for rescuing G. Moone, arrested under Admiralty Warrant of Bailiffs Ledosse and Gyer.

VI. 30. Depo-
sition.
Mar. 3, 1585 (6)
Eng. W. & M. R.

S. 110. 2.

Copy of Answer to vi. 28. The Mayor informs Lord C. Howard that "oade" brought from Rochelle has been detained, but prays that such as came "in lawfull trade" may be released.

VI. 31. Letter.
Mar. 9, 1585 (6)
Eng. W. & M. R.

S. 109.

W. Moore deposes that he joined a barque, name unknown, J. Coosins supposed Master, crew of twelve or fourteen, men and boys, at W. Lulworth—sailed to Selsey, thence to Rye. Here the Mayor's Deputy "had the sayles awaye," and enquiry was made by "the coission" for J. Coosins. M. left her and went to Portsmouth, where she afterwards touched, and M. again joined, finding on board four French and eleven or twelve English hands. No examination of ship or crew took place there. They sailed for "Stoodlon," where they bought bread, and from another vessel got a hogshead of white wine, and another of claret; and sailed for Weymouth to "victell."

VI. 32. Depo-
sition.
Mar. 11, 1585 (6)
Eng. W. & M. R.
Selsey.
Suspected
Pirates.

S. 81. 20.

Draft Petition to Sir C. Hatton from the inhabitants of W. and M. R., supported by a letter from the Deputy Lieutenant and County Magistrates, and representing that "the towne beinge so slenderly puided for as it is, and being in so dangnerous a place," is likely to be forsaken. (Undated, but from W. Pit, who was Mayor in 1586, 7. See iv. 31.)

VI. 33. Petition
1586 (?)
Eng. W. & M. R.
Borough in
peril.

S. 119. 1.

(Part of this Paper is noted in Class ii.) Briant Hitchins, J. Michell, and others, depose that being in their bark, riding on W. side, J. Russhe, and E. Wysse demanded their boat that they might come on board. Twice they refused and were stoned, making an outcry for help. "And see the Towne rose and rescued them." E. W., of Great Yarmouth, claimed the bark. J. R. or E. W. threatened to burn the Town. Then follows a Latin Recognizance, binding over J. R. and E. W. to

VI. 34. Depo-
sitions.
Mar. 26, 1586.
English & Latin
W. and M. R.

- keep the peace. J. R. is designated "de pochia Ste Katherine in London vibrellator
¹serviens Thome Foster cap^lis vibrellatoꝝ navis . . . Regie maiestaf voc the
 The Revenge. ²Revendge" (Of the parish of St. Katharine, in London, apprentice gunner of
 T. Foster, master gunner of H.M. Ship called the Revenge.) S. 127.
- VI. 35. Depo- (See Class ii. 64.) B. Hitchins deposes to Bailiff Ledosse, of Weymouth,
 sition. exacting "busleges" on wheat imported, and that L. denied that the Mayor had
 April 5, 1586. anything "to doe uppon the water." S. 119. 8.
 English. W.
 Ledosse.
- VI. 36. Memo- Mem^m, signed by Mr. Mayor Mockett, etc., that five sailors "here stayed
 randum. uppon suspicion of piracie" have been delivered over to Mr. Jas. Bruer, "appointed
 July 4, 1586. for her ma^{ties} pnt service." S. 119. 13.
 Eng. W.&M.R.
- VI. 37. Certifi- Copy (?) of Custom House Certificate by Ric. Clarke, and two other Customs
 cate. Officers at Lyme, that Ric. Bautinge has found security for the export to Newport,
 July 13, 1586. Monmouthshire, of two hundred and ten quarters of malt, with some wheat and
 Lat. W.&M.R. barley, on board the "Goddisgrace" of Wells, Norfolk. S. 119. 15.
- VI. 38. Agree- Copy of Agreement as to the same cargo, between R. B., of South Creake,
 ment and Norfolk, of the one part, and W. Smithe, of "Bristoll," Merchant, of the other
 Depositions. part. The prices were to be, Malt, 2s. 8d., Barley, 2s. 4d., Wheat, 4s., per
 July 20 and Norfolk bushel, of eight gallons. S. 119. 16.
 Aug. 17, 1586.
 Eng. W.&M.R.
- Depositions before Mr. Mayor Mockett. H. Dye, Mate of the God's Grace, says
 that Arthlur Malby, the Master, "cryed the corne to the cuntry," Malt at 2s. 6d.,
 Price of Corn. Wheat at 3s. 8d., and Barley at 2s. 4d. per bushel; that Smith, the owner, had given
 no consent to going to Weymouth; and that Malby had "shott off a castc pece to
 the prinze of a flybote." J. Cullins and H. Dye depose that the vessel was brought
 into W. because the corn "had taken heate." (See also vi. 42.) S. 119. 20.
- VI. 39. Depo- Before the Mayor, etc. Nic. Abraham and J. Lambert, both of Liverpool,
 sitions and prisoners for twelve months in "Bilboe," say that they heard there that there were
 Petitions. "700 sailles of Shippes, Gallis, Galiasses, Pynnesses and Pattasses," and two hundred
 July 29, and eighty thousand men, said to be for England. And they heard "one Captayne
 Aug. 28, etc., Tereticus offer one Rob. Stacye, of Saltash, to take him from "Lisborne" to
 1586. Waterford. S. 118. 1.
 Eng. W.&M.R.
 The Armada
 preparing.
- Manudel Mendisse, "born at S^t Towrs in Portingalle," deposes, W. Mounsell
 Examination of a Portuguese. interpreting. He went to "Cyville," and thence to "S^t Lucas," where he shipped
 in the Unicorn, of "Almayne" for Flushing or Holland. She was taken "athwarte

¹ Serviens = apprenti (Ch. Angl).—Ducange.

² Doubtless Sir Ric. Grenville's Revenge, in which he fought the whole Spanish Fleet a night and part of two days. See Hakluyt. She was sent by Lyme against the Armada, and was of only sixty tons burden.

St Aldhoms" by the Salamon, of London. He left Portugal because he favoured "Don Antonye," which was dangerous. Also he had a brother imprisoned in "Morowcous in Barbarye," and by help of Don A. and one "Dr Nownos" he had hoped to go and redeem him. Marnndel's "necessaries" and forty-six "peeces of rials of eighte" were seized by Capt. Hampton, of the Salamon. At St. Lucar he heard that there were twenty-eight ships and "gallions," with five galleys, bound to "Cales," and thence to "Nova Spania," mostly to join a fleet expected thence. Certain "Carviles of Aviso" had brought news that "Sr frances Drake" had taken St. Domingo and Carthageana. (This sentence is scored out.) He saw thirty-six or thirty-seven ships, mostly small, fitting for Carthageana. He heard that the King of Spain has in the "ryver of Lyssborne" three or four score ships to carry forty thousand or fifty thousand men to England. The King is "yet lyvinge," but had been very ill it was said.

S. 118. 2.

(From the above alarm resulted several Petitions as follow) :--

(Copy.) Letter or Petition to the Privy Council from the Mayor, etc. Whereas we have before asked for "fytte store of ordynance" etc., and help towards making "of two platte formes" for the Town and Country, open to invasion through "the comodious rydinge of shippinge" in Portland Roads, "we estesoonnes . . . in tremblinge fearr what may befall us for want of preventinge foren eventes," ask for ten or twelve guus with ammunition, and for contribution towards the platforms, which we will maintain. (Endorsed Aug., 1586.)

S. 132. 1.

(Copy.) Petition to the Privy Council from the Mayor, etc. . . . "Whereas the Roade of Portland abutting upon the porte of W. and M. R." is dangerous for landing of an enemy, "being owte of shott of her ma^{te} castells there" . . . "the onelie remedie [is] to make two forts or platformes . . . with ordynance in the mouthe of the same porte," which is approved by the Commissioners. A Royal Warrant is asked for. Sept. 3 (1) 1586.

S. 132. 2.

(Copy.) Petition to "the L. Burghley," from J. Mocket and W. Dothrell, in the same strain as above. They say that if precautions are not taken they and others must leave the Town. They annex a Copy of a Memorial from Sir H. Asheley, Sir J. Horseye, and G. Trenchard, Esq., Commissioners, and eleven other Justices, to the same effect, grounded on the Commissioners' inspection of the Weymouth coast. (See vi. 48.) They speak of Portland Roads as "cleane out of y^e daunger of shotte of either of her sayd ma^{te} castells there." The Town "beinge but poore," and maintaining haven and "seabanks," cannot fortify without aid. (Two copies.) At Dorchester. Sept. 16, 1586.

S. 133. 1, 2

The Armada
preparing.

Alarm about
the coming
Armada.

Portland Roads
Small range of
guns.

Before Mr. Mayor Mockett, etc. W. Doridge says that W. Turner put him in charge of a vessel and her cargo of salt, at Rochelle. A leak caused a loss of some

VI. 40. Depo-
sitions.
Aug. 3, 1586.
Eng. W. & M. R.

¹ Portland and Sandsfoot Castles.

five quarters of salt. He landed it, but on again putting it on board, it seemed to be ten or twelve tons short. He got an offer of eighteen crowns for seven cwt. of cork. Confirmed by others. S. 119. 17.

VI. 41. Deposition. Before Mr. W. Doderell, deputy to Mr. Mayor Mockett. Jas. Codde says that three weeks before he and three others were at W. Lulworth with a boat of mackerel. Aug. 14, 1586. He went "to the 'piere there," and saw some iron bars landed out of a small English Eng. W.&M.R. bark; and he and two of his companions were employed to carry some of the bars W. Lulworth Pier. to the mill (as he thinks), and he set them up "against the oves." Roger Acourte, T. Pearce and Gilles Muttier also depose to there being six or seven score bars in the Smuggling? It was thought that the iron was bought by the miller, "in a white doblet, a lustie youthe and without a berde." S. 119. 19.

VI. 42. Depositions. Before Mr. Mayor Mockett. (See vi. 38.) H. Dye again deposes about the Aug. 17 and 24, 1586. corn. Smyth "a seaborde by vertue of the Councell's lres . . . required . . . Malbye beinge . . . master . . . (the wynde beinge franke) . . . to pceede English. in there viadage, who denyed him flatlye." He sailed to W. instead of Newport, as W. and M. R. in vi. 38.

On Aug. 24 Ric. Carrington says that T. Guddance brought to him a "virkin The Revenge. of tallowe from the Cooke of y^e 2^{re}venge," receiving 7s. 0d. for it, which money "W. Beare, captayne Kenricke his man" did not get. S. 119. 21.

VI. 43. Depositions, etc. Letter with Autograph Signature and Seal of Lord C. Howard to F. Hawley, Oct. 7, etc., and Esq., and to the Mayor. His servant, Amias Preston, has brought into W. harbour Dec. 15, 16, 1586. a ship laden with fish, etc., but no crew, and it is doubted "whether she be of Eng. W.&M.R. St John de Luce or noe." She and her cargo are to be "inventored, pryced and Lord C. safely kept" until further orders. From the Court at Windsor. Oct. 7, 1586. Howard. S. 135.

Depositions before Fr. Hawley, Esq., Vice-Admiral of Dorset, and Mr. Deputy-Mayor, Ric. Pitt. Amyas Preston, Captain of the "Elenor" of Weymouth, on Sept. 14, "betwixt Bayon and Viana, in Spaine," found a ship with no live creature on board but a mastiff and a cat. They found a man's corpse which they threw overboard, and brought the ship to Weymouth. On Sept. 13, Capt. Challis' pinuace had hailed a ship to know if they were friends or foes, and to see "their bills and briefa." From the ship were sent "two of the simplest men they had." Being bid send their Captain and Master they said they would not, but would fight to the last man. The ship is described as "beinge strapped cloas together wth her consort and

Privateering.

¹ A small Pier is shown in old Prints of Lulworth Cove.

² The Revenge seems to have lain at W. for some months. See vi. 34.

vice-admirall." After two or three broadsides the Vice-Admiral "unstrapped and pntlie yealded to Capⁿ C.," who carried the vessel off. The crew of the ship taken by Preston escaped in two pinnaces during the night of Sept. 13. She was said to be of Passage (?) in Biscay. Other depositions to the like effect. Oct. 11, 1586. S. 137.

Memorandum of Fish landed from Capt. Preston's prize, and divided, the Lord Admiral having a tenth, Captains Preston and Ryman each a third of the remainder, and the other third shared equally among "throwners, vittaylers and company" (crew.) See vi. 52. S. 145.

Dividing the
spoil.
Lord Admiral's
Fee or Share.

"A note of the praism^t of a prise . . . broughte in by Almes Preston, gent. . . . [made] by J. Wade, Ric. Brooke [and two others] . . . indifferently ellacted . . ." The ship and all belonging to her, apart from cargo, come to £61; the chief items being the hull (damaged) with foremast and "bowespred^e" £20; four anchors £16; two "mynions and four falcons" £16. She was laden with "trayne" valued at 8s. per tun; wet fish, at 16s. p hundred if good, 5s. if "spoiled wth the trayne;" and dry fish, at 9s. This paper is indented at head and foot.

Valuation of
Prize.

Guns.

S. 141.

Deposition before the Mayor, about "Amys Preston."

D. Louge says that the day before P., "amongst other opprobrious wordes by hime lette falle," charged the Mayor "wth the lye," and near the "passage boate" said to Mr. Jones, Deputy Lieut. of Portland Castle, that the Mayor was a knave. Mr. Jones said he was as honest as Preston "and honester also." Whereupon P. struck J., and after some entanglement with his pistol, drew his dagger. J. Frost says that P. pointed his pistol at J., who drew his dagger and then P. drew his, crying "lette him come if he will." However no blood seems to have been shed.

Wrangle.

S. 165. 1.

Before Mr. Mayor W. Pytte. Jas. Whittinge, of the Gallion of W., says she was loaded at "Dantzicke" with corn, iron, etc., for Bristol. Riding in Dover Roads, and being "putte backe . . . with contrarye wyndes to the Downes," W. and Ric. Colston and others came on board. Seeing the wind come to W. and N.W.,

VI. 44. Depo-
sition.
Dec. 20, 1586.
English.
W. and M. R.
Colston.

¹ This seems to have been the one "strapped" to the Vice-Admiral, and the same which he found deserted the next day.

² Seemingly the owners of the Eleanor and Capt. Ryman's ship, those who had fitted them out, and their respective crews.

³ Amys = Almes = Ames = Amyas = Amias. This was the Sir Amyas Preston who, nine years after, did such deeds as showed him to be daring even above the Elizabethan average. But his feats cannot be compressed into a note. How he took Santiago de Léon and Porto Santo and Coros is written in Hakluyt. One of his vessels was called the Gift, probably the very pinnace of that name which sailed out of our port "in warlike sorte" in 1587; possibly, too, the same that long lay there as a hulk years after. See vi. 64.

⁴ This appearance of the Colstons to look after a vessel in the Downs, and a few months before at W. (vi. 29), gives a great idea of their commercial activity. They sailed rather close to the wind in their point of law, one would think.

they wished to go to "Calysse," but Whittinge would not without License from the Lord Admiral. They said that with goods shipped abroad they might trade to Calais, towards which they sailed, but when "hard by" the ship was taken by the Flushingers. (Unfinished.) S. 119. 24.

VI. 45. Letter. Autograph Letter to the Mayor, etc., from Lord C. Howard, with Seal of Arms and Garter. He speaks of some question of sale of fish in which "the towne is to be favoured." "I thanke you for yo^r newes out of Spaine, and pray you as occasion of such matters may fale out to acquaint me therewith." (See vi. 39.) S. 121.
 Jan. 14, 1586 (7).
 Eng. W. & M. R.
 Lord C. Howard
 Thanks for
 news from
 Spain.

VI. 46. Letter. Letter with the dashing signature of Sir Fr. Walsingham, to the Mayor, etc. He hears that "ctaine sugers," etc., have come into W. port, the pre-emption of which by Charter belongs to the Mayor, etc., whom Sir Fr. asks to make over this privilege to his servant, T. Myddleton, on reasonable terms of gain to the Mayor, etc. From Greenwich. S. 123.
 Feb. 13, 1586 (7)
 English.
 W. and M. R.
 Sir F.
 Walsingham.

VI. 47. Letter. From J. Worlidge, London, to Mr. Mayor W. Pitt. Having consulted the Judge, Register, and "other civilians," and made search, he thinks that "in these matters of reprysall" the Register's "consideracon owghte to be more than ordinarie"—that 2d. in the pound and other fees must be paid—also 4s. 4d. to the Judge, Register, Marshal and Clerk, altogether. He hopes that the Mayor will "see unto [his] preferment," as he is the Mayor's Officer, not that of the Captain, Owners, or Victuallers. S. 124.
 Mar. 9, 1586 (7)
 English.
 W. and M. R.
 Fees.

VI. 48. Letter. Letter from T. Howarde, J. Horsey, G. Trenchard, and J. Williams, Esqs, to Mr. Mayor W. Pitt, requiring him and others to meet them at two p.m. that day, at Bolehaies, to advise as to the "daungerous places for landing of thenemy." They were to inspect the coast to Lyme next day. With small Seal of Trenchard Crest (?) From ¹Wolveton. S. 125.
 Mar. 13, 1586 (7)
 Eng. W. & M. R.
 Bolehays.
 Coast defences.
 Howarde, Horsey, Trenchard, Williams.

VI. 49. Deposition. Barnard Maior and Nowell Cuttance depose that they were the owners of certain red and black Cotton, black "Byes" and "reddinge Carsies" taken to "Garneseye" by J. Long, Master of the Mary, last Michaelmas. S. 165. 3.
 Mar. 18, 1586 (7)
 Eng. W. & M. R.
 Cuttance, Maior

VI. 50. Letters From B. Maior to G. Trencharde, Esq., asking his sanction to supply "a pennes" (pinnacle) with victuals. Mr. T. writes from Wolveton, at the foot, to the Mayor saying that he has consulted "my Lord Marques" (see vi. 64) about such cases, and meanwhile cannot comply. Yet, as the quantity needed is small, he leaves it to the Mayor to arrange. With Seal as in vi. 48. S. 126.
 Mar. 21, 1586 (7)
 English.
 W. and M. R.

¹ This fine old house of the Trenchards remains, so does Herringstone then and now a seat of the Williams family, both near Dorchester. Walterston, where Master Howarde lived, is a charming old house, wonderfully well restored after a fire, but perhaps only Jacobean in date. There are some remnants of Melcombe Horsey.

From Lord C. Howard (with Autograph Signature and good Seal) to Vice-Admiral Hawley and Mr. Mayor Pitt, saying that T. Heton has bought goods taken at sea, "by comission of reprisall," and brought into Weymouth, and that he is hereby allowed ("notwithstandinge any restraint of shippinge") to take them to London or "Midelboroughe" for sale. From the Court at Greenwich. S. 128.

