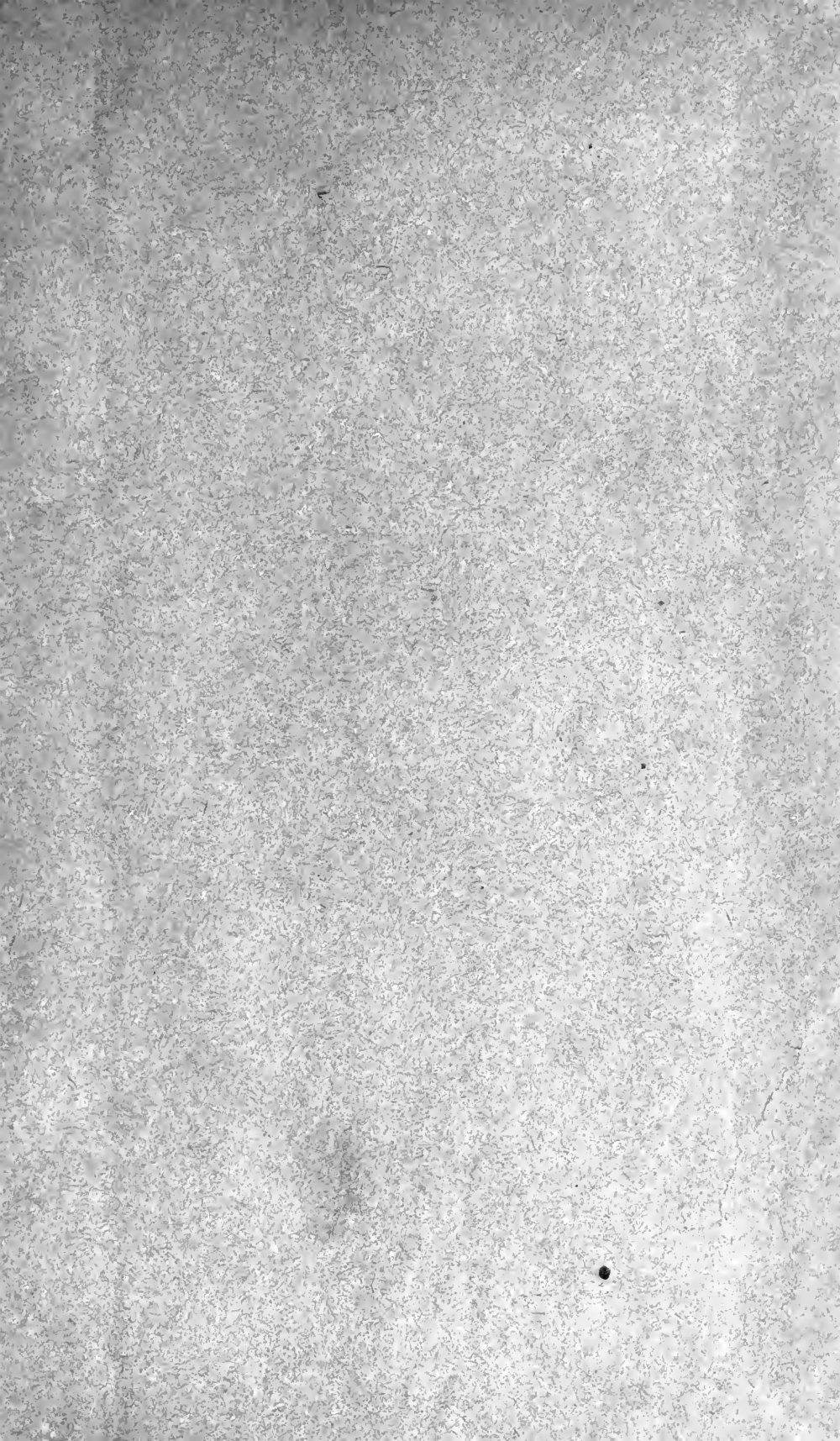




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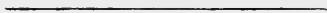


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INTRODUCTION.

In Tudor days the City of Exeter was fortunate in having as custodian of its records a learned and travelled man who, besides taking an active part in the events of his own time, had a keen perception of the value of original documentary evidence as a guide to an accurate knowledge of the historic past. John Vowell *alias* Hooker,* as he usually calls himself, was born at Exeter about the year 1526, and on Sept. 21, 1555,† was appointed the first chamberlain of his native city. On May 20, 1568 (*Book* 51, *f.* 355*b*) he went to Ireland at the request of Sir Peter Carew “for the recovery of certain land appertant to the inheritance” of his patron, and while there he sat in the Irish Parliament of that year as a representative of Athenry. In the following year‡ he received official permission to print the Statutes and Acts of Parliaments of Ireland, but as this was to be “at his own charges,” it is not surprising that the proposal seems to have come to nothing. After a three years’ stay he returned to England and sat as one of the two burgesses who represented the City of Exeter in the Parliament that met at Westminster on April 2nd, 1571,§ and his diary of attendance at that Parliament, together with his claim for wages, is still preserved among the City archives (see *Book* 60*h*). After this he was employed in a re-issue of Holinshed’s *Chronicle*, to which he contributed the section on Ireland|| and the account of the “commotion” at Exeter in 1549,¶ during which he had himself been present. In addition to his office as Chamberlain, he held at various times the offices of Coroner of the City, Bailiff of the Manor of Exiland, Collector of the Small Custom, and Judge of the Admiralty in the County of Devon**, in all of which capacities we have abundant evidence of his activity still preserved in the City records.

In 1561 Queen Elizabeth granted a Charter for the establishment of a Court of Orphans, the members of which were charged as trustees with the administration of the estates of deceased citizens. As Chamberlain Hooker was the

* He often calls himself John Vowell *alias* Hooker, or John Hooker *alias* Vowell, owing to his descent from the family of Vowell of Pembroke. See *Transactions of Devonshire Association*, July, 1882, p. 636.

† *Act Book* II, *f.* 142*b*, has an entry on that date: “John Hoker to be Chamberleyn of the said Citee.” See also Oliver, 242.

‡ *i.e.* March 20, 1569, *Cal. of Carew MSS.*, i, 387.

§ Holinsh., ii, 121; Oliver, 246. He also represented Exeter in the Parliament that met at Westminster, Oct. 15, 1586. *Return of Members*, I, 417.

|| *i.e.* Vol. II in the edition of 1586.

¶ Holinsh., iii, p. 1007.

** To this office he was appointed on April 5, 1566. See *Book* 57.

president of this Court, and details in connexion with its proceedings occur frequently among the records, while under the social stress occasioned by the dissolution of the religious houses he interested himself keenly in the pressing questions of providing work for the poor and free schooling for their children, both of which topics also are fully illustrated in the collection.

In 1575 he published "Orders enacted for Orphans &c." (see *Book 51, f. 133b*), preceded by an Epistle Dedicatory addressed to "the Mayor and Senators," in which he spoke of himself as "beeing many times privy of your dooings and present in your councyls" (*p. 5b*), adding that: "it is lamentable to see what troupes and clusters of children boyes and elder persons lye loytering and floistering in every corner of the citie" and that "great shewes have been made and attempts pretended for erecting of the Hospitall and for employing of such idle children in some honest artes, but of these great blothes cometh small frutes" (*p. 9*); that "these swarm in clusters in every corner of your citie and for want of good education and nurturing doo growe to be thornes and thistles," and that "it is your juste and bounden dutie to provide for the education, instruction and whatsoever is necessary for suche," and "as you have been and yet are careful and studious to doo what in you lieth for the erection of an hospitall, a thing in respect of the poore destitute and helpless children necessary and expedient to be done, so am I in good hope of your like affection, zeale and good will for and in the erecting and establishing of a free gramer school within this citie, a thing no more needful then most necessary for the general education of children of all sorts and degrees in learning" (*p. 22*), and "although your beginnings be hard and have many sisemies [*sic*] which doe what they may to hinder the same, yet you know that of hard beginnings come good endings and good attempts have good success" (*p. 22b*).

Hooker died at Exeter in 1601, and the last entry in the *Act Book* of that year (*Act Book V, f. 276*) records that on Sept. 15, 1601, the chamber "have elected in the steade of John Hooker, Chamberlyn, *decessed*, William Tickell to be Chamberlyn of the said Cittie."

As chamberlain, Hooker had official charge of the City Records, but before his appointment we have some earlier evidence as to their custody. Thus in *Book 56, f. 56b (temp. Ed. IV)*, in the oath of the Common Attorney, occur these words: "Also all suche evydences, charters, escrypts, and munyments as heirafter shall come to yowr hands ye schall se them safely and secretly kept and to redelyver them agayn;" and in *Book 52, f. 505b*, Dec. 11, 1510, under the heading "Recordes and Recorder" is the following note: "Everye Mayor at the ende of his yere and before the newe Mayor do take his othe shall cause the Recordes of the yere past to be brought yn to the Counsell Chamber and there to

remayne in the place apoynted for the safekeepinge of the sayde Recordes."

Towards the end of his life, when he found himself "unweldye and imperfecte," and when, as he says: "My sight waxeth Dymme, my hyringe very thicke, my speche imperfecte and my memory very feeble," John Hooker summed up his work in connexion with the Exeter Records in a letter* which he wrote to the Mayor, Senators and Commonalty, in which the following interesting passage occurs:

Of his duties when first appointed Chamberlain he writes:

"I was Ioyned to suche persons of that house (*i.e.* the Chamber of Exeter) as were appointed to veiwe, peruse and examyne all the Recordes, writings and evidences which were then out of order and by mann's Remembraunce not before Donne by any. And what was then Donne was layed up in the places of your thresury as was meete. But afterwards by Meanes and Casualties and by reason of my absentes in other affayres all was Confused and out of order. And then I was once againe fayne to Reforme and reviewe the same, but yet it was not so well Donne as I wyshed and ought to be. Nowe therefore once more and the thirde tyme I have perused and Reveiued the same in the best order I cann and caused places to be appointed and presses to be made with kayes and lockes and with a booke wherein I have Registred every writinge and Rolls of all such evidences as then Remayned all which nowe I have Caused to be locked up in salfitie without farther spoyle and the keyes to Remayne in your owne Custodye."

These keys, presses and boxes have all now disappeared and I cannot with any confidence identify the "book" to which Hooker here refers; † but a few months before his death, *viz.*, on Jan. 26, 1601, he handed in to the Chamber a document which fortunately is still preserved. ‡

This he called: "A viewe and survey of all the Recordes, Evidences, Charters and Writinges whatsoever appertaininge to the Chambr and Citie of Excester," in which he refers to the documents as placed in 43 boxes, which appear to have been kept in presses which he refers to as the "great press," the "new press" and the "Presse behynde the dore;" and though none of them have actually survived, I have found a few occasional references to them here and there.

Thus in *Act Book II*, f. 191, Nov. 10, 1559, is a note that the Indentures of "prenteshod" of an apprentice were brought into "the Guyldhall and put into the presse in a box of letters."

* See Prefatory Epistle in *Book 52*, published by Reynolds from MS. 3,530 (not 3,520) in the Chapter Muniments. *Hist. MSS. Various Collections IV*, 33. Also in Harte, pp. 1-7.

† It may perhaps be *Book 56* or *57*.

‡ It is now filed at the end of Mr. S. Moore's *Calendar*, though it may be doubted if that is really the safest place if the *Calendar* is to be frequently consulted. I have printed it *verbatim* at the end of this Introduction.

In *Act Book VII, f. 170b* (Sept., 1619), a document is referred to as "put into Sir John Acland's Chest amongst his other wrytinges."

In 1624, when John Prouse proposed to send from London a copy of James I's answer to the Houses of Parliament, he suggested that it was "worthie the keping in the Cittie's Chamber." L. 268.

In 1656 the early deeds belonging to Wynard's Charity were kept "in a box for that purpose ordained with other writings and records of the City," where they "had been kept for many years before." Gidley, *p. 14*; *Act Book X, f. 78*.

In *Act Book X, f. 78*, Oct. 14, 1656, deeds relating to Irish lands were "putt into the boxe;" on Jan. 5, 1669, some of the City Charters when returned from London were "putt in one of ye boxes in ye Councell Chamber," *Act Book XI, f. 83*; and when Dr. Oliver was examining the collection in 1821 he made the following entries in his calendar:

Aug. 28, 29, 1821.—Mr. Jones and Mr. Campion employed in arranging and putting away the old parchments and Papers found in the Presses of the Receiver's Office. *Book 60m., p. 338*.

Dec. 15, 1821.—Arranging, dating, marking and putting away in the Press opposite the Door of the Private Hall all the Books belonging to the Chamber. *Ibid., p. 305*.

Hooker's example bore excellent fruit, and in the hands of Samuel Izacke, who was Town Clerk from 1624 to 1647, the documents become much more abundant, and most of them are carefully docketed in the Town Clerk's own hand.

On Oct. 25, 1653, his son Richard Izacke* was appointed Chamberlain. He indexed the first ten volumes of the Chamber's *Act Books*, and continued the docketing of the detached documents, and his first-hand acquaintance with the whole of the collection is evidenced by the frequent occurrence of his handwriting on the margins and faces of the originals, though his endorsements are not always quite accurate. In 1677 he published his "Remarkable Antiquities of the City of Exeter," in compiling which he is now generally credited with "unacknowledged pilfering" from Hooker's materials,† but in the copy of his *Memorials of the City of Exeter* still existing in MS. among the Records (*Book 53*), he refers to "the indefatigable labours of my princifide predecessor in this place and office, the learned Mr. John Hooker, whose workes bespeake him famous within our gates."

Richard Izacke's work was re-edited and continued by his son Samuel, who was the City Chamberlain from 1693 to 1729.

* For an account of him by the late Dr. T. N. Brushfield, see *Transactions of Devon Association* (1893), vol. xxv, pp. 449-469.

† Freeman, 154.

On April 22, 1755,* the Town Clerk (Benjamin Heath) and Surveyor were directed to put in order the Books, Deeds and Evidences in the Council Chamber and get the said Books properly titled. Mr. Heath's account for this business is still extant,† and in the course of it he says: "I sorted out and put in order the Charters, Records, Deeds and Evidences in the Council Chamber &c. These, which were all confused and mixed together, are separated and placed in distinct compartments. Records of the Mayor's Court &c. were examined, sorted and distributed under their several heads into the boxes according to their respective titles. The doing this at two different periods took me up above 3 months."

In Nov., 1820, Dr. George Oliver,‡ the historian of Exeter, assisted by Mr. Pitman Jones and Mr. Champion, was employed by the Chamber to draw up a Calendar of many of the documents, which were then referred to as being in Drawers E.F.D. &c., and the result of their labours may still be consulted in four small volumes (*Books 60i-m*) in the Muniment Room of the Guildhall. For his services he received a "kind present" from the Mayor and Chamber, the receipt of which he acknowledged on July 12, 1823 (L. 608), "on my return from Tor Abbey yesterday." This search yielded abundant material for his "*Monasticon Diocesis Exoniensis*," published in 1846, where many of the documents are referred to, several being printed *in extenso*, though unfortunately with no more detailed reference than: "*Ex Archivis Civitatis Exoniæ*."

When the Archæological Association visited Exeter in 1862 a few of the records were examined by Mr. Thomas Wright, who described the collection (p. 317) as forming "a very valuable part of the materials of our national history."

In the following year Mr. Stuart A. Moore was commissioned by the City Council to report upon the collection as a whole, and in the course of his investigation he discovered "an enormous bulk of records," hitherto unexamined. After some years his labours resulted in the completion of a detailed Calendar in three volumes, one of which contains an excellent index. These three volumes are now available for students in the Muniment Room of the Guildhall, and will always remain of inestimable value to researchers on the spot. The Calendar is still in large part in MS. only, but so much has it been appreciated by antiquarians and others in the County of Devon that in 1890 a beginning was made with an attempt to print it *verbatim* in Vol. III of a local publication known as

* *Act Book* xiv, f. 219b.

† LL. 528, 529, where the Town Clerk is supposed to be Henry Lee in S. Moore's *Calendar*. But Lee was not appointed Town Clerk till June 1, 1775, L. 588. No name actually occurs in the original document, but the handwriting is certainly that of Heath, as may be seen by comparing it with a holograph letter of his (L. 534), Nov. 3, 1757, and with the facsimile of his handwriting in Baron R. A. Heath's *Heathiana*, 1882. For Benjamin Heath's appointment as Town Clerk, March 23, 1752, see D. 1840a.

‡ For a bibliography of his works, see T. N. Brushfield in *Devonshire Association* (1885), Vol. xvii, pp. 266-276.

"Notes and Gleanings," and continued month by month till that periodical ceased to appear in 1893.

In this Report I have endeavoured to deal briefly with the more important documents referred to in Vol. I of the Calendar and the Section headed "Books" in Vol. II, co-ordinating and regrouping them according to their subject-matter in order the better to present a bird's eye view of their contents, while retaining the numbers and headings of the Calendar for purposes of reference and employing the following abbreviations: *viz.*, *Bk.*—Books; *Ch.*—Charters; *Com.*—Commissions &c.; *D.*—Deeds; *Inv.*—Inventories, and *L.*—Letters.

I have made frequent use of the following printed books:

- (a) R. Izacke, *Remarkable Antiquities of the City of Exeter*, London, 1757.
- (b) *Report of the Commissioners concerning Charities*, published at Exeter in 1825 and reproduced *verbatim* in *Endowed Charities—County Borough of Exeter*, Feb. 23, 1909.
- (c) G. Oliver, *Monasticon Diocesis Exoniensis*, Exeter, 1864.
- (d) G. Oliver, *History of the City of Exeter*, with Appendix by E. Smirke. Exeter, 1861.
- (e) T. Wright, *The Municipal Archives of Exeter*. In *Journal of the Archæological Association*, vol. xviii, 1862.
- (f) W. Cotton, *An Elizabethan Guild of the City of Exeter*. Exeter, 1873.
- (g) W. Cotton, *Gleanings from the Municipal and Cathedral Records relative to the History of the City of Exeter*. Exeter, 1877.
- (h) *J. Shillinford's Letters*. Camden Society, 1871.
- (i) E. A. Freeman, *Exeter—In Historic Towns*. London, 1887.
- (j) C. W. Boase, *Register of Exeter College*. Oxford, 1894.
- (k) C. Worthy, *History of the Suburbs of Exeter*. Exeter, 1896.
- (l) H. Lloyd Parry, *The Exeter Civic Seals*. Exeter, 1909.
- (m) H. Lloyd Parry, *The Founding of Exeter School*. Exeter, 1913.

The room in which the muniments are now kept consists of the upper storey of "the house in the back court behynd the Guyldhall," the building of which was ordered on July 12, 1556, for "the imprysoning of such as shall be commended to the warde" (*Act Book I*, f. 9), four cells of which were completed in the following year. See *Act Book I*, f. 153b (? date 1557).

In the Report of the Local Records Committee (*App.* III, p. 35), published in 1902, the answer returned by the Exeter Corporation described this accommodation as "not sufficient for so large a collection of records," adding that "the Council are contemplating the erection of better premises. The roof of the present building is not fire-proof, but the building is dry and the room well-lighted and the walls are fire-proof." The question, however, of the safety of the muniments had

been under consideration since 1893, when a Report was presented to the Council to the effect that "the real danger to be apprehended was from fire arising in the two adjoining premises, and that damage to the documents by water in the extinguishing of a fire was even more to be guarded against than damage by the fire itself," accompanied by a recommendation that the more valuable of the documents should be kept in iron safes. A recommendation to this effect was at first adopted by the Council, but was finally rescinded in June, 1896, and for 10 years the question appears to have remained in abeyance. In June, 1906, however, a Subcommittee reported that "the building is lacking in all the main requirements of a Muniment Room," that "the danger from fire is a serious one," that the documents are "all stored in wooden cupboards," with ill-fitting doors, and that "in the event of a fire which might easily be communicated from one of the adjoining buildings it is difficult to conceive that any portion of the building or any substantial portion of the documents could be saved." Six more years have elapsed since that report was presented, and the descriptions and apprehensions recorded in it are literally applicable to-day. The City is justly proud of its records, the intentions of the Council are good and are periodically recorded, but periods of alarm are succeeded by periods of security.

Just prior to my visit in 1910 the City had been stirred by the occurrence of a most destructive fire in broad daylight, and the charred remains of the disaster formed a striking object lesson to the crowds who daily passed the spot. Two months later the Council passed a resolution which would have provided a proper home for its records on a safer site, but nothing appears to have yet been done, and I feel bound here to record my conviction that this great collection, as at present housed, is in serious danger of destruction.

Moreover, apart from the danger of possible fire, the present room is dark, crowded and generally unsuitable for students, though owing to the enthusiasm of the Town Clerk as the custodian of the records, a far wider interest is being aroused in the contents of the documents, and far greater opportunities than ever before are now afforded to students who desire to consult them.

For myself I have the very greatest pleasure in recording here my warmest thanks to the City Council for the facilities afforded me during my personal visit, and subsequently through the Town Clerk, Mr. H. Lloyd Parry, and other members of his department, amongst whom I should like specially to acknowledge the great assistance that I received from Mr. W. A. Gay, whose intimate acquaintance with the records was most readily placed at my disposal during my very pleasant and profitable visit.

J. H. WYLIE.

April, 1912.

HOOKER'S LIST OF THE RECORDS.

[See *Introduction*, p. vi.]

The veiwe and survey of all the Recordes, Evidences, Chartors and writings whatsoever appertaininge to the Chambre and Citie of Excester collected by John Hooker, Chamberlaine of the sayed Citie as followethe.

Januarij 1600.

The Recordes.

In the Raigne of Kinge Edwarde the first containeth xxxvth Rolles wherof their lacketh iiij Rolles viz. the xv the xvij the xx and the xxij yerres of his Raigne.

In the Raigne of Edward the Seconde containeth xix Rolles wherof lacketh iij Rolles viz. the xv the xvij and the xvij yerres.

In the Raigne of Edward the thirde containeth lj Rolles wherof their lacketh iij Rolles viz. xlix and l and lj Rolle.

In the Raigne of Richard the Second containeth xxiiijth Rolles whereof wanteth none.

In the Raigne of Henry the iiij containeth xiiij Rolles wherof lacketh viz. the v and vj Rolles.

In the Raigne of Henry the v. containeth x Rolles wherof lacketh the iiij and the vj Rolles.

In the Raigne of Henry the vj containeth xxxix Rolles wherof wanteth ij Rolles viz. the xxij and xxxj yere.

In the Raigne of Henry the vij containeth xxiiij Rolles wherof lacketh iij Rolles viz. the xxj the xxij and the xxij yerres.

In the Raigne of Edward the iiij containeth xxiiij Rolles wherof wanteth one Rolle viz. the v. yere.

In the Raigne of Richard the iiij containeth iij Rolles wherof lacketh the last yere.

In the Raigne of Edward the vj containeth vij Rolles wherof lacketh the iiij and iiij yere.

In the Raigne of Queene Mary containeth vj Rolles wherof lacketh one Rolle.

In the Raigne of Henry the viij containeth xxxviiij Rolles wherof wanteth iij viz. the xvij the xxix and xxx.

In the Raigne of Queene Elizabeth containeth xlij Rolles wherof lacketh iij viz. the ij the xxvij and the xxxvij.

Recordes and Writingses of the Evidences.

1. In the first box the evidences of Pratisshed. Item a Role of St. Sydwell's
2. In the ij box the Chartors of St. Peters church and of St. Sydwell's. The Rentall booke of the Bishop. The Robbinge of the Exchequer. Bishop Brentinghams Inventory. The Survey of St. Sydwell's. The orders of the parliament. The Controversies betweene the Citie and the Taylors. The Corporations of the Citie. The quo warranto of the Citie of Exceter.

3. In the iij box the evidences of the Magdalen.
4. In the iiij box the evidences of St. Johns.
5. In the v box the evidences of St. Nicholas.
6. In the vj box the evidences of St. Johns Langbrooke Streete and Parristreete.
7. In the vij box of the matters between the Bishopp, Deane and Chaptor and the Citie.
8. In the viij box St. Mary the Mores parishe. The Trinity parishe for Chidleighs Land Mathewe Hulls Land lease of Southenhaye m'res Tuckefeildes Land purchased of Mr. Fulford and geven unto Exebridge.
9. In the ix box St. Mary Arches St. Johns Bowe for Landes late in the tenure of Robert Chafe. The Landes St. Mary Arches Church.
10. In the x box St. Mary Stepps for the Landes aboute Westgate St. Laurence for the Landes of the Pippes without Eastgate. Sir Robert Denys his lease for the Gaole for Wilford Land without Westgate. The tenements within Westgate also Thomas Greenenowes Landes.
11. In the xj box St. Petrocks parishe for the house neere to the greate coundiete St. Martyns Land St. Poles Alhallowes in Goldsmith Street for Hubert Collwells Land.
12. In the xij box for Freerenhaye and the composition for St. Nicholas.
13. In the xiiij box Tenne Sells the evidences for Grindons Almshouse for Palmers Almshouses for Newton Bushell Bettyes Annuitie for the Shroudes m'res Buckenhams will Alic Heathe for Grindons Almshouses Sir William Herne for Horsseys Land for Mr. Hursts feofement for the Almshouses John Davys Almshouses Mr. Haydons conveaunce.
14. In the xiiij box St. Georges for the Shambles for Gayles house for the tenement one the one syde of St. Kirians Church.
15. In the xv box Exebridge Accompts Ric. the iij, H. the vij, H. the viij, Edwarde the vj, Phillip and Marye, and Elizabeth.
16. In the xvj box all the chartors of Excester.
17. In the xvij box all the writinges for Exbridge.
- i. In the box of Accompts of St. Nicholas Exiland Magdalen the Poore and Awlscombe.
- ij. In the box for the Haven the weare mills and the conveaunce of the water course.
- iiij. In the box of Attwills evidences and conveaunce of the same to the Citie.
- iiij. In the box the Duke of Somersetts Pattend for Exe Mr. Carewes and Mr. Ameredeth obligacon for St. Johns.
- v. In the box Exebridge Accompts Ed. iij, Ric. the ij, H. iiij, Henry v, H. vj, Ed. the iiij, and Richard iij.
- vj. In the box the controversies between the Bishop, Deane and Chapter and the Citie.
- vij. In the box of the purchase of St. Nicholas and Johns,

- viiij. In the box of Duryherd Court Rolles.
- ix. In the box the Accompts of Duryherd for H. viij, Ed. vj, Phillip and Mary, and Queene Elizabeth.
- x. In the box the Evidences of the Mannor of Duryherd.
- xj. In the box the Accompts of Exon E. j, Ed. ij, H. 4, H. 5,
- xij. In the box the Accompts of Duryherd E. iij, Ric. ij, H. 4, H. 5, H. 6, Ed. 4, Ric. iij, H. 7.
- xiiij. In the box of Awlscombe.
- xiiij. In the box of Pratished Toppesham Exmouth Exilond and the Fishinge of the Haven.
- xv. In the box the Accomptes of Exon H. 6 Ed. 4, Ric. iij, H. 7.
- xvj. In the box the Magdalen Landes.
- xvij. In the box of Exon Accompte in H. viij, Ed. 6, Marye, and Queene Elizabeth. In this lacketh x Rolles of Queene Elizabeths tyme.

In the neue Presse.

- B. In the box bills and obligacions.
- C. In the box Obligacions and Moone's Convenaunce.
- E. In the box Widow Seldons conveaunce a commission for Gaole Delyvery A Commission for lyvetenauncy Margery Harris Lease for the Tookinge Mills The Plotte of Duryherd Indentures for weights.
- F. In the box Wonards will the deane and chaptors lease for neue Inne and at the Broadegate.
- G. In the box Indentures for Exebridge the Magdalen and Awlscombe.
- I. In the box voyed and olde writinge.
- K. In the box Indentures for the Citie and all the Almes-houses.
- L. In the box Indentures for Duryherd and St. Nicholas. The Presse byhinde the dore without lock and keye therin all the Recordes of the Towne Custome and certaine olde Indentures. All the Inventories and bookes of the Orphanes.

A note of all suche munyments bookes escriptes and writings as were brought in and delyvered into the Councell Chambre of Excester by Jo. Hooker chamberlaine the xxvj daye of Januarij 1600.

1. The Chartors of London and the Skavage their.
2. The Chartors of Tottnes.
3. The Chartor of Tawnedowne.
4. The Chartor of Syon. [See p. 33.]
5. The Chartor of the Abbey of Battell and Fee of St. Nicholas.
6. Seven Sondry Chartors of the Citie of Excester.
7. The Chartor of Exilond and the Fishinge of the Ryver of Exe. [See p. 5.]
8. The Charter of Kedwelly.

9. The Charter of Mellcome, and of Padestowe.
10. The Chartor of the Duchie of Cornewall.
11. The Chartor of the Orphanes.
12. The orders of the parliament.
13. The Charter of Domesedaye.
14. A clayme of the Citie for their liberties in Excester.
15. An Acte for pavinge of Streetes.
16. The names of all the Free holders in Exon.
17. The order of the Orphanes of Bristowe and of Worcester.
18. Recordes of the Citie.
19. The bookes of the Churche plat and utensyles.
20. A bundell of proclamations.
21. A bundell of Chartors of the Corporations.
22. The ordynance of the Citie.
23. The Chartor of St. Peters.
24. The Robbinge of the Exchequer.
25. The limetting. of St. Sydwells Fee.
26. The Awdyte Role of the Bshops Revenewes.
27. Bishop Brentinghams Inventories.
28. The Survey of St. Sydwells Fee.
29. The Accompts of the Rye solde at St. Johns.
30. The Accomptes of the Salmons solde. [*See Book 231.*]
31. The Roles and bookes of the Erles of Devon concerninge his first restitution. The assurance of the Lady Kathren his wifes Joynter. The office of his Landes and Rentes the attenture of the Marckquis of Exceter. The restitution of his sonne Edwarde to the Erledome &c.
32. The Cronicles of St. Peters both in latine and Englishe.
33. The Accomptes of the Citie for Sondry yeres.
34. The bookes of Exilond. [*See Book 186.*]
35. The Towne Custome bookes.
36. The bookes of the orders of London.
37. The acquitance of the Subsidie the x and xv.
38. A presentment taken at Topesham and the Accomptes of the same.
39. The examinacions between the Merchauntes and the Citie. [*See Book 185.*]
40. The severall Accomptes of the Rye solde at St. Johns.
41. The Rentall of the Almshouses.
42. The Inquisitions and Examinacions of the Coroner for the deathes of certaine men and other thinges appertaininge to his office. [*See p. 57.*]
43. The question of the liberties of Excester with a paper unto the same.
44. A Collection of all the Recordes of the Citie of Excester.
45. Certaine p'rented bookes for the Statuete of gavell kinde.

In the Second boxe in the greatt presse.

1. Inprimis the copies of auncyent charters granted to the Bisshoppe of Exeter containing xxxⁱⁱ. leafies of paper.
2. The copie of an acte of parlyament for boundyng of St. Sydwells Fee.

3. Itm. An Ancyent Accompte of the revenues of the Bisshoppricke of Exon in Anno Dni. 1300.
 4. Itm. A paper booke and thereyn divers examynacyons and the manner of the robbing of St. Peters Church in Anno ix^{no} Dne. Elizabeth Rne.
 5. Itm. viij leaffes of paper whereyn are wrytten the sayenge of divers auncyent men touchyng the boundes of St. Peters Church yard.
 6. Itm. Sixe leafes of paper whereyn is wrytten the survey of St. Sidwells Fee.
 7. Itm. Accompte of the temporalities of the Bisshoppricke of Exon made in ann xvij H. viij [1526].
 8. Itm. the copie of an acte of parliament for pavyng of the Cittie of Exeter.
 9. Itm. A paper cont. the Articles of the Charter of xxix^o H. viijth tochyng the Countie &c. [See Charter XXXIII, p. 5.]
 10. Itm. A paper booke cont. the names of all the freeholders in Exeter.
 11. Itm. A copie of a quo warranto in Anno quarto E. terciij. [1330-31.]
 12. Itm. A rolle of paper whereyn are written divers Acts and Ordynnances made by the Maior and Comon Councill of this Cittie for the better government thereof.
 13. The copie of the Corporacyon of Merchaunts in Englyshe. [See Book 185.]
 14. The objections agaynst the Merchants Corporacyon.
 15. The Supplicacyon of the Merchaunts.
 16. A Byll of Articles against the Tayllors.
 17. The Articles of the Merchaunts Charter.
 18. Examynacyons taken before the Maior and Justice consernynge the Tayllors.
 19. The first incorporacyon of the Merchaunts.
 20. Mr. Hookers accompte in a journey to London.
 21. A note of offers made unto the Tayllors by the Merchantes.
 22. The Surmyses of the Tayllors agaynst the Merchaunts.
 23. The oracyon of Mr. Hooker made to the Comons in Anno 1569=1560. [See p. 40.]
 24. Itm. A Supplicacyon an aunswer and a replicacyon betwene the Merchaunts and Tayllors.
 25. Itm. divers bookes papers and letters wrytten by Mr. Hooker toochyng the order of the parlyament.
- The copies of the incorporacyons of Smythes Skynners Coopers and Hellyers Butchers Bruers Tayllors Cappes and Haberdasshers and of Weavers and Tuckers. [See p. 54.]
- Itm. A copie of the Charter of Sion.*

* See p. 33. For the manor of Budley Sion, part of the royal manor of East Budleigh, see Lysons, p. 86; Brushfield, East Budleigh, p. 19, in *Transactions of Devonshire Association*, July 1890.

REPORT
ON THE
RECORDS OF THE CITY OF EXETER.

PART I.

I. ROYAL CHARTERS AND LETTERS PATENT.

Forty-eight documents (Nos. I–XLVIII). Copies of several of them are also to be found in other sections of this collection. *e.g.* Book 56.

The earlier among them are addressed to "The Burgesses (or the Citizens) of Exeter." The "Mayor" first appears in No. XII, Nov. 7, 1259, subsequent documents being usually though not uniformly addressed to "The Mayor, Bailiffs and Commonalty of Exeter."

These documents (all original) are kept in cardboard boxes in the Muniment Room. They are unbound and in an excellent state of preservation. Abstracts of all of them (except six) will be found in Oliver's *History of Exeter* (edition 1861), Appendix, pp. 278–304. These abstracts appear not to have been taken from the originals, but from "a MS. volume of Charters in the Office of the Town Clerk" (Oliver, *p.* 278). The volume referred to is not noticed in Mr. Stuart Moore's *Calendar* and seems to have been missing at the time of his visit. It has recently, however, been discovered and is now available for reference. It contains copies of most of the Charters written in a late 16th century hand, together with copies of some other documents, the originals of which are not now to be found in the Muniment Room, *e.g.* No. 19 (*f.* 225), July 24, 1337, *i.e.*, a writ to the Mayor &c., notifying them to pay the fee farm rent of Exeter (20*l.* *p.a.*) to Edward Duke of Cornwall,* instead of to the King [*see* Oliver, *p.* 283, No. 21, and *Transcripts, ad finem*].

The document (No. I) in Oliver, *p.* 279, from *Book of Transcripts*, cannot now be found. It is dated at London [*s.a.*], and in it Henry II grants to the citizens of Exeter "omnes rectas consuetudines quas habuerunt in tempore

* *i.e.* The Black Prince, to whom the grant had been made on March 17, 1337. See *Transcripts*, No. 2024, 2025; *Charter Roll*, 11 *Edward III*, No. 60, in *Report on the Dignity of a Peer*, v. 36. For a writ to the Mayor &c., dated Oct. 10, 1337, showing that the payments began on Sept. 28, 1337, see *Cal. Close Rolls, Edward III* (1337–1339), *p.* 198.

Regis Henrici, avi mei, remotis omnibus pravis consuetudinibus post avum meum ibi elevatis. Et sciatis eos habere consuetudines London' ita libere, honorifice et juste sicut unquam melius habuerunt tempore avi mei. Teste Arn. Ep. Lexov., Reg. Com. Cornub., et Toma Cancell," who are also witnesses to the three writs that follow, *i.e.* Nos. I, II, III in Stuart Moore's *Calendar*.

Several of these charters were sent to London under the charge of Richard Izacke in 1666 and duly returned, see *Act Book*, XI, *f.* 44, where the documents so forwarded and returned are specified. Duplicates of several of them will be found among the Transcripts.

The following is an epitome of the contents of the collection in the order in which they appear in Stuart Moore's *Calendar*.

I, II, III.—Three writs, *temp.* Henry II, declaring the citizens of Exeter and their merchandize to be free from toll, lastage, passage and all other custom. [Printed in Oliver, *p.* 279, from *Book of Transcripts*, Nos. 38, 39, 40, *ff.* 273, 274, 275. See also *Transcripts*, 2004. Summarized in Freeman, *p.* 56.]

IV, V, VI. Rouen, March 24, 1190.—Richard I grants to the Burgesses of Exeter that they shall be quit of toll, passage and pontage on land and on water in fairs and markets and of all secular service, *citra et ultra mare*. See also *Transcript* 2005 [with abstract in Oliver, *p.* 280], where it is wrongly dated March 29.

VII. Sept. 18, *s.a.*—Richard I declares that the citizens of Exeter and their merchandize are free of toll, passage, lastage and all other customs. See also *Transcripts*, 2005. [Abstract in Oliver, *p.* 280.]

VIII. Craneburne, *s.a.*—John Earl of Mortain (afterwards King John) grants to the citizens of Exeter all right customs which they had in the time of King Henry I, and states that they have the customs of the men of London.

IX. Saumur, June 15, 1200.—King John repeats previous grant (No. VIII) and confirms grant of Richard I (No. VII). [Abstract in Oliver, 280.]

X. Westminster, March 24, 1237.—Henry III confirms No. IX and the grants of Henry II, Richard I and John mentioned therein. See *Miscell. Rolls*, 81; *Transcripts*, No. 2005. [Abstract in Oliver, *p.* 280.]

XI. Mere, May 25, 1259.—Richard King of the Romans,* grants to the citizens that they and their heirs shall hold

* To whom the city and castle had been granted in 1231.

the city of Exeter in fee-farm for ever, rendering the accustomed fee-farm. [Abstract in Oliver, p. 280.]

XII. London, Nov. 7, 1259.—Richard King of the Romans grants to the Mayor, bailiffs and citizens as in No. XI, specifying the fee-farm at 13*l.* 9*s.* yearly. See *Misc. Rolls*, 81. [Abstract in Oliver, p. 280.]

XIII. Westminster, Nov. 6, 1259.—Henry III confirms No. XII. [Abstract in Oliver, p. 281.]

XIV. Berkhamstead, June 18, 1286.—Edmund son of Richard King of Aleman', Earl of Cornwall, confirms No. XII. [Oliver, p. 281.]