VI. 51. Letter.
Mar. 28, 1587.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Lord C. Howard
Hawley.

From W. Dutson and Step. Risleeden to Mr. Mayor Pitt, also in favour of T. Heton, in whose difficulties about the above goods they trust to the Mayor's help "wch we eftsoones crave." H. their "ffriend and fellow, . . . although he had not his lps Tenths by reason that they were promised to another by our Ladies meanes," is high in Lord C.'s favour. From the Court at Greenwich. S. 129.

VI. 52. Letter.
Mar. 29, 1587.
English.
W. and M. R.

From Sir Fr. Walsingham (with his Signature and Seal) to Mr. Mayor Pitt, saying that his servant Middleton in buying sugar, etc., brought into W. by Capt. Prowse, has been charged higher than Hyton was. S. 148.

VI. 53. Letter.
Mar. 29, 1587.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Sir. F. Walsing-
ham, Prowse.

From T. Howarde, Esq., to Mr. Mayor W. Pytt, saying that Mr. ¹Etone has complained to him, and that he will come to Melcombe next day to see justice done. From Walterstone. S. 150.

VI. 54. Letter.
April 4, 1587.
English.
W. and M. R.

To the Mayor, from J. Smyth, who has "comyshons" to have a certain ship and asks for one of the "peces in the hauds of the gouner" and sails, etc., in the house of "Preston the ferryman." He ends with "comendacyons . . . to yo^r selfe and M^{ra} Mayoris." S. 165. 4.

VI. 55. Letter.
April 12, 1587.
English.
W. and M. R.
Preston.

"The trewe copie of the l^{ra} . . . from y^e towne to y^e L. Admirall." Vice-Admiral Hawley had bidden them arrest Capt. Prowse, of the "²Elienor," and some of his men for piracy, and send them to "Corffe Castell." "This laste there comendable service" is spoken of, whatever it was. (See, perhaps, vi. 44.) The order, as clashing with the Lord Admiral's, "wee did not altogether fulfill." And they pray the Lord Admiral to cause the Vice-Admiral to be more mindful of their ancient exemption from Admiralty jurisdiction. (Two copies.) See vi. 51—54. S. 143. 2 and 149.

VI. 56. Letter.
April, 18, 1587.
English.
W. and M. R.
Hawley.

Admiralty
resisted.

From Lord C. Howard, to Mr. Mayor W. Pytt, etc., approving of their dealing with Capt. Prowse (as above), and proposing a conference of counsel about exemption from Admiralty jurisdiction. S. 152.

VI. 57. Letter.
April 26, 1587.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Lord C. Howard
Prowse.

¹ Of course Etone, Hyton and Heton are aliases of the same man.

² Capt. Prowse seems to have succeeded Amias Preston in command of the Eleanor.

- VI. 58. Letter.** Copy of a Letter from the Privy Council to G. Trenchard, Esq., apparently addressed as Mayor of W. His having "made stave of ten hulkes laden with vittalls," and brought by English ships out of their course to Spain, from (it seems) "theaste pts" into Portland Roads, is spoken of with praise. The victuals are to be sold to merchants at reasonable cash prices, if the owners can be persuaded to this on "the lawes of nacons" being explained to them, viz., that in time of scarcity, if corn comes by chance or force into any port, the prince thereof may cause the owners to sell it to his subjects "for redie monny." But in the present case if the owners do not agree to the proposal they are to be let go, for fear of offending the merchants "of theaste pts," whence so much corn comes "in this yeare of scarcity."
June 2, 1587.
 English.
 W. and M. R.
 The Privy Council.
 S. 154.
- VI. 59. Agreement.** Copy of Agreement between Mr. Mayor W. Pitt, etc., of the one part, and Lancelot, Luke and J. Raynolds, of the other part, to accept Mr. Recorder Hanam and Mr. Swayne as Arbiters, as to title to the "key and ground" south of the "longe Seller," partly lying between this cellar and "Mrs Mounsell's pynyon." This quay is to lie open and the tenants of the Long Cellar to be free from "Keyage" there for ever.
June 3, 1587.
 English.
 W. and M. R.
 Pitt, Hanam, Swayne.
 Long Cellar.
 Raynolds.
 S. 155.
- VI. 60. Letter.** Copy of a Letter from Sir G. Carey to Mr. Redelstoun. He speaks of having imprisoned G. Hexxei (?) but of releasing him at the French Ambassdor's request, and he hopes that the Mayor may not be "by so lewde affelow . . . molested." He thanks him for news, although not good news of his "pticular ships," and asks for more particulars. From East "Caresbrok Castell."
June 9, 1587.
 English.
 W. and M. R.
 Sir G. Carey.
 S. 165. 5.
- VI. 61. Letter.** From T. Howarde, Esq., to Mr. Mayor Pytt, asking him to allow J. Whetstowe to sail, in spite of J. Wade's opposition. From Walterstone.
July 17, 1587.
 Eng. W. & M. R.
 S. 157.
- VI. 62. Letter.** From Sir Fr. Walsingham (with signature) to Mr. Mayor W. Pitt, desiring him to examine Rob. Gregorie and Frampton, the former having complained against the latter, who was one of Sir Fr.'s "deputies for the customes."
July 18, 1587.
 Eng. W. & M. R.
 Sir F.
 Walsingham.
 S. 158.
- VI. 63. Letter.** From Fr. Hawley, Esq., Deputy Vice-Admiral of Dorset, ²Purbeck excepted, to H. Rogers, Gent., and Laurence Prowse, late Captain of the "Elenor," ordering "undolaied" payment to T. Inarde and J. Arnaut, Frenchmen, for freight of the "St Victor Bonaventure," of eighty tons, at 46s. 8d. per ton, and that the ship and cargo be restored. At the foot is a note that certain men, Wall, Whytt, Well, and Beanfield, were to pay, but refused and said that the Captain and Crew should do so. On the other leaf is a Copy of an Order of the Privy Council, of July 11, 1587, to the above effect. From Theobalds.
July 18, 1587.
 English.
 W. and M. R.
 Hawley,
 Prowse.
 Admiralty.
 S. 159.

¹ That is Holland, Denmark, and the Hanse Towns.

² The peculiar privileges and customs of the Isle of Purbeck were very remarkable.

From the Marquis of Winchester, with his Signature and (defaced) Seal, to the Mayor, requiring the release of the pinnace Gifte "bounde to the seas in warlike sorte." She "was staid" by the Mayor, but one of her crew has shown to the Marquis a license from the Lord Admiral. S. 160. VI. 64. Letter. July 30, 1587. English. W. and M. R. Marquis of Winchester.

From Vice-Admiral Hawley to the Mayor, expressing surprise that T. Heman (?) under warrant of arrest, still "walketh upp and downe." The Vice-Admiral hears of other abuses, which "all drawn to a hedde" will bring down the Council's anger, it is to be feared. In a P.S. he urges the Mayor to imprison as a Pirate one T. Davies, alias Puttrell (?) who lately "stayed" (lay in wait?) for Mr. Udall. From the Castle of "Corff." S. 161. VI. 65. Letters Aug. 5, etc., 1587. English. W. and M. R. Pirate.

Letter from Mr. Mayor W. Pit to Mr. Doderell, in connection with the letter above. Undated. S. 167. 6. Corfe.

By Hugh Randall, J.P., and Bailiff of W., at the instance of J. Humell, of "Hutwill within the Ryver of Rohan," to the effect that a French "shippe" of twenty-four tons, lately "spoiled by certaine Englishmen . . . [and] having one weanelace in her forebittes, one hatch before and one . . . abafte her mainemast, stopped one tyde in the Roade of Waymouth." To this paper is affixed the "seale of the Bailywik," a handsome fleur de lys. S. 162. VI. 66. Certificate. Aug. 29, 1587. English. W. Randall. Bailiff of W.'s Seal.

Autograph Warrant from Lord C. Howard, with his Signature and Seal, to Admiralty Officers, Mayors, etc., for the arrest of a Carvel, owners T. Alworthe, of Bristol, and Lord C.'s servant, T. Ware. She was stolen by "som lewed maryners," and sold to persons who with her took an "Indian prise laden wth hides, etc.," a share of which, with the Carvel, is to be given to the owners, above. She had been named "Tabacco Pipe" by her purchasers. From Bifleet. S. 181. VI. 67. Warrant Oct. 9, 1593. English. W. and M. R. Lord C. Howard. The Carvel Tobacco Pipe.

"Coppie of artycles to be yealded unto touchinge admyrall Jurisdiction. 1594." VI. 68. Articles 1594. English.

1. That the Mayor, etc., may "kepe an Admirall Courte" for deciding "Admirall and maryne Causes" (matters of Piracy and Reprisal excepted), and may take fees.

2. That the inhabitants shall be free from arrest by any Admiralty Officer, save only the High Court of Admiralty, and that for causes arising "out of the Libties of the said towne," and even this to be by means of the Borough Officers.

3. That no Vice-Admiral of Dorset, or his Deputy, shall exercise any jurisdiction within the Borough bounds.

¹ Hauteville on the Seine ?

² Windlass.

³ This is the only impression in these Documents of this lost Seal of the Weymouth Bailiffs. For notice of others, see iv. 12a.

4. That, according to Charters, the Mayor, etc., may have all wrecks, felons' goods, and other profits of the haven.

5. That, except by way of appeal, no cause shall be "avocated" from the Mayor's Admiralty Court to the High Court of Admiralty.

6. That the Mayor, etc., shall obey all Warrants, etc., from the High Court of Admiralty in causes reserved to that Court.

7. That for arresting pirates the Mayor may have a Commission from the High Court of Admiralty.

To prevent denial of consent by the Mayor, etc., and as the grants, etc., above are to bear the Great Seal of the Admiralty, so "a true counterpawne thereof" under the Borough Seal is to be sent to the High Court of Admiralty.

S. 182.

VI. 69. Letter. Draft Letter from T. Myddelton, at the request of Mr. Barfoot, to Lord Nov. 3, 1599. Buckhurst and Sir J. Fortescue, asking their support to a Petition for remission of English. tenths and fifteenths on account of the cost of building a ¹Bridge and "repayring of W. and M. R. Bridge. their havē." S. 187. 1.

VI. 69a. Leases Trade seems to have been bad at the first of these dates, when the Petty 1606, 7, 1608, 9. Customs were let for a year to J. White for one Peppercorn. For 1608, 9 they were English. let to J. Small and J. Pitt for £61. (Original Parchment Indented Leases.) W. and M. R. Trade bad. M. iii. 41, 42.

VI. 70. Plea. W. Mower v S. Grosse, of Great Yarmouth. On July 31, 1610, it was agreed Nov. (?) 1610. that, while Grosse ²made use of the ship ³Mayflower, Mower should act as her Latin. Master at 30s. a month, without a Pilot, or 26s. if a Pilot should be needed; that W. and M. R. The Mayflower. Grosse employed her for two months and twenty-one days in a voyage from Plymouth to Middleburg, where Mower had to lay out money for ⁴freight. Whereupon he sues Grosse for £10 6s. 9d. S. 200.

VI. 71. Law J. Jurden, by his Attorney Alexander, pleads that in Dec., 1610, he was Papers. "proprietaryus Anglicè Owner" of the fifth part of three barrels, of goods not Dec., 1610 (?) specified, on board the Prosperous, whence they were fraudulently taken by Latin & English W. and M. R. W. Mynterne. S. 59. 1.

¹ The first Bridge was of timber, and was erected in 1597. It was injured in the siege in 1641, and repaired in 1651, when thirty trees from the New Forest were granted by Parliament. In Queen Anne's reign it was rebuilt by Sir T. Hardy and the other three Borough Members. It was again rebuilt in 1741, and also in 1770. At the latter date it was moved seventy yards to the West, namely to the end of St. Nicholas Street. The present Bridge was begun in 1821.—Hutchins.

² "Implicaret quandam navem vocat the Mayflower." Implicare = employer.—Ducange.

³ It seems likely, to say the least of it, that this was the Mayflower of the Puritan colonists.

⁴ "Naulum" = portorium pro traiectione.—Ducange. Perhaps it here means the charge for shipping cargo by means of shore boats.

W. M., by his Attorney W. Lockier, pleads on the other hand, that they sailed in his bark "to the Newfoundland," thence to "Malliga," and thence to W.; and that he there paid £7 17s. 0d., to R. Wilsheire, against whom (he seems to say) Jurden's claim now lies. S. 59. 2.

The Accounts for the "Merallty" of Mr. J. Bond contain items showing activity in care of the Harbour, especially in bringing large stones to build or repair the Jetty apparently: *e.g.*—

	£	s.	d.
"Setting upp the boum poule 3s. 9d. The boume poule 8d." -	0	4	5
"Beare for the marriners to put the beanie uppon the spindell" -	0	0	6
"About the Crane in y ^e bout" - - - - -	0	1	8
"For shiers for the bout" - - - - -	0	1	2
"7 mean for halling upp of Rockes" - - - - -	0	4	8
"7 men at 8d. p day and 2 att 1s. w ^{oh} weare about feching y ^e Rockes" (!) - - - - -	0	6	0
"ii men for wading" - - - - -	0	0	8

S. 201.

VI. 72.
Accounts.
1610, 11.
English.
W. and M. R.
Work for the
Harbour.

Harbour work went on in Mr. R. Knight's Mayoralty: *e.g.*—

	£	s.	d.
"Pd. my Cosen Holman for the men diett y ^t come to take a survey of the mold head" - - - - -	0	4	0

Other items name a "ramer" for the Bridge, "1 truse of fagots" for the lighter, "wading to lode lighter," "takinge downe the craine of the lighter," "for keping the boyt above watter when we could not hise out the Rockes," etc. S. 202.

VI. 73.
Accounts.
1611, 12.
English.
W. and M. R.
Work for the
Harbour.

In Mr. G. Pley, junior's, Mayoralty, the accounts refer to men employed "to carry clods" to build "the worke at Lookout," and "for transporting the watchouse" thither. Work also was going on on the "Peera." S. 203.

VI. 74.
Accounts.
1612, 13.
English.
W. and M. R.

A Parchment Assiguation by Ric. Allin alias Belpitt the younger, to Ralph Wrighte and Jeremy Babbidge, of the Petty Customs, Cranage, etc., and the "moyetye and halfendeale" of the profits of the "comon beames and weights" of the Town. No rent is expressed. Seal gone. S. 205.

VI. 75. Assig-
nation.
Oct. 20, 1615.
Eng. W.&M.R.

Mr. Mayor J. Roy also furthered Harbour work, *e.g.*—

	£	s.	d.
"1 ower of 12 foot for the small boatt at 1d. ob. p foott" - -	0	1	6
"To Cornish to mend the ¹ pippes" - - - - -	0	1	9
"2 Lerretts to save the towue boatt from castinge awaye" - -	0	7	4

VI. 76.
Accounts.
1615, 16.
English.
W. and M. R.

¹ From other entries it seems that these were large pipes, or casks, for floating stones (the "rockes" of vi. 72, 3) to the Pier, as was done for Lyme Cobb.

"Moring the towne boatt behind the Towne" (i.e. off the Esplanade shore)	£ s. d.
- - - - -	0 3 0
"2 c. 3 q ^t of wood for d ^o and to make treunayles at 16d. C."	- 0 3 8
"Lent of a pich pott"	- 0 0 6
	S. 206.

VI. 77. Depositions.
Nov. 5, 1617.
English.
W. and M. R.
Examination as to attempted embarkation of a criminal?

Examination of several persons, all apparently in connection with an attempt at embarkation made by G. White, who seems to have been suspected of some crime.

First, R. Wareham, Gent., asked when he was at Church and when he received the Sacrament "saith that he will not aunswer thereunto." He denies that he knew of the departure of Mr. G. White. He takes the Oath of Allegiance. Then, Francis Powell, of Barrington, Somerset, Gent., examined, says that he was at Church within these ten days and received the Sacrament within these twelve weeks. After some demur he takes the Oath. T. White, Gent., does the same. So does R. Kingston, of Weeke Oliver, Dorset, Husbandman. Raufe Lymbery and Henry Smarte, examined "touching their roweing this morning towards ¹Bollhayes," depose that they were "entreated" by Mr. Raufe Wright to take him and his friend thence to "the Rose w^{ch} was going for Roane" from Portland Roads, but "could not recover the Barque," and so landed them at "Ringsteede." They are bound over to appear. Then "Ralph Wright ²deputie unto the Customer of Weymouth," being asked by the Mayor the name of his friend, refused to tell. The watchmen depose that they saw R. Wright, R. Wareham and the other strangers together during the previous night. On Nov. 8, R. Smarte and R. Lymbery, re-examined, say that on Nov. 5, "in the time of divine prayer in the forenoone," they took into their boat at "Bolehaies" R. Wright and a "straunger unknowen," who when first seen were coming down "the west side of a hill called ³Jorden;" that they took him to be a gentleman, and he had "his apparell of greene videl^t a greene dublett and hose, a Jerkin of som other collo^r, a riding cloke of deroye collo^r, and a white hatt:" that they rowed to the Rose of Weymouth in "the Roade of Portland," but Francis Sanders, her master, would not take the stranger on board; and they then landed him and Wright at Ringstead. They were arrested in Court. B. pp. 109—112.

Weeke Oliver
(Sutton.)
Bollhayes

Roane (Rouen.)
Portland Roads
Ringstead.

Jordan Hill.

Deroye colour.

VI. 78. Orders
Nov. 14, etc.,
1617.
Eng. W. & M. R.

Orders for the maintenance of the Harbour, *e.g.*, forbidding the throwing into it of refuse, which should be laid in "caves [or coves?] above D. Guyer his corner in M. R. side, and the ⁴hive by J. Ellys house in W. side." The breaking up of the

¹ Near Preston.

² See vi. 75.

³ Jordan Hill, East of Lodmoor.

⁴ Hive = Hythe doubtless. The word Hythe is still in use near Weymouth in the sense of an inlet and landing place. In some places it implies a Ferry, *e.g.*, on the Cam; and here, of old, it implied a Wharf, seemingly. See vi. 9^a.

Harbour Bed for graving ships is restricted. Gravel, etc., is "scoope ballast." A vessel called a "crayer" is mentioned. C. p. 5 Harbour Rules.

The Water Bailiff (if any) or "farmors of the forfeitures" connected with the Harbour are to regulate mooring, moving and ballasting of vessels. A drag, boat and men are to be procured for scouring the Harbour. C. pp. 8, 9.

Order for pitching the Quays, and that no carts with iron tires shall go on them, except for goods which cannot be loaded with the Crane. Nov. 28, 1617. C. p. 9.

Freemen of the Borough, living elsewhere, and trading to the Harbour without paying Petty Customs are to be disfranchised. Dec. 1. 1617. C. p. 10.

A ship requiring "one or both leeves [of the Drawbridge to be] drawne" is to pay 12d. going up, nothing coming down. Every cart or wain, with iron-bound wheels, crossing the Bridge, is to pay 4d., (the Bridge groats mentioned elsewhere?) Dec. 1, 1617. C. p. 11.

Ships passing through the Bridge. Iron-bound wheels.