XV. Berkhamstead, June 17, 1286.—Edmund Earl of Cornwall remits *rancorem animi et indignationem* which he had conceived against the Mayor and citizens for certain trespasses committed before the Sunday next after the Octave of Trinity last past and at the instance of the noble ladies the daughters of King Edward I, respites 50 marks out of a sum of 250 marks which the citizens owe to him by their bond. [Abstract in Oliver, p. 282.]

XVI. Crake (*i.e.* Craike—Yorks), Aug. 22, 1292.—Edward I commits to the Mayor the custody of *Sigillum ad recognitiones debitorum mercatorum* in the city of Exeter. See also *Transcripts*, No. 2005. [See Oliver, p. 282; *Cal. Pat. Rolls* (1281–1292), p. 520; Lloyd Parry, *Seals*, 11.]

XVII. Easton, near Stamford, May 4, 1300.—Edward I confirms No. X and further grants that the citizens shall be free of murage and pavage. See also *Transcripts*, 2015, 2016. [See Oliver, p. 282; *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 28 Edward I, p. 512.]

XVIII. Westminster, Nov. 12, 1320.—Edward II confirms No. XVII and further grants that all pleas concerning lands, tenements, trespasses, contracts &c., arising in the city or its suburbs shall be pleaded before the Mayor and Bailiffs; that the citizens shall not be put on juries, assizes &c. with foreigners, nor foreigners with them, and that they shall be free from murage, pavage, pickage, anchorage, strandage and seageage (or groundage). [See *Misc. Rolls*, 9; *Transcripts*, No. 2019; Oliver, p. 282.]

XIX. Eltham, March 1, 1329.—Edward III confirms Nos. XIII and XVIII. [See also *Transcripts*, No. 2022; Oliver, p. 282. For text see Reichel, pp. 41–55.]

XX. Eltham, Feb. 6, 1332.—Edward III recites No. XII and regrants the city to the citizens and their heirs and

successors for ever, rendering 20*l.* yearly and bearing all burdens hitherto incumbent on the said fee farm. [Oliver, p. 282.]

XXI. Feb. 3, 1365.—Exemplification of a certificate from the Court of Exchequer of the entry in Domesday Book* relating to Exeter. Also a certified extract from the *Placita Coronæ* taken before Justices in Eyre at Exeter in 1281, finding the fee farm to be 39*l.* 18*s.*, whereof 12*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.* was paid to the Trinity Priory in London and the rest to the Earl of Cornwall. Also in *Transcripts*, No. 2629. [See text in Izacke, 56; full abstract in Oliver, p. 284.]

XXII. Westminster, Dec. 5, 1378.—Richard II confirms No. XIX. [See Oliver, p. 284.] This confirmation was granted because according to an order of Parliament the citizens made a balinger for the King's navy, as witnessed by Thomas [Brantingham] Bishop of Exeter before the King's Council. See *Cal. Pat. Richard II*, i., 292; see also the Register of St. John's Hospital, f. 636.

XXIII.—Duplicate of No. XXII.

XXIV. Dec. 1, 1412.—Letters Patent of Henry IV, exempting the record of a proceeding in the Exchequer of 21 Edward III (1347-8) touching the fairs of Exeter &c. [Oliver, p. 284.]

XXV. Nov. 5, 1423.—Exemplification of Letters Patent of 14 Dec., 1414, [see *Cal. Pat. Henry V.*, i., 283], confirming No. XXII.

XXVI.—Exemplification of a certificate of the Court of Exchequer stating that they find nothing in Domesday Book relating to the manor and fee of St. Sidwell. 11 Dec., 1429, —i.e. 8 Henry VI [not 8 Henry IV (i.e. 1406) as Oliver, p. 284, the entry from which it is copied being No. 13 in the MS. Book, f. 200].

XXVII. July 14, 1438.—Inspeximus and confirmation by Henry VI reciting Letters Patent of 14 Dec., 1414. [See No. XXV.] [Oliver, p. 284.]

XXVIII.—Edward IV grants to the Mayor &c. bona et catalla vocat' manuopera, catalla felonum, fugitivorum utlegatorum necnon qualitercunque damnatorum seu convictorum, &c., also to hold feriam sive nundinas for two

* In Book 51, f. 53b, the entry is given thus: In libro de Domesdaye inter terras Regis in Com' Devon contint' (sic). In Civitate Exon habet Rex ecc. domos xv minus reddentes &c. In hac civitate sunt vastate xlviij domus pestquam Rex venit in Angliã. Hec civitas T.R.E. (i.e. tempore regis Edwardi) non geldabit nisi quando Londonia et Eboracum et Wynton geldabunt &c., as in *Domesday Book*, i, 100; do. Facsimile, Devonshire, p. 1; Freeman, *Norman Conquest*, iv., 162.

days on the Eve of St. Mary Magdalen. Westminster, July 1, 1463; not July 21st, as Izacke, 86. See *Transcripts*, No. 2042; Oliver, p. 285; *Cal. Pat. 3 Ed. IV*, p. 275.

XXIX. Westminster, Oct. 12, 1486.—Henry VII confirms Nos. XXVII and XXVIII. [*See* Oliver, p. 285.]

XXX. Greenwich, July 10, 1509.—Writ of Privy Seal directing the mode of electing the Mayor, Bailiffs, Sergeants and other officers of the city every year. [Attached to the writ is a slip of parchment bearing the names of the Mayor and 23 of the Common Council. Similarly in Book 51, f. 111, with the names of 22 of the Council, besides the Mayor, and in Book 53, f. 82 (24 names in all), in both of which it is dated July 10, 1509. The full text in English is printed in Izacke, 99, where it is wrongly dated 1498; *see also* Oliver, p. 285.]

XXXI. Feb. 26, 1510.—Henry VIII confirms No. XXIX. [*See* Oliver, p. 285.]

XXXII. Westminster, Feb. 16, 1535.—Henry VIII grants that the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen shall be Justices of the Peace within the city and the liberties thereof. [*See* Oliver, p. 285.]

XXXIII. Westminster, Aug. 23, 1537.—Henry VIII confirms all previous charters and makes the City of Exeter a county *per se, re et nomine*. Also in *Transcripts*, No. 2045, 2046. [*See* Oliver, p. 286; for a draft proposal for this dated 28 Henry VIII, *see* D. 1430^b.]

XXXIV. Westminster, Feb. 24, 1549.—Edward VI confirms Nos. XXXI and XXXIII. [Full text printed in Reynolds, p. 3a; also in Book 51, f. 114; Book 52, f. 143; *see also* Oliver, p. 286.]

XXXV. March 18, 1540.—Exemplification of a writ of certiorari to John Mason, clerk of the Parliament, for a copy of an Act of Parliament determining the bounds of the county of the city of Exeter passed in the Parliament begun Nov. 4, 1547, and continued by prorogation till March 14, 1548,* with rent roll (uncalendered), March 18, 1549. The text appears also in Book 51, ff. 123–5, where the date of the closing of the Parliament is wrongly given as March 24, instead of 14th as in the original document. *See also* Book 52, f. 62^b; Jenkins, pp. 441–444; Reynolds, p. 3; *Transcripts*, No. 2053.

XXXVI. Westminster, Dec. 22, 1550.—Edward VI grants the manor of Exe Island in reward to the citizens for their loyalty

* The Bill passed the Commons Feb. 15, 1548 (*Commons Journal*, i, 18), and was read in the House of Lords Feb. 16, 1548 (*Lords Journal*, i, 342).

in defending the city against the rebels. Also in *Transcripts*, Nos. 2054, 2055, 2056. [See Oliver, p. 286.]

XXXVII. Westminster, Feb. 21, 1561.—Queen Elizabeth grants that the city shall have the custody of the lands and goods of orphans.* [See Oliver, p. 287.]

XXXVIII. Westminster, Nov. 8, 1562.—Queen Elizabeth grants to the Mayor &c. the appointment of the 12 poor men in Boneville's Almshouses in the Combe Rewe,† and of the four poor men of the foundation of the late Prior and Convent of the late Hospital of Saint John the Baptist within the Eastgate. [Printed in Izacke, 130. See also *Transcripts*, No. 2057; Oliver, p. 287.] In D 1527^a (Nov., 1562) is a copy of a petition from the Mayor &c. praying for the issue of the Letters Patent concerning Bonville's Almshouses, with a copy of this Charter. There is another copy in Book 51, f. 140b, where it is "for the apoyntinge and nomynatyng of the poore yn the hospital in the Comeroye, called "in Rocke Lane" in the Table of Contents. Also in Book 52, f. 276b, where "and of the pensioners of the Hospital of St. John" has been added in a later hand. Both of these entries have also a memorandum as to Bonville's Almshouses. There is also a copy of the Charter in Book 56.

XXXIX.—Exemplification of a writ of certiorari to Francis Spelman, clerk of the Parliaments, and an Act of the Parliament held Jan. 12, 1563, confirming No. XXXVII. Also a Rent Roll, 3 May, 1563. [See Oliver, p. 287.]

XL. Aug. 6, 1564.—Ratification by William Hervye, Esquire, Clarencieux King-of-Arms, of the arms of the City of Exeter, with the addition of a crest and supporters, but no mention of any motto.

XLI. June 2, 1572.—Confirmation by Queen Elizabeth of the following documents:—(a) Deed of purchase, July 16, 1547, of the manors of Plympton and Exminster and other possessions between Edward VI and Edward [Seymour] Duke of Somerset.‡ See also *Transcripts*, No. 2063. (b) Extract from a writ of Privy Seal (July 22, 1547) granting the manor of Topsham to the Duke of Somerset. (c) Exemplification (May 16, 1572) of an Act of the Parliament [that

* The full text of Charter XXXVII, known as the Charter of the Orphans [Book 51, f. 129b; Book 52, f. 176b; Book 56; Hooker's *List*, No. 11] was printed by Hooker in 1575. See his "Orders Enacted for Orphans," pp. 23-31, together with *Inspeximus* and Confirmation, May 3, 1563. *Ibid*, p. 32.

† Called "Combe Stret" in D. 837a; "Combe Strete" or "La Cumbe," *Coll. Top.*, i, 376. See *St. Nicholas Priory*. For "Com roye" in Broad Clyst, see L. 379.

‡ From Pat. 1 Edward VI, pt. 6, *mn.* 20, 21; J. B. Rowe, *Hist. of Plympton*, p. 23.

met by prorogation] on Nov. 4, 1549, reciting the attainder, submission and restitution of the Duke of Somerset* and assuring all his lands and possessions to him and his heirs. [See *Transcripts*, No. 2063.]

XLII. June 22, 1575.—Exemplification of a record of a proceeding in the Queen's Bench of Easter, 1575, in which the Mayor &c. claim cognizance of the plea setting forth their Charter No. XVIII, which is recited in full and allowed.

XLIII. June 27, 1610.—Exemplification of a decree of the Exchequer of Hillary Term, 1610, reciting No. XXIII. For a draft proposal for this see *Deeds*, No. 1430b.

XLIV. Feb. 16, 1611.—Exemplification of an Act passed in the Parliament [that met by prorogation on Feb. 9, 1610, Stat. iv., 1153] entitled: "An Acte for the contynuance and reparacion of a newe builte weare upon the River of Exe" [*i.e.* Stat. 7 Jac. I., printed in Stat. iv., 1173.] It refers to the destruction of the old wear called Callibere Weare† "about the feast of the birth of our Lord God last was 2 years," *i.e.* Christmas, 1608. See also *Transcripts*, No. 2075. For a memorandum concerning this event see L. 155, which shows that it happened on Sunday, Jan. 17, 1607 (*i.e.* 1608) "by reason of an extreame frost w^{ch}. contynued betwene 5 or 7 weekes," when "there came downe the river of Ex such heugs stacks of Isse w^{ch}. had rested uppon our ware."

XLV. Westminster, Dec. 17, 1627.—Charles I grants a charter to the city. For abstract see Oliver, *p.* 287. For extracts see Lloyd Parry, *pp.* 11–14, with full Latin text in Oliver, *pp.* 289–304, and English translation in Jenkins, *pp.* 137–155.

XLVI. Oct. 22, 1684.—Charles II grants a charter of similar import to No. XLV [which had been surrendered]. For an abstract see *Transcripts*, Nos. 2045, 2046.

XLVII. June 28, 1721.—Exemplification of verdict in a suit for Town Customs, *Exeter v. Bond*.

XLVIII. April 25, 1770.—George III grants a charter for regulating the manner of holding the Session of the Peace in the City. Recites Nos. XXXIII and XLV. [Abstract in Oliver, *p.* 288.]

The three following sections, *viz.* (II) *Commissions, Pardons &c.*, (III) *Royal Letters and Warrants*, and (IV) *Letters and other Papers*, appear to contain the most valuable material

* For his pardon, Feb. 16, 1550, see Rymer, VI, iii, 179.

† *i.e.* Calabeer Wear rebuilt in 1571, *Act Book*, iii, f. 3; Izacke, 133; Jenkins, 124.

of the whole collection from the point of view of the historical student. They form a sort of running accompaniment to the general history of the country from the middle of the 14th century onwards. The distinction between the three sections, however, is somewhat arbitrary and several items that are really closely connected together are thereby separated and classified apart. In order to obtain a survey of the contents of this portion of the collection the more rational method would appear to be to disregard to some extent the grouping of the Calendar, even at the cost of losing the continuity of the running numbers, while preserving the main stream of the chronology throughout.

2.—COMMISSIONS, PARDONS &C. 74 Documents numbered XLIX to CXIX.

XLIX. Aug. 20, 1344.—Edward III commissions the Mayor and Bailiffs of Exeter to enforce the Statutes of Winchester and Northampton for the keeping of the peace, reciting that there are many robberies and breaches of the peace in the city and suburbs. See also *Transcripts*, No. 2027. [For abstracts see Oliver, p. 283; *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 18 Edward III, p. 403.]

L. Reading, March 25, 1347.—Writ of Edward III to the Bailiffs, *probi homines* and Commonalty of the City of Exeter and the towns of Topsham and Kenton, reciting an order of the Council at Westminster that 120 large ships each manned with 60 mariners and 20 archers were to accompany the King to Calais, 60 of which were to be raised by John de Mountgomery, Admiral of the West.* The ships are to be at Sandwich by Easter Monday next, and three of them are to be supplied by Exeter, Topsham and Kenton. [See Oliver, p. 283; Rym. III, i., 112; *Cal. Rot. Pat.*, 21 Edward III, p. 264.]

LI. Feb. 12, 1366.—Writ of Edward III to John Montague, William de Wychingham and others, commanding them not to enquire into a sedition said to have arisen in Exeter, as the King has been informed that the report is unfounded. [See Izacke, p. 58.]

LII. June 23, 1381.—A proclamation to repress possible disorder consequent on the rising of Wat Tiler is similar to those addressed to the Mayor of York and other towns. See Rym., iii, 123; *Cal. Pat.* 5 Richard II, p. 69. See also *Transcripts*, No. 2030.

LIII. Jan. 25, 1401.—Pardon for all offences committed prior to Dec. 8, 1400.

* Who was appointed on March 16, 1347. *Cal. Close Rolls*, 21 Edward III, p. 245.

LIV. March 27, 1437.—Pardon to Mayor, Bailiffs and Commonalty of Exeter for offences against the Statute of Liveries and other offences committed prior to Sept. 2, 1431. See also *Transcripts*, No. 2033.

LV. July 6, 1446.—Do. for all trespasses to April 9, 1446. Also in *Transcripts*, No. 2034.

LVI. July 6, 1509.—Do., do., prior to April 23, 1509 [*i.e.* the date of the accession of Henry VIII].

LVII. May 9, 1522.—Writ to the Mayor of Exeter to let no "Britons or other the Frenche King's subjettes" leave the country with their goods or writings.

LVIII. Feb. 18, 1523.—Commission of array in consequence of declaration of war by Francis I against the Emperor Charles V and the King of England.

LIX. Nov. 2, 1523.—Commission to collect subsidy [granted in Parliament, April 15 to July 31, 1523; Rot. Parl. vii, pp. lxxvi-xc; Stat. iii, 230-241] reciting that the Duke of Bourbon and many captains of France "taking our partie" are pursuing the French King. [For similar commissions see *Letters and Papers, Henry VIII*, iii (2), p. 1456.]

LX. Jan. 12, 1537.—Order for proclamation regulating the price of Gascon and French wines in accordance with Stat. 23 Henry VIII, c. 7 [Stat. iii, 374, 422]. For a similar order to the authorities at Colchester, Dec. 1, 1537, see *Letters and Papers, Henry VIII*, xii (2), p. 411.

LXA. June 4, 1558.—Commission to enquire as to misdemeanors of French denizens, reciting Stat. 4, 5 Philip and Mary [Stat. iv, p. 326].

LXI. Feb. 23, 1569.—Appointment of Commissioners to make search in Exeter for "such as use unlawful games" and to see that all persons keep bows and arrows in their houses for themselves and their servants in accordance with Stat. 33 Henry VIII, c. 9 [Stat. iii, 833; see also *Transcripts*, No. 2060; *Act Book*, No. 3, p. 39].*

In D. 1517 is a bond in 5 marks given to the Mayor by John Souther of Exeter, glover on May 21, 1560, from henceforth "not to playe or use at any unlawfull game prohibited by law."

* This subject was set down for the consideration of Justices of Assize in Nov. 1566, and again for Commissioners for Musters on June 19, 1569. *Cal. State Papers, Dom., Addenda*, pp. 20, 80, and instructions were prepared for enforcing it in Aug., 1571. *Cal. Dom.*, 1547-1580, p. 421.

Subsidies.

LXII. July 4, 1571.—Commission to levy a subsidy granted in the Parliament that met April 2, 1571. [Stat. iv, 562–581; 13 Elizabeth, c. 26, 27.] See also *Transcripts*, No. 2062. For similar commissions July 27, 1590, in regard to subsidy granted in 1588–9, see No. LXV; also No. LXXIII, July 30, 1607 [granted in Parliament which ended on July 4, 1607, Stat. iv, 1132]; also Nos. LXXVIII, LXXXI, March 22, July 16, 1621 [granted in Parliament of March 22, 1621, Stat. iv, 1208]; Nos. LXXXVIII, LXXXIX, XC, June 1, Sept. 1, 1624, and Jan. 17, 1625 [granted in the Parliament of Feb. 19 to May 29, 1624, on prospect of war with Spain after breach of the marriage treaty; Stat. iv, 1247]; Nos. XCI, XCIII, Aug. 15, 1625, Feb. 10, 1626 [on accession of Charles I; Stat. v, 3–21]. For an order in Council, March 30, 1629, to the Commissioners for subsidies in Exeter, sending directions for payment of the subsidy [granted June 16, 1628; Gardiner, vi, 315], see L. 320. For undated note of charges for the subsidy account (*temp.* James I), see L. 192. For a large bundle of subsidy returns, assessments &c. (*temp.* Elizabeth, James I and Charles I), see *Misc. Papers*.

William Earl of Bath.

LXIV. Jan. 21, 1587.—Appointment of William [Bourchier] Earl of Bath as Lord Lieutenant of Devon and Exeter, with names of his deputies. Also in *Transcripts*, Nos. 2064, 2065, 2067, 2068, 2073; see also Nos. LXIVa (Nov. 14, 1587); LXVI (April 29, 1593); LXVIII (June 7, 1596); LXIX, LXIXa (July 6, 1599); LXX (Dec. 3, 1600); LXXI (June 10, 1601); LXXII (April 13, 1603); LXXIV (Feb. 25, 1609); LXXV, LXXVI (May 9, June 24, 1614); LXXVII (Sept. 8, 1616); LXXX (July 3, 1618). For letters to the Mayor from the Earl of Bath as Lord Lieutenant, see L. 621.

Popish Recusants.

LXXIX. April 6, 1621.—Recites a proclamation of July 1, 1607, forbidding all natural born subjects to leave the country, and commissions the Mayor of Exeter and others to examine all persons over 21 years of age who desire to pass over the seas, as to their cause of departure, trade, destination &c., and to administer to them at their discretion the oath prescribed by the Act of 1605* “for the better discovering and repressing of popish recusants.”

Francis Lord Russell, afterwards Earl of Bedford.

LXXXII. July 18, 1623 [*i.e.* 21, not 20 James I, see *Pat. Roll* (2300), 21 James I, pt. 6, m. 15d].—Appointment of

* *i.e.* Stat. iv., p. 1074, 3 James I, c. 4. For an order issued by magistrates in session (Easter, 1605) to the High Constable and petty constables of Ottery St. Mary, to make privy search in the houses of recusant Papists in accordance with divers directions from the Lords of the Council. See Oliver, *Collections illustrating the history of the Catholic Religion in Devon &c.*, p. 9, from the Record Office in Exeter Castle.

Francis Lord Russell of Thornhaugh as Lieutenant of Devon and Exeter. [He became Earl of Bedford on May 3, 1627.] For names of his deputies *see* Nos. LXXXV (Aug. 1, 1623), LXXXVI (Dec. 22, 1623), LXXXVII (Dec. 24, 1623) [*also* Izacke, 150]. In L. 263, dated Chiswick, Dec. 24, 1623, he writes to Mr. Pearse in reference to the charges made for the patents of his deputy lieutenants, including 4*l.* at the seale and 40*s.* promised to Mr. Secretarie's man, and explaining that the increase was occasioned by "the Kinge reassuming the dormant warrant from my Lord Keeper and commaunding that nothing should passe but by his owne signature." The charges alluded to will be found in an undated document (L. 191) signed by John Pearse, who was a bailiff of Exeter in 1619. In L. 256 (Nov. 8, 1623) is a reference to Lord Russell's claim for allowance from the Chamber of Exeter in regard to his commission "to be forthwith disbursed accordinge to the ordinary proportion heretofore dispended upon such occasions." *See also* Nos. XCIV (June 17, 1626), XCVI (June 16, 1627). For his appointment and that of his son William Lord Russell [afterwards 1st Duke of Bedford] as joint Lord Lieutenants of Devon and Exeter, with their deputies, *see* No. XCIX, March 30, 1637, *also* Order in Council to them jointly, L. 369 (Aug. 17, 1637); and a letter from them to their deputies, *see* L. 382 (dated Bedford House, July 2nd, 1639), referring to errors in their commission.

The forced Loan.

XCV. Oct. 11, 1626.—Commission from Charles I to the Mayor and Aldermen of Exeter to raise a loan to enable him to continue the war in Germany and relieve his illustrious uncle [Christian IV] the King of Denmark, then reduced to great extremity.* For orders in Council, dated Feb. 21, May 12, June 30, Aug. 7, Oct. 31, 1627, urging quicker collection of the loan; *see* L.L. 291, 293, 294, 295, 299. For a receipt dated May 26, 1628, for 692*l.* received as a loan from divers inhabitants of Exeter, *see* D. 1745. For a list of persons in Exeter who contributed, *see Misc. Rolls* 75. In L. 286 (dated March 27, 1627) the Earl of Marleburge [*i.e.* James Ley, Treasurer] and Richard Weston [Chancellor and Under Treasurer of the Exchequer] order the Collectors of the Loan Money in Exeter to pay the money collected to Sir George Chudleigh. In L. 295 (Strachleigh, Aug. 17, 1627) Sir George Chudleigh writes to the Commissioners for the loans in Exeter in answer to a letter from them of Aug. 14. In this he says: It seemes their lordships never heard from you in all this time of the state of this busynes which hath occasioned these letters to be written to you, being intended (if I guesse aright) to some countyes (rather then a cittye) which have bene slacke in

* *i.e.* since the battle of Lutter, Aug. 27, 1626, news of which reached England in Sept., 1626. *Cal. Dom.*, 1625-6, p. 422.

this service to his majesty. He concludes: "Wherefore if it shall please you to give order to your collectors to pay over your second payment unto me as they have done the first I shall make no scruple to receive it nether to disburse it according to my directions. Only I shall pray you to certifie their lordships with all speede what you have done that they may not expect money from you which by themselves is otherwise disposed of. In L. 366 (Sept. 16, 1634) [Captain] William Jewell and John Unwoon, by virtue of Commissions dated May 19 and Aug. 2 last, send a warrant to the Mayor to bring before them "at the signe of the beare in this city" at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning all officers belonging to His Majesty's Customs, all merchants, masters of Shippes, Barkes and other vessells belonging to sea affayers, all mercers grocers, dyers, woolcombers, fellmongers, chandlers and such as sell any grocerie ware or buy, sell, spend any dyinge stuffes dwellinge wthin your Cittie and the liberties thereof to bee examined on his Ma^{ties}. behalfe, to the end it may be knowne who they bee (if any such shall happen to bee) that contempne or sleight the authoritie of his Ma^{ties}. said Commissions."

St. Paul's Cathedral.

XCVIII. Dec. 20, 1633.—Commission to the Mayor &c. to collect money in aid of the reparation of St. Paul's Cathedral, with a list giving the names of about 250 persons who contributed 17*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.* between them, besides 3*l.* 11*s.* 9*d.* raised by collections in the several churches of the city, Robert Vilvaine,* Doctor of Phisicke, promising to pay 6*s.* yearly as long as the work shall last, if he lives. See also *Transcripts*, No. 2089.

Lands for Charitable uses.

C. May 1, 1638.—Commission to the Mayor, Bishop and others to enquire concerning lands given to charitable uses under Statute 43 Elizabeth [cap. 4 (1601), Stat. iv, 968]. For similar commissions, see No. CVII (May 15, 1648), CVIII (Dec. 13, 1653), [issued by "the Keepers of the Liberties of England"], among the commissioners being John Desborow, † Major General, and Edmund Prideaux, Attorney General to the Commonwealth and Recorder of Exeter. ‡ For another commission, dated July 11, 1666, see No. CIV, where the Bishop, to whom among others the commission is addressed, is called "Seth" [*i.e.* Seth Ward]. For writ of Charles II to the Mayor &c. to deliver the temporalities of the see to him, dated Aug. 25, 1662; see No. CX.

* See L. 172. He was buried in Exeter Cathedral, Boase, Reg. 88. For epigram written by him in 1640, see Izacke, 156.

† For his connection with Exeter Castle, April 14, Oct. 17, 1654, see *Cal. Dom.*, 1654, pp. 100, 376. On March 12, May 28, 1655, he was Major-General in charge of the Militia of Devon, Dorset, Somerset and Wilts. Thurloe, *State Papers*, iii, 221, 468.

‡ Appointed Recorder May 2, 1643. Oliver, p. 236.

Emissaries of mischief.

CIII. Feb. 7, 1642.—Commission to the Mayor &c. to administer the oath of supremacy and allegiance to suspected persons passing through Exeter. [See *Act Book vii (i.e. viii)*, f. 199, quoted in Oliver, p. 114.]

Invasion of the Scots.

CVI. Oxford, March 30, 1644.—Charles I commissions Sir John Berkeley, knight, Governor of the City of Exeter, the Mayor (Hugh Croker, esquire*) and others to raise Exeter's share of 100,000*l.* granted by the Commons [*i.e.* at Oxford] to resist the invasion of the Scots.†

General Monck.

CIX. July 4, 1662.—Commission to George [Monck] Duke of Albemarle as Lord Lieutenant of Devon and Exeter to appoint his deputies; see also *Transcripts*, No. 2097.

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CXIII. Nov. 22, 1679.—Charles II commissions the Mayor and Aldermen of Exeter to administer the oath of supremacy.‡ See also *Transcripts*, No. 2104.

Deputy Lieutenants.

CXIV. April 4, 1687.—John [Grenville] Earl of Bath, Lord Lieutenant§ of Devon and Exeter, appoints John Snell [*see* L. 15] as Deputy Lieutenant for the City of Exeter. In No. CXV (June 13, 1696) Thomas [Grey] Earl of Stamford &c., as Lord Lieutenant of Devon and Exeter, appoints the Mayor as his deputy for Exeter. In CXVII (May 13, 1708) John [Poulett] Earl Poulett, as Lord Lieutenant, appoints his deputies for Exeter; also CXVIII (March 9, 1717) John [Carteret] Baron Cartaret [of Hawnes], as Lord Lieutenant, appoints his deputies. With signatures "Bathe," "Stamford" (also his seal), "Poulett," and "Cartaret" (with seal) respectively.

Sir Edward Seymour.

CXVI.—Sir Edward Seymour, Baronet, resigns his office of Recorder of Exeter, with signature "Edw. Seymour" and seal.

3.—ROYAL LETTERS AND OTHER PAPERS.

Seventeen documents (all originals) numbered 1 to 17, many of which bear traces of previous neglect, though now

* He was knighted on July 27, 1644. Shaw, ii, 218.

† Who surrendered at Newark, March 22, 1644.

‡ *i.e.* To enable those who had been born abroad before the Restoration to become naturalised. See Stat. v, 840 (*i.e.* 29 Car. II, c. 6, 1677).

§ Appointed Dec. 7, 1685. *Pat. 1 James II*, pt. 10, m. 1; Duckett, *Penal Laws*, p. 20.

carefully mounted and bound, forming, with Sec. IV, seven folio volumes lettered 60A, 60B, 60C, 60D, 60E, 60F, 60G.

In Dr. Oliver's *Calendar* (vol. iv, p. 292) the following entry occurs:—Nov. 5, 1821. N.B.—Mr. Jones employed at home *Six Whole Days* in sorting, marking, reading and indexing the various letters from the Kings of England, Privy Council, Burgesses and others, which have been bound for their better preservation, and in transcribing Deeds and Charters respecting the manor of Awliscombe by order of the Chamberlain. And in vol. iv, p. 342, Wednesday, Sept. 5, 1825: *Seventy-Ninth Day*: Employed the whole of this day in arranging and marking the Chamber Letters in order to their Being Bound &c. *Signed*, P. Jones.

Many of the Royal Letters have recently been published in Cotton, *Gleanings*.

L. 1. June 29, *s.a.*—Delivered to the Mayor at Exeter on the 19th July. Privy Signet from Henry VII to his trusty and well beloved the "Mayor of our Citee and Port of Excestre," setting forth that "diverse evill disposed persons our soubgiettes born bee now lieing upon the see as comyn pyrates robbing and dispoilling as well our soubgiettes as owre frendes being in treux liege and amite with us and have their comon resorte unto diverse havons as well of that our towne as of other where they may be vitailed, favoured and comforted," and commanding him to come bringing two or three persons of his brethren to the King's presence, "to the ende that at youre comyng we by thadvise of our counsaill may see such a direccion to be taken for the reformation of thoos misbehavings as shalbe thought for the wele of us and our said Royaulme and soubgiettes," &c.

L. 2. At our manor of Grenewiche, June 23, 1508.—Henry VII informs the Mayor of Exeter and his brethren of the treaty made at Calais [on Dec. 21, 1507] for the marriage of his daughter Mary and the young Prince of Castile [afterwards the Emperor Charles V], and requires them to sign and return the bond "specified in the letters obligatories which this berer shal shewe unto you."* For full text see Cotton, 188.

L. 3. Feb. 24, 1524.—Henry VIII to the Mayor of Exeter, Sir Thomas Denys, knight [Recorder of Exeter], Richard Duke and other our Commissioners deputed for the subsidy in the City of Exeter. Recites that a subsidy was granted to the King by an Act of the last Parliament [in 1523, see No. LIX], and that "by inadvertence and misexposition of the seide Acte and partly perceace by favour the same in divers parts of this realme hath not been duely executed accordinge to the verraye tenor and true mentionyng thereof," the particulars

* Exeter being one of the towns entered as sureties for the payment of 250,000 crowns as dower—Rymer V, iv, 241.

of which oversights and defaults are set forth in a memorial enclosed [now lost], and desiring them "by dulce amycable and goodly meanes to make overture of the seide defaults and misexpositions unto such and as many our subgiettes as it shall appartaigne, shewing unto them howe ye not understanding the hool of the seide Acte have in some things mistaken the same, soe that by your policies and circumspections the oversights and things paste may be really, effectually, lovingly and conformably reafourmed and amended according to the purporte, juste meaning and entent of the seide Acte," the return of their proceedings to be made before Easter next. [For full text see Cotton, p. 189.]*

L. 4. Guildford, June 22, 1554.—Queen Mary thanks the Mayor &c. for the "courteous entreteynement and other good offices shewed unto our cousen the Marques of Las Navas† at our request." For full text of the letter see Oliver, p. 102; see also L. 34 *infra*.

L. 5. Westminster, June 7, 1557.—Proclamation of war against the French King [Henri II], with notice of 40 days' grace to French merchants to depart the Kingdom. [Printed in Cotton, 195, who wrongly dates it 1556. For a summary of it see Lingard, v. 251, quoting *Transcripts for Rymer*, 359; Froude, vi, 476.]

L. 6. Hampton Court, Nov. 4, 1562.—Queen Elizabeth commands the Mayor and Aldermen of Exeter to contribute towards a levy of 500 men from Devonshire [*i.e.* to garrison Havre, then called New Havne], the citizens having refused to contribute because Exeter was not described as a separate county in the writ. [Printed in Cotton, 190.]‡

L. 7. Richmond, Feb. 17, 1603.—Queen Elizabeth to the Mayor and Justices of the Peace: Having often bene advertised from the maritime partes of our Kingdome our many losses which our good subiects receive in their trade by such shipping as the King of Spaine and the Archduke doo maintaine for no other purpose but to spoile upon our coasts, wherein after good deliberacion we have determined that there must be some certeine proportion of shipping wholly assigned to garde our marchants from what parte soever they sett forthe and retourne, which being a matter no way convenient for our own

* For similar writ to Wilts, dated at Greenwich, Feb. 27, 1524, see *Letters and Papers, Henry VIII*, pt. 4, i, 49. The "defaults" may have reference to the amount possessed by those liable to pay, which is given as over 40*l.* in *Pat. 15 Henry VIII*, pt. 2, *mm.* 20*d*-22*d*; but 20*l.* in *Rot. Parl. vii*, p. lxxvii; *Stat. iii*, 231; and 10*l.* in No. LIX *supra*.

† He is so called in *Acts of Privy Council*, v, 28, May 26, 1554, but Les Naves in *Cal. Dom.*, 1547-1580, p. 62. He is called "Las Naves" in Queen Mary's will, March 13, 1558. J. M. Stone, 515.

‡ For a similar demand for 600 men from Essex, Nov. 3, 1562, see *Cal. Dom.*, 1547-1580, p. 210.

shippes to attende the uncertaintie of their trade requiring sodaine and changeable going to and fro. It shall be most necessarie to appropriate some other shippes for that purpose, and therein we make no question but all our loving subiects will conclude that those important actions wherein our own ffeetes are still ingaged being well considered and the charge thereof daily multiplying more and more this burthen of exence (whatever that shall amounte unto) must be for the most parte raised and maintained by the voluntary contributions of our subiects. . . . We have thought good to commaunde and authorise you to direct your l'res to such effect as may procure a speedy collection and disbursment of all things necessary for the grounding and furnishing of tenne or twelve shippes wholly and only to attende that service. Authorising you also to promise that the charges of all maner of munition for that service shall be borne by our selves that they shall be free from paying any customes, tenthes or other duties for all things which they shall take being lawfull prise.

Footnote.—This agreith with the original signed by her Ma^{tie}. Windebank.*

L. 8.—Undated letter [probably 1603, though endorsed Jas. 16, *i.e.* 1618–19], from James I to the Mayor &c., commending the careful government of the city and promising that he will be “als readye to yeald to any your reasonable suites that may be for your good and somewhat the rather yf they shalbe preferred unto us by our welbeloved servant John Howell, one of your brethrene, of whose loyaltie and good service wee have experience. Signed, “James R.” [Printed in Cotton, *p.* 197.]

John Howell was Mayor in 1599. For his offer to obtain a mint for the city in 1603, see *Act Book*, 6, *f.* 62*b*.

In D. 1725, Jan. 17, 1615. Alderman John Howell gives to the city “one Booke of abridgement of Statutes until the xxiiiijth of King Henrie the Eight, one greate booke of Statutes at large from Magna Charta untill the Parliament ended the xxixth yeare of Queene Elizabeth, one other booke of the abridgement of all the said Statutes contained in the said booke and one other booke of Statutes att large, 35–39, 44 Elizabeth and 1 and 7 James I, with John Howell's seal and signature. These volumes have not been preserved.

L. 9.—A copy of L. 8, and on the same sheet a copy of a letter from Mr. William Hunter [a friend of John Howell], written from the Court on Nov. 15, 1603, desiring the citizens of Exeter to keep secret the above letter, “for that yt ys written by secrett secretary, a Scottish man.† and His Ma^{tie}.,

* For a similar order to other places, dated Feb. 5, 1603, see *Cal. Dom.*, 1601–1603, *p.* 289. For a subsequent order, Feb. 22, 1603, fixing 200*l.* as the contribution from Exeter, see L. 108, with enquiry from the Mayor of Plymouth (L. 109), March 9, 1603, as to what Exeter proposes to do.

† *i.e.* Sir Thomas Areskyne or Erskine, who succeeded Sir Walter Raleigh as Captain of the Guard on May 8, 1603, *Acts of Privy Council*, xxxii, 198; *Cal. Dom.*, 1603–1606, *pp.* 145, 156.

ys not desirous that the secret love which he beareth to his secrett frendes should be publickly knowen." With the city's reply to Mr. Hunter expressing their sense of the favour shown to them,—“for we must needs confes ourselves to be weak and meane in regard to many other cittys in this Kingdom, yet neverthelesse by the good blessinge of Almighty God this Citty hath ever byn found to be confidently feathfull and truly loyall to her Prince.” [Hunter's letter is printed in Cotton, p. 197, who misdates it 1604.]

Door through the City Wall.

L. 10. Westminster Palace, March 6, 1623.—Order to the Mayor and Alderman to allow the Bishop [Valentine Carey] “to make a convenient doore through the Citty wall and to have the use of it from tyme to tyme, he beinge readie whensoever any publicq urgent necessity shall require for the good and safety of the Citty to make it up againe.” [Printed in Cotton, p. 198. See also *Cal. Dom.*, 1622–1623, p. 513; Freeman, 163.] For the Bishop's petition to the King on the same subject, dated Jan. 27, 1623, see L. 240; Book 55, f. 197b, in which he states that his request has been refused by the Chamber, who are “more desirous of his roome then of his company with and amonge them,” with a footnote: At the Courte at Whitehalle, Jan. 27, 1622–3, his Ma^{tie}. is graciously pleased to grant this peticion, beinge in his princely judgment very reasonable upon the condicion propounded and willethe that Mr. Secretarie Calvert give order for a letter to be written to the Maior of Exeter and his brethren to the effecte desired.—Jo. Cooke. For counterpetition of the Chamber to the King giving eight reasons against allowing the Bishop's request, see L. 247; Book 55, f. 198. For an order in Council May 9, 1623), see L. 245, 246.

L. 11 is a duplicate of L. 10.

Isle de Rhé.