Six Pilots appointed. No vessel to enter the Harbour without one of them; fee, 3s. 4d. for vessels under twenty tons, with 6d. more per five tons, for larger vessels. Dec. 12, 1617. C. p. 12.

B. pp. 125, 126. Examination of W. Knott, Christmas Peeters and others about taking three men in a "Lirret" on board a barque in the Roads, said to be bound for "Bristowe." June 24, 1618.

VI. 79. Examination. June 24, 27, and July 18, 1618. English. W. and M. R.

For 4s. they bought for the Master of the barque a quarter of mutton, a pound of butter, and four or five gallons of beer. For two trips to the vessel and their trouble in shopping they received in all 2s. "It appered unto Mr. Mayor by all coniecturall likelyhoode" that the barque was a pirate vessel. The crew were reported to have stolen sheep on Portland.

Pirate vessel.

Pp. 127—129. The boat's crew were bound over to appear at the Sessions. June 27, 1618.

Examination of J. Bush and others about the above-mentioned barque. July 11, 1618. He went with Christmas Peeters and the others in the boat from "Wymouth Key," and "did rowe her forth unto the Moldehead at Wymouthes north," and thence to the vessel in Portland Roads. They found on board Michael Taylor, J. Taylor, Anthony Knights, T. Pitt, Samuell Vincent, J. Roane and William Cropp, "all w^{ch} were of Sir Walter Rawleig his company in his late voyage," and three Frenchmen and a French boy "of Bryhocke in Brittain." The vessel was laden with "Welshcoale," and was "taken away by them from the said ffrenchmen aboute the Lands End, where they did set on shoare other three ffrenchmen." Four of the crew, armed with two muskets and four swords, landed on Portland, killed three sheep and brought them on board. The barque then made sail and stood for "St^e Adams" and chased a vessel, but lost sight of her at night. Next day the

W. Quay. Mole-head. Nothe. Taylor, Knights, Pitt, Vincent. Roane, Cropp. Sir W. Raleigh. Bryhocke = St. Brienc? Coal-vessel.

St^e Adams = St. Aldhelm's.

¹ Crayer is a small sea vessel.—Bailey.

Murlez =
 Morlaix.
 Sandwich =
 Swanage.

Piracy.

Blackwall.

Limehouse.

Knott, Peeters,
 Cutler, Ilkins.

barque stood to the Westward, and chased another vessel of Lyme that came from "Murlez," and would have taken her "yf their barcque's sayles had not splitt." The wind chopping round to the West, they went up Channel to "Sandw^{ch} Bay," where from a barque of Lyme they took a barrel of beer and four loaves. They then surprised a barque of Shoreham, and took from her only half a barrel of beer. After several unsuccessful chases they took with their boat a "Flemynge" of two hundred tons, laden with salt, and took out of her a hogshead of beer, a barrel of bread, a firkin of butter, and four cheeses, and "lett her goe." Next they took another Fleming, of one hundred and sixty tons, also laden with salt, "and thereupon did quite the said ffrench barque and three ffrenchmen and boye, geiving them victualls to serve their turne, and kepte the fflemyng and the m^r and all the men on board with them." Meeting with a "Hoye" of London, laden with timber, they took passage in her for London, quitting the Flemish vessel, apparently without damage. Five of their number landed at Blackwall, and the other five at "Dickshoare," where they all supped "att the signe of the Ostridge." They then separated; but on the next day, Sunday, July 1, two of them, Wynton and Wilbore, came to Bush at Limehouse, and asked him to tell Brian Gates to send them their clothes. And he says that the crew told him that they gave to the Weymouth boat's crew a barrel of flour, two "kettelles," two "coverledds," and two shillings "to thend they should pcure them som good fellowes." The Weymouth boatmen, Matthew Knott, Christmas Peeters, Adam Cutler and T. Ilkins were (on the above deposition being heard) re-examined and adhered to their first evidence, denying apparently all concern in procuring pirate recruits.

Jas. Bush was bound over to appear at the next Sessions of Oyer and Terminer. July 18, 1618.

B. pp. 125—130.

VI. 80. Table
 and Orders.
 1618, 23.
 English.
 W. and M. R.
 Petty Customs.

A carefully written Table of "Petticustumes," e.g.—

Anchorage per ship	- - - 4d.	Leomons the thousand	- - - 2d.
Boomage	- - - 4d.	Middermer the peece	- - - 1d.
Burrs for Milstones the 100	- 4d.	Muscadell & Maulsy the Tun	12d.
Cassia Fistula the sacke or chest	2d.	Poldavis the peece	- - - 1d.
Cuppes the Maunde	- - - 4d.	Browne paper the 100 bundells	4d.
Cubiges the hundred	- - - 1d.	Playing Cardes the grosse	- - - 2d.
Coles the Chaulder	- - - 1d.	Perle the ounce	- - - 1d.
Cotten wooll the hundred	- - - 4d.	Writing paper and cap paper	
Tregar. ¹ Dowlis the peece or Treager	- 2d.	the reame	- - - ½d.
Gold. Goulde the ounce	- - - 2d.	² The Petty Customs equalled one	
Horses the peece	- - - 4d.	twelfth of the King's Customs.	

Undated, but probably 1618.

C. pp. 34—37.

¹ See iii. 23.

² See vi. 82.

An Order that Salt, and every other imported merchandise measured by the bushel shall be taxed one bushel from every vessel "with noe topp or but one top bitt," and two bushels from one with two or more tops (top-masts?) July 3, 1618.

C. p. 39.

Order for payment of about 4d. per ton "Cranage" on heavy goods laden or unloaded in port, even when the crane is not used. "Shumacke" occurs in the Table of Charges. Sept. 18, 1618.

C. p. 42.

At the Letting of the Petty Customs the bidding was "by increase of 20s. or more upon efly sefall offer duringe the burninge of the Waxe candle." Mr. J. Pitt took them at £121 for a year. Sept. 1, 1618.

C. p. 43.

Auction by
Candle.

Order for a charge of 1d. (or 1½d. if needed) per ton of shipping going to Newfoundland this year towards costs incurred by Mr. Town Clerk Nicoll, of Dartmouth, in getting a Privy Council Order "for reformacon of thabusess of the new plantacon, at Newfoundland." Jan. 18, 1618 (9).

C. p. 45.

"Plantation" in
Newfoundland.

Order to levy 6d. per ton of Weymouth Shipping towards £450, called for by the Privy Council. March 5, 1618 (9).

C. p. 45.

Order for outlay of £40 on repair of the "Towne boate" and Harbour. The "Mouldhead and Jettye" to be carried on by general contribution of labour. March 10, 1620 (1).

C. p. 71.

Mole-head.

Order for £50 for the Mouldhead and Harbour and £30 for the Bridge, and contribution of labour. 1621 (2). Similar Orders, p. 87, etc.

C. p. 79.

Order for New Carriages for the Guns at the "North" (Nothe), and "Bulworck," and for the two "Murtherers;" and for a New Beacon. May 17, 1622.

C. p. 81.

Guns on the
Nothe.

Order for £5, fee for Mr. W. ¹Niell for Privy Council business "concerninge the Lizard Lighte and the bringinge in of the Comodities of the Baltick Seas." July 4, 1623.

C. p. 88.

Fee.
Lizard Light.

Order that Mr. Ric. Allin shall set out next day towards Exeter, to confer with Mr. W. Niell about the captives in "Argier." July 7, 1623.

C. p. 88.

Captives at
Algiers.

Order concerning the redeeming of thirteen such captives (named) at not more than £3 a head. Sept. 3, 1623.

C. p. 89.

The Petty Customs were let for £139 for a year. Sept. 28, 1623. C. p. 90.

Lease by the Mayor, etc., of the one part, to Mr. H. Waltham, of the other part, of the Petty Customs, etc., for one year, from Michaelmas, 1618, at £70 10s. 0d. Seal gone.

S. 207, 8.

VI. 81. Lease.
Nov. 30, 1618.
Eng. W.&M.R.

In the end of a Book of Law Minutes (See iii. 91) are a few letters copied, partly relating to Commerce. The Lord Treasurer writes about re-adjustment of

VI. 82. Letters
June 30, 1621,
etc.
Eng. W.&M.R.

¹ Possibly the Dartmouth Town Clerk called Nicoll in p. 45, just above.

Customs of W., Customs. At the foot he gives the average, or "mediam" for seven years, of
 Poole, and Poole, £275 17s. 3½d.; Weymouth, £2157 3s. Od.; and Lyme, £2785 13s. 0½d.
 Lyne. June 30, 1621.

Also a correspondence with the Mayor of Poole respecting a Government proposal that the Customs of W., Poole, etc., should be farmed. S. 228.

Pitt. A Letter to Mr. Pitt, dated "1 Laus Deo, Midleß" (Middleburg ?) Signature
 Bill of torn off. Mr. P.'s bill of exchange for two hundred guilders has arrived, and five
 Exchange. hundred and thirty-six cwt. of flax have been bought, at six to nine stivers per lb.
 Price of Flax. and shipped in J. Ford's bark, of W. Mr. P. would gain eighteen guilders in one
 hundred by remitting through some London friend. Then comes a curious passage:

Inkell. " . . . in these pts they doe make all there Inkell in Loomes w^{ch} ar turned with
 Power Loom. awheale, wherewth one man will make 12 or 15 peeces together: and yet make them
 stronger and faster then people doth make them in Eugland . . . I dare assure
 you that one man wth such aloome will make more than 12 men will doe
 otherwayes." Feb. 28, 1623 (4). S. 208.

VI. 83. Depo- T. Ligh, Scotsman, more than a year ago shipped as mate on board the
 sitions. Welkin, of Dover, for Lisbon. Of "Burleance" she was taken by "Turks of
 Nov., 1623, and Argier," at which place he was sold as a slave. About eight weeks ago he was sent
 Aug. 16, 1624. to sea in a Man-of-War, a "Pallacre" of about eighty tons, crew twenty-seven Turks,
 English. four Englishmen, himself, two Frenchmen, one "Portinghall" and three "Almoignea."
 W. and M. R. About sixty leagues W. of Fromviana, "the shipp lyeinge ahull," the Christians rose
 Moorish Pirates on the Algerines, killed ten or twelve and put the rest in the hold: then sailed for
 England. Three leagues from Portland a Dutch Man-of-War, the White Bear, of
 Amsterdam, Capt. Johnson, surprised them, brought them into Portland Roads,
 landed Ligh, the Englishmen, Frenchmen and Portuguese, and kept the ship and all
 in her. She carried five iron guns, "4 brasse ³bases with 8 chambers of brasse
 belonging" thereto, six cables, etc. Two other men depose; one, W. flollett, of
 Bases. Torbay, speaking of an inventory in the hands of Mr. Gilbert Raleigh. Nov. 3 and
 Gilbert Raleigh 14, 1623. B. p. 292.

J. Daniell, of Sutton Pointz, being on board the Prudence, of W. and M. R.,
 in Sept., 1621, was taken with the rest of the crew by the "Turcks of "Argeer," at

¹ Possibly "Laus Deo" (Praise to God) was the name of his vessel. His note about the Loom is very remarkable. "Inkell" is tape.

² One of the other deponents calls him T. Mellin. "Ligh" should therefore be probably "of Ligh" = Leith, possibly.

³ Base, the smallest piece of Ordnance.—Bailey. Chamber, that part of a . . . great gun where her charge lies; also a charge to be put in at the Breech of a Murdering Piece.—Bailey. "Murtherers" are mentioned in these Records, *e g.*, vi. 8; C. p. 81. It is needless to recall Shakespear's stage direction, "Chambers fired off." It is interesting to read of breech-loaders two hundred and fifty years ago, and to note that quick firing was ensured by two chambers belonging to each base.

which place they were made slaves. Eight or nine weeks ago he, eight other Englishmen, one Frenchman and two "¹Easterlings" were sent to sea in an Algerine Man-of-War, commanded by "three Hollouanders," with one hundred Turks and Moors. At sea "the company [of Europeans?] did raise a mutany;" with success it seems, for "thereupon they putt into Salley." Here nearly all the Turks landed and the ship again sailed. About twenty-five leagues from Scilly a "fibotter of Holland" met them and the captain with his crew boarded the Algerine ship, bringing all the "fibotter's" ammunition, put the English, French and Easterlings on board the latter vessel and left them. They sailed to England, landing at Minehead. He reports ten Men-of-War ready, or making ready at Sallee, for the English coasts. The ship in which he was was intended for the Severn, to catch ships coming from "Bristoll fayer," and she took one Bristol ship while he was on board. He says that the Moors show Dutch colours, and that "the Hollanders shall hayle such shippes as they meete wthall and they will kepe the Turcks close untill they have gotten the advantage of them." (Altogether this evidence seems to show that the Dutch were often leagued with the Moorish Pirates.) Aug. 16, 1624. B. p. 299.

Moorish Pirates

Bristol Fair.

The bark "whereof W. Langer is Master under God," having come from London, where the plague is, no goods shall be landed from her until thoroughly aired. July 5, 1625. C. p. 102.

VI. 84. Orders
July 5 and
Oct. 6, 1625.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Pestilence.

The walls of the Blookhouse are to be built up with stone, and a ²Purbeck stone platform to be made for the two guus on the "North." Oct. 6, 1625. C. p. 104.

Nothe Guns.

Copy of Letter from the Privy Council to Sir G. Trenchard and other Justices, and to the Mayors of W. and Poole, desiring them to aid W. Pease, Navy Commissioner, in providing two hundred and fifty men for the Navy from Dorset. From Whitehall. S. 214.

VI. 85. Letter.
June 21, 1625.
Eng. W. & M. R.

Letter or Order from the Privy Council, with autograph signatures. Seal gone. The King of Spain (they set forth) is planning an invasion, but it is wished that war may be carried into his own country—that W., Poole, and other Dorset towns are to send two ships. Oddly enough the blanks for tonnage and number of crews are not properly filled up. The ships are to have twelve guns each, and three months' provisions. The complement of men is to be two to every three tons. The Justices of the neighbourhood are to find a third of the men as musketeers, and they are to share in the victualling. The rendezvous to be Portsmouth, and the Fleet to sail by July 31. S. 211.

VI. 86. Letter.
June 30, 1625.
Eng. W. & M. R.
War with Spain
feared.
Ships for the
Navy.

¹ Men of East or North-east Germany. Sterling = Easterling, Germans having been employed in the Mint in Plantagenet times.

² It is strange that Purbeck stone should be specified, so close to Portland.

VI. 87. Letters
July 7, and
Aug. 3, 1626.
Eng. W. & M. R.
War with Spain
feared.
Order in
Council.

Seal.

Hastings,
Freke, Brown,
Napper.

Letter or Order from the Privy Council, with autograph signatures of Lords Marlborough, Manchester, and Bridgwater, to the Mayor, etc. As the King of Spain intends to invade us from both his "remote and neere dominions," and as Weymouth is weak and exposed, H.M. has ordered the Justices around to help to fortify the harbour and town. If the Mayor, etc., "discover . . . apparent Argument of an Enimie" they are to fire the beacons, warn the neighbours, and also send word to Court. From Whitehall. With Seal of Rose and Crown, with supporters. S. 212.

Letter with autograph signatures of H. ¹Hastings, T. Freke, J. Brown, and Nathl. Napper, Esqs., to the Mayor, etc., asking for an interview at Dorchester, on Aug. 8, to carry out instructions as above. It seems that the Dorset contingent had been reduced from three ships to two. With small Seal of Dove and Olive Branch, oddly enough. S. 213.

VI. 88. Esti-
mates.
1626 (?)
Eng. W. & M. R.
Harbour
defences.

Two Copies of Estimate for eight guns, six cwt. of powder, twenty cwt. of shot, etc.; also one platform for W. side, and one for M. R. side; in all £200. This is probably in connection with the Privy Council Order of July 7, 1626. The Mayor, etc., on M. R. side offer £20 towards the above. The blank for W. contribution is not filled up. S. 239. 1, 2.

VI. 89. Letter.
July 13, 1626.
Eng. W. & M. R.

Apparently from the Constable of the Tower to the Mayor, asking him to find out why two ships that ought long ago to have sailed from Plymouth, victualled at W., and proceeded to Portsmouth, have been delayed. With beautiful little Seal of Arms. S. 216.

VI. 90. Letter.
Aug., 1626 (?)
Eng. W. & M. R.

From Mr. J. Watts, instructed by Vice-Admiral the Earl of Denbigh, to order search for deserters from the Fleet. Small Seal of Arms. S. 215.

VI. 91. Letters
Jan. 19 and 26,
1626 (7).
English.
W. and M. R.

From "Jas. Cambell" and others about a suit brought against them and their correspondent, apparently at Roane (Rouen) for detention of a ship and cargo at London. Damages laid at 12000^{li} (livres?) London. Jan. 19, 1626 (7).

From G. Pyle, "Governor," to the Mayor, apparently about the same case. He speaks of trade with France, except Calais, being stopped; also he mentions a Company of French Merchants in London. From Exon. Jan. 26, 1626 (7).

French
Company in
London.

¹All these were names of Dorset Families. 1.—H. Hastings, Esq., second son of the Earl of Huntingdon, died 1639, aged one hundred and ten years. King James I. made him Forester of the New Forest, and built him a Lodge there, where he mostly lived quite alone, surrounded by hawks and hounds. He had a fine House and Estate at Woodlands, Dorset, but seldom lived there. (MS. of A. Ashley Cooper in the British Museum.) Yet his appearance of his name as that of a leading Dorset Gentleman seems inconsistent with this. 2.—Freke of Ewern Courtney. 3.—Brown of Frampton and Melcombe Regis. 4.—Napper of More Crichel, founder of "Napper's Mitc" Almshouse, Dorchester, probably.

Draft Answer on the same paper from Mr. Mayor Russell and others, agreeing to join in a remonstrance, but doubting the stoppage of French trade. Jan. 31, 1626 (7). (Very black ink.) S. 221. 1, 2.

Russell.

¹A Parchment Royal Order for the removal and sale of the St. Lawrence, captured by Capt. Sallanova, and which has sunk in the harbour to the great obstruction of the same. Under the Great Seal of the Admiralty, which is still on its parchment slip, but in an imperfect state. It bears a three-masted ship and must have been about five inches across. M. i. 11.

VI. 91^a. Admiralty Order. Oct. 14, 1629. English. W. and M. R. Admiralty Seal

Capt. Peter "Desallenove's" Receipt for £35 10s. 0d., the proceeds of the above sale, has been found, and is now pinned on to the Order. It is dated April 12, 1633.

From the Privy Council. There being "infectious sicknes" in Amsterdam, Rochelle, etc., already conveyed to Scilly in goods, no people or goods must be admitted from Holland or France without careful enquiry, some days' quarantine, and thorough airing of goods. From Whitehall. S. 226.

VI. 92. Order. Oct. 28, 1629. Eng. W. & M. R. Pestilence.

Whoever fires any ordnance within the Jetty head shall forfeit 20s. C. p. 113.