L. 12. Hampton Court, Sept. 29, 1627.—Copy of a letter from Charles I to Francis Earl of Bedford, Lord Lieutenant of Devon, requiring him to levy 200 able and serviceable men in Devonshire and Exeter for the wars, according to the directions sent to him by the Privy Council, as “there is now a necessitie imposed on us for some speedye reinforcement and supplye [*i.e.* to the Duke of Buckingham in Isle de Rhé], to the end wee may pursue and finish (with God's favour) those prosperous beginings which hee hath already given us for y^e defence of religion, and for the safety and honour both of us and of our Kingdomes.” This letter is enclosed with L. 296, *i.e.* an order of the Council addressed to the Earl of Bedford, dated Sept. 30, 1627, stating that “such are the pressing occasions of his Majesty's affaires that further

supplies must bee had at his p'sent of the number of 200 foot," and requiring that "there bee special care had in the choice of the men that they bee of able bodies and yeres fit for service and well clothed, but none of them taken out of the trained bands which are still to bee kept intire." They are to be "committed to ye care of some discrete and able conductor"; their march is to be at 15 miles per day; "the charge of coate and conduct money is for the present to be disbursed by the countrye and to bee repaid according to former precedents." The conductors are to receive the men from the Deputy Lieutenants by roll indented tripartite showing the number of the men, their names and the parishes from whence they were impressed. To guard against former "abuses of Constables, conductors and other officers employed in former levyes" orders are to be given "that there bee noe connyving, selling, changing or sparing of the most able men," &c. and these men are to be at Plymouth by Nov. 1st. The document is endorsed: "The Duke of Buckingham hereuppon verie shortlie returned to Plymouth from Ree,* and noe souldiers were sent by these letters eyther out of Devon or Exeter."

In L. 297, 18 Justices of Devon to the Lords of the Council acknowledge receipt of L. 12 and (L. 296) stating the difficulty experienced by the county of Devon in levying 200 men required on account of the number of Seamen which this county ever yeeldes to his Mat^{ty}. service and of the later Presses." They have "taken course for the levying of 150 men leaving the residue upon the City of Exeter, who have been sometime spared though they are better able to furnish soldiers from its Handicraftsmen than the county from its Labourers." They hope that these troops will be "attended with a good fund of ready money," having regard to the "satisfaction of the late charge of the 2,000 men now shipt, which comes to about 2,500*l.*, and also for the weekly billet of those to come." They are "continuously so molested with the crye of the poore billetters for punt^e. pay, as our business is disturbed, our credit lost with our countrymen, and ourselves utterlie wearied in the p'formance of this impossible service," and they ask the Council to send "a goode sum of money—to hasten some sufficient captain, as you lately did in the Lord Viscount Willmot, both to govern and billet them," and to assign a certain proportion of the men to Cornwall.

Thomas Jefford.

L. 15. Windsor, July 26, 1686.—James II revokes royal letters of "the 19th day of this instant" in which he had recommended Thomas Jefford† to be chosen an Alderman on

* *i.e.* He left Rhé on Oct. 30, 1627, and landed at Plymouth Nov. 8, 1627. Gardiner, vi, 197.

† Thomas Jefford was recommended to the city as Mayor by James II on Nov. 28, 1687. He surrendered the City Charter on Jan. 24, 1688. Izacke, 183, 185; Oliver, 219.

the vacancy of Alderman [Isaac] Maudit or Alderman Endymion Walker, "upon some recommendation made unto us concerning this matter," and "leaving you at full liberty to supply the said vacanceys as by your Charter is directed."

4.—*LETTERS AND OTHER PAPERS.* 606 Documents (Nos. 18–623).

L. 18. Undated, but after 1488.—Petition of John Atwill [Bailiff, 1472, 1474; Mayor, 1477, 1480, 1484, 1485, 1493, 1497] to the King [Henry VII]. The upper part is much damaged, but the petition is rewritten on the dorse, with slight alterations in the wording, from which it can be made out that the message in question was "of olde tyme called the Herte."

Humble shewyth and complayneth on to your highnes your poor 'Oratur' John Atwell, citezeyn of your cite of Exet. that where as one Wm. Lywer, late of Topsham . . . said cite now late dede was sesid of a message with the . . . demene as of fee and so thereof beyng sesid exchanged with . . . by long tyme yn to the fest of the Nativite of Sent John the Baptist last passed. . . Your Oratour was in your service with the noble Knygth Sr. Richard Eggecomb, comptroller of your honorable household and commissioner send by thauctoritie of your highnes ynto yo' land of Ireland' [*i.e.* June 23, Aug. 8, 1488], came to John Bonefaunt [Bailiff, 1495, 1507] the most infamouse person withyn your said cite that hath shewed hymself . . . poynted with paper for forgyng of false dedis and countrafetyng of sealles associate on . . . mony dyverse and riotous persones with force and armez that is to wete with swerdes and bokeleris, billis, stafis, dagerris and long hangeris and broke and entered into the said message and on that riottously with the said force did adowne your said Oratour his message and house to the grounde both tymber and wallis and bare a way the same tymber cofferys gryndyng stonys almeries and oder stuffe there founde to the valew of xx. *li.* How be hit the said John Bonefant was warned required and charged by one Robert Newton [Mayor in 1488, 1504] for that time being maire of your said Cite yn the behalf of your said Oratoure that he sholde not draw downe your said Oratoure his house neyder intermelle hym with all on til the tyme your said Oratoure came home from your service. Nevertheless that not with stondyng the said John Bonefaunt of Riqueste trustyng your said Oratoure men, to hafe cu' home ageyne kepte and occupied by the said force the said message for that tyme neder on to and yette doth and wyll not departe from hit neyder suffereth your said Oratoure to occupy hit as in his Righ and former possession accordyng to your lawes or lesse then your said Oratoure shold entre uppon hym by force and juparde the breche of your peez the which withoute your comandement he

will not attempt. Wherefor please it to your said highnes the premissis tenderly considered to graunte to severall previ sealys on to be directed on to the Maire and bayliffys of your said Cite comaundyng tham to se the said forceble entre repaired and your said O. brogth yn suche formerre title and possession as he was on' yn tyme of his departier on to your said service and a noder prevy seale directed on to the said John Bonefaunt to apere before your hignez and the lordys of your most noble counsaile at a certeyn day by your said hignez to be limited under a certeyn peyne there to aunswere to the premisses and to be corrected accordyng to his demerits and to fynde sufficiaunt surete both to bere your peez agence your said O. and all your trew liege people and of his gode aberyng and over that to comaunde the said J.B. to be putte yn warde so that he shall not departe til that he to all the premisses and oder to be obiected ayenste hym hafe made dew and trew aunswere. And your said Oratour shall pray to God all way for the presevacion of your moste Royall estate.

Property of Religious Houses.

L. 19.—Dated “ffrom London the ijde . . .” [the document being torn at the edges and stained with ink] *temp.* Edward VI.

After our hartye comendacions where John Haydon and Thomas Gybbes,* gentilman, purchased and bought to them and to their heyres for ever of the late Kyng of famousse memory Henry theight late Kyng of Englande, all the landes, tenements medowes leasues fedyngs pastures and heredytaments. within the Citie of Excester and the suburbes of the same which did latelie belong and apperteyne to the late monasteries of Saynt John and Saynt Nicholas in Exceter in the countie of the Citie of Exceter, Polsloo, Plympton, Pyllton, Fford and Newenham in the county of Devon and to the late monastery of Launceston in the County of Cornewall. We therefore require you that ymmediatlye upon the . . . the . . . presents by you exactelie perused and . . . do deliver or cause to be delivered to the saide . . . Haydon and Thomas Gybbes or to the torny . . . in their names all suche evydences wrytings . . . escripts and mynuments which do concerne . . . lands and other the premisses. And if any . . . evydences, escripts, courte rolls, wrytings and . . . do concerne as well for other lands as for the said . . . by the said John Haydon and Thomas G . . . requyre you to make out a true cople or . . . same evydences and to delyver the same . . . hande to the said John Haydon and Thomas . . . to the brynger hereof in his or their names. Thus fare ye well. Three signatures (*blotted*) : ? Boke . . . , Thomas May [? Moy], Fra. Lindridge.† There is a fragment of a seal and the document is written on paper with watermark—a hand (with

* *i.e.* of Clyst St. George. See Worthy, *Wills*, 163.

† Called officers of the Court of Augmentations in S. Moore's *Calendar*.

index) and star (with five points). Endorsed: To Anthony Harvy* and John Greynfelde†, Esquires, and [blank] Carewe widow and to all suche person and persons as have the keyynge and custody of any evidences of the possession of the late Monasteries, Abbes, Priores and other possessions within specified and to every of them.

In L. 58 is a receipt dated Dec. 12, 1561, from "Anthoni Harvy" to the City of Exeter for 3*l.* covering three years for annuity of 20*s. p.a.*

In L. 84 is a receipt by John Haydon of Ottery St. Mary for 13*s. 4*l.** his fee from the City dated Oct. 24, 1582.

For grant of church lands in Exeter and suburbs to Haydon and Gibbes for 899*l. 1*s. 11*d.** see D. 1449, April 2, 1545; *Letters and Papers*, xx, i, 298. For their seals and signatures see D. 1452, March 7, 1546.*

The Commotion of 1549.

L. 20.—Aug. [*s.a.* but 1549–50, John Tuckfield being Mayor]. John Lord Russell the King's Lieutenant General in the West parties, writes to the Mayor and others:—"Whear for lacke of good orders emongst suche as ought to rule the commons as well in thes as in other parts of the realme ther have growen of late such commotions and rebellions as the lyeke have not ben harde of insomuche that the rudest of the people contempninge ther superiours have attaigned so unnaturall libertie that at length their pryde and ignoraunce have provoked ther naturall soveraigne lorde and kinge to use his sworde of justice against them." He commands them "to peruse what men within the precincte of your auctoritie are metest . . . the staile of . . . inconveniences appointing every man to knowe whom he shall folowe &c." "And forasmuch as upon the late trial of your faithfulness‡ and good courage in the valiaunt maintaigning of this citie to the Kinges Majesties honour and your owne comon welthe (wherein you have deserved singuler praise and highe thankes), you wer nevertheless brought to thuttermost pointe of miserie yf by his highness power you had not ben the rather relived. Considering the principal faulte thereof to have growen of the lacke of suche aide and assistance as the gentelmen of the Countrey shoulde have given you in tyme or ever the Comons had been hable to straine you as they did." He therefore appoints Sir Peter Carewe, Sir Roger Blewet, knights, and three esquires, *viz.* Mr. Pierse Courtney, Mr. Richard Chidleigh and Mr. Anthony Harvye (see L. 19) to assist and advise them in case of need, and he orders the bells of the parish churches

* Of Heywood, Devon, or Culm John, D. 1507, which has his seal and signature.

† For appointment, April 18, 1543, of John Greynfelde [al. Graynfelde, Grenfeld or Grenville] as surveyor of all lands of the suppressed religious houses in Devon and Cornwall, see *Letters and Papers*, xviii, i, 546.

‡ *i.e.* the siege of Exeter by Cornish rebels from July 2 to Aug. 6, 1549.

to be taken down and the clappers taken away, the bells to be left in charge of some honest men of the parish. [Printed in Cotton, p. 190. The paper has the same watermark as L. 19.]

In L. 21, Exeter, Aug. 16, 1549, John Lord Russell writes to the Mayor, Sir Roger Bluett, Knight, Mr. John Hull, Esquire [M.P. for Exeter in 1547, d. Oct. 29, 1549] and the rest of their brethren: "Being credibly informed that the defence of the Cytie hathe ben vary chargeable," and that some of the citizens "for some synister affeccions they hadd in this Cause" have refused to contribute to the charges, he requests them to call such persons before them and compel them to contribute. [Printed in Cotton, 192. The paper has a man's head for the watermark.]

In L. 23, Oct. 9, 1649, William Drewrie and John Befyld, gentlemen, servants to the right Hon'able Lord Russell, Levetenaunt yn this West Parties, send to John Tuckfield, Mayor of Exeter and his brethren a receipt "uppon the request of the said Lord letenaunt ffor the Kynges necessarie affaires" for "twoo dubble Bassys and iiij. Chambers beyng parcel of the ordynaunces of the said Citie" to be redelivered to the City before the next Easter, with signatures: John Bithell, Wyllm. Drury. Endorsed: "the bell off ye lenth off ij. peces off ordenaunce lenth to my lord resesell." [Printed in Cotton, 193.]

In L. 27, Jan. 20, 1550, John Earl of Bedford writes from Westminster Palace to "the righte worshipfulle and my vearie lovinge frends Mr. John Tukfielde Maior of Excester and his bretherne," informing them that he is going away on the King's business,* and that he has requested his loving friends the two burgesses for Exeter [*i.e.* Griffin Ameredith and Thomas Prestwood], "who have behaved themselves vearie thankfullie in the service of you all," not to remain at Westminster during his absence but to repair thither on his return,† and this for the more sure furthering of all the city's suits, "which all my Lordes of the Councell favor the more for that your faithfull constancie and defending of the late rebelles in those parties from your Citie. J. bedford."

The Prebend of Hayes.

L. 22. April 8, 1550.—Copies of four Deeds relating to the Prebend of Hayes.

(1) The true Copie of An Indenture of bargayne and sale from John Stephens late prebendarye of hayes unto Robert Kelwaye or Keilwaie ar'.

* He was appointed on Jan 21, 1550 to negotiate for peace with France. The treaty was signed at Boulogne on March 20, 1550.

† They left Exeter riding to London on Jan. 22nd and 26th 1551, respectively. See *Act Book*, 2, f.19.

In D. 1443, Oct. 10, 1543 (called Oct. 5, in D. 1507), John Stephynes, clerk, prebendary of Heighes and Canon of St. Peters, grants a 21 years lease of the manor and mansion place of Heighes to Anthony Harvey (*see* L. 19) at a rental of 37*l.* 7*s.* 11*d.*

In D. 1458, Sept. 22, 1548, John Stephyns sells the prebend and manor to Robert Keylwey, Esquire, surveyor of the Court of Wards and Liveries.

(2) The true copie of the confirmation of the same from the patron E[dward] Duke of Somersett and ordynarye John [Voysey] Bishop of Exeter unto the foresaide Robte. Kelwaye, Nov. 30, 1548 [called Keyleway in D. 1460, Nov. 30, 1548], Signed "E. Somersett" and "John Bishop of Excett^r," with fragments of their seals, the former being described as "the very and indubitate patron thereof" and the property as "the manor of Heighes with all rights members and appurtenances in Hayes Cowyke and Clyst moyes" [*i.e.* Cliston Hayes in Broadclyst. Oliver, *p.* 194].

(3) The true copie of Robte. Kelwaye Gifte of Hayes unto the Kinge. April 1, 1550.

(4) The true copie of the gyfte of Hayes from the King by l^res patents unto Nicholas Wadham, Greenwich, April 8, 1550, with footnote: Nicholas Wadham* did suffre this land to discend unto his only sister [Jane] and heyre whom John Foster of Baddesley in Hampsher marryd. Foster his wief and his sonne ioyned in sale thereof unto John Petre Customer of Exon by fyne and recovery General warrant and recognisance of M^l. for the quiett enjoyng of the same and to be dischargd and saved harmeles from all incumbrance vexacion and troble whatsoever. John Petre esquier gave yt unto his nephew Willm. Petre gent., present possessor of the same.

In D. 1471, June 8, 1551, Edward VI grants livery of these lands to John Foster and Jane his wife, with great seal.

In D. 1507, Jan. 12, 1557, Anthony Harvey assigns the prebend with the manor of Hayes &c. to John Foster.

In D. 1510, Jan. 15, 1557, John Foster and two others give a bond for 500*l.* to John Stephyns to perform the covenants of previous indentures.

In D. 1529, Oct. 1, 1563, John Foster and his son Andrew grant the prebend of Hayes &c. to John Petre, esquire. Signed "By me John Foster." "By me Androwe Foster." *See also* D. 1530, 1531, 1532, 1709, all referring to the same transaction.

In D. 1564, Feb. 4, 1571, John Peter grants it to Nicholas Wadham and others as trustees for his nephew John Peter

* He was grandfather of the founder of Wadham College at Oxford.

of Topsham, where it includes land in Hayes, Cowyke Strete, St. Thomas' parish 'prope et ultra pontem Exonie' [*i.e.* at the west end of Exe Bridge. See *Archæologia*, xxviii, 12; Oliver, pp. 194-196].

A Tilt.

L. 24. Westminster Palace, June 2, 1550.—John Earl of Bedford [*i.e.* John Lord Russell (see L. 21), created Earl of Bedford Jan. 9, 1550] requests the Mayor &c. not to ask more than 20s. or 40s. a year for a "tilte" proposed to be erected on Southernhay "according to the request of the gentlemen inhabiting thereabouts nighe to your citie for honest recreation, pastyme and sporte and the good exercise and other feats at armes, a thing not onely most necessary to be frequented and used, but also many wayes commodious to thole citie." Signed "J. Bedford," and endorsed: "To my veary loving frends the Maior and his brethern of the Citie of Excester." [Printed in Cotton, p. 193.]

Sir Peter Carew.

L. 25. Mohuns Oterie [*i.e.* Mohams Ottery], June 4, 1550.—Sir Peter Carew [who had lately been appointed to assist the Mayor, see L. 20] recommends Mr. Sture to the mayor &c. "to serve them as a continuall counsaillor." Signed "P. Carew." [Printed in Cotton, p. 192.]

For a letter from Sir Peter Carew dated Mohams Oterey Nov. 3, 1563, see L. 68, in which he calls on the Bishop of Exeter to inquire about the conduct of John Parker, of the parish of Lupytt [i.e. Luppitt, near Honiton] for his "naughty and frowarde dealinges towards his wief."

L. 69 is a letter from W. Bishop of Exeter to the Mayor &c. enclosing L. 68, and desiring them to imprison the said Parker, who has fled to the city. "He hath almoste killed his wiff diverse and sondrie tymes" and "hathe benne at no church almost these xij monthes and regardethe neither God nor manne."

Exe Island.

L. 26. Westminster, Dec. 7, 1550.—The Lords of the Council declare the King's intention to grant to the city the manor of Exe Island, "which with other commodities extendeth nere the yerly value of 30*l.*, the same as they say havyn theruppon certayne mylles and adionyng to the Towne-walles." Words are to be inserted conveying the ancient right of cutting timber in Cotley and Pirage Woods for the repair of mills and "wares." "In the ende we pray you that this booke may have and conteyne sufficient consideracions for their servyces done in the seid Rebellion [see L. 20], to the intent the same may be a memorie to the posteritie of that cetie to cause them retayne the awncient fayth and dutie to ther soveraigne lord." Signed "Your lovyng ffrends,

E. Somset, T. Cant, J. Bedford, W. North, C. Clynton, T. Ely, William Pagett, T. Cheyne and others." The paper has the same watermark (*i.e.* a hand and star) as in L. 24.

For the actual grant, dated Dec. 22, 1550, see Charter No. XXXVI; Oliver, *pp.* 98, 286.

For timber out of Cotley Wood required by the Chamber for repair of the wear in Exiland, *see* D. 1690(*b*), *temp.* Elizabeth.

William Hurst.

L. 28 [*s.a.*].—Note of expenses of William Hurst,* apparently for his expenses in obtaining a Charter [? Charter No. XXXIV, Feb. 24, 1549].

For hys days at ye p'lement for xxxvij days at 2s. the day, 3*l.* 14*s.*

To Mr. Roberd Chydeley for hys consell and laboure, 7*s.* 6*d.*

Item to Mr. Hrauncke of ye Exchequer for copping owte of one Chartter, 12*s.* 6*d.*

Item payd more to the Clarke and to the s'gant of ye p'lement, 2*s.*

Item more I vas att London and upewards and downewards 44 days, Jan. 14th till March 1st.

I juge Irede owte of. . . .

The Fishing of the Exe.

L. 29. London, July 10 [*s.a.*].—Giulio Borgarucei† to Robert Hunte and other his farmers of the water of Exe, ordering them to pay to the Mayor the rent for the fishing of the water of Exe, which has passed to the city by the grant of Exe Island. *See* L. 26. [Printed in Cotton, *p.* 194.]

In D. 1387 is a lease (Oct. 18, 1518) from Harry Swete, sergeant-at-arms, bailiff of the manor of Exiland and Richawde his wife to John Thomas, of Exeter, fysshier, of a moiety of the fishing of the water of Exe at a rental of 7*l.* 10*s.* and 4 "samons," reserving to "the Countesse of Devonsher and my Lord Harry Courteney, Erle of Devonsher" and their heirs yearly "as many samons as to theym shall be nedefull att all tymes when they shalbe askyd and requyred, paying for every samon ijs. iiij*d.*," and for Harry Strete and his wife 3 salmons in Lent and as many as they wish, paying 20*d.* for each.

In D. 1580, May 23, 1575, is a bond given by the farmers of the water of Exon that they shall not fish in the water of Exe with "anye trannell or trammelles, nett or nettes at the mill taylls, brookes, willoes, spearts, kyddels or with anie other nett or ingen whatsoever except from July 22nd to Nov. 1st, and that onlye at the mill tayle with brooke or layer nett for eles and for no other fysshie."

* He was M.P. for Exeter in 1539 and 1545, and Mayor in 1545, 1551. For his Portrait, *see* Cotton, *Guild*, 37.

† He was appointed Court physician Feb. 21, 1573.

In D. 1647(a), Jan., 1588, are instructions for Mr. George Smyth and Mr. Thomas Spicer to deal for the fishing of Exe to be procured by copy from my Lord* and Lady Countess of Warwick to the use of the Mayor &c., with signature "Jo. Peryam" on each sheet.

In D. 1660, Feb. 16, 1592, is a lease of "the fyshinge for salmons in the ryver or water of Exe (the New Haven excepted), granted by the Chamber to Elizabeth Denys and John Aulsoppe of St. David's for 5 years at a yearly rental of 44l." See also D. 1683a (Sept. 20, 1598); D. 1685 (Sept. 20, 1599), where eight salmon are reserved to the farmer of the Haven, Thomas Pope, and eight for the Mayor, with a proviso not to fish with nets or engines in the new work or Haven; D. 1737, (March 31, 1620), where it is called "the piscarie"; D. 1758, (Dec. 17, 1639), which refers to the fishing in the manor of Exiland with permission to erect a mill and wear and make a leat near the salmon-house at the end of the Bonhay; D. 1762 (Jan. 7, 1646), with liberty to dry nets and moor boats on the Bonhay.

L. 337. July 19, 1630, Bishop Hall and others write to the Chamber:—

Mr. Mayor and the rest of your worthy Societie.

In obedience to the reference and that a period maie bee sett unto the difference after soe many meetings, charge and trouble, reason guiding our conscience both our affection to present unto you these our opinions before wee make our certificate.

That the Landresses have libertie without molestacion to wassche and blanche their clothes on that parcell of ground in difference as accustomed.

That the inheritance of the parcell of ground in difference (as farr as the olde gate and barres stooode) is as wee conclude by the evidence wee have heard and scene properlie Mr. Livermores.

That in regard hereof and that the Leate has its first current through his land and maie happilie some tyme bee some hindraunce unto him both by fretting awaie his land and by hindringe his cattle from convenient wateringe it's not thought amisse that the Cittie doe geeve unto Mr. Livermore some reasonable consideration as twoe shillings sixe pence yeerlie both for those yeares past since the settinge upp of this newe weare and soe yearlie for ever.

That the Cittie doe cause a passable waye to be made for Mr. Livermore's cattell unto his grounde adioyninge. This stands in our account as reason if soe, or not soe in yours,

* i.e. Ambrose Dudley, who married Anne Russell, daughter of Francis 2nd Earl of Bedford.

a speedie answeare is expected by your ffreindes,—Jos. Exon, John Davie, J. Bamfylde, Jo. Northcot.

In L. 338 is a fragment of a letter on the same subject.

In L. 415, Dec. 3, 1657, is a receipt by John Copleston from the Chamber for 12*d.* for fastening a wear on his land at Upton Pyne. [See L. 106.]

For extent of the water of Exe from the ferry at Checkston to Cowley Bridge, see *Misc. Rolls* 3 (xvii), 91.

The New Haven or Watercourse.

L. 30. Westminster, Nov. 12, 1551.—[John] Earl of Bedford writes to the Mayor, William Hurst, and seven others that the citizens of Exeter “have disbursed by your own voluntary wills good somes of money, the like whereof all the Realme cannot compare with your and the expenses of any one corporation besides yourselves, albeit by reason of the late brute of forged monyes divers of the worshipfulls of thos parts have withholden from you ther good wills.” He is “not a litel gladd to here that your havon goeth so well forward as it dothe,” and exhorts all persons to give aid to the work “seeing the contributors shall have in short space so much benefite me think it should greatly encourage and move them to stick at nothing.”

In *Act Book*, II, *f.* 54, March 28, 1543, the Chamber agree for the performans of the Havyn of Ex and that foure members schal be appoynted to take the charge of the setting fourthe of the worke.

In *Act Book*, II, *f.* 115*b*, June 6, 1551. That Mr. Mayor and Mr. Blakaller shall have full powere to concluyd with Mr. Hullond for his estate of his mylls and all the commoditie and profite perteynyng to the same and such conclusion as they shall take with the seid Mr. Hullond shall be performyd by the hole body of the cetie and lykwise to take order with the tenants of the grounde whither the Rever of Exe shall have his course and for the sale of the Okes that do growe upon the course and all othyr thyngs concernyng the seid water course.

In *Act Book*, IV, *ff.* 42, 45, Oct. 27, 1560, William Strode [or Stroode, *Archæologia*, xxviii, 17] agrees to make a haven to be completed in ten years at a cost not exceeding 1,000*l.*

In L. 61, Plympton, April 16, 1562, William Strode asks the Chamber for an answer to his offer “to make a reasonabell bargeyn for makyng of the haven,” as he perceives that they “have no corage towards the same, for it wylbe to great and costlye a work for so olde a man and pore as I am to make it alone. . . . and saying that I have byn a long talker of the

matter . . . and that knowen to many persons, therefore thys now I offer to make it yn X yeres so that I wyll unlade a bote of iiij ton apou your owne lande by the water gate."—by your ffrynd, W. Strode.

In L. 62, April 18, 1562, the Chamber reply that "We do most desire the furtherance of the worke and therefore on our parts we dyd most gladlye condiscend and agree to certeyn articles. betwene us agreed from which if you had varied we wolde have taken the same for a full determination and conclusion," but now if he will stand to his offer and the conditions agreed on they will be content to accept it and desire to know his determination that they may make preparation for the work.

Endorsed: "To the Right Worshipfull Mr. Willm. Stroode of Newnham, Esquier, geve this with speed."

In D. 1528*a*, Sept. 21, 1563, is an agreement whereby John Trew of Cardiff covenants to make the river Exe navigable from Exmouth to the water-gate for vessels "of a convenyent and reasonable tyght of 8 or 10 tunes." The Mayor &c. are to find 100 loads of timber and all necessary stone at a convenient quarry, Trew paying the carriage to the works. The Mayor &c. are to buy the necessary land and Trew is to have a lease of the Haven for 99 years and an annual rent of 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and 200*l.* in money. *Signed* "By me John Trew." [See *Archæologia*, xxviii, 17; Oliver, 249.]

For covenants made with Trew, Sept. 21, 1563, and rates for passing the work, see *Act Book*, IV, ff. 139, 141. For his receipt for 25*l.* for 100 loads of timber, see D. 1535, July 20, 1564. Also for 200*l.*, see D. 1536, Aug. 14, 1564. [For his work begun in Feb., 1564, and completed in 1567, see Oliver, 256.]

D. 1534, June 6, 1564, refers to the purchase of an acre of land called Honiton Meads in the parish of Exminster for the digging of the Haven.

In D. 1541, March 20, 1567, about nine acres of land in the parish of Alphington "lately digged, bancked and cast up for a watercourse" are leased to the Mayor &c. at the request of William [Paulet] Marquis of Winchester, Lord Treasurer of England. For land in the parishes of Exminster and St. Thomas without the Westgate, "of late appoynted, dygged, bancked, moyned, trenched, wrought, specially banded and cast up or measured for the new watercourse," which extends from St. Leonard's to a place beneath Bole Poole (or Bolland—D. 1547), called old Exe, see D. 1542, 1544, (March 20, 28, 1567); D. 1549 (June 10, 1567); D. 1562, (Jan. 30, 1571); D. 1557 (Oct. 23, 1568), which mentions "the new wear made by John Trew." [For a dispute with

Trew see *Archæologia*, xxviii, 24, with letter dated June 18, 1565, from the Council in London on the subject, see *Acts of Privy Council*, vii, 222.]

In L. 74, London, May 31, 1566, Geoffrey Tothill, Recorder of Exeter, writes to the Mayor respecting the proceedings in Trew's matter.

In D. 298, June 1, 1566, the Chamber enter into a bond with John Trewe for payment of 200*l.* to him in two instalments for 100*l.*, of which he gives a receipt in L. 75 (dated Sept. 25, 1566).

In D. 1572, Sept. 11, 1573, "John Trewe of Alphington, gentleman," receives an annuity of 30*l.* for 30 years, also 229*l.** in D. 1577 (Sept. 6, 1574), for all his interest in "the new Haven or Watercourse."

In D. 1578, Sept. 24, 1574, is the final settlement with "John Trewe of Alphington," who "did make the new Haven from Topsham Key to Exeter," with his signature: "by me John Trewe."

In D. 1614, Sept. 20, 1582, the "New Haven House" in the parish of Alphington and all the pasture on the banks of the New Haven lately occupied by John Trewe from a bridge at the end of the old Exe to a "rayle" at the lower end of Collyns Marsh are leased for 20 years to Richard Hussey, carpenter, on condition that he shall do all the carpenter's work and keep the Haven repaired and filled with water.

In D. 1622, Sept. 18, 1583, the "Porte or Haven of the Citye of Exeter" includes Exmouth, Cockwood, Kenton, "Colepole" [? Bole Poole], Powderham, Lymson (*i.e.* Lympstone), Tyngmouth (*i.e.* Teignmouth), Dawlish, and all the creeks reputed to be parcel of the said Port, called "the Port of Exeter and Creeks of the same" in D. 1789, May 31, 1692.

In D. 1781, March 21, 1681, Rushmarsh, in the parish of Exminster, forms part of the Haven, also land in the parish of Alphington, D. 1807*a* (Dec. 16, 1704); also Round Marsh in Exminster, Shilleys in Topsham, Exmouth meadows and Northam meadow, D. 1823 (July 5, 1720); D. 1832 (June 7, 1729).

L. 81. Undated, but 1588.†—Petition of the Mayor &c. addressed to Lord Burghley as follows:—In moste humble wise

* Called 224*l.* in Oliver, *p.* 257.

† This letter is proved to belong to 1588 by an entry in *Act Book*, IV, f. 281 b., showing that on May 2, 1588, it was agreed that Mr. John Sumpforde shall be sent to London with letters to the Lords of Councill and the Lord Treasurer.

besecheth your honour, the Mayor, Bayliffs and Commonaltie of the citie of Exceter, That whereas, the matter in varyance dependenge before your Lordshippe in the exchequer Chamber betwene the Towne of Appisham *alias* Toppisham and the said Cytie of Exeter was on thursdaie laste harde in your Lordshippes absence and upon the hearinge of the same, the whole matter rested upon the exposition of the statute of Anno primo of the Quenes majestie that nowe is, which was referred to the L. cheif baron and other the Barons of the said Courte to consider thereof, untill the nexte sittinge in the same Courte. And thereupon the fynall order of the whole cause was referred unto your honour's determynacion fforasmuche as your said Orators have ben at greate costs and charges to bringe their doings to passe, to the value of mmm^l. or more which daylie increaseth upon them besides xlv^l. a yere which they stande charged to paye to the workemaster of that worke and the lords of the Soyle, and xx^l. yerelie for ever to be paid to her Majestie for ther free passage within the same River, which they have contynually had, used, and enjoyed, by the space of twelve yeres now laste paste without interrupcion, And for that the accomplishment of your orators sute can be no hinderaunce to her Majesty, but contrarilie will augmente her highenes customes verie muche as is duellie to be proved, And allso for that they have allwayes soughte to come to some reasonable agreamente with the Quenes ffermo^r of Tappisham, with whome they had ones fullye concluded, but after by secrete meanes were supplanted Your saide Orators doe therefore moste humblie beseche your good L. to stand ther good Lorde concerninge the premisses as farre forthe as your honour maye with equitty and justice. And your said orators and all the inhabytauntes of the saide Cytie shall daylie praye for the preservacion of your honorable estate in healthe and prosperytie longe to contynue and endure.

L. 155 has a memorandum relating to the breaking down of Calabcer Wear and Trew's Wear by blocks of ice in 1608. [See No. XLIV, page 7.]

In *Act Book*, IV, f. 288, July 3, 1588, the Chamber agree that where there is presentlie to be used one hundred pounds for the repaying of the Haven and the same cannot be paid by the Receyver of the Cytie as the same hath been used that for the ease of the said Receyuer the cytie by there Common Seale shall become bounde unto William Martyn in the sume of Two Hundred poundes with condicion to paye unto hym one Hundred and Tenne poundes at thende of one yere and in consideracion thereof the said William Martyn agreeth to procure one hundred poundes to be bestowed presentlie upon the reparacion of the said Haven and to deliver his Bande for the payement of the said hundred pounds to such person or persons from whom he shall procure the same.

And it is agreed that yf the cytie do not paye unto the said William Martyn the said one Hundred and Tenne poundes at the daye then without any daunger he maie put the said Bande in Suyte and take to hymself the advantage thereof.*

In L. 394, Oct. 18, 1647, Jasper Radcliffe notifies that the Haven banks are exceedingly ruined.

In L. 445, dated Combe, Aug. 19, 1696, John Anger† writes to Thomas Wheadon that he has heard that the citizens do intend to have the river between Exeter and Topsham made navigable and offers to undertake the work.

In *Act Book*, 13, f. 101b, on Jan. 12, 1697, "It is ye opinion of this Chamber that it wilbe for ye citie's advantage to make ye River of Exe navigable for shippes of one hundred Tunn come to ye Key of the said city and for the speedy and better effecting of this worke they have appointed a Committee to receive such offers and proposals as are made by any persons that are willing to undertake the same and to make report thereof to the Chamber."

D. 1797a, Dec. 10, 1698, contains an agreement with William Bayly of Winchester, gentleman, for the making of the Haven and Canal. See Oliver, p. 257, who made many extracts on this subject in his Calendar from *Act Book*, 13, which he called *Book*, XI. These extracts refer chiefly to the years 1697-1699, e.g. in f. 124b. (May 31, 1699), it is ordered that "the poor workemen who worked upon the new workes and to whom Mr. Bayly, the Engeneare, who is lately fled, was indebted for their Labour be paid every of them 2s. as a free gifte from the Chamber and that they bee employed in digging of the newe Cutt or worke two foot deeper. On f. 132 (Nov. 23, 1699), it is ordered that noe more worke bee done upon the newe workes except it bee about the securing of the ware and Bay until further order from the Chamber.— On f. 133b (Jan. 8, 1670) it is ordered that an Act of Parliament to raise money for perfecting the worke and making the river of Exe navigable from the high sea to this City bee endeavoured to be procured as soon as possible it may bee done."

In L. 451, Nov. 11, 1699, the Chamber pray the Duke of Ormonde [High Steward of Exeter, Izacke, 191] and Sir Edward Seymour [Recorder and M.P. for Exeter in 1698, 1701] to present a petition to the King for assistance in making the river navigable. This petition is contained in L. 452 (Nov. 12, 1699).

* For this transcript I am indebted to Misses A. M. Shorto and A. J. Walker.

† or Auger.

In L. 454, Dec. 16, 1699, William Simon [or Symons, in L. 465, where he asks Samuel Izacke, the Chamberlain, for payment of his account] sends information that the Duke of Ormond will present the petition to the King.

In L. 453 (undated) are two copies of a petition from the Chamber to the House of Commons for leave to bring in a bill to raise money to complete the Haven. [For contents *see* Oliver, *p.* 258, showing that the city had already spent 21,000*l.* on the work and will require 10,000*l.* more and that if the said works be not completed it will be the ruin of this city.]

D. 1811, March 25, 1706, shows that 10 acres of land in the manor of Alphington have been acquired by the Mayor &c. to enlarge the Haven.

D. 1816, March 24, 1709, has a settlement of certain controversies regarding the soil of the Haven and Canal near the Lower Sluice.

In L. 474, Aug. 25, 1715, James Rodd, Esquire, petitions Sir Littleton Powys and Sir Robert Eyre, Justices of Assize for the Western Circuit, praying for satisfaction from the Chamber for destroying his land in Round Marsh by digging of the Haven.

In D. 1824, Aug. 9, 1720, are agreements between the Mayor &c. and two grocers of Exeter for bringing lime-stone for burning into lime through the Haven free of rates and duties. Also in D. 1830 (March 21, 1727), where the lime kiln is on St. Leonard's Downe.

In D. 1858, Nov. 10, 1819, is a similar agreement for bringing lime stone and culm through the canal.

In *Act Book* 13, Dec. 22, 1724, and Jan. 5, 1725,* Lord Walpole, Chief Justice King and the Archbishop of York are to be invited to the "opening of the Port."

L. 518, *circ.* 1750?, contains suggested alterations in the rate of charges for the Haven as keyage, lighterage, &c.

Parliament of 7 Edward VI, 1553.

L. 31. March 1, 1553.—Remembrances for the Parliament [probably by Richard Prestwood].

I. To make suyte for the geyft of the plate as well for that is gevyn already to the havyn by the parishenners [see *Inventories* 3], as also for the resudye of the hole plate of the parishes and Seynt Peter with all the belles withyn the countye of the cetie of Exeter [*see* L. 20].

* Called Dec. 27th and Jan. 3rd respectively in Oliver, *p.* 261.

Item to speke to Mr. Cicell* for the Blake roll which Griffyn [*i.e.* Griffith Ameredith, *see page 22, L. 27*] leyft in his custody, [Izacke, 95 ; Oliver, 87, 309].

Item to have with me the recordes for the havyn whereof was the cause first of the distruccion of the havyn [*i.e. temp., Edward I, Archæologia, xxviii, 7 ; Oliver, 249*].

Item to speke with Mr. Duke [? Duke of Somerset or Northumberland] for his tenants of Syon.†

Item to delyver to my Lord Prevy Seall [*i.e.* John Earl of Bedford from Aug. 21, 1547, to July 6, 1553] a Tonn of Gascon wyne.

Item to make request for Cokes towards the havyn in consideraunce that it shalbe best awerdes for the defens of the Kyngs lands ayenst Exmyster marshes.