VI. 93. Order. Mar. 5, 1629 (30). Eng. W. & M. R. Firing Guns.

A Frenchman, of "Sherbroke" was fined 40s. for two shots, but had 35s. returned "because he was an alien and knew not the Constitution." June 4, 1630. C. p. 114.

The Petty Customs were let to T. Waltham for £167, for a year; apparently the highest point ever reached. C. p. 115.

VI. 94. Lease. Sept. 28, 1630. Eng. W. & M. R. Petty Customs high.

Two Prizes were encumbering the port. B. p. 357. (And remained for a year at least. B. p. 366.) In Hell Lane was lying "meresh navið Aug^{oo} old shipp Timber." B. p. 357. (Rendered "Shipp Planks," p. 365.) Ric. Martyn has used unlawful nets. B. p. 361. B. pp. 357, 361.

VI. 95. Presentments. Oct. 4, 1630. Lat. W. & M. R.

The Bridge being in decay, sixty tons of choice timber shall be bought in the New Forest, or the Isle of Wight. D. Fippen to make the purchase. C. p. 118.

VI. 96. Order. Aug. 24, 1631. Eng. W. & M. R.

W. Martell and T. Chappell leave their ship, "The Blessinge," unmoored to the peril of the Bridge; and others for leaving "The Dragon" likewise. (But presentments notwithstanding they encumbered the Harbour for one or more years. The Blessing is named as a sea-going ship in vi. 99.) B. p. 370.

VI. 97. Presentments. Oct. 10, 1631. Lat. W. & M. R.

Three men are presented "quia vinxerunt carabos suos Aug^{oo} moared their lobsters in portu." B. p. 372.

¹ See i. 20.

² Cherbourg.

³ Presentments of this sort are not infrequent; e.g., "after many presentments" the "Brasil Man" was lying neglected. Oct. 6, 1634. B. p. 387.

VI. 98. Orders
April 6 and
Oct. 26, 1632.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Harbour
impovertished.

Mr. J. Lockier and three others are to procure lighters and hire labourers to work in the water, while such inhabitants "as are of ability" are to furnish men "to worke in the dry," for the cleansing of the Harbour. C. p. 121.

A house to keep the guns in is to be erected near the Blockhouse. C. p. 124.

VI. 99.
Accounts.
Oct. 1, 1632—
Sept. 24, 1633.
English.
W. and M. R.
Harbour
revenue.

Mr. J. Pitt's minutely and neatly kept Account of Petty Customs, Bridge-groats, etc. One quarter is missing :—

		£	s.	d.
Totals.	For last quarter of 1632	-	-	58 7 4
	— first — 1633	-	-	29 19 11
	— third — —	-	-	33 16 7
				£122 3 10

Most vessels seem to have been freighted by several Merchants. Customs were paid outwards and inwards, judging from the item "entry into," as well as the odd looking one "entry out of" such a ship. A list of the vessels trading in W. just two hundred and fifty years ago may be interesting :—

List of Vessels.

Nonesuche.	Supply.	Flying Harte, of
Annboneadventer.	Cherubin.	Waymouth.
Blessinge.	Sarayh.	Alice.
Luke.	Hoape.	Desier.
St. Ann.	Virgin.	William and John.
Joane.	Maregoold.	Prosperous.
Harry and John.	Trinety.	Mermayd.
Susan.	ffloerdeluse.	Chaldren.
Clandrian.	Nitingale.	Flower.
James.	Littell John, of Way-	Cristian.
Dilligent.	mouth.	fraunces.
Swallowe.	Tamsin.	Pellican.
¹ Notterdam.	Isabell.	King David.
Evon, of Lantragat.	John.	Annfidelle.
Julian, of Conquet.	fffortune.	Unity.
Mighell, of Oessant.	Robert.	St. Paule.
Sperante, of Sher-	Peeter, of Conquet.	Marye, of Oessant.
brooke.	John, of do.	Le ⁴ Serve, of Oessant.
Sirene, of Oessant.	Peeter, de ³ Hable de	Robert, of Leithe.
Boneadventer, of	Grace.	Ann, of Yarmouth.
² Roane.		Jone, of Waymouth.

¹ Nôtre Dame?
² Rouen.
³ Hâvre de Grace.
⁴ Cerf?

The Town Clerk is to ride to Exeter to consult with the Mayor, etc., respecting a letter from his Worship about Pirates. C. p. 126. **VI. 100. Orders**
Feb. 22 and
Mar. 22, April
26 and May 27,
1633.

Mr. Bernard Mychell, now in London, is to act for the Corporation in petitioning for a "speedy course . . . against the Turks" (Moors), in accordance with "a treaty att Exon . . . the last of February," (see above.) C. p. 127. **VI. 101. Agreement.**
English.
W. and M. R.
Moorish Pirates

T. Lovelesse and D. Fippen are appointed "Mr Carpenters," for repairing the part of the Bridge on W. side (C. p. 127.) F. to go to Hants for Piles. C. p. 128. **VI. 102. Orders**
Sept. 5, Dec. 4,
1633.

(For want of rails many persons fell off the Bridge. Presentment, Oct. 17, 1633. B. p. 384.) **VI. 103. Orders**
Jan. 17, Mar. 21,
1634.

The Mayor, etc., agree to pay what D. Fippen (see above) may think needful for timber for piles, etc., to be fetched by "Gallie," from Hants. He notes at the foot, that he gave 20s. for a "gallie" load of timber, and got billets at 10s. a thousand. S. 232. **VI. 104. Orders**
Feb. 19, Apr. 1,
Oct. 1, Sept. 21,
1636.

Dues to be paid for every vessel careened in the Harbour, from 12d. under thirty tons, to 3s. for those of one hundred tons and above. C. p. 133. **VI. 105. Orders**
Sept. 5, Dec. 4,
1633.

Specifications and order for a Town Lighter to be built by J. Damon. To be thirty-three feet by fifteen feet, bottom three inch elm, sides one and a half inch oak. To have a wink and davit, etc., for a crane and drag amidships; fore and stern sheets, the first to be "cawk-thwight," to keep men dry; broad stern to display the Town Arms. Price ("great iron work excepted"), £45. (But he lost by the bargain, so June 13, 1634, the Town gave him £2 more.) C. pp. 135, 6. **VI. 106. Orders**
Jan. 17, Mar. 21,
1634.

A Ballast Wharf to be erected at the lower end of Hope. Dec. 4. C. p. 137. **VI. 107. Orders**
Feb. 19, Apr. 1,
Oct. 1, Sept. 21,
1636.

All vessels to ballast there, freemen of the Brough paying 10d. per ton, strangers 12d. March 31. C. p. 138. **VI. 108. Orders**
Sept. 5, Dec. 4,
1633.

Mr. J. Pitt having taken the Petty Customs at £159 for a year, but being "now of soe meane estate" that he cannot find security, is released from his bargain, and agrees to collect the dues for the Corporation gratis. Jan. 17, 1633 (4). C. p. 137. **VI. 109. Orders**
Jan. 17, Mar. 21,
1634.

The Marsh "shall be left open for the sea to cover the same as heretofore . . . that by meanes thereof the Harbour may be clenched, and that more water may be in the same." Feb. 19, 1635 (6). (The summer feed of the Marsh was let for £14, April 1, 1636. The plan of admitting the tide seems, however, to have been given up on Oct. 1, 1636, on granting a seven years' lease of the Marsh at £19 per annum.) C. p. 152. **VI. 110. Orders**
Feb. 19, Apr. 1,
Oct. 1, Sept. 21,
1636.

Trade was decreasing, the Petty Customs being let for only £100 10s. 0d. for a year, on Sept. 21, 1636. C. p. 154. **VI. 111. Orders**
Sept. 5, Dec. 4,
1633.

¹ This and the expression elsewhere, the "Mr" of a vessel, prove, if proof is needed, that "Mr" in the seventeenth century, and earlier, = Master not Mister. It was *Master* Greatheart who led Christiana to the River.

VI. 103. Petitions, Letters, etc.

July, Aug.,
Sept., 1636.

English.

W. and M. R.
Fear of Pirates.
Morlaix.

Draft Petition to the Privy Council from the Mayor, etc., of Exeter. Although the Deputy Lieutenants, etc., of Devon have addressed the Council about the "Turkische Pyrates," the Mayor, etc., are compelled also to petition because lately several ships have been taken near Dartmouth, three others from "St Malloes and Moreles" hardly escaping. Hereby merchants are "utterly disheartened, and seamen will not serve, fearing slavery under those "Mahumitans." The Merchants of Exeter and the neighbouring ports have deputed Mr. J. Crewkerne to wait on the Council with their Petition. July (†) 1636. S. 236. 1.

Loss by Pirates

"Instructions given to Mr. J. Crewkerne for sollicitation of y^e Lords of y^e Counsell." Fifteen "sayle of Turks" were off Plymouth coast, and five in the Severn. Five vessels of Dartmouth had been attacked, and three taken; also the "Rose Garden," of Topsham, and several fishing boats with forty men. The returning "Newfoundlandmen" will be in great danger. It is asked that guard ships, with seamen in command, may ride at the "Barr-foot of Sally" (Sallee), with "nimble ships" on the Devon and Irish coasts, and that privateers may be commissioned. S. 236. 2.

Letter from Mr. Adam Bennett, Mayor of Exeter, to the Mayor of W. and M. R. Supposing that Weymouth Merchants have lost ships through the Turks, and wish to have "the Channell cleared of those rogues," he asks the Mayor of W. to join in sending, and paying, Mr. Crewkerne to go to the Council. (Good writing. Seal damaged.) July 23, 1636. S. 236. 3.

Petition about Moorish Pirates

Draft Petition to the King from the Merchants and Ship-owners of Exeter. Plymouth, Barnstaple, Dartmouth, Weymouth, Melcombe, Lyme, etc. Besides the "Tunnis and Argero" pirates, those of "Salleye" by the "nimbleness of their shippes," and by the help of almost two thousand "Ynglish and Yrish captives," have done thousands of pounds worth of damage to the petitioners, and have almost stopped commerce. The three hundred English ships due from Newfoundland in Sept. and Oct. will be in great peril. Some speedy help is asked for, etc., etc. At Tutbury, Aug. 15, 1636, His Majesty answered that the Earl of Northumberland had orders to remedy the evil. To this another Petition is sent in reply recalling attention to the first one and offering to suggest a remedy. A hearing was promised. (See below.) A Petition nearly like the first to the Right Hon. and Right Rev. the Lord Chancellor, and a similar one to the Council. It may be noted that the proposed guard ships for Sallee were to be of three hundred tons, and that it is again pressed that "seamen onely maye be employed" to command. S. 236, 4.

Mr Crewkerne's Letter about defence from Pirates.

Letter from Mr. J. Crewkerne to the Mayor of W. and M. R. He found the King at "Rufford Abbie" with only four of the Council, and presented the Petition to him and his letters to "Secretary Cook." He waited a fortnight for an answer, on getting which he presented a second petition which was not answered till the

¹ As unwilling Galley Slaves doubtless.

King arrived at Woodstock. Here "uppon Sunday before the Sermon, the Lords sitting, I preferred your petition" to them. On Monday the King gave audience and an answer to the second petition to him. Copies of these and of one to the Archbishop he encloses. (As above.) After a short debate—"it could not be long seeing the Lords sat but an houre and a halfe and had other businesses"—he was told that the fleet should come down with the first fair wind. He told them plainly that this might mitigate but could "not cure the disease." He was told that no more could be done then, and one of the Lords "told mee his Matie would not be directed by us. Mie Lord Archbishopp at that tyme gave excedeing good words and at the delivering of mie petition did protest (strikeing his hands uppon his brest) that whilst hee had breath in his bodie he would doe his uttmost endeavor to advance soe necessarie and consequentiall a busines . . . that within theis twelve monethes not a Turkish shipp should be able to putt out." Mr. C. thinks the Council in earnest, and that "if y^u strike whilst the Iron is hote," applying again as soon as "they are settled att Hampton Court," something effectual will be done.

He sees the Council and the King, and gives his own opinion.

Archbishop Laud.

The Patent of the Spanish Company is sealed.

(This Letter has a Seal of Arms, the same as on that from the Mayor of Exeter.) Exeter. Sept. 8, 1636. S. 236, 5.

Propositions agreed upon at a Court held at Exeter, Sept. 21, 1636 (seemingly in compliance with the suggestions above), before the Governor, "Consulles," and Society.—

Proposals for defence against Pirates.

- 1.—A Petition to the King, of like tenor with the former ones.
- 2.—Mr. Powell, of Plymouth, or other fit person, to go with Mr. Crewkerne.
- 3.—The Company and "out Ports" to share in costs, which seem to be £72.
- 4.—This cost, and that arising from opposition to the London "Spanish Company," shall be thus assessed :

Port of Exon -	- $\frac{5}{24}$	Dartmouth -	- $\frac{3}{24}$	Lyme Regis, Wey-	} $\frac{3}{24}$
Plymouth -	- $\frac{5}{24}$	Totnes -	- $\frac{2}{24}$	mouth and M. R.	
		Barnstaple -	- $\frac{3}{24}$		

5.—A "Comission dorment," for fitting out privateers, and pressing seamen, to be obtained.

6.—Search to be made for ammunition intended for Barbary. S. 236. 6.

In Mr. J. Pitt's accounts of Petty Customs are some items which may be noted, e.g., "Dorset Kersis, 23 barrells Samon, 5 C. Pruines, Morles Cloth, Spanish Wool, Long Cottons, 32 piggs of greene poreke, val. at 20li."

VI. 104. Accounts. Oct., 1637, to Sept., 1638. Eng. W.&M.R.

A loose leaf of Memorandum of money. S. 238. 1, 2

Pilots on bringing ships into harbour are to cause all strangers on board to appear before the Mayor.

VI. 105. Orders Oct. 11, 1639. Eng. W.&M.R.

No "Bridport Boates" or other vessels may winter in the "Hold," or other part of the Harbour, except above Bridge. C. p. 166.

VI. 106. Accounts. Feb. 3 to Mar. 23, 1640(1) and Nov. 25, 1640 to April 28, 1641. May 7 to Oct. 29, 1641. Eng. W. & M. R.

In Mr. Wise's account of Petty Customs may be noted, 30 gross Tobacco pipes, 18 dozen "plaine Gloues," 5 tons Fustick Wood, 1 bag "Mador," "9 bolts Poldamer." S. 243. 2

"A note of Ireworke" seemingly for the guns, £13 17s. 2d. S. 244.

Four separate leaves of accounts of Petty Customs, from which may be noted, Tanner's Rynes, Spanish Wine, Coals, Currants, Carpentine, Grocerie, Rise, Stronewaters. S. 246. 1—4

VI. 107. Orders Jan. 4, 1640(1), and Sept. 24, 1641. English. W. and M. R.

A Petition is to be sent to the King and Privy Council for Powder for the Ordnance, "w^{ch} are 15 Demy Culverins and 7 Sakers, of w^{ch} 14 are his Mat^{ies} and 1 the Towne's." C. p. 172.

Ordnance. Dispute about Duty on Iron.

Mr. Hill of Dorchester had disputed Harbour Rules, and iron of his had been seized for duties, which he refused to pay; unless it could be shewn that Welsh or English iron paid duty at Bristol, Exeter, or Southampton. Mr. Haryson, Mr. Churchey, and Mr. Fabian Hodder are to ride to those places respectively, and find out the truth as to this. C. p. 173.

(On Dec. 4, 1646, the matter was referred to the Recorders of W. and Dorchester, p. 193; and given against W. it seems, for on Jan. 27, 1646 (7), £11 13s. 0d. was ordered to be paid to Mr. Hill, p. 194.)

VI. 108. Indictment. Feb. 13 and 20, 1645 (6). English. W. and M. R.

Evasion of Duties.

Capt. Arthur, Collector of Customs, accused Mr. Alderman G. Churchey, saying "that hee . . . hath coloured 'forraigner's goods," invoicing them to himself when mostly for his brother who was not a freeman, thereby evading Petty Customs. Mr. C. confessed this, but urged the heavy price which he had paid for his freedom, viz., £30; and that a "parcel of Reddings" had been seized for the "garrison souldiers," and never paid for. (On Sept. 2, 1646, he was fined £50, p. 191; but on Aug. 27, 1649, after a seizure of goods, he compounded for £21 10s. 0d., p. 226.) C. pp. 176, 7.

VI. 109. Orders, etc. May 29, etc., 1647. English. W. and M. R.

Repair of Pier and Harbour.

From a list of "foreign bought and sold goods" seized and sold may be noticed, Branched and Tufted Holland, Coloured Incle, Breech Hooks, White Manchester, Coloured Callicow. May 29, 1647. C. p. 196.

Copy of an Order of the Commons for £1000 towards repair of the Piers and Harbour. (Another Copy in S. 245, p. 117.) The Mayor, etc., therefore order the work to be proceeded with, with J. Lockier as Superintendent, at 6s. 8d. a

¹ Foreigners were all men not Freemen of the Borough. It seems that in every sale of sea-borne merchandise brought to port one party must be a Freeman, otherwise the goods were "foreign bought and sold," and forfeited to the Corporation.

week. July 22, 1647. C. p. 197. Capt. J. Lockier "brake his leg" and Ric. Bolt succeeded him. Feb. 4, 1647 (8), p. 204.

Copy of an Order from the Central Committee for the Navy and Customs to Capt. Arthur, Collector at W., to pay £500 of the £1000 granted above. Aug. 9, 1647. C. p. 197.

In S. 245, a volume chiefly filled with Law Minutes, are copies of several letters, etc., respecting the above. They are at the end, paged 1^a, etc. Letter from the Mayor (?) to Dr. J. ¹Bond and the other Members for the Borough, to "remonstrate" the impossibility of repairing the Harbour through the decay of trade, and asking him to beg for a grant. Undated. P. 5^a. Similar letter to Giles ²Greene, Esq., M.P., adding that Capt. Lockier is "to sollicit" for them. Undated. P. 5^a. Letters to both the above and to Mr. Randall, Secretary to the Committee of the Navy, thanking them for their exertions. Undated. P. 6^a. Copy of Order (as above) to Capt. Arthur, but for the "further sum" of £500. Sept. 6, 1647. P. 7^a. S. 245 pp. 5^a—7^a.

A Fine of 10s. paid for a "foreign sale," by "T. Bennet a m̃chant and Baron of Hasting," is to be returned. He showed a long and curious Certificate (copied in the Minute Book), by Royal Decree exempting Barons of the ³Cinque Ports from Petty Customs and Imposts of all kinds in all the Kingdom. May 5, 1648.

VI. 110. Orders,
etc.
May 5, 24, 1648.
Sept. 3, 1649.
Mar. 29, 1650.
Mar. 28, July 23,
April 21, 1651.
Feb. 4, 1652 (3).
Eng. W. & M. R.
Baron of
Hastings.
Foreign Sale.

B. King, a "foreign" buyer of goods, thereupon seized and sold for £10, being found to be "but a poor man and not able to bear" the loss, £6 is given to him. May 24, 1648. C. p. 208.

Mention of a "void plott of ground lately taken in at the Jutty." May 24, 1648. C. p. 208.

The "Petty Customs" are to be called "Wharfage, Bomage," etc. Aug. 27, 1649. C. p. 226.

At a Meeting of Merchants and Mariners, at a Hall, reasons were given against stopping the course of the water towards Radipole :

Opinion as to
reclamation of
land from the
Backwater.

1.—"Yf the Indraught be stopped the Tide will have but little recourse in the Harbo^r by reason that the Tide doth crosse the Bay . . . from the Bill . . . to the White North, soe that the harbo^r hath only the benefit of the last halfe ebb

White Nothe.

¹ Dr. J. Bond was Master of Trinity Hall, Cambridge. His son Dennis was Recorder of W. and M. R.

² His Weymouth house was that euphoniously called "Hell," near the East end of Hell (now softened to Helen) Lane. In London he lived in Threadneedle Street.

³ The Cinque Ports were, oddly enough, seven : Hastings, Romney, Hythe, Dover, Sandwich, Rye, and Winchelsea, the last two having been added to the original five. "Barons of the Cinque Ports . . . are two of every of the seven towns . . . that have places in the Lower House."—Cowel s.v. Baron.

⁴ Probably the site of the Alexandra Gardens.

- in the oswing (?) to fill it upp within the East and West Moones making full sea in the harbo^r and it being not full sea at Portland before the Moone is South-east."
- Tides.** 2.—"The Tide comeinge out of the Bay from the Northward, crossing the harbo^r, brings in soe much wash and sand . . . into the harbo^r mouth, that it will not be cleared without the Tide hath a free recourse as now it hath."
- "But twas . . . conceived that if any of the ground bee taken in there must be the whole Channell left in the middle and bankt of both sides, so that the Tide must have its full recourse as far up as Radipoll . . . otherwise it will bee the destrucon of the harbo^r." Sept. 3, 1649. C. p. 227.
- The Marsh embanked.** The idea that the Marsh also should lie open to the tide for the good of the Harbour had been given up, for the Marsh had been walled across. The wall having been destroyed in the siege (as appears, C. p. 240), it is to be rebuilt four feet high backed with blue clay "thite soe as to keepe out the water," for £60. The Marsh was then let for seven years at £14 per annum; with liberty to crop it for three years with anything but oats. March 28 and July 23, 1651. C. pp. 238, 240.
- Cocket.** Goods arriving "at this port by port ¹Cockquet or Let passe" shall pay Town duties. March 29, 1650. C. p. 230.
- Constable Coven is to ride into Hants with Col. ²Joyce, by whom and (Col) Heane a grant of thirty trees in "the late King's Forest," given to them by Parliament, has been made for the Bridge. April 21, 1651. C. p. 239.
- Bridge.** J. Yeatman, etc., of Fawley, near Cashmoore Castle, seamen, are to have some help in Shipping ninety tons of timber which they have agreed to bring from "Ely" (Ealing ?) at 6s. per ton. They are not to shorten the timbers but to saw the short pieces [into planks ?] This was probably the timber given by the two Colonels, above. Feb. 4, 1652 (3). C. p. 246.
- Timber from the New Forest**
- VI. 111. Presentments.** The Town is presented for not setting up a mooring post on the sand, between the lands of Mr. Dennys and Mr. Cornish. B. p. 503.
- Oct. 13, 1651. Also "for not setting upp a Boome to be a marke . . . for shippes, etc. comeinge into the Harbo^r." (Still not done two years later, p. 514. It was to be at the "Jutty Head.") B. p. 504.
- English.
W. and M. R.
Boom.
- VI. 112. Fine.** J. Wetwang, of Newcastle, paid 40s. for firing his guns in the Harbour, "and gave reparacon to the partyes greived." C. p. 244.
- June 18, 1654.
Eng. W. & M. R.
- VI. 113. Presentments.** Presentment of "many banks of sand" from the Bridge to the George corner. (Also on the North side, p. 532.) B. p. 525.
- Oct. 1, 1655, etc. There was a "New Fort upon the Jutty." Oct., 1656. B. p. 532.
- Eng. W. & M. R.
Fort on Jetty.

¹ Cocket = "a scrow of parchment sealed and delivered by the officers of the custome house to Merchants as a Warrant that their merchandize be customed."—Cowell. s.v.

² Was this the Joyce to whom, when Cornet, the King surrendered ?

After having been kept in hand for some years, the "Anchorage, Keyage," etc. (formerly Petty Customs), were now again let for £41 10s. for a year. (They had let for £167 in 1630. See vi. 94.)

C. p. 257.

VI. 114. Letting of Customs Oct. 26, 1655. Eng. W. & M. R. Trade low.

Strangers are to pay 2d. per ton duty on "all Portland Stones loaden here."

C. p. 260.

VI. 115. Order. Jan. 23, 1656 (7) Eng. W. & M. R. Portland Stone.

The fishermen have been "destroying the fry or increase of fish by reason that the meshes of their nets are not so wide" as the Statute requires. (An order against "hunting netts and other unlawful netts." Oct. 24, 1662. C. p. 282.)

B. p. 550.

VI. 116. Presentment. Oct. 3, 1659. English. W. and M. R. Illegal Nets.

Trade was again improving. The Petty Customs (again so called), were let for £87 1s. for a year.

C. p. 268.

Col. Bullen Reynes, "one of the late" Members for the Borough, brought the King's Patent for £100 per annum for ten years, for the repair of the Harbour; also a copy of the Lord Treasurer's Order for this to be paid out of the Customs. Col. R. also presented "a Booke of all the Acts" of the late Parliament. All these documents seem now to be missing, but the Patent and Order are copied in the book. Col. R. was to have all expenses repaid, and he also had the freedom of the Borough presented to him for his "extraordinary care and paines."

C. p. 270.

VI. 117. Letting of Customs Sept. 28, 1660. Patent, etc. Jan. 31, 1660 (1). Agreement. May 17, 1661. English. W. and M. R. Reynes. Harbour repairs. Documents.

This grant was soon acted upon. On May 17, 1661, J. Thorne, Mason, agreed to build a Jetty, fourteen feet broad, "beyond the New Fort at the end of the old Jutty . . . to the new Boome" for 2s. per "Pearch," i.e., one foot high, fifteen feet long, and two feet broad. T. Hide was to bring stones at 1s. per ton. Among the tools "Kevills" are mentioned.

C. p. 273.

One hundred pounds were borrowed from W. Sydenham, of ¹Winford Eagle, Esq., for carrying on the Harbour work until the grant from the Customs shall come in. Sept. 27, 1661.

C. p. 275.

Sydenham. Winford Eagle.

Copy of a Royal Commission to a number of Dorset gentlemen and one or two others to enquire how best to further the reclamation of sea marshes. (Most of the names have appeared before; but J. "Tregunnell of Anderson," is new as a Dorset County family name, in these Records.) This project as affecting W. and M. R. was considered at a Hall, and all, except Fabian Hodder, agreed that to embank any of the flats between the Bridge and Radipole would hinder the "indraught . . . which scowreth the harbor . . . and see destroy itt." C. p. 285.

VI. 118. Consultation as to Backwater. Feb. 6, 1662 (3) English. W. and M. R. Tregunnell. Reclamation of the Backwater considered.

The Lighter-men fetching stones from about Bingleaves, etc., as heretofore, for building the "worke in the Harboꝝ" as far as the Boom, shall be saved harmless

VI. 119. Order. May 5, 1665. Agreement. June 23, 1665.

¹ This delightful old house remains and gives his title to Lord Wynford, the present owner.

- Harbour extension. from suits if they take no stones within fifteen feet of "the full sea mark." May 5, 1665. C. p. 293.
- Two Masons agree to build a Quay "against the lands of Mr. Jos. Pitt. The Corporation are to "allow the said workemen 2s. 8d. a peece [per day] to bee 4 ft. in breadth and to be faced on each side. To be . . . such a hight as may be thought fitt." June 23, 1665. B. p. 585.
- VI. 120. Orders June 23, 1665, and May 25, 1666. Foreign Sale. "About 100 awnes of Shirbrooke convace . . . seized as foraigne bought and foraigne sold by St. Samwayes unto T. Randall," were released, S. being "a Townesman borne" and young and ignorant of the customs of the Town. June 23, 1665. B. p. 586.
- Exemption from Dues. Mr. Papillion, of London, Merchant, claiming exemption from all Town dues as a Freeman of London, the Corporation will save harmless J. Heysome, Farmer of those dues, in levying them. May 25, 1666. C. p. 296.
- VI. 121. Order. Nov. 23, 1666. English. W. and M. R. Bridge Tolls. Towards the repair of the Bridge, Piers, and Quays, a half-penny shall be paid for every horse bearing a pack or packs across the Bridge, and a farthing for each horse carrying fuel, etc. (without packs); also 2d. per ton for every vessel belonging to a Freeman and entering the Port, and 4d. do., do., if belonging to a stranger. C. p. 298.
- VI. 122. Accounts. Dec. 9 and 22, 1666. Feb. 10, 1667 (8) Eng. W. & M. R. Nothe Pier. From two weekly accounts it appears that work was going on at "the peers at north" (the Nothe.) S. 253. 1. Amount for repair of Custom House Measures, "Charkell Hogaheds, Col. bushells," etc. Signed Rog. Cuttance, Mayor. S. 253. 2.
- VI. 123. Order. July 7, 1668. Eng. W. & M. R. Portland Stone for the Bridge. Reynes. Copy of Order from Sir J. Denham to the "Overseeres of his Maties Quares in Portland" to give three hundred tons of stone to Col. Rimes (Bullen Reynes) for the Bridge, July 5, 1668; and Copy of Col. R.'s order for the same to the Mayor. C. p. 308.
- VI. 124. Order. Oct. 30, 1668. Eng. W. & M. R. In an Order mention is made of "the Harbo^r or Roade comouly called the North Rhoad." C. p. 315.
- VI. 125. Accounts. Nov. 9-27, 1668. Eng. W. & M. R. Two weekly accounts for Quay repairs "before J. Backeller's shopp," by T. Day. Total £9 5s. 10d. Mason's wages were 1s. 6d. a day, Labourer's 1s. Payment ordered by Mr. Mayor Desallenove. S. 251. 1, 2.
- VI. 126. Book of Accounts. 1668-1694. Eng. W. & M. R. Grand, New and Little Piers. A Folio Book of about one hundred and sixty pages, chiefly filled with Town Accounts, among which are many items relating to the Harbour, of which may be noted; 1685.—Many items in this and other years about the "Grand Piere," also the New Pier and the Little Pier in the Outer Hole.

1688. Aug. 8. Bill for the Bridge Pier - - - - - £5 0 0 Bridge Pier.
 1693. April 3. Paid to the Lieut. of the Frigate "Child's Play"
 with G. Bagg his apprentice - - - - - £3 0 0
 S. 254.

Mr. Alderman Wall to be Treasurer for the New Bridge. C. p. 323.

The Bridge was to be of stone and wood. Aug. 30, 1669. C. pp. 324, 5.

There is a list of sixty-four Trees, twenty-two to eight feet long, and twenty-four to eighteen inches square, one hundred deals not under sixteen feet long, five hundred tons of ashlar, one hundred and fifty tons of "fillers," and fifty bushels of "Tarras Sand." Sept. 28, 1669. Do.

VI. 127. Orders
 Aug. 30 and
 Sept. 28, 1669.
 Eng. W. & M. R.
 A new Bridge
 proposed.
 Wall.

The sum of £700 to be applied for from Government for Harbour repairs; and Sir Winston Churchill to be asked for £50, promised by him for the Bridge. June 7, 1672. C. p. 338.

VI. 128. Orders,
 etc.
 June 7 and
 Sept. 27, 1672.
 May 21 and
 July 31, 1673.
 Michs., 1674.
 English.
 W. and M. R.
 Bridge.

The Accounts of outlay of the former grant of £1000 for the Harbour, to be presented. Sept. 27, 1672. C. p. 340.

At this time negotiations were in hand with the "Islanders of Portland" about the Bridge and stone for it.

The Endeavour, a very old vessel, to be broken up that "shee may not further infest the Harbor with wormes and vermin." June 7, 1672. C. p. 339.

Notwithstanding all talk of a New Bridge, repair is again ordered, owing to the structure having been "dampnified" by ships. May 21, 1673. C. p. 342.

Order that, as the middle of the Bridge is "cleane broken downe," and as through the wars and decay of trade, it cannot otherwise be kept up, tolls shall be paid as follows :

Bridge
 damaged.

For every "horse-beast, ¹rother beast, bull, ox, steere, asse or mule," with some exceptions, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Rother-beast.

For every cart or "slide" (horses drawing them passing free), 12d.

For each passage of a vessel requiring one or both leaves of the Drawbridge to be raised, 12d.

With autograph signatures of Mr. Mayor Arnold de Sallenove, etc., etc. No autograph signatures have appeared in this book since 1628; and a good deal of change of writing is visible since that date. July 21, 1673. C. p. 382.

Complaints as to Trade were not well founded, for the Petty Customs let for as much as £109 for a year. Michaelmas, 1674. C. p. 350. Petty Customs.

A hundred tons of Portland Stone to be got for repairing the Grand Pier, "which is much decayed." May 21, 1687. C. p. 392.

VI. 129. Orders
 May 21, Nov.
 18, 24, 1687.
 Eng. W. & M. R.

¹ Cow or heifer. Rother = German, Roth = Red. Compare the Northern term, Black-cattle. The word Rother-beast is not obsolete.

- Prohibition of mooring ships, etc., to the Bridge, whereby it has been "gaged." Nov. 18, 1687. C. p. 396.
- Precautions against fire.** Ships may not be careened between the Bridge and the George Stairs on Melcombe side, and the Stairs opposite Raymond's house on Weymouth side, the buildings near being "slight and of timber and soe subject to bee fired." Nov. 24, 1687. C. p. 397.
- A like precaution about heating pitch, which is not to be done on board ship, on any harbour stairs, or against any wall within the Borough. Dec. 9, 1687. C. p. 398.
- Certain posts put up by Mr. Matt. Pitt to the hindrance of traffic on the Quay, are to be pulled down. April 30, 1688. C. p. 399.
- Goods were imported by or for Sir Benj. Newland, a name not observed before. April 30, 1688. C. p. 400.
- Marsh Wall.** The Marsh sea-wall had been destroyed through a great tempest, a thing unknown before. The repairs had cost Mr. Theo. Townson £57, so a year and a half's rent was forgiven him. It is strange that no damage lower down is mentioned. March 13, 1690 (1). C. p. 413.
- VI. 130. Minutes. 1699—1724. English. W. and M. R. Fordington. Broadweaver. Coal Trade.** An unbound Folio Book of about five hundred pages, containing Miscellaneous Records, some relating to the Harbour, *e.g.*, W. Tripp, of Fordington, ¹Broadweaver, deposes respecting a riot to prevent the export of two waggon loads of wheat to Guernsey. May 6, 1700. S. 259. f. 7^b.
- Meters were appointed to measure the large quantities of "coles, culm or stone coles" arriving from Newcastle, etc. Fee 2d. per quarter. Sept. 19, 1701. F. 29^b.
- Enquiry about the theft of vanes from the "Draggu" and other vessels. A seaman "wanted some vanes to make a sash." Sept. 19, 1701. F. 31.
- Goods must not be carried from ships into the town, except by the "Bearers or Day Attenders on the Quay," charge 2d. to 4d. per quarter according to distance. 1701. F. 33.
- New Drawbridge.** As a new Drawbridge has been made, all ships are to "hall through bridge" after unloading. Dec. 1, 1701. F. 35.
- Bartlett. Boat captured in Portland Roads.** J. Bartlett and others, making for Weymouth in his boat after mackerel fishing, were chased into Portland Roads by a large ship flying Dutch colours. The Commander said that he was French, from le Hâvre de Grace, that they were prisoners, and that the boat must be ransomed or destroyed. Bartlett pleaded in vain that England and France had agreed not to molest fishing boats. A ransom of £10 "in Drapery and Hatts" was agreed on, and a man kept as hostage until the goods were brought. The Commander Cushart had lately escaped out of Hampton (Southampton) gaol. June 21, 1708. F. 110^b.
- Ransom.**

¹ The manufacture of cloth in Fordington died out only thirty or forty years ago.

- Mr. Ph. Taylor, Jr., Mayor, deposes that the Officer of the "Queen's Warehouse" refused the Mayor's "fee bushel" of salt out of a cargo. Nov. 20, 1711. S. 259. f. 142^b. P. Taylor. Fee Bushel.
- Mr. Bury and Mr. C. Langrish are authorized to rebuild the Bridge. May 8, 1713. F. 165. Bury. Langrish. Bridge to be rebuilt.
- Do., do., "to take up the end of the Bridge from the Key to the Peer of Weymouth side," if they make a "secure passage for leading over horses" and for foot passengers. July 1, 1711 (entry misplaced.) F. 167^b.
- Jas. Fry deposes to violent resistance to Mr. P. Taylor, Collector of Customs, and Jonathan Cook when on board the John and Thomas, on duty. Fry wished to help them, but was pulled away by the wife of Brook, one of the assailants. June 11, 1717. F. 191. Fry. Collector of Customs resisted. Brook. Gleade.
- Mr. W. Gleade is authorized to launch two ships now building on the "new Key," he being bound to repair all damages. (Similar entries occur henceforward occasionally.) March 20, 1720 (1). F. 211.
- Mr. Templeman, Tide-surveyor, deposes that Greene, Master of the Dove, was ordered to the "Mother Bank," or other quarantine station, but nevertheless sailed into Portland Roads and went ashore. Feb. 6, 1720 (1). F. 221^b. Templeman. Quarantine.
- The "Inner Bar" is to be reported on with a view to its removal. Jan. 9, 1721 (2). This and the preceding entry are misplaced. F. 229^b.
- W. ¹Betts, Esq., M.P., is authorized to set piles on the "Grass Bank," to help the warping of ships. Sept. 24, 1722. F. 234^b. Betts. Harbour improvements.
- Piles are to be driven, along from the new Jetty towards the harbour mouth, to check the "outsett of the Tide on the north side," to keep the channel "in a more direct course;" and the lower part of the Jetty, now covered by high tides, is to be raised "so as to answer 10 ft. on . . . the Bar." March 8, 1722 (3). F. 236.
- W. Painter, after helping Warren Lisle, "patent searcher of the Customs" to seize a boat load of wine and brandy that "was going to be runned ashore by Smallmouth passage," was assaulted in the Queen's Head. Feb. 20, 1723 (4). F. 245. Smuggling. Lisle.
- J. Loader, sent by W. T. Cooper, Collector of Customs, to act for A. Smith, Officer at Lulworth, lately wounded by H. Hoare, saw the latter with a cask of "runned brandy," as he believes it was. On trying to seize it he had his arm broken. May 20, 1724. S. 259. f. 246^b. Smuggling.
- (A similar Minute occurs in Volume D. T. Parker, of the Customs, was assaulted in the ²Boot Alehouse for going there to see for "runned goods." July 3, 1728. D. p. 103.) The Boot.