Item for to sue for the pencon of 50s. for Exbridge to purchas the same to the use of the citie if answer shall s've att^c with gersum.

Item to sett forth the Recognysance of Acton Burnell and Statute Merchant and the Courte of pipowders. [*Side note: M^o for Chester, A^o iij, Edward VI.*]

Item a Statute of Attaynt uppon false vdite as London is with lyke, *re* Indenture by the Aldermen of Exeter, as London is the Jure to worth in value in goods A^o above A^o regis Henry VII, 11 and 16.

Item that if any bill be putt yn the parliament for bells, plate or ornaments of the churches then to cause ffrends to be made to have all the plate, bells and ornaments within the countie of Exeter towards the reparacon and makyn the newe havyn or at least to have a proviso for that is gevyn by the parishes to the havyn.

Item to putt in remembrance the prisage wyne as London hath if it be convenyent to be hadd for the cetie.

Item to speke with the Burgs (? burgesses) of Powle, Hampton and Bristowe that they will not allow us free with them ffor Custome.

Item to make a letter to my Lord privy seale in the favor of the Citie anseryng his frendshipp to the havyn &c. [*See L. 30, page 27.*]

Item more that ther be no forryner to seyll any clothe withyn thys counte but only the vyssiters and awnagers of the same counte of Exeter, and to knowe how they use ther forfeys of the cloyth nott made according to the Statute.

Item more to have a perffyt knowlyge what the &c. hath valew of the bells and platte of the counte of Exeter whereby to know the sertynte therof.

* *i.e.* William Cecil, Secretary to Protector Somerset, Sept., 1548 ; made a Secretary of State Oct. 5, 1550, knighted Oct. 15, 1551.

† Granted to Duke of Somerset, July 23, 1547 ; Aungier, 92 ; also to John Dudley Duke of Northumberland, June 26, 1553 ; *ibid.* 94. For documents in Exeter relating to Syon, *see Misc. Rolls, 80 ; Law Papers, 2,063.* For the Charter of Syon, *see Hooker's List.*

Item more to have in remembrance for a comen halle wheras all fforryners maye ressortt with ther marchandes to make stalles as it is in London in blackwyll hall and to conclude with Mr. Speke for his huse for that intent and to go therof for 87 yeres and 45s. att rent.*

Item to have the copie of the plate gevyn by the parishes to the havyn.

Item to send upp the platt of the havyn.

Also payments att the parliament the ij Februarii an^o R.E. VI Septimo.

Imprimis for the allowances of the writt, iiijs.

Item to the Sergent for my parte, ijs.

Item for the cariage of the pels, xs.

Item for Mr. Ridgwaies is serch in the Chan'cy, ijs. viiijd.

Item for the cariage of my clothes and Buckes, xviiijd.

Item for Mr. Bucknam is supere with the allowances of ix. s. iiijd.

Item for John Huntens parte [*unfinished*].

Martin Barbaunce.

L. 32. London, Aug. 20, 1553.—The Earl of Bedford intercedes with the Mayor &c. for one Martyn Barbaunce, who had been put out of possession of a piece of ground called Culver Park or Culver Haye by the Chamber, and prays that he may be reinstated so that he may not be compelled to seek relief elsewhere, which “wold not a littell sounde unto your diswurships in using such extreame dealings.”

The Prince of Piedmont.

L. 33. Grenewich, [May] 17, 1553.—The Earl of Bedford writes to the Mayor &c. : Whereas this gentilman the bearer herof servant unto the Prince of Pyemount, †one of the King's Majesties great friends hath bynne . . . about certeyn his maisters especiall aff . . . And having his full dispatches intendeth to . . . presently into the parties of Spayne by pl' [? Plymouth] . . . theis shalbe therefore moste hartely to desire youe and everie of youe that at his arr . . . at Exetter he maye be genteley enter[tained] and frendly used in all things whereof he shall have nede or any of his compan . . . and that you will see hym well lod . . . wherein I praye you use suche curteou . . . behaviour towards hym as your doings may . . . sounde to the King's Majesties honour the con . . . tion of the gentilman and the sat . . . of me in that good opynyon which I have conceived of your freindships

* In *Act Book*, I, f. 137 (Feb. 21, 1553) the Chamber had resolved : That there schalbe provyded and ordeyned at the common charge of the cite a house convenient to the whyche all merchant strangers and foreners comynge to the said cite with lynnynge cloth or wollyn cloyth here to be byth and solde shall be bryth to the said house and their to be solde and yn no other place yn the said cite.

† † Emmanuel Philibert Count of Piedmont, a suitor for the hand of Queen Mary. He invested Théroutanne with Imperial troops, April 15, 1553.

to be extend . . . in this behalfe the Rather at my desy . . . d me for your gentilnes to be shewed herin you shall fynde me ready at all tymes to shewe you any pleaser I may . . . so I byd you fare well ffrom . . . Court at Grenewich the xvijth of . . . Anno 1553.—Your loving frend, J. Bedford.

Expected Arrival of Philip.

L. 34. Santiago di Compostella, June 26, 1554.—[John] Earl of Bedford desires the Mayor &c. to prepare to receive the Prince of Spain, who was shortly to sail for England. As the Prince* “can vearly hardlye endure long travayle uppon the Sea” he may land at Falmouth or Plymouth, and they are to prepare to receive him “as maye be for the honor of the Quenes Majestie and the Realme and that he maye thinke hymself welcome into the countrey.” The Bishop’s house is to be made ready for him “to lie there yf he shall fortune to lande in the West parties” and “that you provyde some good thinges to present the Prince withall at his comyng. And that you provide all suche other thinges as lodginge, vytayles, horses for carriages and horses to convey the Prince’s trayne, being about four or five hundreth besides two hundreth that cometh with me as you shall be best hable to the uttermost of your powers.” [Printed in Cotton, *Gleanings*, 194; see also L. 4, *supra*.]

Masters of Defence.

L. 35. Aug. 15, 1555.—Printed copy of Letters Patent, 20 July, 32 Henry VIII [1540], granting to Peter Beste and 19 others† licence to practise their said arts and to apprehend all others who shall pretend to teach the same. The document, which is torn at the edge, begins: “Forasmuche as diverse . . . scolers of the sayde science nothings or lytle regarding their othes made and receyved of theyr . . . at their first entringe to lerne their sayde science ne the daunger and perilles of dampnacion . . . oone soules for the wilfull breakeinge of the sayde othe. For their owne singular lucre and ad . . . ge onely of their unsaciabile covetouse mindes without any sufficient lycence or lawfull auctoritie . . . pteously contrary to their sayde othes made to the maisters or provostes of the sayde science . . . not onely have resorted and devided themselves into every contry and parties of this our Realme of England from towne to towne and place to place, but also have kepte open scoles and taken great sommes of money for their labours &c.

Loss of Calais.

L. 36. Jan. 2, 1558.—W[illiam Paulet, Marquis of] Winchester and W. [Lord] Howard [of Effingham, Lord Admiral]

* With whom the Earl had an audience at Santiago on June 24, 1554. *Eng. Hist. Rev.*, VII, 263.

† For their names, viz., nine of them “Masters of the Science of Defence,” and the rest “Provosts of the same Science,” see *Letters and Papers*, XV, 477.

write to the Mayor of Exeter and the Customers, Controllers and Searchers of the Port: "After righte hartey commendacions the Quenes Majestie callinge to remembrance the great victory and f . . . hand the King's highenes hathe upon his enemy the frenche Kinge mynding by the helpe of God the continoance of the same and increse hath by thadvice of the Lordes of her Councell commanded me to write unto you and all other that make adventure upon her Majesty's enemy the French King by the see that they shall goo togethers in good strenghe hable to annoye thenemy and defende themselves wherein consiste the great honour, welthe and surety for the which we be all most bound to her grace."—*Signed*, "Winchester," "W. Howard."

[*In bad condition. Endorsed*: "Recd. of Mr. toker of Colhmpton, the xiiijth of January."]

L. 37. Jan. 7, 1558.—The Marquis of Winchester to the same. "After my righte herte commendacons you shall understande that Risebanke and Newnam Bridge be taken* and Callice seaged which was never seane syns the first wynnynge and therefore may not be suffered for honour to the Prynce and Realme nor yet for comodyty that thereby growethe daly to the Realme for the Succors whereof there is appoynted a great bande of men to be sent fourthe with all speade besyde them that be allredy gon to defende the seage, prainge you hartely in the Quene's behalf to make redde as many shippes as you can with speade doble manned and well appoynted and victelled and sende to my l' Admyral [*i.e.* Lord Howard of Effingham] to the . . . w [? narrow] sees where you shall fynde hym with appoe . . . keypyng the passage which dilligent doinge shalbe more worthe to the Quenes Majestie and the Realme than any treasure you coulde gyve thank and the . . . as lovyng subjects showe yourselves, as I doute nott but you wold do for honor to the Kinge, Quene and Realme and defence of the same which had never suche an iniury offered unto them syns Edward the thirds tyme, thus fare you wel, wryten this viiith of January, 1557—let your venturers be parte of your number.—Your lovinge frende, Winchester."

L. 38 is a copy of L. 37, both being badly injured in the latter portion.

L. 39. Jan. 8, 1558.—The same to the same. I comende me hertely to you and so advertise you that the Quenes Majestys pleasure is that all the shippes within your porte and commynge to your porte be stayed within the same with there masters and marryners unto such tyme as you shall know funder the Quene's pleasure whereof fayel you not I pray you as you wil aunswere the Quenes Majesti at your perilles thus fare you wel; wryten the viijth of January,

* *i.e.* on Jan. 3, 1558; *Hardwicke Papers*, i, 112, 113; *Cal. Venetian*, VI, iii, 1124-6.

1557, and hast your shippes to daie as fast as you can possible your lovinge frend Winchester.

[*Endorsed*: Re. of Mr. toker, Colmhpton, the xiiij of Januarye, hast, hast, post hast.]

L. 40. Jan. 11, 1558.—John Peter, Mayor of Exeter, and John Petre, Customer, to “all maiors, Bayliffs, Constables and other the Kynges and Quenes Maiesties officers and mynysters to whome these shall appertayn.” For as mych the Kyng and Quenez Majesties letters of great ymportance [L. 37, 38] are to be sent yn to the severall ports in this west parts for spedy delyveryng of the same wee have sent this Berer with all hast accordynge to the tenure therof Requyryng you and eny of you to whome these present shall come to assiste and ayde this seid berer therof as well with horses and other necessaries as you wil awnswere to the contrarye to your utmost perelle. Dated at Exet the xith day of January, 1557, John Peter, Mayor of Exon’, John Petre, Custom’.

[*Endorsed*: “Hast, hast, post hast, for thi lyff, and for thi lyff post hast.”]

L. 41. Jan. 13, 1558.—Mayor of Exeter &c. reply “to the Right honourable and our very good lord the Lord of Wynchester.” May hit please your honour that wee have recevyd your letteres the xi of January dated the vijth of the same [L. 37, 38] and understand therby the great myshappe to the Kings and Quenes Majesties and to the hole Realme consarning the takyng of ther graes peec beyond the sees by the frenchemen, the which all good Englyshmen have good cause to lament and to syke a restitucon therof to the uttermost of their poure. Albehit yet every man and good subiect must do as of right they may do and justifie. And therefore wee have thought good to advertise your honour that wher your letteres do require to be put in redynes and sent forthe oute of hand as many shippes as wee can duble mannyd, vitiled and well appoynted and to send them to the Lord Admyrall beyng now yn the narrowe seas. ffor awnswere wherunto wee say that wee to oure possible pours be redy to do as good and ffaithfull subiects should do albehit ther is no man within this countie and cetie of Exeter that hath any shippes of his owen nor have any comysion to mell or take upp shippes, maryners, vyctuals, munycions or any other thynges appertaynyng to the shippes for the warris oute of oure owne countie and cetie, nor yet as wee thynke any marynners or any other person that hath vyctually to be sold will give or delyver us any thing without speciall comysion or my lord admyralls comysion to take upp maryn’s wher at wee have nothing to do within the countie of Devon. And besides this if wee should make request to have sum money lent to the furtherans of your hon’able requeste yet wee verely suppose hit wilbe denied bycause of very late and

nowe it is yn hand that a great number of men as well within the Cctie of Exeter as yn the countie of Devon do disburse to the Quene's Majestie by way of lone* a great masse of trespure. By reason wherof every mans excuse wilbe that ther is almost as . . . leight amongst us. Wherefore wee besech your honor and as your wisdom shall thynke meyt to devise and write unto us what wee may and ought to do yn this behalf and ther uppon wee will oute of hand God willyng do as to oure duties and faithfulness appertaynyth as oure lord knoweth whome we desyre to keepe your lordshipp in mych honor. Written att' Exeter the xiiijth of January, 1557. Your lordshipp to command, the Mayor and his brethern of Exeter and the customer of the port of Exeter.

Disordered Soldiers.

L. 42. Totnes, May 14 [s.a. ? 1558].—The Earl of Bedford† commands the Mayor etc. to search for and apprehend the “dysorderyd sowders that returned home agayne from Bristowe under my Levetenaunte” as they are commanded to do by the Lords of the Council.—*Signed*, Your lovyng ffriend, F. Bedford.

A Servant of Lord Howard of Effingham.

L. 43. Tawestock [i.e. Tavistock], June 25, 1558.—Francis Earl of Bedford requests the Mayor &c. to discharge the bearer, Mr. Morris, “servant to my very good lord the Lord William Howard,” who “stands bound in a certaine sum for his apparaunce” before them.

Endorsed: “To Mr. Peter, Maior” [i.e. John Peter, Mayor 1557–1558], and “give this.”

The Marquis of Sara.

L. 44. Tawestok [i.e. Tavistock], Aug. 4, 1558.—Francis Earl of Bedford thanks the Mayor &c. for their diligence in forwarding his letters and the Lord Admiral's‡ to the Lords of the Council; adding: “I am let tunderstande from my Lords of the coming unto Exceter of the Marques of Sara,§ a nobleman of Spayne and in great favour both of the King's and Quene's Majesties, whome I praye you visyt in my name, having good respect both for the preparacion of his lodging and allso to geve hym intertainement by your oft visyting hym together with some of your bretherne.”

Endorsed: “geve this” and “Mr. Peter, Maior.”

* i.e. since Oct. 5, 1556, *Acts of Privy Council*, VI, p. 5 and *passim*.

† i.e. Frances Russell, 2nd Earl, from March 14, 1555, to July 25, 1585, Lord Lieutenant of Devon and Exeter (L. 50), and Dorset from March 14 to Nov. 10, 1558, and May 15 to Oct. 15, 1559.

‡ Edward Lord Clinton appointed Lord Admiral on Feb. 13, 1558, *D. N. B.*, XI, 92.

§ *sic* in document, but possibly the Marquis of Feria, who afterwards married Jane Dormer. He was in England on Feb. 2, 1558, *Cal. Ven.*, VI, iii, 1041, and at Arras on Sept. 26, 1558, *Cal. For.*, pp. 393, 544, where he is “agreeable to his Majesty [i.e. Philip] and in great favour with the Queen” [Mary].

L. 45. Tawestock, Aug. 5, 1558.—[Francis] Earl of Bedford has sent his servant James More to the Mayor to know when the Marquis of Sara [see L. 44] is coming to Exeter.

Endorsed : “geve this.”

Non-Jurors.

L. 46. From the Court, May 28, 1559.—[Francis] Earl of Bedford writes to the Mayor and John Charles, Esquire [Recorder of Exeter], informing them that the pardons for the condemned persons in Exeter gaol* are ready and sealed “and lacke nothing but money to dyscharge the fees thereof.” The pardons are 13 in number and the fees 13s. 4d. each, which are only half fees, he having made interest with “the Keper of the Seale” to have the other half remitted. He prays him therefore to send up 8*l.* 13s. 4d. “with as moche spede as may be that the poore men may enjoie therby ther lyffe and libertie that so good a deed be not slacked and so moche labour and travaille cast away as thereabout hath by dyvers bene bestowed.”

L. 47. Lyme, Oct. 15, 1559.—John Juel [or Jewel] and Henry Parry† inform Mr. Gibbes [L. 19] and the Mayor and other the Commissioners that : “According to our order taken concernyng the recantation of the vicar of Bodmane we have hereinclosed sent the same commytting the due execution by hym to be done by your wisdomes” and praying them “to inform Sir John Chichester,‡ the Mayor of Bodmane and other the Commissioners at that towne how he hath behaved hymselfe in that behalfe requiringe them to see the like don by hym both in the Parishe Church of Bodmane and other places.” *Signed* : Your lovynge frends, Jo. Juel, Henry Parry.

In D. 1602, Oct. 9, 1581, Wm. Colton, of Milverton (Somerset), gentleman, Henry Sotheron, of Exeter, gentleman, and John Bruyssheford, of Exeter, gentleman, give a bond in 200*l.* that the said William Colton shall not depart this realm, but shall remain at the dwelling house of the said Bruyssheford at Exeter, unless he be licensed by the Lords of the Privy Council to go to some other house “untyll he have conformed and yelded hymselfe unto the orders of religion and for comyng and resortyng to dyvnye servyce established by Acte of Parlyament,” his conformity to be notified by the Ordinary to the Council. He is not to admit or have access to any Jesuyt, massyng priest or semenary priest,” &c.

* Probably non-jurors, Bishop Turberville being at the time in prison at Exeter.

† Both were appointed Commissioners for visitation of the Western Counties on July 19, 1559. They were in Exeter in Sept. 1559 (Oliver, 121) and back in London on Nov. 1, 1559 (Strype, *Ann.*, i, 248).

‡ For a letter from him to the Earl of Bedford, dated at Yollyston [? Yeovilton], Aug. 17, 1559, see *Cal. Dom.*, 1547-1580, p. 136.

The Merchant Adventurers.

L. 48. Jan. 25, 1560.—The Oracion or Declaration which I, John Vowell *alias* Hoker, made by the apoyntement of Mr. Robert Mydwynter, Maior, unto the Commons of the Citie of Exon at the Guyldhall the xxvth of Januarie, 1559. [4 folios, begins: "My Masters the cause"—ends "unto us all." Printed in Cotton, *Guild*, pp. 99–107. It refers to an order received from the Lords of the Council "for the appeasing of the late controversy" (*see* Izacke, 129) in connection with the incorporation of the Society of Merchant Adventurers. For petition of the Mayor (John Buller) and others for its incorporation, Dec. 8, 1558, *see* *Cal. Dom.* (1547–1580), p. 116. The grant of incorporation was withheld for further consideration on May 12, 1559—*Ibid*, p. 128. The Charter was finally granted on June 17, 1560, for text of it *see* Cotton, *Guild*, pp. 1–10; also in *Book* 51, f. 64, and Hooker's *List*, No. 13. For details of the dispute with the Tailors, *see* *Book* 185; *Merchant Adventurers' Papers*, A.D. 1558 to 1559; Hooker's *List*, Nos. 14–22.]

In *Act Book*, II, f. 164*b*, June 26, 1558, the Chamber resolve that the Merchants of this City shall be incorporated and made a severall company by the name of the Master and Wardens.

In D. 1600, June 22, 1581, they are styled "the Governor, Consulls and Society of Merchant Adventurers of the City of Exeter trafyquing to the realm of France and the domynion of the French King."

In D. 1687, Aug. 5, 1600, they contribute 10*l.* *p.a.* towards the salary (50*l.*) of Edmund Snape, D.D., appointed by the Chamber to be a preacher in Exeter (with the seal and arms of the Society). *See also* D. 1688 (Aug. 21, 1600), which contains the appointment of Edmund Snape by the Chamber and in which he is to preach twice on the Sabbath day, viz. at 6 a.m. and in the afternoon (with his seal and initials "E.S.") Also D. 1688*a* (Aug. 31, 1600) with seals and signatures of John Peryam and Thomas Walker, who enter into a bond in 100*l.* for payment of the salary.

In L. 126, Whitehall, April 7, 1609, the Earl of Salisbury (Robert Cecil, High Steward of Exeter) informs the Mayor that His Majesty's Grocer has complained that the merchants of Exeter bringing fruits and other grocery wares into the port and creeks therunto adjoining (*see* p. 29) do refuse to pay for these commodities that composition which is due to His Majesty for the provision and service of his household. He therefore desires the Mayor to enquire into the matter and report to him the names of those who persist in refusing.

In L. 129, Whitehall, April 28, 1609, the Earl of Salisbury requests the Mayor to cause it to be known that the King desires to establish a Company of Merchants trading with France for the better governance of the trade and the keeping of the treaty made respecting it.*

In D. 523, Oct. 20, 1616, John Peryam restricts his charity to "Merchants adventurers trafficking beyond the seas not being shopkeepers by Retail."

In L. 268, Westminster, April 24, 1624, John Prouse informs the Mayor that he has attended to instructions both for the City and the Company of Merchants and has "possessed the House of Parliament with such things as most touch the merchants in burthen of their trade."

In L. 373, Aug. 22, 1638, the Earl of Pembroke invites them to engage in the plantation of Tobago.

In L. 14, Whitehall, Dec. 23, 1673, is a copy of a writ from Charles II requiring the Mayor and Aldermen of Exeter to cease from molesting Thomas Savery, a Merchant Adventurer who had "received many Losses and particularly in the last Dutch wars and being thus Impoverisht endeavoured to relieve his family by keepinge shopp but that haveinge thus changed his way of trade hee is now molested and his goods taken wrongly by order of the magistrates of that city."

In L. 439, 440, Jan. *s.a.* [1674], the Chamber write to the Speaker [Sir Edward Seymour], the Earl of Bath [John Grenville] and Mr. Secretary Coventry desiring to evade the above order as being against their customs, usages and privileges. [See Cotton, *Guild*, p. 7.]

In L. 438, Jan. 9, 1674, the Mayor &c. write to Sir James Smith† acknowledging receipt of his letter of Dec. 8th last and request him to deliver the above letters (L. 439, 440) to the Earl of Bath, Mr. Speaker and Mr. Secretary Coventry.

John Huntingdon.

L. 49. London, Feb. 14, 1560.—The Earl of Bedford recommends to the Mayor "this bearer my Chaplaine

* *i.e.* the treaty with Louis XIII, signed in London, Aug. 19, 1610. *Rymer*, VII, 2, 171. For refusals to join the new Company from Tiverton (May 31, 1609), Lyme Regis (Aug. 6, 1609) and Chard (Aug. 13, 1609), see *Cal. Dom.*, 1603-1610, pp. 516, 534, 535. For petition (Aug. 19, 1609) from Thomas Martin, who was Governor of the Merchant Adventurers' Guild of Exeter in 1577 (Cotton, *Guild*, 40, 42) praying that their Charter might not be impaired by the proposed general charter for French trade—see *Cal. Dom.*, 1603-1610, p. 537.

† He was one of the Sheriffs of London in 1672, in which year he was knighted.

Mr. Huntingdon,"* who is coming "into your parties to preache where he maye as I trust he shall do moche good with thes fewe lynes to testifie unto you his honestie, lerning and sufficiencie therunto. Trusting therefore that as the lacke is great of suche good workmen in God's harveste so ye will accordingly aide and assiste him in all things within your libertie and charge for the better setting forthe of God's truethe and the Quene's Majesties godly proceedings."

Instructions by Francis Earl of Bedford.

L. 50. — 4, 1560 (the name of the month is lost, but it must be between April and November inclusive).—"Instructions and orders Anno 2 Elyzabeth by me Fraunces Erle of Bedford, her Majesties lieutenaunt generall of her counties of Devon, Cornewall and her citie of Exeter and the countye of the same and leafe with the Maior and other the Justices of Pease of the said citie and countie to be exercised and used for the more advauncement of her Majesties service and quiete governe-ment of the said citie and countie accordingly."

They are to appoint "four, three or two honest and discrete persons of every paryshe over and beside the Constable to thende that they very diligently may enquire and most truly certifie what defaulte they finde touching misdemeanours of any persone within their paryshe," and report them to the Mayor and Justices of the Peace, who are to meet for this purpose every three weeks and "punyshe the offenders (duely examined) by imprysonement or otherwyse according to your discretion and wysdome."

Sixteen articles signed by the Earl; the edges have been eaten away. At foot: Exr. et concordat cum originali, W. Page. *Endorsed: Copia.* Instructions given to the Citie of Exeter.

Subsidies.

L. 51. March 28, 1560. Marquis of Winchester [see L. 36] to the Mayor and Sheriff of Exeter:—"After my hartie comendacons ye shall understand that the Citie of Exeter hath made no returne of their books of subsidy and therefore I have sent you herewith the Quene's proces praieng you to see the same dilligentlie served and the Commissions called in for returne and the Collectors for payment. Wherein your service shalbe very acceptable for the Quene." Thus fare ye well, your loving frind, Winchester.

[For further documents relating to subsidies see p. 10.]

Letters from the Earl of Bedford.

L. 52. Clyst, Sept. 14, 1560.—Francis Earl of Bedford to the Mayor &c.: After my very hartie comendacons unto you

* i.e. John Huntingdon, known as "The Preacher," Strype, *Annals*, i, 199. For his preaching in London, Aug. 30, Sept. 24, 1559, see Strype, *Grindal*, 39. He was made a canon of Exeter on May 10, 1560.

forasmuche as I understand that at your next election of Receivors for your Citie of Exceter you minde to appoynte upon Bridgman* to furnishe one of those rouses who in my opinion for his habilitie is not so mete as many within your citie and being also somewhat trobeled about my affayres for this yere can not so well attend abowte that charge as you for the profite of your citie wolde wishe and is requisite for a man placed in that office. I shall thefore for the presente make my hartie request as well to you Mr. Maior as to the rest of your bretherne that you will for this time spare him and devise upon some other for the furniture of that place wherein ye shall doe him a greate good turne and pleasure me also for the which I shall geve you my hartie thankes. Evenso I take my leave of you ffrom my house at Clyste the xiiijth of this presente September, 1560. Your lovinge frende, F. Bedford."

In L. 64, London, Nov. 30, 1562, the Earl of Bedford writes to the Mayor &c. that he has received an answer to his letter concerning the nomination of one of your burgesses, "and I thought I had for my goodwill towards you somewhat better deserved then in so triffling a matter to have suche a repulse," adding "If Mr. Mallett do desire and obteyne the place I shalbe the better willing and so being lothe to trouble you I bid you farewell."

In L. 71, Barwicke, † July 18, 1564, the Earl makes a similar request on behalf of Edward Bridgman who thro' his gret charge of children and familie is not able to susteyn "any office without his utter undoing in consideracion whereof and that he is my servaunt and hath also served my ffather."

In L. 72, Cheynys, June 14, 1565, the Earl thanks the Mayor &c. for their compliance with his request and desires them to release the fine imposed upon Bridgman.

[*Endorsed* : Recd. 1 July, 1565.]

Abuses of Apparel.

L. 53. May 7, 1562.—Printed copy of a Proclamation ‡ against the "monstrous abuses of apparell almost in all estates but principally in the meaner sort" and respecting the breeding and exporting of horses. "Imprinted at London in Powles Churchyarde by Rycharde Jugge and John Cawood, Printers to the Quenes Majestie."

* Edward Bridgman, a bailiff in 1546, 1562. Izacke, 122, 130.

† *i.e.* Berwick-on-Tweed, the Earl having been appointed Warden of the East March in Feb., 1564.

‡ See *Cal. Dom.* (1547-1580), p. 199, with directions to London tailors and hosiers, May 9, 1562, *ibid.*, p. 200.

The Guildhall.

L. 54. July 12, 1561.—Sir Robert Denys* to the Mayor and Aldermen: “After my very hartie comendatons I am enformyd that Henrye Redynge is mynded to leave the kepinge of your hall in Excetre wherein he now dwellethe—yf hyt be so these are hartelye to desyre you to be so good masters to this berer, Rycharde Bartlett,† that he maye have his rome therein, whose approvid trowthe, honestye and knowledge is suche as I doubt not but you shall fynde him a man meete for the same and as I shall fynde your ffryndshippes herein so shall I be more redye to gratefye you or any frende of yours when occasyon shall serve for your courtysie allready receyved whyche I maye not forgett and so do comytt you to God.—Your assured frend, Robert Denys.”

In *Act Book*, X, f. 174b, March 10, 1663, it is agreed: “That the Guildhall shalbe neue repaired and the sealing in and above the same to be speedilie amended and whereas Mr. Isaac Maudict,‡ the elder, hath of late provided a faire brasse candlestick to be hung upp in the Guildhall, Mr. Receiver shalbe allowed uppou his Accompte of that he hath laid out about the said (*sic*).” [See Oliver, p. 208.]

In *Book* 51, f. 269, Hoker has entered: Md. that this yere (*i.e.* 1330) the Guyldhall of the Citie of Excester was buylded.

For repairs to the Guildhall in 1377, see T. Wright, 313.

For una shopa juxta Prætorium Gialde in parte occidentali in 1303, see *Misc. Roll* 2 (28).

The Chapel of St. George.

In his will dated Jan. 20, 1489, Thomas Calewodeley or Calwoodley, who was Mayor in 1467, 1480 and 1486, required his executors to find a suitable chaplain to celebrate Divine Service every year in the Chapel of St. George the Martyr in Exeter. (*Report on Charities*, 147.)

In *Book* 51, f. 322b (anno 1484) this yere the fore parte of the Guildhall and the Cuncell Chambre was of newe buylded by the citie. See Izacke, p. 93.

Ibid, f. 323, anno 1486. This Thomas Calwodley (Mayor) was severe agaynst notoriouse and evell offenders and suche as escapid corporall punyshed payed for there redemption, which moneys he employed yn buylding of the fronte and chaple of the Guyldhall.

This chapel is described as “newly built in front of the Guildhall” in the will of John Kelly, Nov. 10, 1486 (recited in D. 1340); or “next the Guildhall” (*juxta Guihald*) in the will of William Doun, yeoman, May 5, 1510 (D. 1361); or “withyn the Gyldhall” in the will of William Wilford, Esquire,

* Son of Sir Thomas Denys [see L. 3], who died Feb. 18, 1561.

† He was elected sword-bearer Sept. 30, 1567. Oliver, 244.

‡ For Isaac Mawdit, who was Mayor in 1673, 1681, see p. 19.

Dec. 31, 1571 (D. 1377, in which he leaves 13s. 4d. "over and above his olde wages" to "the pryste the which shall syng" there); or "in the outer part of the Guildhall," March 2, 1512 (D. 1379a, where the chaplain receives four marks *p.a.* from the Chamber and a robe of the city livery and takes his daily meal in the house of the Mayor for the time being). It is said to have been built "over the Guildhall," *i.e.* over the portico, in Cotton, *Gleanings*, p. 23, or "under the Guildhall" in Stuart Moore's *Calendar*, II, 1080, but for this there is no authority in the document, which refers to an inventory of the "ymplementys and ornamentis" received by William Bucknam [who was Receiver in 1537; see *Receivers' Accounts*, 29, 30, H. viii] "off Master Luke then beyng ye Mayor ys chapelyn." The list, which was drawn up on Oct. 10, 1537, appears on a fly leaf at the beginning of *Act Book*, II, and the items consist of "candlestyks of latyn to sett upon ye awtre, a pax of silver parsell gylt, crewetts off sylver ungylyt, gilt or silver gilt chalices, a senser of silver ungylyt, a single vestment of black velvet, ditto of whyt chamlet broderet with garters, ditto of bord alexand', five corporas casys with ye corporas withyn four of hem off the whiche one is the one syde charged off cloth off gold and the other syde off crymsy velvet and another ynbroderyd with the armys of Mast' Marten, and one without a cloth in hem. Item a clothe to hang beffore Saynt George awltr off satyn of brygg' party white and grene. Item ffor Saynt bartholomee ys awltr, a hangyng off whyt chamblet ybroderet with garters. Item, a cloth of yolow sylk to hang above the same awltr. Item to hange one above another benethe off reyme' [? Rheims] to the same awltr'. Item, three awltr' clothys ffor Saynt George awltr' off holond."

In *Act Book*, I, f. 93, Nov. 4, 1521, "it is holy agreed that William Aysshe the Cyte ys chapelayn shall have yerely 4l. sterlyng and he to syng in Seint George ys Chapell as he hath usyd and no plase elswere except obits and trentalls and also every day that the Meir goyth yn processyon at seint peter ys churche to sey masse before hym and hys bretheryn in Seynt Katherine yelde or else another for hym."

In *Act Book*, II, f. 30, Jan. 8, 1527, is a resolution of the Chamber in regard to keeping the Feast of St. George withyn the old Gild of the citie.

In *Act Book*, II, f. 32, Sept. 21, 1531, it is agreed "that ev'y one of the xxiiij shalbe a brother unto the Frat'nyte of Saynt George withyn the Chapell yn the eldhall and to pay ev'y yere iiijd. upon the payne of viiid."

Alnage of Cloth.

In L. 55, Nov. 18, 1561, are orders taken betwixt the Farmer of the subsidy and Aulnage of Clothes in the Counties of

Devon and Cornwall and the Countie of the Citie of Exeter and the Clothiers of the saide counties with a note of sundry statutes relating to the subject, showing *inter alia* that "Noe man maie putt to sail nor carye out of the Countie whear the Cloth is made anye manner of clothe before the same be surveied and sealed by the Aulnager, who shall have a half-pennye for the sealinge and meassuringe of a cloth and of everye half clothe a farthinge." [For further extracts from this document see *Devonshire Association Transactions*, xliv., pp. 576, 594.]

L. 159. Exeter, Feb. 16, 1613-4.—The Chamber complain to the Lords of the Council that Thomas Bridgeman the younger [possibly son of Thomas Bridgeman, who was a bailiff in 1584], Deputy Alnager to Mr. Throgmorton for this city and county of Devon, demands for the sealing of every Devonshire kersey (besides the King's subsidy of a penny) a new exaction of half a farthing, whereas nothing is due to him by law. And they pray that Mr. Bridgeman may be compelled to let a case be tried at law or argued before all the Judges of the land.

In L. 162, undated but probably connected with L. 159, is a memorandum concerning the Prisinge of wine and Alnage—their origin and nature. It asserts that "the office of Alnage is an auncient office, more auncient than the makinge of cloathe for merchandize in this Realme," and specifying three kinds of abuses of the office.

Disputes with Bishops.

L. 56. Honnyngton [*i.e.* Honiton], Nov. 23, 1561. William [Alley] Bishop of Exeter to the Mayor &c.: "After my hartie comendations unto you gentill Mr. Mayor and to the rest of the worshipful of your brethren. These are to rendre you all most entier and hartie thancks for your gret gentilnes shewyd towarde me and my Chauncelor [William Leweson]; doynge you to understande that you shall and may cause me to be yours in anything wherein I may pleasure or gratifie you or any of you hereafter trustyng that all olde matters which heretofor hathe bredde coler and stomacke betwene us shall be quite and clerelye suppressed and forgotten which on my parte I do most earnestlye promise and assure you, hopynge that you will do the like; and thus I dout not but we shall be faythfull lovers and frendes by God's grace, to whose tuition I committe you.—Your lovyng and assured frind, W. Exon."

[*Endorsed*: "Geve these." This letter appears to refer to the Mayor's resistance to the Bishop's claim to be made a Justice of the Peace for the city. Izacke, 129; Freeman, 119; *Devonshire Association Transactions*, xliv., 214. For a similar claim by Bishop Cary in 1622, see L. 217-223, 226, 227, 230-233, page 115.]

For a dispute with Bishop Cotton in 1599 as to the respective liberties of the Church and City, *see* L. 103, containing two letters in four folios, with Hooker's side-notes, the first beginning: "Right honorable reverende and our very good Lorde, we have received of your man Turpin as from your selfe a byll of many Artycles and of certaine greveaunces . . .," ending: "obediently observe the same." The second, which is much shorter than the first, begins as in the first: "Maye it please the same, we have received your boke of Artycles by the hande of your servant Turpyn . . .," ends: "and obediently to observe the same." *Endorsed*: The Bishoppes awnsweres, 1599.

In L. 138, 139, Dec. 10, 1610, the Chamber ask assistance of the Masters of the Court of Requests and of the Attorney General, Sir Henry Hubbard [or Hobart] against the suit of the Dean and Chapter, who have petitioned the King for two fairs in their Borough of St. Sidwells* as they wrongfully have styled it.

In L. 148, Silverton, May 17, 1612, Bishop Cotton writes to the Mayor and the Recorder of Exeter respecting a petition the contents of which he cannot believe till he hears it justified.

In L. 166, June 7, 1615, the Chamber write to Bishop Cotton concerning their liberties, which they say are continually infringed by the Bishop's bailiff, William Moore, and pray that a conference of counsel may be held to settle the dispute.

In L. 326 (undated but endorsed 1629), Bishop Joseph Hall writes to the Mayor: "Good Mr. Maior with my loving remembrance. I heare that divers of my Tenants in St. Stephens fee (and no freemen of the city) are called to appear before you at your Court this day. I shall not need to plead unto you my ancient rights which have bene thus long kept inviolable; so as I am informed never any of them have been called in this kinde only one some twenty yeares agoe was warned thither, and appeared not, without further prosecution. I beseech you let us mutually have all fayre termes without trenching upon ech others libertyes; that so neither part have any cause of greivance. It shalbe enough to have moved you thus farre; not doubting therfore of your iust and loving respects to mee and the immunityes of this Church wherwith I am entrusted, I take leave, and signe myselfe, Your much devoted loving neighbour, Jos. Exon."

Endorsed: "Lo. Bp. Hall about his tenants in his fee to be returned of the Lawe Jury at the Guildhall."

* It was made part of the City of Exeter by Act of Parliament in 2 Edward VI (1548); *Book* 51, f. 123b; Charter XXXV; *Cal. Dom.*, 1603-1604, p. 651. Not 4 Edward VI (1550), as Oliver, 269; Freeman, 118.

In L. 352 (undated but endorsed 1631), the same Bishop writes to the Mayor: "Worthy Mr. Maior, I perceave Mr. [Ignatius, *see* L 210, 290] Jordan will needs putt us to it in a wilfull violacon of our priveledges; in our last conference with your worthy Brethren there was a fayre motion of a peaceable accommodacon of these differences; wherein we are enough confident of our owne right; and if I can understand anything; both our is herein plainly infringed and the Cittyes bond forrfaited, if at least this action of his wilbe owned and maintayned: I doubt not but ere long we shall come to a full resolution of either accordance or suit; Onwards let me desyre you to take some course to restrayne these violences, and to free this servant of the Church from the hard measure which is now offred to him. In full expectacon I take leave and am

your very loving neighbour and frend
Jos. Exon."

In L. 363, Sept. 4, 1634, the same Bishop writes to the Mayor complaining that "one of your seriants hath wilfully and presumptuously incroched upon the right of my fee in taking one Ford out of his house violently and imprisoning him, whom he knew to be within the precincts of my fee," and suing for the speedy release of the prisoner.