¹ The first occurrence of this name in these Records, as far as has been observed.

² Still standing.

- VI. 131.
Minutes.
1724—1800.
English.
W. and M. R.
Warehouse.
- In a small Folio Volume of "Minutes of Meetings of the Town Council," in this Catalogue designated D, are some things relating to the Harbour; *e.g.*:
A Warehouse for goods imported or for export was ordered to be built on a shop lately occupied by Sam. Langrish, Blockmaker. Most likely this was adjoining the George, as (p. 135) it seems to have been connected with Sir S. Mico's bequest, of which the George was a chief part.
- Grocery Ships.
Colliers.
- Order to take measures to remedy the inconvenience to "Grocery Ships" caused by colliers lying at the quay for two or three months sometimes. Jan. 24, 1728 (9). D. p. 115.
Mr. Templeman, on behalf of H.M. Customs, was to have a twenty-one years' Lease of Land "on the Walls" (?) of the Corporation, at a fine of £5 and 5s. yearly rent, to build a Customs' boat-house. Jan. 8, 1729 (30). D. p. 137.
- Right to Petty
Customs lost.
- The Borough seems at this time to have lost the right to Wharfage and Petty Customs. An action to recover the same was thought of, but was delayed in order to see what success Poole might have in a like action. Nov. 18, 1732. D. p. 158.
- Mr. E. Tucker
repaired the
Bridge.
Iron-bound
wheels.
Horse-loads.
- The Corporation thanked Mr. E. Tucker, Mayor, who at his own cost had repaired the Bridge, which had been damaged by unmoored vessels. No "iron-bound" carts, nor horses loaded with furze, etc., "with which they are compelled to go sideways," are to cross the Bridge. Jan. 5, 1735 (6). D. p. 173.
Dispute with Christian Bergesen, Master of the St. Peter of Frederickshall. He refused to pay 2s. per ton for ballast. An anchor was seized and he then compromised the matter. May 17, 1736. D. p. 177.
- Powder.
- After a long interval of silence on the subject, two barrels of powder and five cwt. of shot are ordered for the guns. Feb. 14, 1745 (6). D. p. 217.
- Petty Customs.
- Copy of a Petition to the Commons for a re-adjustment of the Petty Customs and confirmation of the Corporation's right to levy them. Feb. 12, 1747 (8). Pp. 225, 6.
- List of
Charters, etc.
- List of Documents given to G. Swaffield to be produced to the Commons, apparently as evidence respecting Petty Customs; viz., Charters of 2 Eliz., 5 Henry VII., and 4 Henry VIII., Exemplification of the "Act of Union" of 13 Eliz., three Decrees of the Exchequer, Charter of 40 Eliz., Exemplification of Verdict in *re* Corporation *v.* Yeats, Charter of 14 James [I.], a Paper of Oct. 2, 1608, a Parchment of Feb. 14, 1608 (9), the large Book of Constitutions, Town-hall and Justice Book, W. and M. R. Town-hall Book, beginning 1699, do., 1724, a Book of Borough Accounts, and Journal 1693. (Nearly or quite all these remain, except the first.) Jan. 31, 1748 (9). P. 233.
A Memorandum of the return of these Documents. May 11, 1749. P. 234.
J. Basham is to be Collector of Harbour and Ballast dues, with an allowance of 2s. in the pound, in accordance with the late Act about this matter. June 23, 1749. P. 235.

- A seven years' Lease of "the Royalty of Fishing in the water belonging to the Corporation" to be granted to R. Jeanes, Mayor (?) June 28, 1751. P. 243. Lease of Fishery.
- Order to secure and sell the Blubber, etc., of a large Fish then on the sands; with precautions against fire in boiling. The Spermaceti and Oil to be put up at £25 per tun, Blubber at £15 10s. 0d. Feb. 26, 1753. D. p. 247. Spermaceti Whale.
- "The great increase of shipping in this port of late years" obliges goods to be sometimes hoisted "over severall other vessells" at the Custom House Quay. To give more room a Bridge further Westward shall replace the old one; which improvement J. Tucker, Esq., Alderman and M.P., offers to carry out at his own cost, the new Bridge to abut on the Wharf at the end of St. Nicholas Street. This is accepted. May 23, 1769. (This offer had already been favourably considered. April 2, 1741. D. p. 200.) Trade increased J. Tucker, Esq. will build a new Bridge from St. Nicholas St. D. p. 299.
- A Quay is to be erected from the site of the old Bridge at the end of St. Thomas Street to the new Bridge. Nov. 8, 1770. D. p. 313.
- Copy of Petition to the Admiralty for help against French Privateers, which within two months have taken twenty vessels and more, between the Isle of Wight and the Start, mostly within two leagues of Portland. Dec. 9, 1780. D. p. 353. Loss by French Privateers.
- An Affidavit by Matt. Laugrish, who, when commanding a sloop, was taken off Portland by the Civility, privateer, apparently English built, Captain an Englishman, with a French Commission. L. was on board four days and saw four more vessels taken. Dec. 9, 1780. D. p. 353.
- Permission to the inhabitants near the Cove to wall it across and fill it up at their own cost. Sept. 27, 1781. D. p. 361. Cove to be filled up.
- Mr. Saunders is permitted to build a vessel "on the West ground near the Meeting House." Aug. 4, 1783. D. p. 372. Meeting House.
- The slip there was to be let by the Corporation at from 7s. for vessels under forty tons to £2 12s. 6d. for those of one hundred and fifty tons or more. May 19, 1784. D. p. 379.
- Mr. J. Brett is allowed to lay Oysters above Bridge, from the S.W. corner of Mr. Elliott's house to the N. end of Townsend Ground, and across to the opposite shore, for three years, at 2s. 6d. rent the first year, and £1 1s. 0d. after. Jan. 3 and Feb. 7, 1785. D. pp. 387, 388. Brett. Oyster beds. Elliott.
- J. Dodge and Ric. Samways do., do., for as much "of the lake above the Bridge as extends North from the end of the lower Rails to the mouth of Chaffey's Bridge Lake." J. Whicker, do., do., for ten yards wide from the Bridge to the Mouth of the Marsh Lake. March 7, 1785. D. p. 389. Dodge. Samways. Chaffey's Lake. Marsh Lake.
- The inner and outer Piers are to be repaired at a cost of £111 15s. 10d. by Messrs. Summervall and Hamilton. Sept. 10, 1787. D. p. 415. Piers. Summervall. Hamilton.
- The Drawbridge to be floored with four-and-a-half inch oak plank. Feb. 6, 1792. D. p. 460. Drawbridge.

- Puckett, Scott, Isaac, Weston. Messrs. Puckett, Scott and W. Isaac may extend the Quay thirty feet into the Backwater, in a line with land embanked by Mr. S. Weston, and the S.W. end of Coneygar Lane. April 30, 1798. D. p. 522.
- Guard Ship. The Admiralty to be petitioned for a Guard Ship for Portland Roads and W. Harbour. April 30, 1798. D. p. 522.
- Bridge to be repaired by the County? A Case to be laid before the Recorder for his opinion, whether the Bridge should be repaired by the County. May 9, 1798. D. p. 523.
- Puckett. Mr. E. Puckett was extending the Quay wall on W. side at the Ballast Wharf. Aug. 5. 1799. D. p. 539.

CLASS VII. CHURCH AFFAIRS.

N.B.—This Class comprises the principal Notices of the Church, whether as an Institution or as a Fabric, such Notices being either in separate Documents or in extracts from Minute Books.

PARCHMENT INDENTURE. The Seals are gone; two parchment Seal-slips remain. This is a Conveyance by the Mayor, etc., of M. R. of a plot of ground to W. Peres, who had paid to them 11s. 4d.; this land to be his stipend as their "Priest celebrating in the Chapel of St. Mary." The plot is sixty-eight by twenty feet, lies South of the Chapel, between the "perambulatoria" of the Chapel on the North, and vacant land belonging to the Town (but formerly to J. Clackabey) on the South. It stretches towards "le gret elme" near Maiden Street on the East, and another "gret elme" near St. Mary Street on the West. Oct. 20. 35 Henry VIII. . . . "in terra sub X̄ro sup̄m capitis anglicanæ eccl̄ie et hibernice . . ." (of Henry VIII. on earth under Christ the supreme head of the Anglican and Irish Church.)

VII. 1. Indenture.
Oct. 20, 1543.
Latin. M. R.

St. Mary's
Chapel.

Elms.

K. Henry VIII.
Head of the
Church.

S. 10.

In a letter from T. Howarde, Esq., to Mr. Deputy Mayor W. Pyt he makes reference to an existing unwillingness to "pay the prestes wages." (See ii. 29.) S. 88.

VII. 2. Letter.
March 2, 1581.
English. M. R.?
Priest's Wages.

"This Indenture" is a Lease by "Emma Raynoldes and Luke her son," of the one part, and "Robart Openshall," Minister, of the other part, of a new house in St. Thomas Street, for six years, at £4 per annum, payable quarterly at the Feasts of the Nativity, the Annunciation, the Nativity of St. John Baptist, and St. Michael. Attached to the Lease is a Schedule of furniture let with the house. Among the items are one "folded table boorde," two settles, and one pair of iron dogs. The rooms mentioned are, Hall, Parlour, two Chambers, two Closets and a Buttery. The Seal is gone. Only Luke R.'s signature appears. The document is much decayed.

VII. 3. Lease.
Sept. 30, 1583.
Testimonial.
1583.
English. M. R.

S. 104.

With this may be taken a Parchment Testimonial from the Mayor, etc., highly praising "Robt. Openshuwe, M^r of Artes, minister rightlye instituted of the woorde and Sacraments of God." This is of course the same Clergyman. The Testimonial is in the Borough Chest with the Charters.

Rev. R.
Openshall.

- VII. 4. Accounts.**
Feb. 25, 27,
1595 (6).
English.
W. and M. R.
Melcombe
Chapel.
- In Mr. Mayor Dottrell's Mayoralty Accounts are one or two Church items, *e.g.*, Lynarde Vandargosen paid for Borough Freedom, for himself and three sons, 40s., and also 20s. "towarde the Chapell;" Edmond Chowne "chorchewarden at Rodypoll" paid for his own Freedom 40s., of which 30s. were struck off for outlay by him at Radipole, and 10s. were bestowed on the "bordynge," etc., at Melcombe Chapel. S. 166.
- VII. 5. Memorandum.**
1604.
English. M. R.
- "A Note of twelve (13) paps touchinge the Paryshe Church &c. . . . An^o 1604." Of these only numbers 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9 remain, as follow. S. 189. 6.
- VII. 5^a. Mem-
oranda.**
Undated. 1604?
English. M. R.
Papers lately
found.
"Translating"
the Parish
Church.
- (After the supposed completion of this Section of this Catalogue other papers of the set above mentioned have come to light, and are here noticed. The papers are now placed with the others of the set in the Sherren Collection.)
- "Motives . . . for the translatinge of the pishe Church of Radipoll unto Melcombe Regs."
1. R. Church is one mile and a half off.
 2. It cannot contain one sixth of the Parishioners. Further in time of pestilence danger may arise "by carrying of the contagious dead bodyes soe farr."
 3. While the people of M. R. are absent at R. Church great danger and harm may arise by houses or ships taking fire, or ships leaving moorings and damaging themselves or the "newe bridge . . . w^{ch} cost . . . neere upon 1000^l." Also there is great risk to houses and ships, at such times, from "the forein Ennemy or by Rovers . . ." (This their forefathers had experienced.)
 4. The people of M. R. are willing to build a Church there large enough to receive the whole population, "soe as itt may bee made the pishe Church," the ¹patronage remaining unchanged.
- To the possible objection or question that if the Parson lives in M. R. who is to "reade §vyce" at Radipole, and who is to pay for a house in M. R.?² it is answered that the present Parson has been there twenty years, has grown rich thereby, so that he "doth dayly purchas livinge" (property); and thus he may easily serve both cures; or he may keep School in M. R. and so make ²forty marks a year, which would pay house-rent and maintain a "suffycyent Reder;" or he may keep £40 out of the tithes and pay a Reader with the remainder.
- (No. 1.) (Placed with S. 189, numbered 6^a.)
- VII. 5^b. Act of
Parliament.**
Undated.
English.
Albernant.
- A Copy of an Act for transferring the Parish Church from Albernant to Kenoyll Eluett, Carmarthenshire, quoted doubtless as a parallel case.
- (No. 2.) (Placed with S. 189, numbered 6^b.)

¹ Endorsed as approved by Sir Fr. Hastings if not tending to disinherit his son. See vii. 6.

² About twenty years before, the Rev. R. Openshall paid £4 a year for a partly furnished house. This rent would leave about £22 a year for the Reader's salary, a mark being = 13s. 4d.

"The bill for a pshe church in melcombe allowed by ¹Sr frances hastings . . ."

Whereas Rodipoll Church in the Diocese of ²Bristol is one mile and a half from Melcombe and cannot contain one sixth of the parishioners, and whereas in M. R. there is "one little Chapell of Ease" not able to contain more than one half of them; and as they are on the "mayne sea," and so exposed to damage to houses and ships from pirates and in other ways while they are at Radipole Church, therefore it is enacted that they may at their own cost build a Church "where the saide nowe chappell standeth" and on ground near, fit to receive all parishioners of Radipole; and of the waste N. and S. of the Chapel to make a Churchyard, buying more land if needed. This to be "the pochiall Church of Rodipoll," and the old R. Church to be a Chapel of Ease, but with "edy . . . pchiall Righte to be done" in it by the Parson or a Curate. And the Patrons of the old Church shall have the same rights in the new one. And a "³mansion house," etc., now belonging to Mr. T. Barefoote, Mayor, in East Street, between it and the "mayne sea," shall be the Parsonage. (No. 3.)

VII. 6. Bill. 1604 (?) English. M. R. M. R. Chapel to become the Parish Church, and Radipole Church a Chapel of Ease.

S. 189. 2

M. R. Parsonage.

"The townes testymonye and answeres to y^e ⁴psones byll."

1. The Chapel on the site of the "⁵nowe newe built" Parish Church was used above sixty years, and before the "dissolucon of Abbeyes," and there was a "font stone" there, which is there still, and Baptism and other rites were administered in that Chapel. B. Maior, now living, was married there forty-three years ago.

2. The Parsons of Radipole officiated in this Chapel, at their own charge until the inhabitants, on account of the "insufficiencie" of the Parsons, began to "reteine a preacher . . . w^{ch} charge they are not able to continue."

3. The premises in M. R. are ninety-four feet long, the house fit for a "greater howshould then the nowe pson hath," and is "more dryer" than Radipole Parsonage; and "the backside and garden are of a reasonable bignes consideringe it is in a Towne."

4. There is no need to keep two households, as the Churches are not very far apart. As to income, the inhabitants of M. R. will allow £30 per annum, besides his "⁶tempall livinge" worth £20 per annum, bought by him during his incumbency.

VII. 7. Answers. 1605 (?) English. M. R. Answers to Objections. Font.

M. R. Chapel served by the Parsons of Radipole.

¹ Sir F. Hastings was probably Lord of the Manor and Patron of Radipole. See iv. 81.

² Dorset was in the Diocese of Bristol up to 1837.

³ The house and premises now occupied by Messrs. Robens and Mace are on the same site.

⁴ His name was James Marwell, vii. 8.

⁵ Of this Chareh probably the only relics are two turned oak pillars, now serving as gate-posts at a yard in Wyke, and a weather cock on the Star Inn.

⁶ This, of course, means land bought by him as his private property, and there is land at Radipole called "Marwell's" now.

5. He was told of the "Towne's purpose."

6. The inhabitants have been at "great charge" in building the Church; and, except as to burials and "the convenient Roomes and place . . . to sitt in," will be no better off [unless their wishes are carried out.] (No. 4.)

Signed by W. ¹Waltham, Mayor, and fourteen others. S. 189. 3.

VII. 8. Evidence.

1605 (?)

English. M. R.
M. R. Chapel.

Maio. Allin.
Radipole
Rectors.

"Testymonyall of the use of the Chappell in M. R. by severall psons . . . of Rodypoll."

1. Mr. Simon Bell, sometime Prior of the Fryarie of M. R., above sixty years ago was Parson and so continued until his death, and without extra salary did duty in the Chapel. Testified by B. Maio. and B. Allin.

2. After him came Mr. Bushe and did likewise. Testified by the same.

3. Next came Mr. Kenham do. do.

4. — — — ²Laurence, Chaplain to the Lord Mountjoy, and did likewise. Testified by the same and others.

5. Next came Mr. Jas. Marwell, now Parson. He being "insufficient to preach," they engaged a Preacher, but cannot continue this. So they procured the Act transferring the Parish Church, and at "almost not undergocable ³charges" built a new Church "able to receive the whole pishe." Testified by all fifteen signatories. (No. 5.) S. 189. 4.

New Church.

VII. 9. Objec-
tions, etc.

1605 (?)

English. M. R.
Objections and
Answers about
transfer of
Rectory.

"The psons objections and answeres to the same."

1. The Chapel in M. R. was built within the last thirty-two years.

Answer. Service has been performed in the Chapel of M. R. for more than ⁵sixty years.

2. The inhabitants have always provided "a stypendarye myuyster and preacher."

Answer. The Parsons of "Rodypoll" have from time to time officiated, *e.g.*, "this man's β dycessor," without any payment beyond the usual tithes.

3. The parson "hath an anutyentt house . . . and glebelands."

Answer. He might retain these.

4. The house in M. R. is insufficient, the whole premises being only sixty by thirty feet; and also "unholosome and beaten with every storme when the wynd is att sea."

¹ He was Mayor 1605, 6. See v. 31.

² See iv. 83.

³ Denis Bond, Esq. (MS. Chronology) says that his father gave £40 towards the Church.—History of Dorset (1863), ii. 442.

⁴ The substance of this paper is much the same as that of vii. 7 & 8.

⁵ See vii. 1.

Answer. The house, etc., contain ninety-four feet in length, being more than many of the best houses in the Town. It is of stone, "covered with slatte," and able to receive a larger family than the Minister's; and is as near to the new Church as Radipole Parsonage is to the old Church.

5. The living cannot keep two households, which was not pointed out at the making of the last Act of Parliament.

Answer. There is no need for two households. The Parson may still live at Radipole and serve M. R. Church, as his predecessors did with "less profittes." The Committee did consider this point, and a house worth £4 per annum was assigned to the Minister.

6. The Parson was not called to the making of the Act.

Answer. He was told long before, and "fell into greatt Rage." He was in London before the "bill for the church" passed the Lords.

7. The Parson asked for £20 a year towards keeping a Curate.

Answer. "The tythes and profittes of the Towne is a suffycyent stypend to mayntayue as able a curatt as himselfe." The Parson has bought, out of the living, property worth about £30 per annum. He should be ashamed—"yf he were nott past yt." (No. 8.) S. 58. 1.

"The Comyttyes names for the pson of Rodypoll his byll." This Committee of the House of Commons consisted of twenty-three members. Of these Sir J. Williams and Sir Jerome Horsey were of Dorset doubtless, and Sir Fr. Hastings also. Of the others, Mr. Wentworth was probably the future Earl of Strafford. They were to meet in the Middle Temple Hall. (No. 9.) S. 189. 5.

VII. 10. Memorandum. 1605 (?) English. M. R. Wentworth. Committee of the House of Commons respecting transfer of Rectory.

"Notes touchinge the byll for a churche in M. R." These are much the same as the "Motives" in vii. 5^a. A rather severe remark closes this paper. The writer observes that whereas during the twenty years of his incumbency the Rector had grown rich and bought property, the inhabitants ("through the unsuffycyencye of the pson") had been obliged to pay another Clergyman to preach. (No. 12.) (Placed with S. 189, numbered 10^a.)

VII. 10^a. Notes Undated. 1605 (?) English. M. R. Borough Chaplain or Lecturer.

In the Accounts of Mr. J. Mockett, third time Mayor, we find £29 spent on the Church. S. 197.

VII. 11. Accounts. 1607, 8. Eng. W. & M. R.

In the Accounts of Mr. R. Knight, Mayor, we find:—
"For my allowance for keping of the lectur . . ." - - £10 0 0

VII. 12. Accounts. 1611, 12. Eng. W. & M. R.

In the Folio Vol. of Constitutions (See iv. 41), p. 10, appears a Constitution that there shall be "pcured and retained . . . a . . . preacher of Gods woord

VII. 13. Constitution, etc.

1617, 18. English. W. and M. R. to be lecturer . . . within this Borough . . . and Preacher of this Corporacon . . . and that [he] shall bee allowed . . . xli. p Ann." Dec. 1, 1617.

In p. 23 is the heading for a List of Subscribers towards the "meintaynance of a Lecturer to bee pured from Oxford for this Corporacon." The Lecturer was to have £20 per annum, and the rest of the money to be given to such Preachers as should be approved by the Mayor, etc. Feb. 6, 1617 (8).

Lecturer elected. Ball. Williams. In p. 25 are Minutes of a Meeting to choose a Lecturer. Mr. J. Ball and Mr. Williams were candidates. When "itt was put to voyces" seven or eight left the Hall. Of the remaining seventeen or eighteen, thirteen voted for Mr. Ball, Mr. Williams getting only one vote, and several not voting at all. May 8, 1618.

C. pp. 10, 23, 25.

VII. 14. Order. Dec. 31, 1619. Eng. W. & M. R. Sunday observance. Order for better observance of "the Lord's holy Saboath," and better performance of worship; to which euds Shoemakers, Butchers, etc., are forbidden to sell on that day, under penalty of 12d., except in cases of necessity, to be decided about by the Mayor and one or both Bailiffs. C. p. 53.

VII. 15. Order. July 20, 1621. Eng. W. & M. R. W. Chapel. M. R. Church. Order to pay £20 towards building "Waymouthe Chaple" and the same towards Melcombe Church. C. p. 72.

VII. 16. Deposition. Dec. 22, 1621. English. W. and M. R. Bad conduct of the Rev. R. Marwell. In Folio Vol. B. (See iii. 35) appears the following :—
Constable Keeche deposes that he found in the unlicensed house of Widow ¹Foweracres Mr. Ric. ²Marwell and others between eight and nine p.m., and bid them go home quickly. Then after nine p.m. Mr. Bailiff Pitt called him and the Watchmen to go to the same house, as there were people still there. Mr. Marwell opposed the Bailiff, who had him and Ric. Champion arrested, the latter having refused to leave the house. Mr. Russell became surety for Mr. Marwell, who was discharged, after calling Keech "Loggerhed, Boytlehedd and . . . other opprobrious names." He also swore at the Bailiff. Others depose to the same effect, adding that Mr. M. called the Bailiff "Puritane;" and that he "thrust [him] in the Bosom once." Dec. 22, 1621. B. p. 231.

¹ She was presented for keeping an unlicensed public house. Sept. 30, 1622.

² This was the Rector of Radipole, or rather Melcombe, successor to the Rev. James M., mentioned in vii. 8. It is but just that against the unfavourable notices of the two Rectors Marwell should be set (for what it is worth) the fact that they were not without care and method in at least some of their duties. In Radipole Parish Register are minute directions for the Perambulation of the Bounds; with a note, "Psal. fit to bee sung in the perambulation; viii. Lxv. civ." These directions were written by the Rev. James, and copied into the Register by the Rev. Richard Marwell. See iv. 83.—Hutchins (1863), ii. 483.

Order to pay £30 towards building W. Chapel, and £30 for finishing M. R. Church. (Also £20 more towards making W. Chapel a free Chapel of ease. Jan. 24, 1625 (6).) C. p. 104. VII. 17. Order. Nov. 25, 1625. Eng. W. & M. R. W. Chapel. M. R. Church.

In Presentments one or two slight notices of the way to W. Chapel occur, e.g., p. 351 "Le Chapplestayers" are mentioned. Oct. 3, 1628; in p. 356 complaint is made "vie ad Ecclesiam" (of the way to the Church.) Oct. 12, 1628. (In p. 377, a year or two later, Nic. Maior is complained of for having put "fenestras suas ultra parietes in Ecclesie via que est valde perangusta" (his windows beyond the walls in the Church way which is extremely narrow.) These were bay windows doubtless.) B. pp. 351, 6, 377. VII. 18. Presentments. 1628. Latin. W. W. (?) Churchway.

As long as Mr. Ric. Marwell, Parson of Radipole, lives in his present house in M. R. he is to receive for the rent of it £4 per annum out of the rent of the shop under the Town-hall, and that of the Custom House. C. p. 110. VII. 19. Order. Nov. 14, 1628. Eng. W. & M. R. House for the Rev. R. Marwell

The Stable "Ric. Marwell Clīci" (of R. M. Clerk), is mentioned as in the Borough. B. p. 380. VII. 20. Memorandum. Sept. 30, 1633. Lat. W. & M. R.

J. Fryer, Glazier, "being a ¹foreigner," is to have leave to keep shop and exercise his trade, if he will forthwith "amend the Church wyndowes in M. R.," and keep them in repair as long as he trades here. C. p. 140. VII. 21. Order. June 6, 1634. Eng. W. & M. R. Repair of M. R. Church windows.

"Concerning the ²Governo^{ra} pposall about takinge downe the timber of part of the Chappell. The Maior, etc., doe humbly conceive itt fitt that the timber should remaine and that it should be covered;" and, as damaged in the siege, that the State should pay two thirds, and the people of W. one third, of the cost of covering it. S. 245. p. 12. VII. 22. Remonstrance. July 3, 1645. English. W. and M. R. W. Chapel.

Copy Petition from the Mayor, etc., to Parliament, setting forth that W. and M. R. are without a settled Minister or maintenance for one. Before the wars the Parson of Radipole officiated both there and in M. R., having the R. tithes (£80 per annum), "and ³y^e Easter booke there." W. is in Wyke Parish, and the tithes of the former small. The Borough suffered much in the late siege by the Royalists, and cannot maintain a Minister. They much wish to engage Mr. Peter Ince. (A similar one to the Committee of Dorset). S. 245. p. 48. VII. 23. Petitions. Jan. 9, 1645 (6). Eng. W. & M. R. W. and M. R. without a Parish Minister Ince.

Copy of Petition like the above, but adding that W. Chapel, heretofore served by the Parson of Wyke, has been and is turned into a fort, and was in great part VII. 24. Petition, etc. 1646. Eng. W. & M. R.

¹ That is, not a Freeman of the Borough.

² This lay dictator of the Church Militant was named Sydenham.

³ The Roll of Easter Offerings probably.

W. Chapel formerly served by the Parson of Wyke, now turned into a Fort.
Buckler. Ince. demolished in the late siege by the Royalists, so that repairs would cost £1000. The Petitioners ask that it may be restored. They praise Mr. P. Ince and Mr. Buckler as Ministers, and pray that the two towns may be separate pastoral charges. April 3 (?) 1646. Draft Letter to J. Bond, D.C.L., and the other Borough M.Ps. with the same object. March 27, 1646.

Opinion as to certain Preachers, and religious animosity.

Depositions about Robert Saunders, Mariner; who, speaking of the preaching of a strange Minister, said that Mr. Ince was a knave for preaching against him, and that both Mr. Ince and Mr. Way were knaves in their preaching, and that Mr. Way preached plain Popery. Further, that "he fought not against y^e Papists for their Religion, for twas lawfull for e^vry man to use his conscience, but he fought against them as blouddy men. And said that hee would fight as valiantly against y^e Presbiterians as ever hee did against y^e Cavaleers." April 10, 1646.

S. 245, pp. 54—58.

VII. 25. Letter June (?) 1646. Eng. W. & M. R.

Copy Letter in favour of Mr. Ince to Sir Walter Erle and the other Borough M.Ps. S. 245, p. 71.

VII. 26. Letter June (?) 1646. Eng. W. & M. R. Negotiations about Parish Ministers. Burges.

Copy Letter to the Committee of Dorset, urging that Mr. P. Ince may "enjoy the fruites of" Radipole, which they understand to have been given to Mr. Burges, whereas by an Act, 1 James I., the "pfitts" of Radipole belong to the Minister of Melcombe. S. 245, p. 77.

VII. 27. Copy Letters. 1646. English. W. and M. R. Sydenham. Roper.

Col. Sydenham, Commander of the Garrison of W. and M. R., and M.P., writing, it seems, to the Mayor, etc., from "M^rtins lane, July 2, 46," says that the "Comittee for plundered ministers," have voted £150 for a minister for the ¹Garrison. Mr. H. Roper (?) to the same effect, but speaking of the "Ministers of the towne." London, July 3, 1646.

The Mayor (?) by desire of the Aldermen, etc., thanks Col. S. for furthering their desires. W. and M. R., July 10, 1646.

Negotiations about Ministers Bond. Buckler.

The Mayor (?) etc., write to Dennis Bond, Esq., M.P., proposing that of the above grant, £50 should be given to W. Chapel, £50 to M. R., and £50 to Radipole; that Mr. Buckler, Minister of Wyke, should come to W. "assoone as their chappell shall be built," placing an assistant at Wyke, and that a grave yard should be made near W. Further, that Mr. P. Ince, Minister of the Garrison of M. R., should be made Incumbent there, placing an Assistant at Radipole, which by 1 Jas. i. 30, is a Chapel of Ease to M. R. These two Ministers to be approved by "the Com^{tee} of Dors^t" on the testimony of five or more godly Ministers of the County. M. R., July 17, 1646.

Ince.

¹ The Colonel and the Mayor seem to have been slightly at cross purposes. The former speaks of a Garrison Minister, the latter of a Parish Minister.

The Mayor (?) asks Col. Sydenham to procure a grant by the House (over the head of the Committee above mentioned it seems), of a "competency of maintenance" to Mr. Ince. M. R., Aug. 28, 1646.

Sydenham.

The Mayor (?) asks D. Bond, Esq., for his and the Borough¹ Recorder's help in the above matter, particularly in getting the House to bring about Mr. Ince's "disengagem^t" from a promise to become Minister of Dunhead, Wilts. M. R., Aug. 28, 1646.

Bond.

Ince.

Dunhead.

The Mayor (?) informs Col. S. (?) that the above question is to be decided by "some ministers of the Assembly," and that Mr. Roze is going up "for y^e solliciting of the busines." No date.

Roze.

S. 245. p. 3^a.

Reasons for settling Mr. Ince at M. R. He distinctly accepted the charge if a maintenance should be secured. Parliament has granted £100 a year for M. R. cum Radipole. So the townsmen are surprised at his now engaging to go to so small a place as Donhead, Wilts. The soldiers, whom he greatly encouraged in the siege, dislike his removal.

VII. 28. Memorandum.

Nov. 2, 1646.

English. M. R.

Ince.

Dunhead.

S. 245. p. 98.

"In regard Mr. E. Buckler hath taken great paines in his Ministry in M. R.," without reward, a house is to be provided for him "fitt for his quality and condicon."

VII. 29. Order.

Jan. 15, 1646 (7)

English. M. R.

Buckler.

C. p. 193.

Order that the Committee of Dorset be petitioned in favour of Mr. Buckler, as Minister of M. R., and that a house be provided for him. Jan. 29, 1646 (7).

VII. 30. Order, etc.

1646 (7).

English. M. R.

Buckler.

Conditions.

Copy of Mr. B.'s acceptance of the house and charge, if six divines approve of his moving, and if he and the Committee "doe agree upon termes of settlem^t and maintenance," the Town to make up Government deficiency, if any. This was promised, so that the value of the house be reckoned as part of the Town contribution, which must not exceed £50 a year. Feb. 1, 1646 (7).

S. 245. pp. 107, 8.

Whether the "House" did not choose to give Clergymen plenary absolution for breaking their promises, or for whatever reasons of some other kind, so it is that Mr. Ince failed to come to the Town, it seems. For Mr. Thorne, M.A., late Fellow of Sid. Sus. College, Cambridge, was treated with less than a year after. He was offered a house and twenty marks (£13 6s. 8d.) a year, besides free gifts and what he will get by order of Parliament from Radipole tithes or otherwise. Jan. 7, 1647 (8).

VII. 31. Petition, etc.

Jan. 7, 1647 (8).

English.

W. and M. R.

Thorne.

Offer to him.

A Petition in his favour was drafted, addressed to the Committee of Plundered Ministers. See vii. 39. (An entry to the same effect in C. p. 203.)

S. 245. pp. 142 & 8^a.

¹ Dr. J. Bond, elected Recorder, Oct. 18, 1645 (see iv. 74), was son of D. Bond, Esq. This appears in the former letter to him.

- VII. 32. Memorandum.** The sum of £4 4s. 6d., collected in M. R. Church, to redeem J. Vallance and W. Bussell, captives in Algiers, was paid to Mr. G. Churchey, Overseer of Poor. C. p. 193.
 Jan. 15, 1647(8)
 English. M. R. Church Collection.
- VII. 33. Memorandum.** It may be noted that Mr. Ph. Bugden was appointed Churchwarden and Mr. J. Dudley, Sidesman, both by the Mayor, etc., it seems. C. p. 195.
 May 21, 1647.
 English. M. R. Bugden. Dudley
- VII. 34. Memorandum.** W. Reape was appointed Clerk in place of J. Dudley at the same wages (40s. per annum) "for ringing iiii and viii, 6d for eſy knell;" and, according to his own offer, to teach writing and cyphering gratis to children whose parents cannot pay. (From the appointment of J. Dudley, p. 193, Dec. 19, 1645, it seems that the wages were as above, that the ringing was at four a.m. and eight p.m. from Michaelmas to Lady Day, and that the Clerk also kept the clock.) C. p. 203.
 Jan. 7, 1647 (8)
 English. M. R. Parish Clerk's Wages. Bell.
- VII. 35. Memoranda.** "Collecto^a for the Ministers nominated," two for W. side, two for M. R. side. June 28.
 1650.
 Eng. W. & M. R. The rate that would suffice for repair of the Church, etc., is to be estimated. Oct 11, 1650. C. pp. 234, 6.
 Repair of Church.
- VII. 36. Order.** Out of the Church Rate (!) is to be paid £3 13s. 0d., "arreares of the mony due for Goale and maimed souldiers at our Lady Day, 1652." C. p. 245.
 Oct. 29, 1652.
 Eng. W. & M. R. Use of Church Rate.
- VII. 37. Order.** There are to be provided at a public place of entertainment, chosen by the Mayor, four ordinaries weekly for Mr. Thorne and, apparently, three other Lecturers, the latter to be invited by order of the Mayor. The cost to be borne by the Town, in place of the £10 formerly allowed to the Mayor for dining the Ministers. See vii. 12. C. p. 248.
 Sept. 30, 1653.
 Eng. W. & M. R. Ministers to dine at an Inn.
- VII. 38. Order.** Widow Reape is to receive 45s., nine months' wages due to her late husband (a rise of £1 it seems) but she is to see that the Births, etc., are lawfully recorded. Reape's successor received £3 per annum. June 9, 1654.
 1654.
 English. M. R. Parish Register
 Graveyard.
 Bedman's duties.
 As the burial ground is small, "and burials may prove noisome . . . the Bedman" is not to dig any grave without the sanction of a Churchwarden or Sidesman. Graves are to be four feet deep. Various orders are laid down for the "Bedman," e.g., "that hee . . . walke upp and downe every Saboth day in the Church and Churchyard for Keeping of the boyes in order . . ." Aug. 4, 1654. S. 250, 1.

Mr. G. Thorne, Minister of the Town, is to have £8 per annum, and the rent of the Parsonage house, occupied by T. Growt, Felt-maker. April 30, 1656. The £8 was to "yssue out of the 'Marsh," and Mr. T. was to have "an annuity under the Towne Seale for 60 yeares," if he should live and preach so long. May 16, 1656. C. p. 259.

VII. 39. Orders
1656.
English.
W. and M. R.
Thorne.

The Town being called on to pay tithes on the Marsh to the Clergyman of Wyke, two witnesses depose to this having been done by Mr. Jas. Gear when tenant, but he denied it. C. p. 288.

VII. 40. Depositions.
1663 (?)
Eng. W. & M. R.
Tithes on the
Marsh.

Mr. H. Rose delivered to Mr. Churchwarden Arding a silver Chalice and Cover, two Flagons with letters engraved on them, the Communion Table Cloth, two Napkins, and the green Carept for the Table. C. p. 288.

VII. 41. Memorandum.
Mar. 17, 1664.
Eng. W. & M. R.

As formerly £10 per annum was allowed to the Mayors for privately entertaining the weekly Lecturers, and afterwards for doing so in public houses, and as a further sum of £10 has been paid to the Minister and Preacher of this Town for his benefit, and to furnish him with a house (the Corporation selling the old Parsonage), and as it costs Mr. Coulborne, now Minister, £20 per annum "for the discharge of the Cure of Rodipole and for a Reader at M. R.," the above "two ten pounds per ann." shall be paid to him. C. p. 289.

VII. 42. Order.
April 1, 1664.
English.
W. and M. R.

Coulborne.
Allowance.

"Bee it remembered" that on July 9, 1665, Matt. Pitt and ten others were at a "Conventicle or meeting . . . under color . . . of some exercise of Religion in other manner than is allowed by the Liturgy or Practice of the Church of England, in the dwelling house of H. Saunders . . ." A similar Memorandum on July 16, 1665. B. p. 586.