In L. 605, Dec. 6, 1811, Bishop George Pelham writes to the Town Clerk from Sidmouth respecting a building which was being erected in St. Bartholomew's Churchyard without his license.

For the Bishop's Fee, otherwise called St. Stephen's Fee or Harold's Fee, including the Cathedral and the close or churchyard in 1447, *see* Shillingford, *pp.* 9, 10, 137.

For compromise in regard to this dispute, Dec. 12, 1448, *see* D. 1196; *Book* 51, *f.* 97*b*; *Misc. Roll* 100, 101; Shillingford, *pp.* xiv., 136; Izacke, 79; Freeman, 177. For further arbitration after the installation of Bishop Hugh Oldham, *see* D. 1353 (April 18, 1507), where the Bishop and the Dean and Chapter give a bond in 100*l.* that they will abide by the arbitration of Lewis Pollard, Serjeant-at-Law, John More, John Rowe and John Oreny—with seals of the Bishop and the Chapter.

In D. 1380, Aug. 23, 1513, is an agreement between the Mayor and Bishop Oldham that the former shall not exercise the office of Clerk of the Market in two houses in South Street and one within the Southgate parcel of St. Stephen's Fee, "nor in no nother howseys of the same fee,"—with the Bishop's seal.

In *Act Book*, I, *ff.* 27, 28, Jan. 28, 1512, the second of these houses is called the Bull, and the Mayor etc. agree that "they

shall not intromytte nother meddle in any thyng concernyng the office of the clerke of the market" in these two houses, "the whyche houses the said Bisshope claymyth."

In *Book* 51, *f.* 113, are the depositions of witnesses as to the boundaries of the Cathedral Church taken in 1557, "by reason of certyn arestments made by the sergeants of the citie within the saide churchyard and close. Mr. John Peter then Mayor and James Trobleffeld [*i.e.* Turberville] Bishop."

In *L.* 63, Nov. 13, 1562, Gregory Dodds, Dean of Exeter, desires the Mayor to enquire concerning the molestation of the wife of his servant Richard Haustyce, who dwells in Saint Mary's Parish and is "moche dysquyetyd, in hys absence by a neighbour or twoo."

In *Act Book*, XIII, *f.* 187*b*, Oct. 17, 1704, it is ordered: That the Serjeants for the time to come doe not arrest any person within the Bishop's fee upon pain of being dismist.

Richard Argentyne.

L. 57. London, Dec. 4, 1561.—Matthew [Parker] Archbishop of Canterbury, Edmund [Grindal] Bishop of London, Walter Hadd' [*i.e.* Hadden or Haddon] and Thomas Huyske [or Huike]* to the Mayor of Exeter:—"After our hartie comendacyons whereas we perceyve by your letters that Richard Argentyne,† clerke, hath of late spred abrode sondrie sedicious lybells within the Citie of Exeter and for the same his lewde demeanour is by you comytted to warde." He is therefore to be sent to them. Signed your loving frends, Matthew Cantuar., Edm. London, Walter Hadd and Thomas Huyske. *Endorsed*: Rec. 15 Dec., 1561.

On the back is the city's answer in Hooker's handwriting, dated Jan. 4, 1562, stating that the prisoner refuses to be bound for his appearance, pleading poverty and sickness—accordingly they ask for further orders.

The Cloth Hall.

L. 59, 60. The Savoy, April 8, 1562.—G[awen] Carewe writes to the Mayor &c. recommending "my manne" (or "the yongman") William Greenwood as Keeper of the Cloth Hall. Signed, "Your to comand. G. Carewe."

In *L.* 87, Oct. 15, 1582, Sir Gawen Carewe gives a receipt for his fee 2*l.*‡

For the Clerk of the Cloth Hall or Merchants' Hall, see *Book* 51, *f.* 141; called the Merchants' Cloth Hall in *Misc. Rolls* 31 (A.D. 1602), which contains its Acts, Orders, Tables of rates &c.

* The three latter were Commissioners in 1561. Strype, *Ann.*, i, 411.

† Or Argenton in reply on dorso. He was also called Sexten. *D.N.B.*, ii, 80.

‡ Granted to him for life in 1574. Freeman, 120.

In L. 409 (undated) is a largely signed petition to the Chamber stating that "Whereas some yeares past the Cloth Markett was ushualie kept in the High Streete, &c.," and "that some private persons inhabitinge in the Southgate Street of this Cittie by their wylie and subtill practises and for their oune private ends did secreitlie procure some order for the removal of the said markett into ther streete," the petitioners now pray that it may be brought back to its old place "betweene the Guildhall and the little cunduit in the High Streete."*

In L. 420 the inhabitants of the south and west quarters petition the Mayor, Christopher Lethbridge [1660], that the serge market may be kept "either at the new corne markett and the corne markett removed where it was formerly, or else in the High St. between St. John's Bow and Mary Arches Lane, or at any other place which may be good for the trade of the whole city."

In L. 421 (? 1660) the inhabitants of the parish of St. Laurence petition the Chamber that the serge market may be held before St. John's Hospital in their parish. [See Lloyd Parry, *Exeter School*, 68.]

In L. 422 (? 1660) the Weavers, Buyers and Sellers of Perpetuanes petition the Chamber that the streets leading to their market place in Southgate Street may be chained up from 8 o'clock till four on market days, as was formerly accustomed, because they are disturbed by reason of the great concourse of carriages and hackney horses. See Izacke, *p.* 168.

In L. 485, Feb. 8, 1730, is a letter from the Town Clerk for Mr. Heath's opinion about moving the Cloth Fair, whose reply, dated Inner Temple, Feb. 11, 1730, is in L. 486.

Rates of Wages.

L. 65. 1563.—Two printed broadsides, beginning: "Where in the Parliament holden at Westminster, Jan. 12, 5 Eliz. (*i.e.* 1563)," and fixing a maximum which is not to be exceeded in "the severall Rates and Taxations for wages made and set forth by the Justices of the Peace of the Citie of Exeter."

In L. 73, April 24, 1566, and L. 93, July 20, 1588, the Justices of the Peace retain the rates they first certified on June 15, 1564, viz. for husbandrie: Labourers, 3*d.* *p.d.* with meat and drink, or 6*d.* without, from Sept. 30th to March 1st, rising to 4*d.* and 5*d.* respectively from March to September. In the corn or hay harvest a "mowier" has

* For order (1634 ?) of Charles I that the cloth market shall in future be settled in Southgate Street, see *Cal. Dom.*, 1634-5, *p.* 425.

5*d.* [10*d.*], Reapers, Binbers (*sic*) and Loders 4*d.* [8*d.*]. In Hayharvest a man has 3*d.* [6*d.*], a woman 2*d.* [4*d.*], also for labourers in Hedging, Dyching, Paling, Rayling, Woode-making, Beatemaking, fixed payments by the pearche, yarde, lugge rope, dosen of woode and hundred respectively as task work. No bailiffe of husbandry or Chiefe Hind is to take over 40*s.* *p.a.* for his wages and livery, or serving man over 24 years old 30*s.* *p.a.*, man servant from 20 to 24 years (26*s.* 8*d.* *p.a.*), from 16 to 20 (20*s.* *p.a.*). Unmarried woman servant, 16 to 24 years old (16*s.* *p.a.*), and 5*s.* for her vesture and garment, rising to 20*s.* and 6*s.* 8*d.* at 24 years and upwards. No woman servant under 10 years of age to have any wages, but only meate, drinke and other necessaries. A maister Mason, ditto Carpenter, ditto Joiner, Plasterer, Helier, Tyler, Shingler, Thatcher, or Plumber, having servants and apprentices is to allow them 6*d.* (or 10*d.*) *p.d.*, a payre of Sawiers 10*d.* (or 18*d.*) *p.d.* Masons &c. as in above list, not being masters, to have 4*d.* (or 8*d.*) *p.d.* and apprentices 3*d.* (or 6*d.*) *p.d.*

*Letters of Geoffrey Tothill.**

L. 66. London, Jan. 31, 1563.—Geoffrey Tothill writes to Master John Hooker, chamberlain:—"After my hartye comendacon I have sent you herewith enclosed the copyes of too bylls exhbyted unto the parlyament howse for the Cittye, wherein I pray God send us good successe as I hope. The one for the unytyng of churches ys first in the lords howse,† and the other for orphans in the lower howse. Trustyng by that time we have thoroely consydered that byll for orphans‡ and redye to be sent offe to the lords, the lords byll wylbe redye to come down. I suppose the bylls be indyfferentlye handled. Yf we shuld have putte bothe in at one place then peradventure the howse wold nott be best contentyd with too bylles for our private Cyttye. Other thyns yn ye artycles shalbe remembred, as for prentyses there ys a byll in the parlyament howse for servaunts which ys comytted to the Master of the Rolls and others. Y hope yf the byll passe to gete a p'vyso, for all cyttyes in England to take prentyses and so Exceter [nott named],§ there your wolle or shuld have byn this afternoon yf my leisure had served a byll drawne for the londyners yt shalbe in the name of all the Cyttyes in the west partes and ells where and

* Recorder, 1563–1576. M.P. for Exeter in Parliament, 5 Elizabeth, from Jan. 11, 1563, to Jan. 2, 1567. He received an annuity of 20 marks from the city in 1564. Izaeke, 132. For his instructions dated Jan. 1563, see *Devon. Assoc. Transactions*, xlv, 213.

† It was introduced in the Lords on Feb. 22, 1563, passed second reading March 4 and *conclusa* March 16, 1563. *Lords Journals*, i, 594, 603, 604. It was read in the Commons, March 18, 20, 1563. *Journals of Commons*, i, 69.

‡ See Charter XXXVII, confirmed by Act of Parliament, 5 Elizabeth, see *Letters Patent*, May 3, 1563; Oliver, p. 287.

§ Added subsequently in a blank space.

is not pryvately for us." He desires that 10*l.* may be "delyvered to my brother Walter to be sent me as I have retayned divers in thes causes and must give money aboute the same. There be alrebye butt two bylls past, the one that no horses shall passe beyond the seas and another is for the levying of ffynes in the north country. I suppose we shal agree upon the subsyde this next wyke. Ther are divers and many other bylls butt as yet not past our house. I praye you make the masters of the Cytty partakers of this my letter and trewth of the too bylls and wrytt and here you leve. from london the last of January."

L. 67 (undated) is a note in the handwriting of Geoffrey Tothill addressed to some person not named, accompanying some extracts from the Records relating to the power of the Mayor to appoint a lieutenant, as he is very sick.

In L. 70, Jan. 31, 1563, is a receipt by John Tothill for Geoffrey Tothill from John Hoker (*sic*) for fees paid on passing the Sheriffs accounts, including: "Ffyrst due for Mr. Secretorye Cicells fee, 5*l.*" [See LL. 82, 83, p. 55.]

In L. 74, London, May 31, 1566, Geoffrey Tothill writes to the Mayor: "Right weorshypfull after my hertie comendacions to you and the rest of the masters, this shalbe to advertyse you pft'ly touching the travell hadd by me here this last terme yn the Cytties causes and affaires, ffirst touchyng the londoners causes they ons this last terme toke orders with me to appoynt three for their parte to match Mr. Hay, Mr. Solyceter and myself appoyntyd for the Citties parte and I sendyng my man to the chamblayn of London for to have a daie appoyntyd for the metyng upon the same they chaunged their myndes and wold have three and three and wold have me to assent to have Mr. Hert in for one of the three and to leve out Mr. Hay or Mr. Solycyter, which to yeld unto I doe nott thinke good nor wyll nott, they seme to be desyrous of an ende, and yett they wyll not match your three. And so as you shall wyll me to doo this next terme I shalbe gladd fo fferder the same. And for my own opynyon I doo not now thinke good any man more to be sent upp to the Citties chardge for that the Cittie is now p'sently otherwyse chardged. And also I thinke yf you shuld sende upp of purpose there wold skarse be ende in the same at one terme, but yf there be any of the masters of the cyttye that have any other occasyon of their own this next terme I wold I might be thereof advertysed, and so then I wold appoynt a daie of talke and metyng accordynglie, otherwyse wee three that be here shall stand styll or ells to procede in the sute where unto they be loth to come as me semeth this ys my opynyon in this matter respecting your aunswere herein by twen this and the begynnyng of this next terme. As touching Trew's matter

[see p. 28], I have a very good hope for the fyshing of Exe in the parishes of St. Thomas, St. Edmond's and St. Mary Steps, the matter hath byn twyse or thryce throughly harde as well in the Chekers Chamber as at my Lord Treasurer's* house. Your—Geffrey Tothyll, Recorder."

In L. 78 (undated) is "the effecte of the matter yn questyon for the Fishynge of the Ryver of Exe yn the behalffe of the Mayor, Baylyffs and Commonaltie of the Cytie of Exeter."

Exeter Guilds.

L. 76. From my Pallace, Sept. 28, 1567.—W. [*i.e.* William Alley—L. 56] Bishop of Exeter requests the Mayor to "be so much my frende who as yet hath not trobled youe with manye sutes as to graunte unto the bearers hereof their petition who have requested and sued to obtayne your favours to be reduced into one socyetie, felowshipp and companye, which request hath bene graunted by youe, but as yet not confirmed accordinge unto your said graunte for they do request the same as it is in the good cities of London, Yorke, Bristowe and in all other goode Citties and Townes Corporate within this realme of England." Endorsed: "Recd. Sept. 30, 1567." [No guilds are named in the document, but in S. Moore's *Calendar* the petition is supposed to be that of the Coopers (or Cowpers, *i.e.* Coverers) and Heliers, whose ordinances are dated Feb. 3, 1567, see *Book* 51, *f.* 158*b*, (not 1566 as Izacke, Pr., p. 66). For the incorporation of the Hell-yars and Plaisterers on Dec. 14, 1680, see *Act Book*, XII, *f.* 24.]

L. 110 (? 1602) contains the petition "of the Felowship and Companye of the crafts of Weavers, Tokers [*i.e.* Tuckers] and Sheremen [called Weavers, Fullers and Sheeremen in D. 1739, 1739*a*, which contain exceptions against their acts produced before the Justices of Assize in 1621] within the Cyttye and countye of Exeter, setting forth their rules and ordinances (13 in number) with the clause of allowance and confirmation by the Chamber. For their Articles and Ordinances dated 1490, see D. 1311. For their Charter of Incorporation, A.D. 1490, see *Book* 51, *f.* 71; Izacke, Pr., p. 64. For their Bye-laws, dated Aug. 13, 1602, see D. 1692. For a tenement in Exeter belonging to the Warden of the Fullers and Tinters, see D. 1498, Oct. 7, 1555.

In L. 520 (? about 1750) the Butchers petition the Chamber to be re-incorporated. For their charter of incorporation granted by the Chamber on March 20, 1685, see *Act Book*, XII, *f.* 13, repealed Feb. 5, 1722, D. 1825, where they are called the Fraternity of Victuallers and Butchers. For their

* *i.e.* William Paulet, Marquis of Winchester, since Jan. 21, 1559. See L. 36, page 35.

ordinances, dated Sept. 9, 1575, see *Book 51, f. 159b* (called their first incorporation in *Izacke, Pr., p. 67*).

In L. 522 [*? circ. 1750*] the Barber Surgeons petition the Chamber for leave to prosecute a barber in the Chamberlain's name. For their incorporation A.D. 1487, see *Izacke, Pr., p. 64*.

In D. 1637, March 29, 1586 (not 1602, as *Izacke, Pr., p. 68*) is the Deed of Incorporation of "the Artyficers of the Companye of Carpenters, Masons, Joyners, Glaciers and Paynters," with their petition to the Chamber and the ordinances for their government.

For separate charter of incorporation of the Joyners, March 20, 1685, see *Act Book, XII, f. 1*, with their ordinances of same date, *f. 3*; ditto of Freemasons, Masons, Bricklayers, Glasiers and Painters, March 20, 1685, *Act Book, XII, f. 7*, with their ordinances of same date (*f. 9*).

In D. 1786, July 28, 1691, is a Counterpart of the Deed of Incorporation of the Company of White Tallow Chandlers and White Soap Boilers, with their arms. For their acts and ordinances, see *Act Book, XII, f. 30*.

Book 51 contains Charters of Incorporation of—

(a) The Cappers and Haberdasshers (*ff. 67b, 68*) [incorporated 1494, together with the Feltmakers, confirmed 1562. *Izacke, Pr., p. 65*].

(b) The Cordewayeners (*f. 69*), "in this yere 11 Richard II, 1387, the Cordewayners and Curryers of this Citie were first incorporated." *Ibid., f. 290*; *Izacke, Pr., p. 63*.

(c) The Skinners and Gloviers, April 20, 1561 [*i.e.* a confirmation. They were first incorporated in 1462—*Izacke, Pr., p. 62*]. In *Act Book, II, f. 145b*, March 21, 1556, it is agreed: "That the Glovyers shall have a corporacioun uppon a resonable ffyne." For incorporation of the White Tawers, Glovers, Skinners, Grey Tawers, Poynters and Parchment-makers, Dec. 1, 1685. See *Act Book, XII, f. 18*.

Also Ordinances of—

(d) The Bakers, April 1, 1554 (*f. 156*) [incorporated 1482, *Izacke, Pr., p. 63*. See *Devonshire Association Transactions, xlv, 215*].

(e) The Tailors (*f. 157*) [incorporated 1466. *Izacke, Pr., p. 63*. For their charters, bye-laws and two books of their Acts, see *Miscellaneous Papers*].

(f) Smiths and Cutlers, April 20, 1561 (*f. 157b*) [not 1560, as *Izacke, Pr., p. 66*, where the Saddlers are joined with them].

(g) Brewers, Sept. 20, 1579 (*f. 161*) [*Izacke, Pr., p. 67*].

In D. 1821 (A.D., 1717), the Chambre appoint two searchers and sealers of leather.

Letters of Thomas Lord Howard.

L. 77. Bindon, Dec. 19, 1567.—Thomas Howard [Viscount Howard of Bindon*] prays the Mayor &c. to send to Honiton and to give in charge of his servant a young man who had stolen apparel of two gentlemen of his to the value of 17*l.* or 18*l.*, and who had been apprehended in Exeter, intending that he shall receive “condigne punyshement.” Signed, “Your frende, Thomas Howarde.”

Note added: “I pray you also and the reste of all your bretherne for that Lucas Caro hath done his diligence in bringinge of this robbery to light, the rather at this my request to shewe him your lawfull favor and frendship and not to graunte any warrant of good abearing against him. Thomas Howarde.”

In L. 80, Wareham, April 11, 1581, Thomas Howard writes to the Mayor, Thomas Bruarton [or Bruerton], praying him to examine a thief who had stolen goods from his house at Wareham, and to send the thief to him at his house at Wareham, “for that I mean to make an example of so lewde a part in myn own house.”—Your loving frinde, Thomas Howarde.

Lord Burghley's Receipt.

L. 82. Nov. 10, 1581.—Receyved the day and yere above wryten of the maier, bayliffes and commonaltye of the Cyttye of Exeter by the hands of John Peryam, gent., for my pencon† dew unto me for one whole yere ended at the ffest of Sainte Mychael laste paste before the date hereof the full some of tenne poundes of lawfull money of Englande.—W. Burghley. [See L. 70, p. 52; L. 81, p. 29.]

L. 83 has a similar receipt dated Nov. 20, 1581, *per* J. Periam.

Recorders of Exeter.

L. 85, Oct. 4, 1582.—Receipt from Sir Robert Denys, Recorder, for his fee of 10*l.* Signed, “Robert Denys.” See L. 54, p. 44.

D. 1701, Feb. 11, 1606, contains the grant of the office of Recordership from the Mayor, Bailiffs and Commonalty to William Martyn,‡ of Exeter, Esquire.

In D. 1722, May 24, 1613, Wyll. Martyn is “Receiver [? Recorder] and a member of the Chamber.” With his seal and signature.

For Mr. Recorder [Nicholas] Duck, see L. 238, Nov. 9, 1622 (p. 77). For a covenant in his handwriting, see D. 1744, Aug. 1627.

* *i.e.* since 1559. *Complete Peerage*, iv, 261.

† Granted in 1564 in remuneratione servitii. Izacke, 132; Jenkins, 124; Freeman, 120.

‡ He was the author of *Lives of the Kings of England*, published at Exeter in 1615.

In L. 316, Oct. 10, 1628, John Walter [Chief Baron of the Exchequer] and John Denham* write to "Mr. Mayor and the rest of your Bretheren." "Understanding that by the choyce of your late Recorder† there is a place of one of your City Counsell at lawe at this present voyd Wee have thought fytt out of our respect to the welfare of your City (which may be much advanced by the assistaunce of a learned successor in that place to recommend Mr. Peter Ball to your choise to be of your City Councell, of whose sufficiency and ability to doe you service therein wee have had ample testimony" &c.

In L. 317 (dated Middle Temple Garden, Nov. 1, 1628), Peter Balle thanks the Mayor for "the choice of me to be of the Cittie Counsell."

In L. 442, April 27, 1676, he writes to the Mayor resigning the Recordership‡ on account of his age and infirmity. The letter bears his seal.

In L. 549, Oct. 15, 1764, Y. [*i.e.* John] Cholwich writes to the Chamber resigning the Recordership.

In L. 602, dated Heavitree, July 18, 1794, Stephen Hawtrey writes to the Mayor his resignation of the Recordership.

In D. 1220, Aug. 20, 1456, John Radford as executor of the will of Nicholas Radford, late Recorder§ of the City of Exeter, gives an acknowledgment to the Mayor &c. for 100s., being the annual pension granted to the said Nicholas Radford.

In *Act Book*, I, f. 50, Oct. 2, 1514, it is agreed: "that Master Pollard|| shall have gyven unto hym agaynst Cristmas for the good love and favor that he hath unto the Cite a hoggshed of Gascoyng wyne and 14 canon lofis agaynst Cristmas."

Ibid., f. 50b, Nov. 14, 1514: "that Sir Thomas Denys, knyght, [Recorder from 1514 to 1544] shall have lyke fee for using of the office of the Recordership as Master Pollarde hadde, that is to saye for the fee of the Recordership 4*l.* a yere and all other casualties as Master Pollarde hadde.

Sir Robert Cary.

L. 86. Oct. 2, 1582.—Receipt signed "Robt. Cary" for his fee (4*l.*).

In L. 89, Oct. 1, 1583, is a similar receipt from Sir Robert Cary for the same amount.

* Called "J. Denham, kt., one of the Barons of his Majesty's Courte of Exchequer" in L. 362, May 31, 1634.

† *i.e.* Nicholas Duck, died Aug. 28, 1628.

‡ He was appointed Recorder Aug. 21, 1632, and died in 1680. Oliver, 236.

§ *i.e.* from 1442 to 1454. Radford, p. 9; not 1453, as Oliver, 235.

|| *i.e.* Lewis Pollard, Recorder. Oliver, 236.

Inquests.

L. 88. Aug. 27, 1583.—The Examynacions taken of sundrye witnesses upon the death of Lewes Glavell of the citie of Exon Tayler.

The following is a summary of the depositions:—

Thomas Predeox of Ashperton, gentleman, examined before the Mayor (Michael Germyn) and Nicholas Martyn, justices, deposed that about seven of the clock at night on Aug. 27, 1583, he was at the Southgate of the city when Lewes Glavell followed him and charged him to have said certain days past that he (Glavell) did smell of ale. P. said that he knew him not, and G. said that P. was a very knave and did strike him with his fist two or three blows and then drew his dagger and again assaulted him. Wherewith P. gave ground, backed and was driven back to the place of one Collyns a cutler, without Southgate, and there was like to be slain by the said G. Then P. took a rusty rapier upon Collyns' stall to defend himself withal. He then gave back again and received divers blows, and went from P. again unto the wall of the late Graye ffreers there by Southgate, and never gave blow to G., but G. did run wilfully upon P.'s rapier, which he had taken from the stall.

Edward Winditt, servant to Richard Collins, cutler, was at work in his master's shop when G. quarrelled with P. After receiving two blows, P., who was in the Inne Syde would have avoided, but could not. P. then told G. that he should be contented, for that was no place to quarrel, but G. still pressed him. P. then caught up the rapier at the stall and said: "Nowe I myghte runne through thee if I wolde," and prayed him to depart. Collins the Cutler then came to part them, but G. still pressed upon P. with his dagger, and therewith wrapped his cloak about his arm ran upon P., and in running fell upon the point of the rapier, which P. then had in his left hand, and so was hurted, and P. took up his cloak and went to his Host's house, which was thereby.

George Patrike, servant to George Scarell, baker, saw the two quarrelling, and G. said to P.: "Thou arte an arrant boye" and that he would make him a boy if he had him in the field, gave him a blow with his fist, and said that if it were not for shame he would draw upon him. G. then drew out his dagger and strake the said P., who stepped upon his cloak, which fell from him, and therewith reached his left hand unto the stall and took a rapier there and holding the same before him said: "Now if I wolde I might strike of thy headd or legges," or such like speeches. G. then bid him to do it if he would. Then Collins (who was an

old man of 75) came to part them, and had P. by the arm, but P. being in fear shook himself from Collins. Then G. ran upon P. to strike him with his dagger, and G. therewith was hurtcd. P. lept away from him, but G., "fyndinge him selfe to be hurtcd sayde he was killed."

Charles Holl, cobler, deposed that G. overtook P. and said: "You are a boye and you have geven evell wordes by me, and I will make thee a boye." P. denied this. Then G. pulled P.'s hat over his eyes and played with his nose and gave two blows with his fist to the head. P. then gave him ground towards the cutler's stall. After getting the rapier, P. again gave ground "to-wardes the freers wall," and G. thrusted at P. with his dagger so violently that the witness "supposed the said P. to have been hurtcd rather than the said Lewes."

Richard Collyns, cutler, deposed to the "sharpe speeches" and the "cople of blowes," &c. When P. got the rapier, he said "This coulde I doe and I wolde," but G. casting his cloak about his arm ran upon the point of the rapier, P. never opposing nor giving any blow, "and so running upon the rapier he was slayne."

John Helier, smith, was at work in his master's shop when he saw the two coming together from Southgate. "and were in greate speeches," heard P. say to G. to get him away, for he had nothing to do with him. Then G. "with his hande strooke the said P.'s nose upwarde," and gave him a blow upon the face with his fist. In the fight that followed G. pressed upon P. and wrapped his cloak about his arm and aimed to have taken the rapier from him. P. therewith backed and forthwith G. oppressed upon him most eagerly, thinking to have come within him, but he was then and there hurtcd by P., "and yet in what order or howe he cannot tell."

Then follow the names of the jurors (17 in number), "coram Johi Vowell alias Hoker, generoso coronatore," with their verdict, in which they find that P. acted in self-defence, with the additional particulars that the rapier was of the price of ijs. iiijd., that death was caused by a wound of an inch broad and 6 inches deep under the right breast, and that the fray took place "neere unto a wall there called the freers wall in the Queen's highe Streete next the Southgate of the Citie." At the foot is a note: "Concordant cum originali, Teste me Johanne Hoker, Coronatore."

In *Misc. Rolls* 2, 39, is a coroner's inquisition (1375) on the death of Cecilia, daughter of Walter Sampford, who was killed by a horse in High Street.

L. 90. May 3, 1584.—Inquisition taken at Exilond before John Vowell *alias* Hoker (*sic*), gent., coroner, and a jury of 19, showing that: On Sunday, May 3, 1584, between 12 and 1 of the clock at afternone one John Bedecome of Exylond, feltmaker, and Mathew Abbot of Exylond, feltmaker, servants to John Deymon of Exilond, hatmaker, fell at varyaunce and quarelled for and about the wasshinge and sterching of certeyn bandes and ruffes and immedyat apoynted to go yn to the feldes and that John Bedecome forthe toke his rapier and went yn to the feldes thereby named Bonnehay, and likewise M. Abbot toke a staff of 7 foote longe and folowed after yn to the same felde, where they bothe mett together, and the said John havinge his rapier yn his hand drewe the same and ranne upon the said Abbot and thrust him yn to the body under the right breste, and then and there felonously gave him a deadlye wonde of vj. enches deepe and one enche broade, of which wonde the sayde M.A. immediatly dyed.

Gilbert Sevell, weaver of Exilond, aged about 26 years, sayeth that on that day as he was walking in the ilond by the water side he over took one John Bedecome, having a rapier with him, and his wife talking together, which said wife was weeping, and requested her said husband to go back again, thereupon G. Sevell perceiving some quarrell towards did likewise request J.B. to returne back and to be quiet, but he said that Abbott had called him knave and said that he doorst not to meet him in the field, and as they were now talking one Mathew Abbot came towards J.B. with a staff 7ft. long, whereupon G. Sevell requested him to go back, but he said that he would first come and talk with the said J.B. J.B. then drew his rapier, and G.S. stood between them, but J. B. said:—By the Lord's wondes stand aside or ells I will runne the through. So G.S. gave place. J.B. pierced Abbot in the right side with the rapier, "and with which stroke the rapier broke a too peeces. And forthwith Abbott stroke him with his staff, but being redy to fall he dyd request G.S. to succor him, but he fell down and without any further speche dyed."

Richard Denys of Exilond, tucker, aged 30, deposed that at the time mentioned he was sitting in the street at the door of William Haywode, when M. Abbot passed by him, and not long after J.B. also, the latter having a rapier under his arm. As he passed along he struck Abbot and said unto him: Come on thy way. Witness asked Abbot what was the matter, and he answered it was for washing and sterching of 3 bondes of myn by bedecome's wyf unto whom he offerd *iiijd.*, but J.B. would have *iiijd.*, and as because he wold not geve the grote he said bedecome shold call him scabb. Witness willed that J.B. should not go out, but he sayd he wold go and showe himself for as the other wold be so stubborn that there shold be quiet with hym hereafter. Whereupon Abbot

sought a staff at his master's house and found one in the shop. When they pressed, the witness parted them, but seeing the blood to gush out he told Abbot that he was dethe wonded, and without speches after that tyme the said Abbot dyed.

In L. 96 (3 folios), June 5, 1589, is the Deposition of John Fawell, of the city of Exon, victualler, made June 5, 1589, before John Hooker (*sic*), gent., coroner, and the inquest upon the view of the body of Robert Haymon, lately slain in a street quarrel in Idle Lane.

In L. 98, 1593, in J. Hoker's handwriting, are the depositions of three witnesses, two of whom sign their names and the third is a marksman. They are bound over to give evidence at the next gaol delivery against Nicholas Haynes, who is charged with the murder of John Maunder, who was found in a dying condition in Southgate Street.

John Jones, cordwainer (aged 66), deposed that on Tuesday last in the afternoon he and one Henry Horabin went unto the house of William Corbyn, dwelling in the parish of St. Thomas beyond Exbridge, and there found Nicholas Haynes *alias* Norden, John Maunder and others, including the goodman of the house and two weavers whom he knoweth not, and they being and drinking together, Haynes and Maunder used much horseplay between them sometimes in and sometimes out, but such was the same that the good man of the house misliked it and willed them to depart and to go out of his house, for he liked not their doing and so they departed and came to the West gate of the city and from thence they went into Ffryers Hayes to the witness' house dwelling within the North gate, being then about 5 of the clock in the afternoon. And when they came into his house the said Maunder called for two pots of ale, and then Haynes and Maunder falling out in their former speeches, H. took up the pot and did hurl it at M.'s head and called him by certain foul names, such as the witness doth not now remember. Then H. drawing out his dagger would have stabbed M., but witness and Horabin took H.'s dagger from him, and M. said: "If you take away his dagger then here is mine also, for I owe him no more ill will than to my own body," and thereto delivered his dagger to the maid there standing in the chimney; and the witness desired them to depart out of the house, and desired Horabin to carry H. away, for said he: "I am bound in recognisance and you will seek my undoing." And so they two departed, but M. stayed some quarter of one hour doubting lest some warrant had been made for the arresting of him at the suit of one Palmer, a shuttlemaker, dwelling in the Northgate St. And more the witness cannot say.

William Southmead, of the parish of St. Thomas, tailor, was at the house of William Corbyn on Tuesday, Jan. 24th, when there came in Nicholas Haynis, hatter, and John Maunder, sleamaker, and others. H. pulled down M.'s hat from his head and did cast it upon the ground and trod upon it, and then going into the parlor they called for a fagot and for drink and there sitting together about the space of two hours, they fooled and cast drink one over another and used many such drunken parts, wherewith the company was aggrieved, and there also H. took M.'s hat from his head and threw it into the fire. Then M. being grieved therewith said unto him: "If thou have any quarrel with me meet me at any time here to-morrow—for if we should happen to meet now men would think that we were drunk," and with other such speeches. Then from thence they departed, and when they came to the Westgate they went to the house of one John Jones without Northgate; but witness leaving them at Westgate went about his business. And afterwards he came also to Jones' house a little before they came away, where he heard H. call M. rogue and he called him again: "Oxenhead." Then said H.: "These words are enough, if I had thee in place where to stab thee," whereupon H. Horabyn departed thence, but M. stayed behind, and after requested witness, because he said he stood in doubt of H. they would bring him home, and so shortly after they departed from Jones' house and went home to M.'s, and being come thither they knocked to the door but could not come in. Then M. said: "Come let us go over to my neighbour Nicholas his house," for both their houses stand one against the other. So he went over, but witness stayed knocking at M.'s door, and then standing there did hear M. call to H. and said: "Neighbour Nicholas, a can of beer, boys," and so entered in within the fore-door. Immediately he heard a sword flincke, wherewith M. would have returned, but the door fell close after him and immediately he cried out: "O Lord, I am killed," and then cried again "O Lord, I would my wife were here that I might kiss her before I die." Then the witness stood knocking at the door until M.'s wife came out with a candle in her hand, and he willed her to go over to her husband, "for (quoth he) I think he be killed." So she went over and witness followed her, and as soon as she was entered in the door she cried out: "O Lord, who hath hurt my husband?" With that he cried and said unto his wife: "O Lord, wife come kiss before I die." With that she kissed him, and he whispered unto her, witness knoweth not what, and brought him home, and as soon as he was within the door he fell down dead.

John Bawdon (or Bodon), about 8 o'clock on Tuesday last, was coming from the house of my lord the Bishop into Southgate Street, when he heard a great russhling in the entrie of H.'s house, and that M. cried out: "O Lord, I am slain." Witness asked of him who had slain him. He answered: "Nicholas Norden—For goodes sake let me speak with my wife before I die." And forthwith his wife being called, came unto him, and then M. said unto her: "O Lord, wife, I am slain." Quoth she: "Who did it?" "Nicholas Norden," said he. "O Lord," said she, "where he dyd." Then said he: "O Lord, wife, let me kiss thee ere I die," which when he did they carried him home, and there in his entry he fell down dead. And further the witness saith that at his first coming into Norden's entry he saw it full of blood, but he saw no dagger, which M. had.

L. 101, April 9, 1599, contains the Examinations of Thomas Griffene, wife of William Griffene (taylor) and others concerning the death of Wilmotte Hooper, which took place on Jan. 25, 1599. According to this evidence, Richard Darte deposed that on Monday last about the Sessions week after Christmas, he went to see Wilmotte, who was sick in the house of Margaret Alye. He asked Wilmotte how she did, and she said that she was very ill. He said: Where with? And she answered that her master and mistress had beaten her, which was the cause thereof. Then he said: Do you say not anything but the truth? And she answered: I will tell you the truth, and whereupon it was. And she said: I was making of my master and mistress' bedde, and my mistress was in the chamber by trimmynge of herselfe, and her master came up on the steores and sayed unto his wiffe: Whie maye not wee rewarde our mayde as Griffyne rewarded his mayde? And Wilmotte sayed I thincke there is not any master or mistress that will beate there servaunte without a cause, and herewith her mistress dyd come rounde and with a waund dyd geve her aboute lx. strypes, and assone as she had done her master gave her so many also.

L. 145, Jan. 26, 1612, contains deposicions and examynacions of witnesses taken the 26th daie of Januaraiie, being Sondaie before William Martyn,* Esquyer, Recorder of the Cyttye of Exon, and William Tyckell [or Tickhill, Chamberlain from Sept. 15, 1601, to June 7, 1613], gentleman, Coroner of the countye of the same cyttye, anno regis Jacobi 9^o, as to the murder of Mr. William Peters [or Peter] of Whipton House, by Edward Drew of Fullarton, in the parish of Broad Clyst. For a summary of these proceedings, see Worthy, *Suburbs*, pp. 12-14, where the papers are said to be "very voluminous." They cover 11 ff.

* See page 55.

L. 225, June 26, 1622, contains depositions concerning a dispute in Southernhay arising from a dispute of two rival archers as to who hit the mark and took the prize.

L. 568, Sept. 17, 1707, has inquisition concerning Treasure Trove found in the Dung Court in the parish of St. Sidwells, viz. old gold and silver coins and plate to the value of 23*l.*

Letter of Sir John Popham.

L. 92. July 27, 1587.—Holograph letter of Sir John Popham [Attorney General] to Thomas Chappell, the Mayor, respecting the suit between Trosse and Levermore,* which appears to have gone against Levermore through partiality of the jurors. He intercedes for Mrs. Levermore, and suggests a compromise. "Yf you shall see and suffer the jurors of your Cyty thus to pass agaynst all treuth and agaynst your and their own consciences and trwthes you can but kepe Godes wrath upon your cyty.—Your lovyng ffriend, J. Popham."

Joachim Porsel.

L. 94. Feb. 15, 1584 [received March 11, 1584].—The Lords of the Council write to the Mayor respecting the robbery of Joachim Porsel, master of the hulk called the *Jonker of Dansk*, taken and brought into Plymouth on his journey from London towards the said porte. In his lodging at the Inn called the Sea Horse in that town there was imbeseled from the said John by the hosteler of the said Inn 45*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* in gould, of which 23*l.* had been recovered, and that the ostler hath confessyd onely of thembeselinge of 23*l.* which is now in your custodie, and that there is verie great presumption that the rest came to his hands or knowledge. With signatures of Christopher Hatton, Francis Walsingham, J. Hunsden, J. Buckhurst, J. Fortescue, J. Wolley, T. Perrot, T. Heneage.

The Armada.

L. 95. The Court at Somerset House. Nov. 26, 1588.—Sir Francis Walsingham writes to the Mayor and Aldermen of Exeter:—"After my hertie comendacions whereas I am geven to understand that at such time as ther was order geven† this last sommer for the settinge fourthe of certain

* *i.e.* The widow of Morris Levermore, who was Mayor in 1564, or possibly John Levermore, who was Governor of the Merchant Adventurers Society in 1582.