VII. 43. Memorandum.
1665.
English.
W. and M. R.
Conventicle.
Pitt. Saunders.

Another Memorandum of the presence of thirty-two persons at a Conventicle. They were variously fined, from H. Dumberfield 15s. to Katharine Barber 6d.; and Matt. Pitt, H. D., and two others, having been before convicted, were imprisoned for three months and one day; two others for six weeks and one day. The rest, on paying their fines, were discharged. B. p. 593.

VII. 44. Memorandum.
June 3, 1666.
Eng. W. & M. R.
Dumberfield.
Barber. Pitt.
Conventicle.

Rich. Strong will take from the Mayor, etc., all risk connected with receiving £14 worth of household goods forfeited by T. Clendon, Clerk, for non-appearance in an action against him by R. S. for £26. Among the goods may be noticed three joined stools and six bedstaves. S. 252.

VII. 45. Obligation.
May 8, 1668.
Latin & English
W. and M. R.
Clendon.
Goods seized.

¹ W. Marsh, which was let by the Corporation.

- VII. 46. **Accounts.** In a Book of Town Accounts (see v. 64) are a few Church items, e.g. :—
 1668—1694. £ s. d.
 English. 1668. June 8. To half-year's salary to Mr. Arnold, Minister 5 0 0
 W. and M. R. 1670 (1). Mar. 25, &c. D. Edward, for looking to the boys in Church 0 5 0
 Arnold. 1682. Apr. 7, &c. Mr. Val. Jeffry for 'Sermon in Commemora-
 Salary. tion of Sir S. Mico's death - - - 1 0 0
 Boys in Church. Mico Sermon. S. 254.
- VII. 47. **Order.** Mr. J. Arnold, Minister, is to receive £10 per annum from the Town Steward.
 June 17, 1668. See vii. 46. C. p. 309.
 Eng. W. & M. R. Arnold.
- VII. 48. **Order.** Mr. Arnold Desallenove, Mayor, orders Mr. G. Pley, Jr., Treasurer, to pay to
 Dec., 1668. Mr. J. Arnold, "our Minister," £5 for one half-year ending Dec. 25, 1668. Receipt
 Eng. W. & M. R. Desallenove. by Mr. A. S. 251. 3.
- VII. 49. **Order.** Mr. T. Hewes, School-master, is to receive £4 per annum "to pvide a
 1669 (?) schooling place . . . and to remove his schollars out of the church." C. p. 327.
 Eng. W. & M. R. Hewes.
- VII. 50. **Depo-** J. Limbe deposes that "upon his vindication of the Minister Mr. Jefferyes,"
 sition. Eleanor Munday, her father and brother "did beate and wound" him; and that
 1671 (?) she had before said that she would not acknowledge the Church of England to be a
 Eng. W. & M. R. Church. C. p. 336.
 Religious discussion. Jeffery.
- VII. 51. **Minutes.** Mr. V. Jeffery, Minister, convened before the Mayor, etc., for "speaking
 Oct. 2, 1674. opprobrious words against the said Arnold Desallenove, Major, . . . and Mr. J.
 English. being . . . required to find securities to appeare . . . he answered he would
 W. and M. R. give none . . . Doe your worst." C. p. 349.
 Jeffery.
- VII. 52. **Order.** Mr. Jeffery, Minister, is to receive £10 for the ensuing year, he serving the
 Jan. 8, 1674 (5) Cure in the Town as his predecessors have done. C. p. 351.
 Eng. W. & M. R. Jeffery.
- VII. 53. **Depo-** Matt. Swetman deposes that, being at the Bear with "Valentine Jeffery,
 sition. Clarke," and Churchwarden Evered, at about ten p.m. on Tuesday last, V. J. said
 June 30, 1681. that T. Hide, Mayor, was a rogue. B. p. 627.
 Eng. W. & M. R. Sweetman.
 Jeffery.
 Evered. Hide.
- VII. 54. **Certi-** Copy Certificate by Cuth. Bownd, Minister, J. Vie, Churchwarden, and
 ficate. T. King, do., saying that if J. Hayward, his wife, or children become chargeable on
 1688 (?) the Town, they shall be received back to Warmwell. C. p. 400.
 English. Warmwell.
 Bownd. King.
 Vie.

¹ See iv. 104.

In a Minute Book (see iii. 142) are some Church items, *e.g.* :—

F. 42. Mr. J. Parr, Minister, was to have £10 a year “out of the Town Stock,” he serving the Cure here as other Ministers have done. Feb. 14, 1699 (1700).

F. 203. “On the application of Mr. Parr, setting forth that he is at extraordinary charge in preaching Sunday afternoons,” the Treasurer was to pay him £10 per annum. (In addition to the other £10?) Aug. 13, 1718.

F. 225. J. Pollard, “In-holder,” deposes that on Sunday, June 25, as he was in “Mr. Channing’s walke,” “the Reverend Mr. Bragg,” of M. R. asked him to look at a litter of puppies, which he did. Mr. B. told his maidservant to drown two of them, and she threw them into the sea. P. went down the steps and took up one of them. Angry at this, “the Reverend Mr. Bragg” called him “villian rascall,” etc., shook him and pushed him partly into the water. J. Howell deposes that on the same day Mr. B. swore two oaths. He had to pay 2s. to the Overseers. Mr. B. deposes that J. Pollard swore two oaths. He paid only 1s. June 27, 1721.

F. 226. Whereas Mr. W. Smirke has, at the request of the Mayor, etc., become Churchwarden of M. R., and J. Parr, Clerk, and others are prosecuting him in the Spiritual Court, the Town Clerk is to defend him. Aug. 25, 1721.

F. 228. The Treasurer is to give £10 to Mrs. Parr “in consideration of her [sic] and her late husband’s serveing the Cure of M. R. here every Sunday.” Aug. 5, 1723.

(See iii. 144.) Depositions about opposition by W., Joan and J. Toby to the digging of a grave in the Parish Churchyard. Joan filled up the grave in spite of W. Windsor the Sexton, and John challenged him to fight. D. pp. 24, 25.

Mr. J. Preston, Minister of Melcombe Church, is to receive £10 for preaching twice every Sunday during the last year. D. p. 53.

VII. 55. Minutes. 1699—1724. English. W. and M. R. Parr. Allowance to the Minister.

Pollard. Channing’s Walk. Bragg. Assault by the Minister.

Howell.

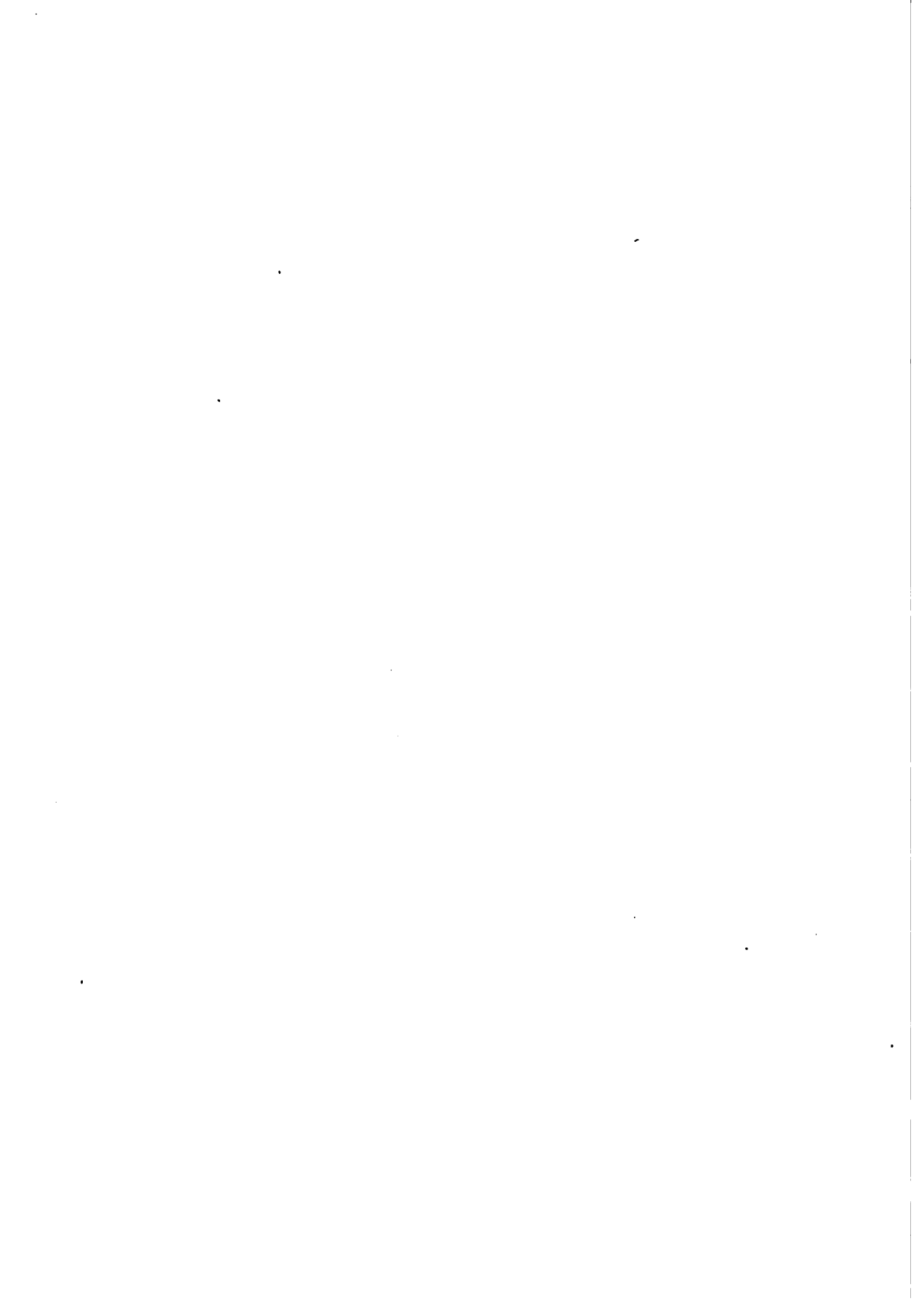
Smirke. Parr. Smirke to be defended.

Parr.

VII. 56. Depositions. Mar. 8, 1724 (5) Eng. W. & M. R. Toby. Windsor.

VII. 57. Order. Sept. 30, 1726. Eng. W. & M. R. Preston.

¹ This was a covered foot pavement on the North side of St. Edmund Street.



APPENDIX.

THIS is a condensed Summary of the Contents of the Collection of Parchments and Papers noticed at the beginning of Class iv. They are referred to as "M." They have been put up into Five Bundles as follow :—

Eleven Parchments of special interest, whether as coming from the Sovereign or for other reasons. They are all noticed under the Classes and dates to which they belong. See references at beginning of Class iv. (numbered i. 1—11.) **M. Bundle I.**

Eighty-six Feoffments or Leases by the Mayor, etc., from 26 Henry VIII. to 40 Eliz. A few are noticed, *e.g.*, see Class iv. 12^a, 17^a, 22^a; vi. 9^a, 9^b (numbered ii. 1—85.) **M. Bundle II.**

Forty-two do., do., 1 James I. to 1656. See Class iii. 28^a; iv. 38^a; vi. 69^a (numbered iii. 1—42.) **M. Bundle III.**

Eighteen Deeds of Sale, etc., by Private Persons. 36 Henry VIII. to 7 William III. See Class iv. 33^a (numbered iv. 1—18.) **M. Bundle IV.**

All these one hundred and forty-six Deeds have been examined, arranged in years, and docketed in pencil. From them have been gathered a good many surnames, including a few of Mayors. These are inserted in the Index of Dorset People, and in the List of Mayors in the General Index, respectively; also in Class iv. 1.

Divided into seven smaller Bundles, viz. :—

M. Bundle V.

Small Bundle 1, a very multifarious collection—

1. Letter. R. Phelypps, of Charborough, Esq., to the Mayor, on the Election of his son to be M.P. - - - - - 1554
2. Copy of Royal Decree (?) giving Harbour rights to M. R. (imperfect) - - - - - Temp. Eliz.

See i. 16 ^b .	3. Copy of Finding at an "Inquisitio" about the possessions at W. and M. R., of Gilbert Earl of Clare, 24 Edward I. Extracted	- 1592
	4. Letter. J. Corbyn to Mr. Mayor Barefoote, about a house	- - 1599
	5. Items of Business and Outlay. R. Keate, Town Clerk	- - 1607
	6. Copy of Charter. James I. (Original, Class i. 18)	- - 1616
	7. Sheet of Petty Customs Accountts	- - - - 1648
See v. 50 ^a .	8. — — — — G. Play, Collector	- - - 1649
	9. Indenture respecting T. Vie's family	- - - - 1655
	10. Bond respecting A. Pitt's family	- - - - 1665
	11. Obligation. Lease of the Marsh to R. Strong	- - - - 1670
See vii. 54.	12. Certificate from Minister of Warmwell	- - - - 1688
	13. Bond to save the Corporation harmless	- - - - 1690
	14. Indenture of Apprenticeship	- - - - 1697
	15. Do.	- - - - 1697
	16. Bond to save J. Hussy harmless	- - - - 1702
See iv. 121.	17. List of Inns in W. and M. R. with number of soldiers billeted	19th or 18th century ?
	18. Counterpart Bill of Lading. Not dated.	
	19. Memorandum of requisites for Repair of Bridge. Not dated.	
	20. Governor of Alderney's Order, with Soldiers' Wives	- - - 1793
	21. Draft Petition and Letter. Mr. Bryer, about Water Supply	- 1794
See iv. 119, p. 489.	22. Letter. Mr. Bryer to the Mayor, and Notice about do.	- - 1794
	23. Letter. Mr. Benson, about a Harbour Bill	- - - - 1820
	24. Two Printed Reports on Brighton Pier and London Bridge	- - 1820

Small Bundle 2—

Twelve Precepts for Borough Sessions	- - - -	1768—1801
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Small Bundle 3—

Grand Jury Bills, Indictments, etc., in the time of Messrs. Swaffield, Bowles, and Tizard, Town Clerks	- - - -	1750—1834
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Small Bundle 4—

Oaths of Allegiance, etc., with Records of their being taken by Mayors and Bailiffs	- - - -	1742—1808
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Small Bundle 5—

Do. Do. (Aldermen ?)	- - - -	1745—1834
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Small Bundle 6—

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| 1. | Indenture respecting Standard Brass Quart and Pint Measures | - | 1700 |
| 2. | Probate of Howman's Will | - - - - - | 1720 |
| 3-7. | Admissions of Five Mayors | - - - - - | 1788—1801 |
| 8. | Nominees for Mayoralty | - - - - - | 1790 |

Small Bundle 7—

Minutes of Borough Sessions	- - - - -	1762—1834	See. iii. 145.
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Here may be noticed the following Documents, for which a place has not been found in the Catalogue itself.

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Sherren Papers

Letter to Lord Chief Baron Manwood, about a Law-suit.	March 13, 1580.	S. 76.
Letter from Mr. Recorder Hanam, do.	June 14, 1581.	S. 79.
Copy Letter from the Privy Council respecting a Muster.	Sept. 12, 1625.	S. 210.
Bond to save the Mayor, etc., harmless.	1668.	S. 252.
Do. the Parish do.	1699.	S. 258.



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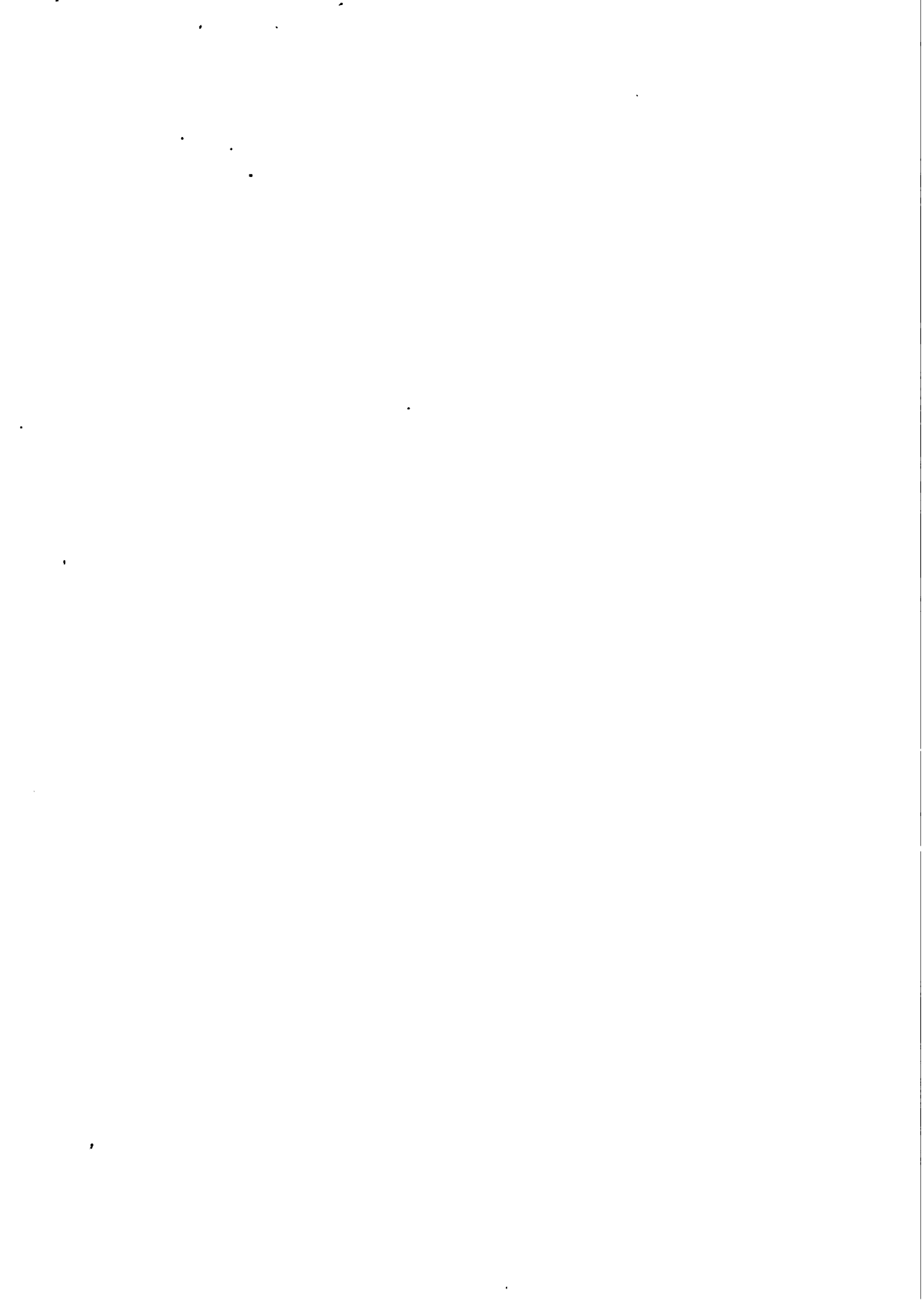
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