† For order (April 1, 1588) to Exeter and Topsham to furnish three ships (or two—*Ibid.*, p. 112) and one pinnace to repaire to Sir Francis Drake at Plimmouth by April 25, see *Acts of Privy Council*, XVI, 9, to which Exeter pleaded "wante of sufficient habilytye to yeild such contributions for the provision and furniture of the said shippes and pinnaces," *Ibid.*, XVI, 55 (May 9, 1588), though by April 11, 1588, they had furnished one ship and one pinnace (*Cal. Dom.*, 1581–1590, p. 475). and on July 16, 1588, the Mayor, John Periam, urged that the charge might be lessened—(*Ibid.*, p. 503). For Exeter's contribution see fly-leaf in *Act Book*, V, with particulars of the arming of the *Bartholomew*, the *Rose* and the *Guise*, in *Book 55*, f. 179b; also *Devon. Assoc. Trans.*, xlv, 218.

shippes out of your Citie yt appeirethe that emongst others you tooke a man of warre, beinge a shippe appertayning unto Mr. George Rawley,* making agreement with him for the furnishing and setting of her fourthe for her Majesties service, but now that the said Mr. Rawley demaundethe satisfaction from you for the said composicion which you made with him for the said shippe, you refuse to yeld him that contentment which ys dew unto him in that behalfe ffor as much as the matter ys so reasonable which he claymeth of you and that I have staid him from acquaynting their Lordships with your slacknes herein upon the perswation I have that this my own letter shall sufficientlie prevaile with you without occasioning him to use any furthur sute, which would be to your molestacion. I shall therfore praie you to consult together and take order emongst yourselfs that the seut maie (*sic*) answered of so muche as you have promised to yeld unto him without any more delaye. And so I bid you hartelie farewell.—Your loving frende, Fra. Walsingham.” *Endorsed* : Recd. this Letter by hands of John Dyer, the xvijth of December, 1588.

In *Act Book*, IV., *f.* 285*b*, June 17, 1588, it is agreed that Mr. Herte (*see p.* 78) shall deale with Mr. Secretarie Walsingham concerninge a new supplie to be made of a new victualinge required by the Lord Admyrall his letters.

In *Act Book*, IV., *f.* 288, July 3, 1588, the Chamber agree : that where there was provyded at the charge of the cytie a good Quantitie of Rye for the provysion of the Cytie for sundrye causes as well for doubte of Invasion of the Enemeyes as also for to beate downe the pryse of corne and now the same rye is to be despatched awaye and newe to be taken in yf nede require and shalbe thought necessarie. That therefore the order and disposition of the said corne and dyspatche shalbe referred to the discrecion of Mr. Maior, Mr. Nicholas Martyn, Mr. Prouze and Mr. Thomas. The same to be done with as much convenient spede as may be.

Posts.

In *Book 55*, *f.* 181, London, June 6, 1589, Thomas Raindolls, Controller and Master of her Majesty's Posts, writes to the Chamber :—

“After my very hartye comendations. The lordes of her Maiestyes most honorabell privye Counsell beinge geven to understande of the greate abuses dailey comitted by sondrye rydinge in poste in the Countereys and places as they passe betwene the courte and Plimouthe contrarye to her maiestyes gracious pleasure that tendereth no thinge elsse then the disquietinge and evell usinge of her lovinge subiectes, have

* He was the eldest brother of Sir Walter Raleigh. Brushfield, *Raleghana*, 14.

thoughte it good in their wisdomes to beethinke them of the beste and rediest meanes and howe to meete with theis disorders and there uppon directinge their letters unto mee the master of her maiestyes postes have willed mee to signifie unto all the magistrates and speciall officers of the Townes where heretofore Postes have been layde westwarde, and the Justices of the Peace next adioyninge. That wheras the postes or parties rydinge in poste have usuallye payde unto after the rate of one peny the myle, sometymes lesse and at the moste bute three halfe pence, and wilfullye taken mens horses forther then a due stage, charginge them with cariges and burdens verey unreasonable: Nowe from hencefourthe after the recepte of this letter it shalbe lawfull for the parties whose horses shalbe taken to ryde in poste to demaunde and take of the ryder after the rate of twoo pence the myle for everye horse and the same to aske and receive at the firste delyvery of his horse, who also shall bee rydden forther then the next appointed stage, nor carey anye burden besydes the Ryder that shall exceed the waighte of fortie poundes withoute the hyers (*sic*) or owners good lykinge and consent, any Orders or ordinaunces imprinted or sett downe by ther lordshippes heretofore not with standinge. This being their lordshippes pleasure and honorable meaninge for the relefe of the countrie for the presente untill her Maiestye maye convenientlye bee movied for some allowaunce of wages by the daye and so signified unto mee I have thoughte it expedient to certefye the same unto youe and everye of youe whome it shall concerne and with all in their lordshippes name to requier youe that Order bee forthwith taken in your severall Townes or villages that some discrete and able personne bee appointed to attend the service, assisted and releved by youe and the voluntary contribution of the Counterey next youe as to his travell and the necessetye of the service shalbe founde expedient. And uppon anye disorder herin offered or arisinge to take the advice and assistaunce of the Justices of the Peace next adioyninge, by whom ther lordshippes pleasure is that your endevors shalbe speciallye favored and fortheride as need shall requier. London, this *vith* of June, 1589.—Your very lovinge ffrende, Thomas Raindolls, Controwler and Master of her Maiestyes Postes.”

Places heretofore allowed and nowe also appoynted for ordinary Stages for Postes layde towards Plimouthe, viz. :—London : 15, Stanes ; 16, Hartford bridge ; 8, Basingstocke ; 15, Andivor, 15, Sailsburye ; 18, Shaftesburye ; 12, Shirborne ; 12, Crookhorne ; 15, Honyton ; 13, Exeter ; 16, Ashburton ; 18, Plimouth.

L. 329. Whitehall, Nov. 21, 1629.—The Lords of the Council write to the Lord Mayor of London and the Mayors of Salisbury, Exeter and Plymouth. Whereas his Maiesties posts of the Westernne Stages from London to Plymouth have propounded unto us [see *Cal. Dom.*, 1629–1631, p. 199] that

for the better dispatch both of his Maiesties service and the common good of others they would undertake the speedye dispatch of all privat letters weakly from London to Plymouth and from Plymouth to London, besydes the faithfull delivery of all Letters and Dispatches of other business upon the road and 20 myles out of the road if neede shall requier; And to provide post horses for all that will ryde with the Letters for single post paye from stage to stage (*viz.*) for twod. *ob.* the myle without further charge except *4d.* to the guide for returne of his horse. Which course for the reasones aforesaid wee doe very well approve of. And therefore for their better encouragement and cheerfull p'ceedings in the operation of their said undertakinge wee doe hartely intreat the Lord Mayor of London and the Maiors of Salisburye, Exeter and Plymouth and every of them and all others whom it may concerne (and the rather for that by this course the said posts shall be the better enabled to p'forme his Maiesties service), not only to p'mitt and suffer the said posts and their agents from hencefourth to Imploye and address themselves to the p'formance and operation of the service aforesaid without any of your oppositions or contradictions, but also to countenance and encourage them therein and to be assistinge unto them as occasion shall requier for the furtherance of the said service, and so not doubting, &c.

Maimed Soldiers.

L. 99. Greenwich, Aug. 20, 1594.—The Lords of the Council command the Mayor to relieve the bearer, William Prigs, a native of Exeter, who has done good service and received “hurts and maimes” in the Queen’s service in the wars of France and the Low Countries and elsewhere, on the certificate of Sir Roger Williams and others as to his good service. With signatures of W. Burghley, the Earl of Essex [Robert Devereux], Howard [*i.e.* Charles Lord Howard of Effingham], Robert Cecyll [son of William Lord Burghley], J. Wolley, J. Buckehurst, W. Cobham, and H. Fletcher [? as secretary apart from the others].

In L. 121, Whitehall, May 31, 1607, the Lords of the Council command the Mayor &c. to pay to Margaret Harrys, late wife of John Harrys, deceased, the arrears of three years’ pension of four marks yearly due at the time of his death, to the said Harrys (as a maimed soldier) out of the City of Exeter, which had not been claimed by him because he was sick in London.

In L. 122, Sept. 8, 1607, is a certificate of the death of the said Harrys at Newington, Surrey, on Lady Day last past.

Dearth of Corn.

L. 100. Columb John, March 5, 1595.—John Aclande writes to the Mayor &c. :—“After my harty commendacions &c.

Whereas you write unto me that there is not sufficient care taken accordinge to Her Majesties and her most honorable privie councylls directions* for provision of convenient store of corne for your marketts of Exon by meanes whereof they are lately risen vjd. or viijd. in a boshell, and yett not sufficient brought in to serve your torne and therefore doe request me to see redresse thereof to be made with all convenient speede. Trewly I am verry sorry that yt so falleth out and muste excuse myselfe therein for that my occasyions have lately beene suche at Londone as I have not at all by meanes of my absence intermelled with those services, but am and wilbe allwaies redy to yeald my beste and uttermost endeouvre to procure your marketts to be thoroughly served as appertaineth and to doe your cyty any further good I cane, but you knowe this matter lyeth not in me alone, which yf yt did I woulde I ashewre you verry redily see yt reformed, and will uppon Sunday next, God willinge, be at Exeter in the morninge purposely to conferr with Sir Thomas Dennys and some other justices of peace of these partes for some speedy redresse to be taken therein. And soe with my verry hartly commendacions doe leave you to God: from Collom Jhon, &c.—Your frinde ashewred to use, John Aclande.

Good Mr. Maior, I cannot but yealde you verry hartly thancks for dealinge so well and consyonably with my neighbours your tenants, for which noe doubt God will reward you.

I learne by Bennett that in the note I sente you I sett downe for his office but xxxli., which I ashewre you was by me mistaken, for I mente to have written xxxvli. as the trewth was."

For "the severall accomptes of the Rye solde at St. John's," see Hooker's *List*, No. 40.

In D. 1710, 1711, Nov. 4, 1608, the Chamber enters into a contract with Simon Leach for the supply of 4,000 bushels of "sweete, good, holsome and marchantable rye" at 5s. 3d. a bushel, for the relief of the poor of the city.

In L. 133 (undated) (? 1609), is a notice from the Chamber desiring subscriptions of French rye and corn for the relief of the poor on account of the scarcity of corn.

L. 132, Jan. 31, 1610, contains a proclamation sent from the Lords of the Council to the Mayor &c., to prevent the making of "soe needles a commodite as starch" because it increases the scarcity of corn.

In L. 284, Collumpton, Oct. 5, 1625, Dr. Bartholomew Goche sends 20*l.* to the Mayor for the relief of the poor distressed people of Exeter. "Receive yt I beseech you from him

* *i.e.* in 1594. See *Acts of Privy Council*, XXV, pp. 8, 26.

that will ever wish well to your town and Rest your loving poore frend, Bar. Goche."

In L. 333, Whitehall, June 13, 1630, the Lords of the Council, on account of the scarcity of corn, command the Mayor, &c., to prohibit the exportation of it, to limit the amount to be made into malt, to suppress the unnecessary number of alehouses, to put in execution the laws against brewing of strong ale in Alehouses, against Ingrossers and Forestallers of corn, &c. [See *Cal. Dom.*, 1629-1631, p. 281; Rymer, VIII, iii., 106; Izacke, 153.]

In D. 1757, March 20, 1640, the Chamber agree to spend 200*l.* to provide "Seacole" for the poor of the city.

Poor Prisoners.

L. 102, Nov. 18, 1599, has a receipt for 20*s.* by the hands of John Martyn for the Tresorers of the poor of the Cytie for "one yeris exhybycon collected towards the releefe of the poor prisoners in her Majesties benche and Marshalsey ended at Michaelmas last. Signed, J. Popham." [See L. 92. p. 63.]*

Foreigners.

L. 104. Undated [? *circ.* 1599].—Petition of the inhabitants and freemen of Exeter to the Chamber complaining that foreigners inhabitants in Powderham, Dawlish, Exmouth, Kenton, Toppisham and other places intrude upon them bringing salt to the city by land from the said places and "selle the same before our owne dores in greate vessells and bagges, allurynge and callyng our customes from us, saying they will selle better cheape then ourselves." The petitioners pray that salt shall only be brought to the city by water, and that if foreigners are allowed to "intrude upon us" they may have a place set apart for them and be compelled to use measures.

In L. 386 (undated, ? *circ.* 1640), the freemen of Exeter petition the Chamber that foreigners may be prevented from selling by retail in the city, and suggest (in L. 387), that "the hygher roome of Sent Johns be ordenyd to be a store as a roome annyxt unto the New In halle (*see* L. 147), to reseve all wols brought unto thys Cyttaye by foreners."

In L. 385, Nov. 17, 1640, the apprentices of Exeter complain to the Chamber that persons who serve no apprenticeship

* For Commissioners for poor prisoners, April 27, 1598, see *Acts of Privy Council*, XXXVIII, 423. For letters from the Council on behalf of prisoners for debt, April 9, June 10, 19, 1600, see *Ibid.*, XXX, 240, 371, 392. For gifts of Laurence Seldon under his will in 1598 to poor people in the prisons of the city and castle of Exeter, see *Report on Charities*, p. 302.

are made free of the city and that they are much injured by that custom. "Whereas an Apprentice is to serve 8 or 9 years, and some more, for the havinge of that liberty and freedom, others are taken in for a small some of money or for favor and made free and thereby bereave us of our Trades and priviledges."

In L. 441 (undated, ? 1674), the Freemen, "many of them by longe and harde Apprenticeshipps, others with their moneys, have dearily purchased the freedom of this oure famous Citty," petition against foreigners being allowed to keep shops in the city.

For bye-laws (1686), respecting the punishment of foreigners residing in the city, see *Miscellaneous Papers*.

In L. 519 (? *circ.* 1750), the incorporated Butchers of Exeter petition the Chamber that foreign butchers shall be limited to their accustomed hours.

In L. 543 (dated Bristol, July 21, 1701), Matthew Brickdat forwards to Mr. William Williams a note as to the mode of procedure at Bristol in foreign attachments.

In *Misc. Rolls* 2 (47) is a verdict that it is lawful for foreigners, to sell "alea et cepe," in houses and outside. Also an order [*ibid.* 2, (48)], that free butchers being partners with foreign butchers are to pay custom.

Vagabonds, Carriers, &c.

L. 105 (*temp.* Elizabeth).—Fragment (much torn) of a printed order of the Lord Mayor of London requiring "all vagabondes, sturdy beggars, idle persones, masterles men* and roges of what kynde, age or sorte soever they be" to departe the city within 8 days, also forbidding carriers† to bring "any boyes, maydes, children, lame, poore in" and leave them within the city being unprovided for, and that sand of the river is at least as good for building as any sand of the field or other sand.

D. 1655, April 27, 1590, contains a licence from the Mayor and Justices of the Peace to all Justices, Mayors, Sheriffs &c. for one Thomas Tyrrell of Exeter, "beinge a man of honest conversacion and livinge and who dothe daylye furnishe the marquettes here to be a common drover, badger, kydder, carier and transporter of butter and cheese in such sheres, counties and places where it hath been wonte yn tymes paste.

* This phrase does not occur in the Statutes of 1547, 1572 or 1598. *Stat.*, IV, 7, 593, 899.

† See *Stat.*, IV, 149.

In L. 552, dated Hawker's Office, Sept. 9, 1765, A. Cracherod* writes to Thomas Hayman, esquire, concerning Hawkers' Licences.

City Mills.

L. 106. July 14, 1600.—Anthony Coplestone writes to the Mayor concerning a dispute respecting the water not being permitted to pass Pyne's Mills in sufficient quantity to turn Duryard Mills and attacking the millers of Pyne's Mills within the City of Exeter. Signed, "Your neighbour Christian Brother Anthony Copleston."

In L. 173, Feb. 3, 1616, John Martin [the Chamberlain] informs William Martin [the Recorder] that "our cause against Coplestone is not yet heard."

In L. 415, Dec. 3, 1657, is a receipt by John Copleston from the Chamber for 4s., the rent of a tenement called Glosseford in Upton Pyne.

In D. 1702, 1703, 1704 is an award, March 30, 1606, in a dispute between the Mayor &c. and certain tenants, farmers and occupiers of the city's "Gryst, Tuckinge and fulling mills" in the parishes of St. Mary Steps and St. Edmunds without the Westgate, chiefly relating to tenants of the Bonhay [see L. 90, p. 59], allowing sufficient water to pass their mill to turn the other mills.

In D. 1585, Oct. 10, 1577, is a lease from the Mayor &c. to Sir Robert Denys, Knight, for 21 years, of two grist mills and one malt mill called the "Bonhaye mylles" and a moiety of the pasture of the Bonhay provided that the lessee shall not hinder persons from fishing or washing clothes or walking or taking recreation on the Bonhay.

In D. 1794, Dec. 18, 1694, is a 99 years' lease of the Bonhay Mills determinable on certain lives.

In D. 1843, March 5, 1758, is a surrender of the Bonhay Mills to the Chamber by Lady Frances Chichester.

In D. 1752, is a lease Dec. 22, 1632, from the Mayor &c. of four grist mills, a malt mill and [eight (see *Report on Charities*, p. 42)] fulling mills called Duryard Mills. For subsequent leases of Duryard Mills, see D. 1778 (Oct. 21, 1673); D. 1795 (April 16, 1695).

For yearly Accounts of the Bailiffs of the Manor of Duriurd from A.D. 1368 to 1724, see *Duriurd Accounts*. For a Book of the *Court Rolls* of Duryard Manor, A.D. 1620 to 1697, see *Book 182*.

* i.e. Anthony Cracherode, Solicitor to the Commissioners of Hawkers and Pedlars. *Treasury Papers*, 1742-1745, p. 49.

In *Misc. Rolls* 2 (37), Sept. 29, 1276, are memoranda of a lease of the manor of Duryurd, Cowley and Goseforde to Alured le la Porte for 10 years at a rental of 20*l.*

In D. 1374, April 13, 1511, is a composition between the Mayor and the Wardens of the Exebridge and Robert ap Howell, Rector of St. Mary Steps, "for the tithinge of the Tucking Mills" [*alias* "a fulling mill next Crekelpyt mill"], whereby the tenant of the mill is to pay 5*d.* *p.a.* in lieu of tithe. For the token mylles new buylded without the west gate without the Citie at the Crekepytt mylles, Dec. 12, 1559, see *Devon. Assoc. Trans.*, xliv, 217.

In L. 1772, June 24, 1659, is a lease of Crikellpitt Mills granted by the Mayor, Bailiffs and Commonalty. Similarly D. 1842 (June 28th, 1755); D. 1844 (Aug. 18, 1760).

In D. 1808, April 3, 1705, is a lease of six fulling or tucking mills with three wheels and six stocks near the west gate towards Crikel Pitt Mills.

In D. 1335, Sept. 10, 1500, the City's mill is called "Crekilpytt Mille," and in the same document is a mention of the fulling mill of Edward Earl of Devon.

In D. 1780, April 1, 1679, is a lease of fulling mills near Crikellpitt Mills granted by the Mayor &c; also similarly in D. 1783 (May 22, 1683); D. 1810 (April 3, 1705). Also of tucking mills below Crikelpit Mills in D. 1766 (Feb. 24, 1651). Also of fulling mills adjoining Headwere Mills in D. 1829 (June 2, 1727). Also of the Cuckingstole* Mills in D. 1771 (May 12, 1659); D. 1836, 1837 to a fuller (Sept. 11, 1733); D. 1841 (March 16, 1704); D. 1850 (Nov. 16, 1785); D. 1852 (Jan. 23, 1798). For agreement for rebuilding the Cuckingstool Mills, with plan, see D. 1849 (June 7, 1785).

In L. 411, Dec. 10, 1652, John Butler desires the Chamber to repay him 20*l.* lent to them in 1644, when he was a member of the Chamber† and asks that it may be set off against the high rent of New Mills due from him. For memoranda concerning lease of a mill belonging to the Chamber, Jan. 11, 1551, see *Act Book*, II, f. 194.

In *Act Book*, IX, f. 87b, Jan. 27, 1652, it is ordered that the mills called Taylor's Mills be forthwith sold for the payment and discharge of the extent laid upon the city's lands for the debt due to Mr. Rowe and his partners.

* In Exeter the Cuckingstool (see *Devon. Assoc. Trans.*, xliv, 222) was a "Skelvingstool," see Wright, 315, who quotes from Receiver's Account, 1357, *i.e.* 20*d.* paid for making "one skylving stool" and 8*d.* for conveying it to Crollediche.

† He was a bailiff in 1640. Izacke, 156.

Topsham.

L. 107. July 24, 1602.—Stephen Ridlesden* requests the Mayor &c. to shew cause before Mr. Doctor [Julius] Cæsar† why they deny to his “assignees for the measurage of seacoals, corne and salt within the porte of Topsyam, the execution of that place,” adding: “I wilbe ready to attend and yf ye shall finde that yt belongeth unto you I will surcease, and if it is dewe to me by my graunt I hope you will suffer my deputies to enioye it quietly, otherwise I must take that course which the lawe will give me leave.”

In D. 1254, Oct. 30, 1467, is a lease of “le Crane et le Key *alias* le Warf et le Crane de Topsham,” and a house called “La Fyve Selers,” granted by John Wode, Esquire, for one year (at a rental of 10*l.*), together with the profits of the same, except a fourth or third part of 8*d.* for every ton of wine, parcel of the custom of the city of Exeter of old time due to the Lord of Topsham.

In *Act Book*, IV, *f.* 152, April 14, 1567, is an agreement for the Cranage and Wharfage granted to Mr. Geoffrey Tothill (*see page 51*).

In D. 1623, Nov. 6, 1583, William Stubbes of Ratclyffe (Middlesex) gives a bond of 400*l.* to secure a conveyance to the Mayor &c. of “all that crane or key and cranage and sellers of the Porte of Topsham and the fyshinge in the water of Clyste, together with all storehouses, sellers and sollers, voyde ground and land, and also all fees, offyces, tolls, customes, pryvyldedges, prehemynences, lyberties, profytts and emoluments whatsoever to the said crane, key and cranage, sellers and fyshynge belonginginge” granted to him by Letters Patent of May 16, 1583.

In *Act Book*, IV, *f.* 285*b*, June 17, 1558, it is agreed concerning the crane and the mills of Topsham that the same is referred to be followed by Mr. Herte (*see page 64*), according to the late Instructions given to Mr. George Smyth in this behalf, which he has with him.

In L. 123 (dated from the Court at Greenwich, June 20, 1607) the Earl of Bedford [*i.e.* Edward Russell, 3rd Earl] writes to the Mayor &c. concerning a petition which is about to be exhibited to him on behalf of the inhabitants of Topsham, in which manor he is about to have an interest by a grant from the King.

In L. 124, Nov. 1608, Abraham Sewens of London and Hugh Morrell [Bailiff in 1601] of Exeter, merchants, complain

* Clerk of the Ordnance. *Acts of Privy Council*, XXXI, 16, Dec. 12, 1600.

† He was appointed Judge of the Admiralty Court, April 30, 1583, and Master of Requests, Feb. 24, 1597. *Acts of Privy Council*, XXX, 118, 320.

to the Lord High Treasurer, Robert [Cecil] Earl of Salisbury,* that the Comptroller and other officers of the Port of Apsham [*i.e.* Topsham] take excessive fees of merchants bringing corn into the country and take three bushells of every ship, alledging it to be his duty, &c.

In L. 128, Whitehall, April 27, 1609, the Earl of Salisbury desires the Mayor, Sir John Acland,† Sir Christopher Harris‡ and others to enquire into the matter of these "fee-bushels."

In *Book 51, f. 54*, are orders or customes to be observed at the Key, Crane or Wharffe of Toppesham and rates for the same, with the like for the Key at Exeter (*f. 55*). [See also *Misc. Papers*, 1700.]

In D. 1707, Oct. 20, 1607, is a lease of wharf, crane, cranage and cellars of Topsham granted by the Mayor &c. for four years at a rental of 20*l. p.a.* Also in D. 1785 (Jan. 29, 1691) is a similar lease for seven years, together with the passage of ships and lighters through the Haven at a rental of 800*l.*

Death of Queen Elizabeth.

L. 111. March 25, 1603.—The Lords of the Council inform the Mayor &c. of the death of Queen Elizabeth, which took place on the previous day [Oliver, 108], and command them to proclaim King James I.§—Your very lovin frends, Northumberland, Pembroke, Jo. Cant., Tho. Egerton, T. Buckhurst and many others.

Bonvile's Almhouses.

L. 112. London, Oct. 1, 1604.—Sir Julius Cæsar|| desires the Mayor and Aldermen to grant an almshouse in Saint Rock's Lane,¶ to one John Moore, a poor man of Exeter, and his wife, "being a lame and weake woman as it is alliaged, who are said to bee of your owne citye and there to have beene borne and bred up amongst yow," for whom suit had been made to the King. "I have thought good to forbear the procuring of any such grant from his Majestie in respect that I have bene formerlie advertised by yow or some of yow that the right of disposing the said almshouses is not in his Majestie, but in yourselves, as deryved from a graunt thereof made unto you by some of his Majesties predecessors, which being so I would not willinglie impeach." He then asks them "to bestowe one of the said places upon the poore man

* He was then High Steward of Exeter. See L. 116.

† See L. 100 (*p. 66*). He was knighted on March 14, 1604.

‡ Of Launceston. *Cal. Dom.*, 1603-1610, *pp.* 16, 17.

§ This was done on March 29, 1603. Izacke, 143.

|| See page 72.

¶ *i.e.* in Sir William Bonvile's Almshouses, called the Maison Dieu, founded in 1407. Oliver, *Monast.* 404.

if any bee now voyd, or otherwise the Reversion of the next that shall fall.—Your verie loving frende, Jul. Cesar.”

In L. 131, Whitehall, Dec. 31, 1609, Roger Wilbraham* and Daniel Dun† inform the Mayor and Mr. Copstone, Paymaster of the Poor in Rocke Lane,‡ that the King’s Majestie, in consideration of his service, hath graunted to Nicholas Crompton, a poor soldier, “an Almes Rome ther in Exeter which is absolutlie in his Majesties disposicion as is alledged.” They require the Mayor &c. to admit him, they having refused to do so.

For the right of presentation, *see* Charter XXXVIII.

In L. 446, May 12, 1698, William Symon [or Symons, L. 457 (Feb. 25, 1690), where he represents the city’s interests in London, and L. 465 (Dec. 16, 1708), where he desires payment of his bill], informs the Receiver [George Yard—Receivers’ Accts. 9–10 William III; Izacke, 190] respecting the suit made to the Council through the Duke of Ormond, § for licence to remove Bonville’s Almshouses. ||

In L. 447 is a copy of an order in Council for their removal, issued from the Court at Kensington on July 15, 1698, together with a report on the subject by the Attorney General and some notes on the Almshouses.

Vintners and Taverners Licences.

L. 113. Dec. 29, 1604.—The Lords of the Council write to the Mayor &c. respecting the repeal of “that Braunche of the Statute of 7 Edward VI ¶ concerning the prizes of wines,” in consequence of which many vintners and taverners have incurred sondrie greate penalties and commanding them to cause it to be known that all vintners are to “make their repaire to the howse of Arthur Ingram, Esquire,** scituate in Marke Lane, London, so soone as convenientlie they maye, there to conclude and compound for pardons for times past and licenses to sell wines in times to come.” *Signed*, T. Ellesmere, Canc.; †† T. Dorset; F. J. Worcester; T. Northampton; Cranbourne; Thos. Burghley; W. Knollys; E. Wotton; J. Balmerino; J. Popham; J. Fortescue.

* Chancellor to the Queen, Jan. 23, 1604. *Cal. Dom.*, 1603–1610, p. 123.

† *i.e.* Dunne or Downe. *Dict. Nat. Biog.*, XV, 222. He was Dean of the Court of Arches and a Judge of the Admiralty Court. *Cal. Dom.*, 1603–1610, pp. 204, 323, 485.

‡ Or the Comb-rew. *See* p. 6.

§ James Butler, High Steward of Exeter from Oct. 1697 till 1715. Izacke, 191, 199.

|| The buildings fell into ruin in 1708. Oliver, Mon., 404, and “not the least vestige of them now remains,” Jenkins, 124.

¶ *i.e.* Stat. 7, Edward VI, c. 5 (1553), repealed 1 James I, c. 25, Stat., IV, 1052.

** Controller of the Customs of London, Sept. 15, 1604. *Cal. Dom.*, 1603–1606, p. 149.

†† *i.e.* Thomas Egerton, Earl of Ellesmere, appointed Chancellor May 19, 1603.

In L. 114, Whitehall, Feb. 11, 1605, the Lords of the Council write to the Mayor &c. referring to L. 113, and informing them that at the suit of the Earl of Nottingham* they have appointed Thomas Isack, gentleman, and George Leach, clothier, to receive the compositions and grant licences to vintners and taverners to sell wines in Exeter.

In L. 115, March 1, 1605, the Lords of the Council command the Mayor &c. to call before them all such vintners and taverners as have not compounded and taken new licences and to compel them to do so.

In L. 117, July 7, 1605, the Lords of the Council reprove the Mayor &c. for negligence in not enforcing the order in L. 115. If any vintners &c. refuse to comply they are to be treated according to the "auncient Lawe of Edward the first sometime King of England, and you are in your owne person to see their dores to be shutt up so to remaine untill they reforme themselves."

In L. 118 (dated Exeter House in the Strand, July 15, 1606) Theophilus Raysleygh, Secretary to the Lord Steward [Charles Howard, Earl of Nottingham—see L. 114], writes to Mr. John Prouse [M.P. for Exeter 1604–1611] at Exeter that he has delivered his letter with that from the Mayor and his brethren to his Master, and that his Lordship has written to the Earl of Bath [Lord Lieutenant of Devon—see page 10]. "I have herein sent you a coppie† of what my Lo. was now pleased to write" adding that he was unable to send the letter to the Earl of Salisbury [Robert Cecil], and that "my Lo. and all our Company toke horse at 8 of the clock at nyght (what time the Counsell did rise) at my Lord of Salisbury's gate, and rid 7 miles to lie that night. We are to take our Journey into Northamptonshire at Burghly, whence we shall scant returne this fortnight."

In L. 119 (dated at the Court, Feb. 22, 1606, *i.e.* 1607) the Earl of Nottingham thanks the Mayor &c. for the good respect they have all had to his graunt from his Majestie, which they have manifested in suppressing the supposed authority of the London Vintner.

In L. 428, London, Dec. 4, 1662, Sir John Colleton‡ writes to the Mayor respecting "my demand of Interest for my monyes disburst about 16 yeares to ye Chambre of Exon."

In 434, Sept. 27, 1664, he releases the Mayor &c. of and from all bills, bonds, accompts, debts, dewes, suites and demands

* *i.e.* Charles Lord Howard of Effingham (L. 99), Lord Lieutenant of Devon and Cornwall since Dec. 31, 1585.

† This copy has not been preserved.

‡ Agent for granting wine licences. *Cal. Dom.*, 1661–62, pp. 132, 377.

whatsoever from ye beginning of ye world to ye day of ye date hereof," where he is "of St. Martins in ye feilds in ye County of Middx."

High Stewards of Exeter.

In L. 116, May 8, 1605, the Earl of Salisbury [Robert Cecil] gives a receipt for his fee (10*l.*) as High Steward of Exeter.

In L. 160 (The Court, March 18, 1614) the Earl of Northampton [Henry Howard] thanks the Chamber for having elected him High Steward.*

In L. 167, July 15, 1615, Richard Martin reports to the Mayor that on Monday last he has presented the letter and Patent of Steward of the City to the Treasurer, † "to succeed his noble Uncle for a patron and protector of your Cittie; recommending to his Lordship's good acceptance your loves and good affection," adding that "you were not ignorant that the Cathedrall Church (with which you had some time differences by ther default) had a dependance also uppon his Lordship and had interested themselves in his protection," and that he "accepted ye message and your loves with as much gladness as kindness promising to deserve it by any or all actions which might demonstrate his thanckfullness and love to your cittie and receaved withall the fee of 10*l.* "for which I send you his Lordship's acquittance" [not preserved].

In L. 205, Nov. 24, 1621, John Prouse writes from London to the Mayor:—

"Sir, I must lykewise advertise you that I have followed my former sollicitation to have up your pattent from my Lord of Suffolke, but I find a strange alteration, for whereas he sent me word by two severall knightes at the former session that the Pattent ‡ should be sought for and that I should have it up, he dothe nowe awnswaere that he will kepe the same and demandeth paymente for three years past and this is his resolute awnswaere sent my (*sic*) yesterdale. Sir, there was a tyme when you might have had a better end of this busynesse, but it would not be intertayned for his Lordship did offer to wryte his letters to discharge the Pattent and to give you lybertie to make a newe choyse, which was not thought sufficiente, but I perswade myself that you shal not nowe obteyne so muche. Here the old proverbe is true all covett and

* For patent of his election under the Common Seal, *see* Izacke, 146.

† Thomas Howard, Earl of Suffolk. For his signature, *see* L. 289 (Jan, 15, 1626), granting a discharge in connection with a loan to the King.

‡ *i.e.* of his appointment as High Steward under the Common Seal in 1621. Izacke, 149.

all loose. I wish that my pen could have gyven you more pleasing matter which would have pleased me as well."

In L. 217, London, May 4, 1622, William Prou writes to the Mayor &c. :—I wishe in case of assistance you had a nother Steward at the Councell bord, where the Lord of Suffolke comes not.

In L. 220, May 25, 1622, William Prou writes to the Chamber that "it is now hye tyme for your worshippes to looke aboute you and speedilie to consulte and resolve to strengthen your Chamber with an assistant Lord Steward that maie in this tyme of neede stand by and backe you for yf this suite of our Bishop take succes your state and government will receive a shrewde blowe and disgrace which will greive everie well affected member of your Citie—be pleased farder to understand that Mr. Recorder hathe praied me to advertise you that yf the Chamber shall deeme It expedient he desires that a speedie letter be to that end framed from the whole bodie of the Chamber and directed to the Lord Treasurar [Lionel Lord Cranfield], whom he thinks meetest to be enter-teyned as your assistant Lord Steward. I know his affections inclynes to do kindnes to your Citie: This mocion I leave to your grave and speedie consideracons: and the rather in regard your adversarie is potent and hathe manie eminent friendes to backe his enterprises; wherein he hathe the advantage of you (your Chamber standinge upon bare feete and is without a pillar to leane unto in this daie of neede).

In L. 238, Nov. 9, 1622, the Chamber inform the Earl of Suffolk that they hear from Mr. Recorder Duck (*see page 55*) that he (the Earl) claims his pension of 40*l.* due upon his patent as their High Steward (L. 205). They beg him to remember that a year and a half ago they desired him to give up the patent because he was seldom at the Council board to assist them, and that he promised, if the patent could be found, to do so and desired them to choose another Steward, which, however, out of respect to him they have not done, and they pray him to reconsider his demand.

In L. 282, Oct. 4, 1625, the Chamber inform the Earl of Pembroke* that "att your late being in Devon wee were bolde to present an humble suite to your honour that your honour would be pleased to accepte of the office of Highte Stewardshipp of this Cittie," and they now send him the Patent of his office with the accustomed yearly pension of 10*l.*

In L. 282*a* (same date) is a copy of the Patent.

In L. 283 (dated from the Court at Salisbury, Oct. 13, 1625), the Earl of Pembroke writes to Mr. Ignatius Jordan

* *i.e.* William Herbert, who has been supposed to be the "onlie begetter" of Shakespeare's Sonnets.

(see L. 210, page 112), Lieutenant of Exeter, the Aldermen and the rest of the Council, accepting the Stewardship.

In L. 332, Wallingford House, May 22, 1630, Lord Weston [*i.e.* Richard or Baron Weston, Izacke 152] writes to the Chamber thanking them for the Patent of the High Stewardship of Exeter presented to him by Mr. Balle [*i.e.* Peter Balle, Recorder—see L. 316, 317, page 56].

In L. 367, Whitehall, April 18, 1635, the Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery [*i.e.* Philip, brother to William Herbert, *supra*—Izacke, 152] thanks the Chamber for his election as High Steward of Exeter.

For General Monk* [who was appointed High Steward of Exeter in 1662—Izacke, 169], see *Comm.*, CIX, page 13. In *Act Book*, X, f. 171b, Dec. 2, 1662: this day the Lord Duke of Albemarle his grace was by free consent elected and chosen to be High Steward of this Cittie, and it is ordered that a Patent be prepared to be presented to his Grace as hath byn formerlie to other honourable persons. [His son Christopher Duke of Albemarle was elected High Steward Feb. 1, 1676—Oliver, p. 216.]

In October, 1697, James Butler Duke of Ormond (L. 446, page 31) was appointed High Steward. Izacke, 191.

In D. 1820, Oct. 29, 1715, the Chamber appoints the Prince of Wales [*i.e.* George Augustus, Prince of Wales Sept. 24, 1714, afterwards George II] High Steward of Exeter, and in L. 459 (undated) they petition him [as Duke of Cornwall] in regard to a lease of houses in the Castle Ditch.

Weights and Measures.

L. 120, March 17, 1606–7.—Mr. John Prouse [M.P. for Exeter, see page 75] forwards a copy of an Act of Parliament [*i.e.* 8 Henry VI, cap. 5, 1429, Stat. ii, 242] respecting the charges for the use of the public weights and measures. *Endorsed*: From Mr. John Prowse, the 17th of March, 1606.

[The Bill recites and amends the Statute of 1429, but it does not appear amongst the Statutes of James I in *Statute Book*, Vol. IV. It was read in the House of Commons on March 12, 1607. *Journal H. C.*, I., 351.]

In *Act Book*, IV, f. 285b, June 17, 1588, it is agreed “that Mr. Herte† shall according to a warrant under the seale of the office of the mayoraltie receyve at the Exchequer the weights

* His portrait is in the Guildhall. Oliver, 216.

† Who was riding to London. See pages 64, 72.

appointed for this Citie according to the late proclamacon for the same, and that Mr. Receyver shall delyver unto hym *ixli. viijs. ld.* for the same weights and also shall give him *iiijli.* towards his chardge to be also paid and aunswered at his retourne for the residue of his chardge.”

In D. 1691, May, 1602, is a fragment of a receipt from the Mayor &c. to the Exchequer for a set of standard weights and measures.

In D. 1790, Aug. 30, 1693, is a similar receipt from Samuel Kerison, founder, of London, on behalf of the Chamber of Exeter to the Court of Receipt of the Exchequer.

In D. 1800, May 13, 1700, John Lyford, Collector of Excise, Exon Collection, gives a receipt to the Court of Exchequer for standard quart spirit measures.

Aid for Knighting Prince Henry.

L. 125, Whitehall, March 19, 1608-9.—The Lords of the Council send instructions to the Mayor &c. as to the most advisable manner of proceeding in levying the aid for knighting Prince Henry, the King’s eldest son.*

In L. 130, Whitehall, July 13, 1609, the Lords of the Council inform the Mayor and the Commissioners of the Aid that, doubts having arisen as to the liability of Deans and Chapters and other spiritual persons to pay the Aid, a new commission for collecting is issued and the present Commissioners are requested to send in the money they have already collected and to await further orders as to their proceedings.

In D. 1713, Nov. 28, 1609, is an order in the Exchequer for levying the aid for the knighting of Prince Henry.

In *Misc. Rolls* 77 (2 membranes), April 20, 1609, is an Assessment of the Aid for making Prince Henry a Knight, with signatures and seals of the Commissioners, viz., John Prouse (the Mayor), George Smith (*see* L. 237), Geoffrey Waltham, William Martyn (Recorder), Thomas Walker and Nicholas Ducke.

A Plot.

L. 127, Whitehall, April 26, 1609.—The Lords of the Council command the Mayor (John Prouse) and the Recorder (William Martyn) to send up one Ellis Cullum, who had been apprehended in Exeter, and who says he can discover and reveal certain practices concerning his Majesty and the State, as he pretends, of a high nature and importance.

* *i.e.* on attaining 15 years of age. *Rym.*, VII. 2, 164; *Cal. Dom.*, 1603-1610, pp. 494, 500, 502, 511. He was born Feb. 19, 1594.

The Unemployed.

L. 134, London, Feb. 25, 1609–10.—Sir George Smythe and John Prouse [M.P.'s for Exeter, 1604–1610] report to the Mayor that some "Exeter men have solicited us to assiste them in presenting of a petition to the Kinge that they might be sett on worke at home, from which course we have dissuaded them, knowinge this to be no tyme fitt for suche complaints when corporations are noted out by great men in publick speaches with disgrace." They have sent "these fellowes" back and request the Mayor that they may be set to work as they are desirous.

In *Act Book*, VII, f. 295*b*, Dec. 9, 1624, Mr. Levermore and seven others are desired to vewe St. John's house and to consider what charge wilbe needfull to fitt the said house for a workinge house and alsoe what stock wilbe requisite to sett twentie poore people to worke there, and likewise what yerelie charge wilbe required to continue that number still there and what they or the most parte of them shall thinke fitt touchinge the premisses and they are entreated by the Chamber to certefie to them soe soone as they maye.

In L. 350, Whitehall, Jan. 31, 1630–31, the Lords of the Council send to the Mayor a Commission with orders and directions "put into books* in print that soe the same may be the better published executed and obeyed concerning the administration of the laws that tend to the relieving of impotent poore people, setting to worke those that are able and punishing such as are idle or vagrant," and desiring him to send up a certificate of his proceedings in the matter.†

In L. 380, Whitehall, April 12, 1639, the Lords of the Council command the Mayor and Justices of the Peace for Exeter to confer with J.P.'s for the county of Devon concerning the steps to be taken to set the poor to work as they understand the trade of clothing is much decayed (*see* L. 199) and the labouring poor want employment. [For the Mayor's reply, April 27, 1639, *see Cal. S.P. Dom.*, 1639, p. 85.]

In D. 1767, April 18, 1653, are Articles of Agreements between the Chamber and Edward Pynce of Exeter, weaver, for setting the poor to work.

In D. 1651, April 11, 1589, Thomas Spicer, merchant, in performance of the will of Lawrence Atwill‡, conveys to the Mayor &c. as trustees for Atwill's Charity certain tenements and lands in the parish of St. Thomas the Apostle and a

* These "books" have not been preserved.

† For Commissioners appointed by the Crown on this subject, Jan. 5, 1631, *see Cal. Dom.*, 1629–1631, pp. 474, 496.

‡ *i.e.* Laurence Atwill of London, skinner, by his will dated Nov. 6, 1588, in order that the poor people of Exeter might be from time to time set to work. *Report on Charities*, 151.

message called Foxhill in the parish of Uffculme, near Tiverton. For a similar conveyance, see D. 1652, April 30, 1590.

In *Act Book*, V, f. 76 (1589), is a rental of lands given to the city by Mr. Atwill for the keeping of the poor of this city at work.

For leases of the property in Exweek, see D. 1605 (Jan. 20, 1582), D. 1658 (Sept. 20, 1591); D. 1661 (Oct. 20, 1592); D. 1662 (Dec. 20, 1592); also of land at Uffculme, D. 1673 (Sept. 15, 1595).

In *Act Book*, X, f. 27b, Aug. 4, 1653, whereas the sum of 610*l.* has been raised by the felling of trees and coppice at Duryard, and it being conceived fit to discharge Mr. Atwill's account with the same, and further it being conceived right to buy and set up with Mr. Atwill's money a workhouse for the keeping of the Poor of this city on work, a house was accordingly purchased [see D. 503] for that purpose, which belonged to the Treasurer of the Cathedral church [with details of expenditure], and it was ordered that Mr. Gandye doe bring in the two seales of 450*l.* and a note of 100*l.* into this Chamber to bee taken upp and cancelled, the money being paid in the manner as is above exprest.

In L. 575, July 3, 1771, Mr. W. Davy forwards a copy of a decree in the case of *the Attorney General v. Exeter* upon the scheme for the erection of Almshouses of Atwill's Charity. For a subsequent order, dated Jan. 16, 1772, see *Report on Charities*, p. 153; see also *Cases for Opinions*, 1773. For suit *re* Atwill's Charity, see *Law Papers*, 1784.

Custody of Orphans.

L. 135 (1609) is a paper entitled "the age of the children of Mr. Thomas Snow [a bailiff, A.D. 1600—Izacke, 142] of the Cyttie of Exon, marchant, decessed, anno 1609." There are seven children, viz., Grace, Ann, Prudence, Simon, Mary, Thomas and Joseph—the eldest born Sept. 21, 1590, and the youngest April 24, 1607.

In D. 1697–1698, Nov. 13, 1604, the Chamber gives a receipt for 50*l.* to Elizabeth Spycer, widow, executrix of the will of Christofer Spicer, part of the portion of William Spycer, one of the sons of the said Christofer, an orphan in custody of the Chamber under the Charter of 2 [*i.e.*, 3] Elizabeth [Charter XXXVII, p. 6], to be kept till June 24, 1608. For a similar receipt for 100*l.* on account of George Spycer, another son, see D. 1699 (Jan. 23, 1606). For Mrs. Tickell's suit, see L. 173 (Feb. 3, 1615–16), p. 102.

In L. 189, July 16, 1619, Isaack (*sic*) Bidwell, widow, petitions the Justices of the Western district desiring them

to call the officers of the Corporation before them to render account of monies owing to her late husband, who was an orphan in the custody of the Corporation—with a note at the end by [Sir] Richard Hutton* desiring the Chamber to make her some satisfaction or “to make some certificate to the Masters of Requests that his Majestie may no more be troubled.”

In L. 198 is an undated copy of her petition, in which she is called Isott Bidwell†, with footnote: “Referred to the Justices of Assize for the countie of Devon.” It states that her husband being left an orphan, “the Mayor and Aldermen of Exeter tooke into their hands certaine goods and chattles of his to the vallue of 150*l.* or thereabouts, of which she claims 23*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* as still due to her. It is there filed with a letter to the Lords of the Council, dated Exeter, July 28, 1621, written by [Sir] Laurence Tanfield‡ and Sir Richard Hutton, to whom it had been forwarded on June 22, 1621. They report that they have heard the case and do not think “that shee hath any just ground of complaint.”

In L. 264, dated Worcester House, Jan. 7, 1623–4, E[dward Somerset Earl of] Worcester§ writes to the Mayor:—“After my very hartie comendacons, whereas I lately received a letter and this inclosed petition [L. 265], with direction from his Majestie that I should write unto you in the behalfe of the Petitioner that you should thinke of some satisfaction to be forthwith given her or otherwise her cause to have a rehearing in the Court of Requests.” He therefore advertises the Mayor that “accordingly you would take such order therein that this Petitioner maye have no further cause to trouble his Majestie with her clamors and complaints,” &c.

L. 265. The petition referred to in L. 264. In this she is called “Isott Bidwell, widowe.” See also *Law Papers*, “Bidwell *v.* The Chamber,” 1615.

In L. 268, Westminster, April 24, 1624, John Prouse writes to the Mayor:—As touching your busynesse with Ge. Spicer, I leave the same to my brother’s [*i.e.* William Prouse] pen, who can Relate it fully to you, which I doubt not but he will performe.

In *Book* 51, *f.* 133*b*, are “Statutes and Ordynaunces concerning the ordringe of Orphanes &c.”

* He was knighted April 13, 1617, and appointed a Justice of Common Pleas, May 3, 1617.

† Probably the same as Isolda, Ysolda (*i.e.* Isolt), which names occur in D. 709 (May 19, 1293) and D. 940 (Jan. 10, 1367).

‡ He was knighted March 14, 1604, and appointed Chief Baron of the Exchequer June 25, 1607.

§ He was Lord Privy Seal June 2, 1616, and a Judge of the Court of Requests Feb. 7, 1621. *Cal. Dom.* (1611–1618), *p.* 345.

For proceedings of the Orphans Court, A.D. 1562–1697, see *Mayors' Court Books*, 141–145; *Misc. Pp.*, A.D. 1562–1650.

Exeter Trainbands.

L. 136 (1609).—A list of the names of such as are to serve with Pike and Corslett [40 names], with musketts [50] and with Collivers [10] [or “calyver,” Cotton, *Guild*, 44], with the names of the officers of the band of the East Ward, viz., Thomas Martyne, Capttayne [Mayor in 1618], Christopher Spicer, Lieutenaunte [Sheriff in 1595], John Blight, Auntient [Bailiff in 1608], John Lynn, and Josias Eveleigh, surgents,” also the names of the Drummes of the East Bande, viz., Radford Gill and John Morttmour.

In L. 257, Nov. 29, 1623, the Lords of the Council command [Francis] Lord Russell, Lord Lieutenant of Devon and Exeter [see *Comm.*, LXXXII, page 10], to call the musters of the trained bands in his counties and to send up certificates of the same and what quantities of powder and match are in those counties, with footnote: “This is a true copy. Fra. Russell.”

In L. 258, Westminster, Dec. 2, 1623, the above “transcript” is forwarded to William Prowse by Richard Meller, who desires him to deliver it to the Mayor.

In *Comm.*, XCVI, June 16, 1627, Francis Earl of Bedford, Lord Lieutenant, appoints Robert Giver to be muster-master in the city and county of Exeter. *Signed*, “Fra. Bedford.”*

Swordbearers.

L. 137. Middleton, Nov. 24, 1610.—G. Poulett, “upon that small acquaintance that I have with you and the friendship you have always showed me,” recommends his servant the bearer to the Mayor for the office of swordbearer. “Whereas there is a motion now in hande for the choice of a fitt person to be swordebearer to the City, he is one that you have known a good while and that hath dwelte in very civill and good fashion and hath served in very good places.”

In L. 146. Silferton, March 31, 1611, Bishop William [Cotton, see L. 148, page 47] writes to the Mayor recommending one Cranberrye for the same office, “being thereunto intreated by some of good sort and fashion, who thinke him to be the fittest man yett thought upon for that place.”

In L. 149, Coullom John, Sept. 11, 1612, Sir John Aclande writes to the Mayor and Recorder recommending Mr. Tobey for the office. “Your Sowrd bearer beinge as I am enformed displaced.”†

* For report of the muster-master of Devonshire forwarded to the Council by Francis Earl of Bedford from Woburn on July 3, 1627, see *Cal. Dom.* 1627–28, p. 241.

† i.e. Thomas Toker had been dismissed. Oliver, 244.

In L. 150, Coullom John, Sept. 20, 1612, the same to the same. "The undeserved love and kyndnesses which I have often tymes received from yourselves hath occasioned me to be nowe and then trobelsome unto you by my letters, as latlye upon the importunetye of onne Tobbye of Coullompton and his frynds, who as I ame enformed sursesothē to prosecute his suit anye farder." He now recommends Lennerd Cranburye* (*see* L. 146), as he remembers to have done before (*i.e.* in L. 151).

In L. 151, March 30, 1612, Sir Amias Bamfylde† and Sir John Acland write the Mayor and Recorder: "Wee are geven to understande that your olde servant Mr. Northcote is very willing to yelde upp his place which he holdeth under you, and that you purposse to make Choyse of some other fittinge (*sic*) to serve you in that place. Wee have thought good to commende unto you this bearer Leonarde Crambury, whoe is willing to doe you the best service he maye.

In L. 152 (undated), the same to the Chamber. The fitnes and desertes of this berer (unnamed) and the greate desier we finde in him to doe you service makes us once againe importune you, &c.

In L. 153 (written at Radford but undated), Mr. John Doddridge [or Dodderidge, M.P. for Barnstaple in 1588] recommends Tobias Rocabacke for the office, being informed by him "that for most iuste and reasonable causes best knowne to yourselves you have suspended your swordbearer from the execution of his office."

For the oath of the swordbearer, see *Act Book*, II, f. 189b.

In *Act Book*, VIII, f. 191b, Jan. 19, 1647, it is agreeede that Mr. Receiver shall provide and buy a faire newe Beaver for the swordbearer of this Cittie to weare att such tymes as he waites on Mr. Maior his Maistre in the publick service of this Cittie, but not otherwise.

Loans.

In L. 140, London, Nov. 17, 1611, Christopher Maynwaringe‡ forwards to the Mayor (John Lante), an order from the Lords of the Council (L. 141), dated Nov. 17, 1611, for the release of John Dickinson, "a minister restrayned of his liberty heretofore for some unadvised and undutifull speeches uttered by him against his Majestie and the State," adding: "I have no newes to write you but that yt is sayd how Pryve seales shall come foorthe and that the firste sorte of men that shalle

* He was elected Swordbearer Nov. 23, 1613. *Oliver*, 244.

† Or Bamfeild. He was Sheriff of Devon in 1603.

‡ Or Maniaring. For grant to him of the advowson of Rewe near Exeter Dec. 8, 1611, see *Cal. Dom.* 1611-1618, p. 98. Also of the manor of Bridgnorth (? Bridgeford, near Chudleigh), Dec. 21, 1605: *Cal. Dom.* 1603-1610, p. 272. In L. 163 his name appears among the list of Exeter citizens who are able to lend 20*l.* to the King in 1613.

lend are the lawyers, in whose hands there is oone thirde part of the coyne of the Kingedom, which I praye latt Mr. Recorder [*i.e.* William Martyn] knowe, thowghe I would nott have him oone of the lending lawyers (except) yt mighte come out of Mr. Edmond Parkes rotten bagge."

In L. 142, Nov., 1611, the Deputy Lieutenants inform the Earl of Bath, Lord Lieutenant [see *Comm.*, LXIV, page 10] that on Oct. 31 last they "did take (with Mr. Gyles Carpenter) a general muster of all our serviceable men, armor and munition," and "find them rather in better than in worse condicion then in former tymes they have byn." They send names* of "our trained soldiers being in number 400," and forasmuch as no deputies (but the Maior, Recorder and Mr. John Peryam, who ys an aged, weak and sickly gentleman) are now living, they desire that some new Deputy Lieutenants† may be appointed and among them Sir George Smythe, "he being none as he conceaveth yt because he ys entitled esquier and not by his name of dynitye."‡ They further add: "Many of the Inhabitants of this Cittie by divers letters from London were certifyed that such loans would be demanded, but the same newse was generally distastfull and unwelcome," and pray for more time to be allowed them to arrange the same.§

In L. 163 (1613) is "a Certificate of the names of those persons|| which are hable to lend money to his Majesty upon Privy Seales within the City and County of Exon," together with the names of such as Lent last and yeat are newly Taxed."¶

For the forced loan of 1627, see *Comm.*, XCV, p. 11.

In D. 1759, July 5, 1642, George Langworthie and Ralph Herman**, Collectors of money to be raised for the defence of the kingdom†† &c., give a bond in 1,051*l.* 11*s.* 9*d.* to the King to secure payment of the same sum to Sir Richard Gurney, Knight, Lord Mayor of London.‡‡

* The names are not preserved.

† For their appointment, Feb. 25, 1609, see *Comm.*, LXXV.

‡ He was knighted June 12, 1604 (Shaw ii, 133), but is styled "George Smyth" in *Comm.*, LXXIV, p. 10, where he is among the Deputy Lieutenants for Exeter appointed by the Earl of Bath on Feb. 25, 1609.

§ For a list of names of persons in Devonshire fit to lend this money sent in by the Earl of Bath from Tavistock on Dec. 13, 1611, see *Cal. Dom.* 1611-1618, p. 100; *Hist. MSS. Report, Var. Coll.*, IV, 91.

|| Twenty-one in number, beginning with Sir George Smyth, knight, 16*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* The rest of the amounts are 10*l.* or 20*l.* each.

¶ *i.e.* John Davy and John Peryam (each 33*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*) and Thomas Walker, "who informeth us of great losse by him very latly stayned and therefore prayeth humbly to be exempted out of this service."

** He was Mayor in 1652. For his will dated July 25, 1661, see *Report on Charities*, p. 35.

†† For Committee of Defence appointed Aug. 13, 1641, see Gardiner, X, 2; *Hist. MSS. 5th Report*, p. 40.

‡‡ He was impeached July 5, 1642. For order (March 24, 1643) to distrain for payment of this money in Exeter, see *Lords' Journals*, V, 669, which is called a "pretended promise" in *Cal. S.P. Dom.*, 1641-1642, p. 364, July 30, 1642.

The Fishing Business.

L. 143, Exchequer Chamber, Dec. 27, 1611, Sir Julius Cæsar, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and others write to the Chamber respecting the benefit reaped by the United Provinces by fishing with "busses in his Majesties seas." "The Trade of fishing (being the cheife pillar and support of those States) doth most properlie and rightlie belong to his Majestie if his subjects were so industrious and would take the same course that their neighbours do, if some course might be taken for erecting of the like vessells in England." They enclose a letter (L. 144) addressed to them by the King on the subject and desire the Chamber so send up some one or two competent persons to consult upon it at a meeting to be held on "the second Monday after Twelf night next ensuing."

In L. 144, at the Palace at Westminster, Nov. 28, 1611, the King writes to Sir Julius Cæsar, Chancellor and Under Treasurer of the Exchequer and others: "Having long desired to stirr up the myndes of our people to seeke to recover the Decaye of Trade in most of our Coast Townes by erecting of Busses in all the Coasts and parts of our Kingdom in imytacoon of other States our neighbors, some conceaving it fitt to proceed by a Joint Companie, some by a Trade disunited, everie Towne building and fishing for itself."

In L. 360, April 16, 1634, the Lords of the Council write to the Mayor and Aldermen: "Whereas upon former direcons from the Board some of the Marchants of that Citty with others of the Westerne Parts did come upp and attend us touching the ffishing busines,* we at that tyme had conference with them touching the Marchants affaires in France and of the disturbance which was given to Trade there, and some meetings and debates were held betwixt the said Marchants and the Marchants of London concerning that busines and some proposicons passed amongst them for the settling thereof." They now desire them to send up again the same merchants or others to proceed in concluding this so urgent and so good a work.†

The New Inn.

L. 147, London, June 20, 1612.—Mathew Springham and 18 other London merchants‡ write to the Chamber interceding for "our ffreinde" Valentine Tooker, who had received notice to quit his "newe dwellinge howse the Newe Inn," and praying that in consideration of his years and services some stipend may be given him.

* For the Society or Association for the Fishing—April 22, May 2, Aug. 1. 10, 24, 1633; Jan. 2, 1634, see *Cal. S.P. Dom.*, 1633-34, pp. 25, 42, 167, 179, 191, 390. *i.e.* for developing the herring fishery and excluding the Dutch from fishing in English waters. Gardiner, VII, 349.

† For Christopher Brodridge and Thomas Knott (bailiffs in 1634), sent up on this business, May 29, 1634, see *Cal. Dom.* 1634-35, p. 42.

‡ Whose signatures are all appended.

In L. 181, 1617, Thomas [a bailiff in 1620 and 1637 ; sheriff-1638] and Samuel Tooker write to the Mayor stating that their father Valentine Tooker has recovered 43*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* from the Chamber by a decree in Chancery for being compelled to leave the Newe Inn, of which he had been tenant for many years, and desiring that this sum may be paid without putting him to the charge of taking out the decree under the Great Seal. Notes are added in favour of the petitioners by Richard and Symon Baskerville.*

In L. 183, April 3, 1618, Valentine Tooker gives a receipt to the Chamber for 6*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.* "in full satisfaction, recompence and payment of and for the full and uttermoste value of all those selynges, stayned or paynted clothes, shelves and other goods, chattells &c." left by him in the Newe Inn.

In an endorsement to D. 84, Sept. 29, 1456, the New Inn is referred to as in the parish of St. Stephens.

In D. 1401, Nov. 29, 1527, it is identified in Moore's *Calendar* with a tenement in the East part of "le Egle" ; see also D. 1286 April 4, 1481, and D. 1318 (Sept. 16, 1493) ; though on what evidence does not appear. For "le Egle" see *Devonshire Association Transactions*, XLIV, 490.

In D. 1447, June 12, 1545, the "newe ynne" is leased for 58 years by the Dean and Chapter to Master Thomas Sothern, Treasurer of the Cathedral.

In D. 1488, Sept. 24, 1554, it was occupied by Edward Close under Thomas Peytevyn, yeoman, as a tenant of the Dean and Chapter. See also D. 1495-1496 (Feb. 12, 1555) ; D. 1497 (July 7, 1555).

In D. 1638, June 25, 1586, it is leased to the Mayor &c. by the Dean and Chapter for 40 years, when it is described as "on the south side of High Street." [See Cotton, *Guild*, 73 ; *Ibid.* *Gleanings*, 129.]

In D. 1639, March 9, 1587, is a receipt for the rent with the Chapter Seal.

In D. 1714, Aug. 14, 1610, is a composition with William Hellyar, Archdeacon of Barnstaple, as to a new lease of it.

In L. 154 (undated, probably 1613) John Howell [Governor of the Merchants' Guild, 1591 ; Mayor, 1599] and others write to the Mayor, Geoffrey Waltham [*i.e.* in 1613], and the members of the Common Council concerning the rates for the Newe Inn Hall and the duties to the same Hall belonging. They say *inter alia* : "We have also procured from London such Rates and Orders as were then established the 11th day of July, 1612," &c.

* See L. 172. Simon Baskervill was physician to James I and Charles I. Boase, *Reg.*, 85.

In *Act Book*, VIII, f. 167b, Aug. 30, 1645, the Chamber agree that "ann estate of 21 yeres of the Newe Inn shalbe made over to the Chamberlain, Mr. John Parr, and some others for the repayment of 100*l.* borrowed from the Orphans monie at one yeres end with reasonable interest, *vi.l. per cente.*"

In D. 1760, Oct. 25, 1645, the Mayor, Bailiffs and Commonalty assign to John Crewkerne [the Chamberlain] and John Parr a lease of the New Inn for 12 years.

In D. 1784, Nov. 24, 1687, the Chamber mortgages the Newe Inn for 300*l.*

In L. 393, London, Oct. 12, 1647, and L. 395, Bradninch, Nov. 18, 1647, are references to shops in the New Inn. [Both these lettere are printed in Cotton, *Gleanings*, pp. 130, 131, where the latter is wrongly dated Sept. 18, 1647.] For official documents dated from the New Inn, see L. 429, Aug. 2, 1663; L. 527, Nov. 17, 1754.

In L. 475, Nethway, Oct. 25, 1715, J. Fownes writes (? to the Town Clerk): "In order to have the Interest of the Debt due from the Citty to Mr. Drewe* and himself fully answered. Wee have bin Amused with Sundry projects for giving us Satisfaction on the Sales of New Inn &c., but all those as certainly vanish into Smoak almost as soon as they are proposed. This way of proceeding has indeed worne out my patience, and itt Cannot bee thought amiss in mee if I now press for redress of this Greivance since I have bin kindly admonished by some of your owne body to take care of myself in season ere this wound is grown too big for the plaister &c.

Piracy.

In L. 156, Whitehall, March, 1612-13, is a fragment of a letter from the Lords of the Council to the towns of Lyme, Plymouth, Dartmouth, Totnes, Weymouth &c., concerning pirates from Brittany.

In D. 1722, May 24, 1613, the Chamber of Exeter have fitted out a ship called the *Hopewell of Dartmouth* (80 tons), of which John Chafe of Exeter is captain, to pursue pirates in accordance with a letter dated March 26, 1613 [see *Cal. Dom.* 1611-1618, p. 177] from Charles [Howard] Earl of Nottingham, Lord High Admiral, under his commission dated April 4, 1610.†

In D. 1723, 1724, July 2, Aug. 20, 1613 [with a copy among the *Transcripts*] is a similar commission to John Chaffe to fit the *Amytie* of Plymouth (100 tons), press men &c., and pursue the said pirates.

* Probably Francis Drew, M.P. for Exeter, 1713, 1715.

† For his order to Barnstaple, March 20, 1610, see *Cal. S.P. Dom.*, 1603-1610, p. 593.

In L. 177, June 7, 1617, is a much damaged report by the Attorney General [Sir Henry Yelverton] concerning the London merchants trading with Spain and Portugal.

In L. 178 (? 1617) (much damaged) is the humble remonstrance and information of the said merchants, stating their grievances *Endorsed*: "The remonstrance of the Londoners unto the counsel board," docketed in an earlier hand: "Papers, letters, leases and other things belonging to the Chamber of Exeter, 1626."

In L. 179, Star Chamber, Friday, Oct. 10, 1617 (much damaged) is a copy of an order from the Lords of the Council respecting a new Charter being about to be granted to the London Merchants trading with Spain and Portugal. The Cities of Bristol and Exeter having protested against it, the Merchants of London are ordered to draw up in writing what they desire to be contained in their Charter and to submit it to such of the West Country merchants as are here attending.

In L. 180, Oct., 1617, is a copy of an Order of the Lords of the Council refusing to grant the Charter desired by the London Merchants.*

In D. 1750, Dec. 10, 1630, is a receipt from the Exchequer for 500*l.* out of 1,000*l.* given by the Merchants of Exeter and 500*l.* from the City of Exeter towards the suppression of the Algerine pirates.

In L. 357, Whitehall, May 21, 1633, the Lords of the Council inform the Chamber that a petition having been received from the Western parts [*i.e.* in April, 1631: *Cal. S.P. Dom.*, 1631-33, p. 28], praying for a Commission to fit out ships, all merchants on the Coast from Southampton to Land's End to contribute to cost, "complaining of divers spoyles and outrages done unto them and on their goods by the Turkish pirates," they are requested to send up one or more persons from the several towns to appear before the board and that they may not fayle to be here by the first of June to entreat and conclude about the matter.

Observance of Lent.

L. 158, Whitehall, Dec. 10, 1613.—The Lords of the Council request the members of the chamber to set good examples in their own families and persons in regard to the strict observance of Lent, enclosing a copy of printed Rules and Orders on the subject [not preserved] *i.e.* not to eat flesh in Lent or on Fridays throughout the year. [For order in

* For 40,000*l.* contributed by London merchants for suppressing the pirates of Algiers and Tunis, *see* Gardiner, III, 70, which sum Exeter thought insufficient, though promising (July 12, 1617) a reasonable contribution to the cost of the proposed expedition. *See Cal. S.P. Dom.*, 1616-1618, pp. 475, 476.

Council, Feb. 5, 1613, see *Cal. S.P. Dom.*, 1611-1615, p. 169, with similar orders to Cinque Ports, March 3, 7, 10, 1614, *Ibid.*, p. 226.]

In D. 1665 (1593-4) are 13 bonds restraining divers persons in Exeter that they "do not from henceforth kill or cause to be killed any flesh whatsoever in the tyme of restraynte of killing of fleshe."

In *Act Book*, VII, f. 203b, May 26, 1621, it is agreed "that warnynge shalbe given by the Constables of every ward unto all the cookes of the Cytte not to dresse any vytualls in ther houses on any fryday or Saturday."

Aid for the Marriage of Princess Elizabeth.

L. 161, undated (? 1612).—The Lords of the Council send instructions to the Commissioners for the levyinge and collectinge the Ayde due to his Majestie for the marriage of the Ladie Elizabeth, his eldest daughter.*—Signed, "G. Cant.," "T. Ellesmere Canc.," "H. Northampton," and three others.

The Charter of 1627.

L. 164. June 3, 1614.—The Chamber inform the Lord Chancellor [Thomas Egerton Baron Ellesmere] and the Earl of Northampton [Henry Howard, see page 76], Lord Privy Seal that they are about to petition for a confirmation of their Charters and the addition of some new powers [*i.e.* as preliminary to *Charter XLV*], and pray him to give countenance to their two burgesses, Mr John Prowse and Mr. Thomas Martyn [M.P.'s for Exeter in Parliament of 12 James I from April 15 to June 7, 1614], who are deputed to manage the business.

In L. 219, London, May 18, 1622, William Prouz writes to the Chamber:—I have made searche in the Roles of the confirmacon of your Charter in Queen Maries Rainge, but can finde none neyther hathe the same ben confirmed since his Majesties Reinge. Be pleased to take into your consideracon the necessitie thereof and to redeeme tyme. I learne of a graunte latelie made by his Majestie to the students of a fellowship in Cambridge for the re-edifyinge of their hawle and other offices in their howse, to passe certaine marketts, faires and confirmacon of Charters which theie by the meanes of certeine courtiers have procured under the King's hand and thereupon a booke is drawn by the King's Councill. Yf the Chamber shall thinke fit to undergoe the burden of the charge which this waye will passe with more secreseye, safetie and les charge then otherwise it will yf purposelie It be attempted now is your tyme, for yf It be

* b. Aug. 1596; mar. Feb. 13, 1613, to Frederick son of the Elector Palatine—Gardiner, II, 161. For commission for levyng the aid, Aug. 30, 1612, see *Rym.*, VII, pt. 2, p. 184.

hereafter endeoured as a particuler suite to his Majestie I know It cannot be obteyned under 1,000 markes, besides It maie receive stronge opposicon by our Bishop and his Collegiates when It shall be understood. My affections to this mocion are guided with care and providence to the safetie of your government and the ease of the charge which I do presume shalbe so providently husbandred as yf you inclyne to the mocion shall not cost the Chamber above 200*l.* I have fullie acquainted Mr. Recorder with this proposicon, who upon debate of my reasons and the readines of the present oportunitie to obtaine the same hath advised me by my pen to advertise this muche to your Chamber. Wee have likewyse considered of some pointes by waie of addicon to be added in the new Charter, yf It shalbe thought meete by the wisdome of the Chamber to be prosecuted, which I leave to your better consideracions.

In L. 311, [undated—Nov. 8, 1627, *Cal. S.P. Dom.*, 1627–28, p. 426,] is a rough draft of a petition from the Chamber to the King for a renewal of the Charter. In this they desire that the Mayor, Bailiffs and Sariantes may in future be chosen on the first Monday in September instead of the Monday before Michaelmas. That the Mayor may be a Justice of the Peace during his term of office and for a year afterwards, and that whereas by former Charters they might purchase lands and tenements to the yearly value of 100*l.* for the defraying of all burdens and charges importing the city, that amount might in future be extended.

In L. 312 (1627) is a bill of charges of Mr. Robert Tooker for charges and rekenyng made at London incurred in procuring the new Charter of the city, including:—

Imprimis 11*s.* 2*d.* for a supper made at the Kyng's hedd to Mr. Attorney and Mr. Hynde and to Mr. Chydlie, the King's sergeants, as followeth: For a sholder of mutton and a loyne (10*d.*), a fatt capon (2*s.*), a copell of robetts (8*d.*), 2 woodcocks (8*d.*), a dosyne of larks (8*d.*), for a man ys labour to bere thys to King's hedd (1*d.*), for bredd (6*d.*), ale (19*d.*), wyne (22*d.*), fyre (4*d.*), fruyte and bysketts (12*d.*), for rostyng ye meat and butter (12*d.*).

Item paide to Mr. Attorney for his labours taken upon the book 20*s.*, with 10*s.* and 6*s.* 8*d.* respectively to the two King's serjeants and 2*s.* for fechyng owt the copie of the Charter out of the rolls and 4*d.* to the Keeper of the rolls.

Item at a nother time I hadd them agayne at ye Kyngs hedd and then I delyvered similar amounts in fees to Mr. Attorney and the two King's serjeants, and this time he paid 1*d.* for a pott of ale and 1*d.* "for candell lyght," making a gross total of 4*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.*

Further items include 10s. to Mr. Attorney for his labours in overseying the booke at the last time, 5s. to Thomas Bonyfault for copyng out of the booke and for his labour at the Kyng's hedd with Mr. Attorney and the others, also 12*d.* to Mr. Attorney ys servaunt, for to putt his master yn remembraunce for our booke, 10s. for ye engrosyng upp ye booke yn parchmēt; 4*d.* to ye servaunts for the examination of it; 12*d.* to Mr. Chydlie ys servaunt.

Besides this Mr. Chydlie and Mr. Pollard each receive a fee of 20s. and Mr. Secretary a fee of 4*l.*

The Bodley Lectureship.

L. 165. May 7, 1615(?).—J. Bodley* sends to Mr. John Peryam† a copy of the will‡ of his late uncle, Mr. Lawrence Bodley§:—

Right loving cousen, since the tyme I perused my uncle's last will and testament I many times desired to give you a coppie of the . . . given and bequeathed unto the City of Exeter, but over ruling busines overmastering my desires I was commaunded silence untill this present day. At the length having gotten a breathing houre I have sent you the sayd coppie taken out of the will verbatim and word for word as they be there.

Then follows the extract in which Lawrence Bodley bequeaths 400*l.* to the Mayor, Bailiffs and Commonalty of Exeter to purchase land which shall yield 20*l.* *p.a.* for the yearly mayntenance of a sufficient preacher within the Citye of Exeter for ever, to be chosen by the sayd Maior and his Companie of the Chamber of the sayd Citye of Exeter, and by them to be allwayes appoynted to exercise and preach a sermon weeklye on the Sabbath dayes for ever in such convenient place or places within the sayd Citye of Exeter as shall be by them procured and thought most fitt and most profitable for edificacion," the said preacher to be "allowed for his sufficiencye and conformitie according to the law of the realm

* *i.e.* John son of Miles Bodley (*d.* 1595), who was the youngest brother of Sir Thomas Bodley (*b.* at Exeter, March 2, 1525, *d.* Jan. 28, 1613). For a letter from Sir Thomas Bodley in Exeter Cathedral Records (dated London, March 6, 1601 ?), see *Hist. MSS. Comm. Var. Coll.* iv, 91. He mentions his nephew John in his will in 1613. See *Pietas Oxon.* p. 19; F. W. R. Troupe *Sir Thomas Bodley's Father and Kindred*, p. 62. In D. 380 (Feb. 12, 1582) William Bodleigh, merchant, sells 2 acres of land called "Noseworthies Mead" in the parish of St. David's, Exeter (with his seal and signature "William Bodleigh"). In L. 414 (Dartmouth, July 3, 1656), John Bodley writes to the Chamber in reference to a house of his in Exeter.

† He was a relative of Bodley's by marriage with one of the Hones of Ottery St. Mary.—Troupe, *p.* 4.

‡ Dated April 12, 1615, proved June 3, 1615.—Troupe, 62. For the text, see *Rept. on Char.*, 250.

§ A brother of Sir Thomas, *b.* 1546 or 1548; *d.* April 19, 1615—Troupe, *pp.* 2, 42, 43. He held the prebend of Warminster (Wells) in 1580, and was afterwards a canon of Exeter (*Le Neve*, i., 179, 422). He was buried in Exeter Cathedral.—*Pietas Oxon.* 19.

by the Bishop of the diocese or the Archbishop of Canterbury." The writer adds: I found also written beneath these words touching Mr. William Martin:

Good loving cousen, Mr. William Martin, I doe desire you to be carefull amongst the Company of ye citeye for the performance of this my last will for the procuring of a preacher for the citeye. Thus, loving cousen, I have sent you the true coppye of the said Legacye. What is to be done herein I leave to your best judgmente, humbly beseeching the eternall God to direct all your actions that soe they may turne to his glory and your own comforte.—Your poore kinsman to be commaunded to his best power, J. Bodley.

In L. 168, Aug. 28, 1615, John Peryam informs the Mayor that he has written to Mr. Orforde [though he signs himself "William Forde" in L. 188] about the preacher, and told him that although his cousin Bodley's will only allows 20*l.* a year, the Chamber will make it 40*l.* by contribution among themselves and encloses his reply (L. 169).

In L. 169, Clysthidon,* Aug. 23, 1615, William Orforde writes to John Peryam recommending the preacher who brought Sir Valentine Knightley's† letter to him, viz., one Thomas Purselowe, for the Bodley preachership.

In *Act Book*, VII, f. 92*b*, Oct. 24, 1615, the Chamber agree that Mr. Gupwell and Mr. Coleton shall ryde to Monke Okehampton to vewe certeyne landes offered to this house to be sold for the provision of 20*l.* by the yeere to be given for the maintenance of a precher according to the will of Doctor Bodley.

In L. 171, Nov., 1615, John Periam, John Prouz and 14 others write to the Bishop [William Cotton] nominating Mr. John Hazard as Bodley preacher, and desire to know if any exception is taken against him by the Bishop. They add: "The reason whie wee make choice of him is because he is willinge to undertake the lecture for the yerlie stipende of Twenty Poundes, he having other Livinges amonge us in the righte of his wife, where he is desirous to live rather than elsewhere."

In *Act Book*, VII, f. 104, Jan. 16, 1616, the Chamber agree to nominate and appoynt Mr. John Hassard, minister, to be lecturer accordynge to the will of Doctor Bodley, and for as muche as this house hath offered or presented hym to the Lord Byshop of this dioces, with requestynge his Lordship to allow of hym according to the said will of whom the said Lord Byshop hath refused to allowe without any juste cause

* i.e. Clyst Hydon, of which Orforde was parson.—Boase, *Reg.*, 81.

† i.e. of Fawsley (Northants). He was knighted May 11, 1603, and *d.* in 1618.

to the knowledge of this house. Therefore it is agreed that a letter shalbe wrytten by Mr. Mayor and the rest of the members of the house unto the Arche Bishop of Caunterbury [George Abbot] thereby shewynge the refusall of the Bishop requestynge his grace's allowance of the said Mr. Hassard to be lecturer as aforesaid. And toward his charges in folowynge the same busynes this house is contented to geve hym *xli.* to be payd by Mr. Recever and he to be allowed therof upon his accompte. And it is also ordered that the said Mr. Hasard yf he do obteyne his graces allowance herein shall not have, nor may not expecte to have any more or greater pension or allowance from the house than the *xxli.* yerely appoynted by the said will of Mr. Doctor Bodley.

In L. 174, April 5, 1616, is "the summe and substance of the conference between the Bishop of Exon and Jo. Ha : att Silverton, April 5, 1616." The report is given in the form of a dialogue between H. (*i.e.* Hazard) and B. (the Bishop) :—

H. : My Lorde, I doubte not but your Lordship hath notice of my Lord of Canterbury's proceeding in the establishinge of Dr. Bodleye's lecture upon me accordinge to the Cyttyes nomination. Yet I have thought fitt to come unto you humbly requestinge your Lordship's approbation also . . . as also to free my selfe from those imputations that are unjustly cast upon me.

B. : Why, have you my lord of Canterbury's license ?—

H. : Yes.

B. : Lett me see ytt [and so he read ytt and sayde] What ! Chosen two churches, yn one of which there are two preachers allreadye ?—H. : These churches are chosen as being estimated the largest and consequently the fittest to conteyne the auditorye, and besides there is noeintention by this lecture to drowne any of those exercises that are allready established, but to have a divers tyme from them.

B. : Why ! is it entended that ytt shalbe on the Saboath daye ?—H. : What else ? How can the will of the testator be otherwise fulfilled ?

B. : The will names no daye.—H. : Yes, ytt expressly nominates the Sabaoth.

B. : I am sure ytt doth not.—H. : My lord, I know the contrary, and to decide the controversy you shall see ytt [and with that I shewed him the extracte of that parte of the will which I had about me].

B. : Why ! do you thinke that those lectures shalbe abolished that are there allready ?—H. : There is no such intention (as I have said before), but the lecture maybe att an other tyme of the daye.

B. : There is never of them but are as goode as yourselfe, and why shoulde their lecture give place to this ?—

- H.* : Your lordship mistakes me. I meane no such matter. But to leave this, do your lordship deny my lord of Canterbury's authoritye to license?
- B.* : I will not resist higher authoritye, but you shall never have my approbation to ytt.—*H.* : Will you suffer me to enioye ytt by the authoritye of my lord of Canterbury?
- B.* : In fayth I dare not, and besides I must see that assurance be given that the parisheners shall not be molested and kept out of their seates.—*H.* : My lord, I have nothinge to do with that. If any disorder be, lett the partyes delinquent be presented and punished; but for myne owne parte I suppose that this course is not agreeable to the testator's will—for his desire was that not only the people of the same parish, but also such poore people of the Cyttye as could not come to heare att St. Peter's might be present att this, ytt beinge a publick lecture and not to be appropriated to the inhabitants of any one particular parish.
- B.* : Oh, are you come hither to expound the will to me? I tell you 'tis no will. Will you take upon you that none of the higher sort come, but only the poore?—*H.* : My lord, I expound not the will, though the words therein be (As is thought most fitt and most profittable for edification). But I speake from those who were well acquainted with Dr. Bodlye's entente and meaninge in ytt.
- B.* : I tell you I will have order taken that the parisheners may keepe their owne places and seates, for they may sitt after some and so gett infection from them.—*H.* : To this I replied not, but sayde: My lord, accordinge to the 37th Canon I tender subscription to you.
- B.* : That needs not. I see you have done ytt before the Bishop of Canterbury and before me when I made you minister, and I much repent that I made you minister.—*H.* : But it repenteth me not a whit. I pray you shew some cause of rejection of me now.
- B.* : You are not of my diocesse. I am not bounde to give you my reasons, neither will I.—*H.* : My lord, yff you have any thinge to obiecte against my doctrine formerly taught I am here ready to answer ytt to the face of any man that shall accuse me.
- B.* : You have preached false doctrine [but would not shew me wherein, because I know he could not]. And beside (sayth he) you have been a companion with Trasque.—*H.* : My lord, ytt is not so, for I can bringe good testimony that I have twice publickly in two severall sermons att Lyme confuted the erroneous fancyes of Trasque, beside my brief notes I have yett to shew and I refere you to Mr. Knowles his testimony

of the truth of this the whole towne of Lyme can wittnes the same.

B. : Where are you letters demissory?—*H.* : My lord, I brought you an ample certificate from Lyme, where I have last made my aboade, and beside I have my lord of Canterbury's approbation.

B. : My lorde of Canterbury knowes you not but by reporte.—*H.* : So nether doth your lordshipp. You have no iuste exception against me.

B. : Yes, I know you too well; did not I make you minister, Sir?—*H.* : Yes, but uppon small knowledge both before and since.

B. : Therefore I desire letters demissory from your ordinarye the Bishop of Bristol or Bath and Wells.—

H. : He is not our ordinarye, for we are a peculiar—and I have been advised that I neede them not, seeinge I was made minister by you, &c.,—but yet yf that will give you satisfaction (yf ytt be thought fitt) I can easily procure ytt.

B. : Houssoever you shall never come in by my consent.—

H. : I cannot do withall. I hope I may by vertue of this licence.

B. : If you offer to preach before I see your letters demissory I will suspende you. And take this for an absolute Answer: You shall never have my approbation yf you will do ytt by vertue of my lord's licence alone, which you have procured, use your owne discretion. With that he tolde me he had donne, and so we toke our leaves.

(ffinis.)

John Hassarde.

Hugh Jermyn.

In *Act Book*, VII, *f.* 107*b*, May 2, 1616, the Chamber agree that the Citty ys (by the last will and testament of Mr. Doctor Bodley and by the reseate of the 400*l.* and by our letters to the Lord Archbishopp's Grace of Canterbury and by our seal to the said Doctor Bodley's executors, and by our owne Act dated the 16 of Aprill laste) Bounden to paye to Mr. Doctor Bodley's lecturer the xx*li.* lymited to be paid to these (*sic*) lecturer.

In *Act Book*, VII, *f.* 131*b*, May 21, 1617, it is agreed to have a Divine from the Universitie to supplie the place of Mr. Hasard in reading the Sabbath Day's lecture founded by Mr. Doctor Bodlighe, late deceased, and for that the pension allotted by the said ffounder is so small, amounting but to xx*li.* per annum, yt is farther agreed that every one of the fowr twentie for augmentation thereof shall pay unto him that shalbe elected ten shillings at the least p. ann. to continue untill some other provision may be procured for the increase thereof.

In L. 188, (King James' Hospital in Charter House,* June 12, 1619), William Forde (*see* p. 93) writes to the Mayor, Thomas Martin, respecting his resignation of the Bodley Lectureship and desires to have a house to live in besides his stipend. He excuses his delay in writing, because: "We depende upon the leasure of our Governours, who may not neglecte their weightier affaires of the whole Common Wealth for lesser matters of our private house."

In *Act Book*, VII, f. 174*b*, Oct. 31, 1619. This day an acquytance was sealed with Mrs. Mogrydge for the receypte of the 200*l.* geven by her late husband† unto the Cytte for the better mayntenaunce of the lecture ordeyned by Doctor Bodley.

In *Act Book*, VII, f. 185*b*, June 15, 1620. At this day George Tyckell, clerke, is elected to performe the exercise of the lecture founded by Doctor Bodley to hold and contynue the same for the space of ffyve or seven yeres accordynge as he shall obteyne allowance and approbacion of the lord Bishoppe of this dioces yf he lyve so long and do contynue the exercyse of the same lecture for which he is to have yerely xxx*li.* quarterly to be payde.

In *Act Book*, VII, f. 186, June 29, 1620. This day Mr. Amye and Mr. Fflay are requested by the house to ryde to the lord Byshoppe to treate with hym concernynge his allowance of Mr. Tyckelle to be lecturer for the performance of the exercysie of preachynge accordynge to the last will of Doctor Bodley.

In L. 266, Exeter College, Jan. 20, 1623-4, Laurence Bodley‡ (brother to John Bodley, L. 165) writes to the Chamber consenting to refer the matter in dispute between them concerning his uncle's will to Mr. Nicholas Ducke [Recorder, *see* page 77] and Mr. William Hakewill § (*sic*).

In L. 268, Westminster, April 24, 1624, John Prouse writes to the Mayor:—I knowe you do expect to heare what is done concerning Mr. Bodleye's business, and my hope was before this tyme to have sent you downe that Instrument which was promised long since to be sealed by the two brethren,|| which they have refused to do upon some newe scruple unknown to me, and the businesse is at a stand untill there aunswaere come up, which is expected dailye if they shall hold their first promise; then I make no doubt but to sende

* It was called also Sutton's Hospital, having been purchased on May 9, 1611, by Thomas Sutton, who died Dec. 12, 1611.

† *i.e.* Thomas Mogridge, of Exeter, by his will dated July 14, 1617.—*Rept. on Charities*, p. 251.

‡ Rector of Clyst Hydon, (*d.* 1634).—Boase, *Reg. Exon.*, pp. cii, 97.

§ Or Hackwell (L. 229). He was brother to Doctor George Hakewell (L. 172), and an executor of Sir Thomas Bodley's will.—Cotton, *Guild*, 38.

|| *i.e.* John and Lawrence Bodley.

downe the deed, if not I will acquaint you with what Rubb this passage is stopped.

In L. 287, Exeter Colledge, Dec. 27, 1626, Mr. Lawrence Bodley writes to the Chamber: Hearing that they are "upon a new choyce of Dr. Bodley's lecturer," he wishes to call to their remembrance that the testator's "desire was to have such a preacher whose piety and zeale should hold pace with his learninge and science." How farr your late Lecturer followed him either in that practise or in ye intention of his will I dare not say, but he heares ill abroad, and so doth your election in him, when I enquire (as I doe oft) of travellers to Oxford how it stands with my uncle's lecture, ye common answare is: "Alas! it is almost come to nothings, for either it is not performed at all or in much negligence and sometimes with scandall too through ye Lecturers deboishtnes." He trusts that the object of their next choice may be every way sufficient. [*See Troupe, p. 44.*]

In *Act Book*, VIII, f. 173*b*, March 21, 1646, whereas Mr. Mr. William Fuller, clerk, about two yeres since was elected* to preach the lecture heretofore founded by Doctor Bodlie, who hath nowe lefte this Cittie, it is this day agreeede by 13 affirmative voices that the Grante made to him shall cease, which is intimated by Sir John Berkley, our Governor, to be the desire of the said Mr. William fuller. Alsoe this day† Mr. Thomas fuller, Bachelour of Divinitie, is by full consent elected to perform the said lecture according to the direction of the said Doctor Bodley, to have and exercise the same at the will and pleasure of the Maior and Common Counsell of the Cittie and no longer.

In *Act Book*, VIII, f. 178, June 17, 1646. This day Mr. Thomas fuller is dismissed from further performance of the lecture founded by Doctor Bodley. [*See Oliver, Hist., p. 118.*]

In L. 427, Aug. 8, 1662, Sir William Courtenay, Sir Robert Cary and 16 other gentlemen of Devon (all of whose signatures are appended) write to the Mayor and his Brethren recommending Francis Moore, clerk and preacher in your City, for Dr. Bodley's Lectureship, "having a greate opinion of your forwardnes to advance the gospell of Christ by orthodoxall and conforming ministers of the Church of England."

In *Act Book*, X, f. 166*b* (Aug. 19, 1662). This day Francis Moore is elected to supplie the lecture heretofore founded by

* *i.e.* on Nov. 19, 1643.—Oliver, 118.

† Called just 10 days before the city surrendered to Fairfax on April 13, 1646.—Cotton, *Gleanings*, p. 108.

Doctor Bodlye and others in the place of Mr. Ferdinando Nicholles,* who hath of late deserted the further performance of the same.

In *Act Book*, XI, f. 62b, June 13, 1667, it is this day ordered that Mr. Moore doe preach Doctor Bodleye's lecture in St. Laurence Church once every Lord's day for one moneth nowe next ensuing.

For further documents referring to the same subject, see D. 460, &c., s.v. *The Rectory of Hennock*, p. 275.

The Virginia Company.

L. 167. July 15, 1615.—Richard Martyn† writes to the Mayor, stating that he has presented the Patent of High Steward of Exeter to the Earl of Suffolk (see page 76), adding: "I may not forgett to returne unto you the humble thancks of our poore Councill and Company of Virginia for your bouutifull returne of ther lottery booke,‡ which as it shewes your charity and love to honourable and religious actions, so hath it done good in example and advantaged our purpose in procuring more adventures. The coldness and backwardness of other places and persons in returning ther books hath made us once more to deferr the drawing out till November peremptorily by God's leave. Meanetime I reserve your adventures amounting to 97*l.* in my hands because by a bill under my hand I have given to my brother assurance to redeliver the money if by any unknowne (or unfear'd) mischance ye lottery should not be drawn, which I make no doubt at ye time appointed shalbe done—with right and order to every one's satisfaction and to ye benefitt of your adventurers, who best deserve the best prizes."

Exeter College, Oxford.

L. 172. Exeter College, Jan. 15, s.a. [but should be 1619, as Mr. Martin is Mayor].—John Prideaux, Rector of Exeter College,§ writes to the Mayor: "Wee understand by Mr. Farington of your exceeding forwardnesse to your citizens in the behalf of our colledge, for which howsoever it speed wee must ever acknowledge ourselves bound unto you. Two thynges wee heare are objected as hinderances—our unwillingnesse to preferre any of your citty in our house and corruption

* He was elected in March, 1654 (Cotton, *Gleanings*, p. 164), and died April 13, 1663.—Oliver, p. 159.

† He was appointed Recorder of London Oct. 1, 1618, and died at the end of the same month.—*Cal. Dom.*, 1611–1618, p. 589.

‡ For order of Council, Feb. 16, 1615, to send letters to cities to join in a lottery to assist in the plantation of Virginia, see *Acts of Privy Council (Colonial)*, i, 8. For such a letter sent to Canterbury, Feb. 22, 1615, see *Cal. (Colonial)*, 1574–1660, p. 17. For the 1st charter, April 10, 1606, see Gardiner ii, 51; 2nd charter, May 28, 1609: *O.P.C. Colonial*, p. 515.

§ *i.e.* since April 4, 1612. He became Bishop of Worcester on Dec. 19, 1641.

in the admitting.* But we request those that urge the first to take notice that Dr. Baskervill,† Dr. Hakewell,‡ Dr. Vilvayne§ and some others of good note were Exceter men. If Exceter men succeeded them not it is not the avernesse of our societye but the backwardnesse and negligence of such as come short of their parts, or will not use the meanes. Noe Exceter man (I am sure) hath just cause to complayne in this kind, nor I trust ever shall." He denies the charge of corruption, and will leave his place if it is proved. He hints that the city might do something for the Colledge, as Mr. Peryam|| and Sir John Aclande (see L. 100) have shewed you the way."¶

L. 187 [undated, probably 1618].—John Prideaux, the Rector, and other members of Exeter Colledge, write to the Mayor, the Aldermen and the Four and Twenty of the City of Exeter:—

"Right Worthy,—It may seeme strange unto you that Exceter Colledge should now after 300 years sithens it was built become a sutor to the City of Exceter to be at length finished. Wee confesse this might have been thought of sooner, but (as wee are persuaded) there was never heretofore the like opportunity and assurance of speeding. Wee neede not use as motives our Founders the Bishops of that Sea, our Colledge bearing the name of your Citye, the multitude of worthy men it hath bred received from you and returned furnished to doe service in Church and Country. These things (we are sure) you account and esteeme as somewhat. But if it please you further to take notice that Exceter Colledge besides the revenues it posseseth (meaner in regard of the company then any other Colledge) is also the most unseemely for buildings and scanted for lodgings, wee cannot thinke but that out of your worthy and religious disposition you would doe somewhat to bringe it to an uniformity which never before this tyme could be hoped for, and now by your good meanes may conveniently be accomplished. One vacant place is already of late supplied by the religious liberality of our worthy Benefactor Mr. John Periam to the glory of God, the grace of our Colledge and . . . further is now undertaken by another of our countrymen, whose work will make him shortly knowne to be never here after forgotten. A third space is (as it were) by divine providence left for

* For a letter written by him to Bishop Laud on the same subject on Feb. 14, 1631, see *Cal. Dom.*, 1629–1631, p. 508.

† See L. 181, page 87.

‡ See L. 266, page 97. He became Archdeacon of Surrey Feb. 7, 1617; was chaplain to Prince Charles (afterwards Charles I) on July 28, 1621.—*Cal. Dom.*, 1619–1623, p. 279; and rector of Exeter Colledge in 1642.—Boase, *Reg.*, 87.

§ See *Commissions &c.*, XCVIII, page 12: Lloyd Parry, *Exeter School*, 54. For his benefactions to Exeter Colledge, see Freeman, p. 177. For John Vilvayn of Exeter, Hellirre (i.e. Helier), see L. 79, Nov. 2, 1575.

|| i.e. John Peryam, see D. 523, page 277.—Oliver, 219.

¶ For their benefactions to Exeter Colledge, see Boase, *Reg.*, pp. cviii, 20, 269, 317, 318.

you, which if God so move your harts to continue to the rest of the buildings we shall at length see Exceter Colledge in a square as other colledges are, and pray for the Honoured Corporation of the City of Exeter amongst the rest of our worthy Benefactors, which we much desire. If God shall put in your hearts that this earnest suite of ours find acceptance amongst you, Mr. Isaiah Farrington,* a learned, sincere and truly religious man, once a worthy member of our Colledge, will be at hand to informe for the best effecting of it. Ourselves upon any notice of your good inclinations will be ready to satisfie all doubts and give all further content. The thinge that wee desire cannot be more for us then for you and your children, to whom it will be a comfort and credit in future ages that they lodge in those buildings which their Auncestors have founded. Our successours will recount with thankfullness what the City of Exceter hath done for Exceter Colledge. The portion so allotted will be a blessinge to the rest of your store, it will come home againe into your bosoms when you little thinke of it. The Lord that hath made us thus confident and given so good occasions through other men's liberality to sollicite you in this businesse will (wee trust) direct your respects to such a publique good rather then to private excuses and prosper that worthy Corporation for which we shall never cease to pray.—Your very lovinge ffreindes,

John Prideaux, Rector.

Richard Amye, Sub-rector.

and 12 others, including Laurence Bodley and John Vivian, all of whose signatures are appended.

[The letter which bears the seal of the College is undated, but endorsed 1618 by Isacke.]

In L. 184, Lympstone, Oct. 27, 1618, Isaiah Farrington writes thanking the Mayor [Thomas Marten] for his "kinde affection towards Exeter Collidge," and encloses a letter (L. 185) to be delivered to the Chamber.

In L. 185, Lympstone, Oct. 27, 1618, Isaiah Farrington asks the Chamber for assistance to increase the buildings of Exeter College, "urging the meanness of their maintenance, the want of Form of their buildings, their want of room, &c." "It cannot be denied but that God hath blessed many of you with a great increase of worldly estate. All is not yours (for you are made but Stewards of it)." "All the good that we can hope for from our earthly Treasures doth consist in the good use of them; and what better use can you respect than the good of learning, the good of religion, the good of the Church, the good of the common welth, yea, the good of yourselfs also, some of whose posterity may, as it is not

* Isaiah Farrington, who matriculated at Exeter College Oct. 11, 1583, appointed Rector of Lympstone May 21, 1613; *d.* 1630.—Boase, *Reg.*, 83.

improbable, repe the benefit of this." "Labored I have to stirre you up unto this worke who ame by birth a citizen, by affection a citizen, in hart a citizen, and doe desire the greatest honor of your citie that yourselfs can desire. With me in this petition doe joyne Learning, Religion, the sound profession of the gospel, which papists slander. The Church, the Commonwealth, the angell protector of your citie, the publicke good—all these doe intreat you that in the performance of this worke you would honour God, your countrie, your citie, your posteritie, all which will be honored by it."

In L. 186 (undated), is a speech made by the Mayor to the Chamber on the occasion of reading the foregoing letter (L. 185), in which he refers to the letter of Dr. Prideaux, the Rector of the College (L. 187), cites the examples of Mr. Peryam and Sir John Acland, who had become liberal benefactors of the College, and exhorts the citizens to give to such a pious work some part of the wealth which God has given them. "Yf we prove unfaithful yt is to be doubted that the judgment of the unjust steward will light on us, from which God shilde us."

In L. 497, Exeter College, May 13, 1734, the Rector, Joseph Atwell,* the Sub-Rector and the Dean of Exeter College, certify that Mr. John Warren was elected Hebrew Reader in Exeter College for one year from Michaelmas, 1732,† with an order from the said John Warren to Mr. Thomas Heath,‡ Treasurer of St. John's Hospital, to pay the 12*l.* due to him to Mr. Laurence Horner.§

Chamberlains.

L. 173. Feb. 3rd, 1615–16.—John Martin [Chamberlain] notifies William Martin [Recorder, *page* 55], "concerning our busynes agaynst Mrs. Tyckell."||

"All this is delyvered to Mr. Rich. Martyn, who wold have moved herein on tuseday yf my L. Chauncelor [Lord Ellesmere] had bene well as he is not, for he hath kept his Chamber synce ffryday the 26 of January."

"I have used my best meanes to Mr. Underwood, who is next to my Lord Cheefe Baron [Laurence Tanfield], who willeth me to brynge Mr. Ducke with me to his Lordship on Monday, and in the meane tyme he will move his Lordship for our cause. Our assyses at Exeter begyns on thursday the 7 of Marche, and

* Appointed Rector Feb. 23, 1733.

† *i.e.* Maynard Reader.—Boase, *Reg.*, 131; *Notes and Gleanings*, iii, 56.

‡ In L. 496, July 27, 1732, he writes to the Chamber desiring to be dismissed from the office of one of the twenty-four.

§ Who is called Tonsor of Exeter College, 1708–1710. In 1721 he gave 45*l.* to decorate the chapel.—Boase, *Reg.*, 270, 273.

|| *i.e.* Martin *v.* Tickell *re* custody of orphans, see *Law Papers*, 1617. William Tickell was Chamberlain from Sept. 15, 1601–June 1613, and as such was the guardian of orphans.—Freeman, 175.

Mr. Underwood wylled to wryte to Mr. Mayor that the judges will dyne with hym that daye, and bad me depend on yt upon his word," and "by the next conveyent (*sic*) messenger I will enforme you more at large."

In L. 197, Exeter, April 18, 1621, John Martin writes about an order concerning Mrs. Tyckell.

L. 190, 1619, endorsed: "Mrs. Prouz, widow, her demands from the Chamber for Chamberleyn Prouz, his office, 1619 [or 1629?]." * being a note of money due to him drawn up by his nephew Richard Prouz [see L. 389], in which he says *inter alia* :—

"My ante desires your worship to geve her allowance of the fees (16*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.*) belonging to her husband's office for the time he exersised the place which was a yeare and a halfe unpayd to the time of his death." She claims also repayment of disbursements made by him on the city's behalf :—

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
(a) In sutts of Lawe about ye citty business . .	20	0	0
(b) For reparations of Crooked bridgh, the gutter at Westgate, ye pauour there and headghing at derioud [<i>i.e.</i> Duryurd] . .	15	5	6
(c) In a sutt with ye deane and Chaptre about the poor of St. Sidwells about	3	0	0
(d) For ye fewel taken from him which was inioyed by his predissessors at large . .	10	0	0
(e) That she may ether have the fees out of the portions of the Orphants which fell in her husband's time or some recompence for it for which he tooke paynes	10	0	0

In L. 280 (undated but circ. 1624) is a presentment of the names of the sureties for William Prowz, who desires to be elected Chamberlain. The sureties (nine in number) offer to be bound in various amounts, the total being 900*l.* in addition "my particuler bond eyther in 500 or 1,000*l.* at the Chamber's pleasure."

In L. 389, Tower Hill, London, July 26, 1641, his son William Prouze writes to the Mayor desiring the return of the bonds given by his uncle Mr. John Prouze and his (John's) son Richard [see L. 190], when William Prouze (the father) became Chamberlain of Exeter, "which place he did not longe enioy," adding: "My father hath bine dead some thirtcene yeares (I take it)," and "I would not have any blur to lie upon my father and upon his whose Ancestors have undergone all offices in your Ancient Corporation and have done good service in your Citie and for the Contrie."

* William Prouz, Chamberlain from June 26, 1624, to April, 1629—Oliver, 242.

In L. 280 (undated) are the names of six sureties for Richard Tickell [who was Chamberlain from April 21, 1629, till April, 1636]. "Too of those sixe to bee bounde in 250*l.* a pece and myselffe to be bounde in 1,500*l.*—Richard Tickell."

In D. 1754, April 14, 1636, are Articles of Agreement between the Chamber and John Crewkerne* concerning the execution of the office of Chamberlain by the said John, with his signature "John Crewkerne."

In D. 1788, Nov. 3, 1691, is a discharge from the Chamber to Edward Mallett from the office of Chamberlain.†

In D. 1791, March 20, 1693, are Articles of Agreement between the Chamber and Samuel Izacke [son of the historian Richard] on his appointment to the Chamberlainship,‡ and in D. 1792, D. 1793 (March 20, 1693) Richard and Samuel Izacke each give a bond in 200*l.* to the Chamber for the performance of covenants of certain indentures of the same date.

In L. 483, Oct. 18, 1724, Samuel Izacke, the Chamberlain, writes to the Mayor respecting the payment of his salary of 10*l.*

In L. 526, 1752, are directions to Mr. Chamberlain [*i.e.* Humphrey Leigh, L. 513] as Solicitor to the Chamber.

Maps and Plots.

L. 182 (undated, ? *circ.* 1630).—Robert Sherwode writes to the Chamber concerning maps and platts made by him "for the better preservation of your Lande dyverslie and have delyvered for your use to this worshippfull Place Againste Rycharde Ewyas Brewer (2), Richard Payne Brewer in Exilond, (1) the land of Copleston of Instowe and the Mylles Leate of Newe Mylles, against John Levermore (2) in defence of his followed."

In L. 618, 619, 620 are 3 coloured maps of the City of Exeter and the suburbs, one of them dated 1633 and the others apparently of about the same date. [See *Cotton Guild*, p. ix. For map (1587) see *Ibid.* at end.]

Book 58 is a volume of maps of the property of the Chamber compiled in 1759 with index and notes down to 1820 in Book 59.

In L. 617 (undated) is a plan of a breakfast table set with Green and Bohea tea equipages at either end, bunnis in silver

* He was Chamberlain from April 14, 1636, to Dec. 1, 1646.

† He was appointed on April 3, 1683.—Oliver, 242.

‡ *i.e.* on Feb. 26, 1693.

in the centre, coffee, chocolate and toast (silver), hot buttered rolls, butter pattes, and bread and butter with China plates, knives and knapings at the side.

L. 618 (endorsed "A Mapp of ye Cittie") roughly coloured corresponds in extent with the map in Freeman Frontispiece (*i.e. circ.* 1570, Bousfield in *Trans. Devon. Association*, XXV (1893), p. 11), which was engraved by Remigius Hogenberg in 1587—*See* Lysons, vi, 178; H. E. Reynolds, p. 1. It differs considerably from the map (*circ.* 1757) in Izacke, frontispiece; Freeman, p. 97.

L. 619.—A coloured map of the South Eastern section of the City corresponding with Hooker's map of the Cathedral precincts in Book 52, *i.e.* Hooker's *Exeter*, p. 61, with a note: "That the Southeaste parte of the Cittyes walkes are defended with 4 Towres, because that part is weakest (and also, it is towards the See port), which is but 3 myles distante one of the cheafest of which Towers being next to the South gate hath Broken yn."

L. 620.—An unfinished map of the city showing the walls and towers, endorsed: April 29, 1633: This Mapped was shewed unto Robert Sherwoode, Marchant, at the time of his Examinacion at the Execution of a Commission at the Cittie of Exeter between the King's Majestie's Attorney Generall, Complainant, and the Mayor, Bayliffes and Commonaltie of the Cittie of Exeter, Defendants, before us, Rober (*sic*) Northl—."

Alehouses.

L. 195, July 5, 1620.—Robert Maxwell and other grantees of forfeited recognizances of Alehouse keepers* write to the Chamber and Mr. Henry Crewkerne concerning forfeited recognizances, appointing four, three or two of the Chamber and the said Mr. Crewkerne to be a committee to examine alehouse keepers and to deal with them for the forfeitures due on their recognizances.

In L. 333, Whitehall, June 13, 1630, the Lords of the Council write to the Mayor &c., commanding them *inter alia* to suppress unnecessary alehouses. [*See page 75.*]

Loan for the King of Bohemia.

L. 196. March 13, 1621.—Achatius Dohne† to the Mayor &c. :—"My very worthie freindes,—I have receaved from you by the handes of Mr. John Rouse‡ (*sic*), one of the Aldermen of

* For patent for Inns and Alehouses, 1618, see *Archæologia*, XLI, pp. 227–237; Gardiner, iv, 442. For proclamation to seize forfeited recognizances, Jan. 19, 1629, see *Cal. Dom.*, 1619–1623, p. 6. For protests against granting them away May 9, June 3, 1619, *ibid.*, pp. 44, 50.

† See *Cal. Dom.*, 1619–1623, p. 41. For his application to the Cinque Ports &c., Sept. 14 and Dec., 1620, see *ibid.*, 177, 203.

‡ But "Prouse" in the acquittance.

your Cittie that proporcion which you have been pleased to contribute to the affaires of the King and Queen of Bohemia, wherein you have so farre shewed your affections for the
of your Sovereignes royall issue and the furtherance of their iust occasions as all Religious and honest men will approve and applaude yow for it, and I can assure yow of their Majesties gracious and thankfull acceptance thereof when by my letters I shall acquaint them with it. In the meane time I pray yow receive in good part this my acknowledgment and thanks for your favours and for your further satisfaccion I have sent you an acquittance in the usuall forme for the somme of three hundreth sixty-seven poundes. And so I committ yow to the protection of the Almighty and rest,

Your very assured freind,

Achatius Burgrave et Baron de Dona.

[The document bears the seal of Dohne and is endorsed by Izacke as *May 13, 1621.*]

The acquittance, which is dated March 12, 1620, is signed by Achatius Dona as Ambassador Extraordinary, and Abraham Williams as Agent for the King of Bohemia, acknowledges the receipt of 367*l.* "being mony contributed by way of loan from the Citty of Exeter for the service of the King and Queen of Bohemia [*i.e.* Princess Elizabeth, L. 161, *page 90*] in defence of the Palatinat."

L. 213. Whitehall, March 31, 1622.—The Lords of the Council write the Mayor &c. :—"After our verie heartie commendacions. What indeavors his Majestie hath used by Treatie and by all faire and amicable waies to recover the Patrimonie of his Children in Germanie now for the most part withholden from them by force is not unknowne to all his Loving subiects, since his Majestie was pleased to communicate unto them in Parliament his whole proceeding in that business. Of which Treatie his hopes being att Last frustrate he was inforced to take other resolucions mainely to recover that by the sword which by other meanes he saw noe Likelihood to compasse. And his Majestie was confident that in a cause soe neerely concerning him and his children's interest his people in Parliament would have yeelded him a Liberall and speedie supplie. But the same unexpectedly not succeeding his Majestie is constrained in a case of soe great necessity to trie the dutifull and forward affections of his Loving subiects in another waie as his Predecessors upon Like occasions have done in former times by propounding a voluntarie contribucion. And therefore as wee doubt not but yourselves will herein readily follow the good liberall example of such as have bene before us which wee assure you his Majestie will take in verie gracious part, soe his pleasure is and wee doe hereby authorise and require you to call before you all the knights, gentlemen, subsidymen and all others

of known ability in the City and move them to join cheerfully in this contribution, ffor the better advancement of which service you are not to call too many att one time, but to take the answers and offers severally, calling in the persons unto you one by one ; ffor the Collectors wee doubt not but yow will conceive how requisite it wilbe to make choice of meete and sufficient persons who are to call for the monies that shalbe given, soe as the same may be all paid in by the 30th of June next, praying you to returne unto us by the 10th of June next a Schedule of the names of such as shall contribute and the summes offered by them, that his Majestie may take notice of the good inclination of his subiects to a cause of such importance as likewise of such others (if anie bee) that out of obstinacie or disaffection shall refuse to contribute herein, wee bid you verie hartely farewell.—Your verie loving friends. (Here follow 15 original signatures.)

L. 214 is a copy of L. 213, with the signatures copied and made more legible.

L. 228, 1622.—The Chamber write to the Lords of the Council :—“ Right honourable and our very good Lords : Our dutyes humbly Remembered, we receyved your Lordshipps’ Letters of the last of March [L. 213, 214]. In performance of which our dutye to his Majestie and your Lordshipps’ comand we have (with as much speed as wee might) called before us the Subsidie men and other such Inhabitants of this City and County and have done our best endeavors in movinge and perswadinge them to to this contrybucion, and have by this bearer, Mr. William Prouz (*sic*) sent unto your Lordshipps the names of such as have cherefully joyned with us herein, together with the particular sumes by them and our selves given, amountynge to the some of cxxviiij. xvijs. iiij*l.*, which money we have ordered the said Mr. Prouz presently to paye where your Lordshipps shalbe pleased to assigne him. Our hartly desire was to have advanced this some hygher for his Majestie, but wee could not, by reason of great losses which our marchants have received by the Turkes, french and others at sea, by bankrupts, decaye of clothinge and declynation of trade [L. 199, p. 108], by meanes whereof there are fallen upon us whole familyes which wee are enforced to releeve, which just Reasons wee humbly desire your Lordshipps to take into your honorable consideracions.”

“ Also accordinge to your Lordshipps’ comand wee have sent your Lordshipps the names of such Subsidye men as have not joyned with us in this contrybucion, and thus pray wee your Lordshipps ffavorably to accept of theis our dewtyfull endeavors. Wee doe with all humblenes leave your Lordshipps to the happye proteccon of the Almighty.”

[The letter is unsigned and undated, but endorsed 1622 The nearest date being June 22, 1622. See *Cal. Dom.* 1619–1623, p. 411.]

In L. 229, July 2, 1622, Wm. Prouz writes to the Mayor, &c.:—"I am ordered to-morrow to present your letters to the Lords, with the Schedules of names, from whom I shall receive order where to paie the same, which wilbe to Sir Robte. Pye, which when I have received and paid, shall occasion me to require talie. I will also deliver your letter to the Lord President and attend his farder directions to the partes thereof."

In L. 231, July 6, 1622, William Prouz reports to the Mayor:—"I delivered your letter and Schedule to the Lords upon Wednesdaie, as theie began to sitt in Councell, who referred me to paie the money to Sir Ro. Pye,* which accordingelie yesterdaie I did, and have the tailie for the whole some, viz., 228*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*"

Decay of Trade.

L. 199. London, Oct. 13, 1621.—John Levermore [*see page* 104] writes to the Mayor, Walter Burrough† that "yesterday wee had order from the Clerk of the Counsell to geve in (in wrytinge) our reasons for decay of trade and want of money, which wee have donne this daye, being commanded to attend the Lords at there next sitting,‡ at what tyme wee shall know their further pleasure."

In L. 200, Exon (*sic*), Oct. 27, 1621, John Levermore writes to the Mayor: "On Thursday last wee had a full debatinge of the matter for the decay of trade and want of money at the Counsell Chamber at Whithall before my Lords the Lord President, my Lord Carye,§ Sir Thomas Edmunds and Sir Ric. Weston (beinge apoynted comyttees|| for this Bussines) and after they had (particularly) conferred with us touchinge the Reasons which wee had propounded, they commanded us to joyne ourselves altogether and to consult of some remedies, and to bringe them the wrytinge against Wensday next under our hande. The lords rednes and facylity to hire us doth geve us great hope that this Bussines will produce much good to the Commonwelth, which pray God grant one of them the west parts did export great quantyities of money into Bretteyne (as they arre informed), and I could wish our merchants to take care how they trust some Londoners to much about ther bussines in that kinde, for I suppose they are complained of."

L. 201. (Endorsed Nov. 9, 1621.)—John Levermore writes to the Mayor:—"The last week I certified you that one (*sic*)

* Auditor of the Exchequer, *Cal. Dom.*, 1619-1623, p. 115.

† For his charity, *see* D. 326.

‡ For Order in Council, Sept. 11, 1621, to the principal ports to send representatives to discuss reasons for decay of trade &c., *see Cal. Dom.*, 1619-1623, p. 288.

§ *i.e.* George Baron Carew.

|| For Committee appointed Oct. 24, 1621, to consider these reports, *see Cal. Dom.*, 1619-1623, p. 301.

Wendesdaye wee were to bringe in our oppynyons (to the Concell Borde) touchinge Remedyes for the decay of trade and want of money: which wee dyd. And yet wee are demanded to attend the Comytteys which are now busyed about other Busines. The Kinge beinge at Whithall, last nyght sate in Consell with the Lords, where my Lord Dygby* was also, and this morninge wee had newes that the parlament wilbe the xxth of this November."†

In L. 351 (undated) is a reference to "the dednes of trade these thre last yeares, more espetyally in the yeare of God's visitation,‡ wherein was almost no trading."

Jesuits.

L. 202. Nov. 14, 1621.—A notē of such thinges as were found in the pockett of John Dowes [or Douse, *i.e.* John Sweet,|| "a Jesuit of eminence." *Cal. Dom.* 1619–1623, pp. 311, 320, Nov. 19, Dec. 11, 1621] the "xiii. daye of November, 1621," and also of things found in his chamber in Alexander Snelgrove's house; *i.e.* a missal, a red box with wafer cakes, a MS. of questions and answers concerning the Protestant religion, a chalice, 3 little boxes of oil, and some bowls and pictures, one of them with a black forrel. [Printed in H. Foley iv, 648.]

In L. 205, Nov. 24, 1621, John Prouse writes to the Mayor: I did no sooner receyve your letters by Mr. Recorder's man but I presently delyvered that which you sent to the Lords of the Counsell to Mr. Secretary [*i.e.* Sir George Calvert], understanding before by Sir Clement Edmonds that the Lordes would not sitt tomorowe. His honor promised me to make the Lords acquainted therewith, and I will attend hym for their Resolution. Wishing that you had not omitted in that letter the speeche of Risdon¶ reported by his boye,** which would have bene wondrous materiall, but as I shall find oportunitie I will urge the same, and so will acquaint you what successe your goode service shall receyve. [Printed in Oliver, *Coll. Hist.*, p. 6; Foley, iv, 650.]

* *i.e.* Robert Lord Digby of Glashill.

† *i.e.* James I's third Parliament, which met Jan. 30, 1620. For proclamation, Nov. 3, 1621, calling this adjourned Parliament to meet on Nov. 20, 1621, see Rymer vii, iii, 214; *Cal. Dom.*, 1619–1623, Nov. 24, 1621.

‡ *i.e.* 1624, Isacke, 150.

§ See *Commissions*, LXXIX, p. 10. This note was forwarded to the Recorder in London by the Mayor in a letter dated Exeter, Nov. 19, 1621, which is preserved in the P.R.O., *Cal. Dom.*, 1619–1623, p. 311. Printed in Oliver, *Collections towards Biography*, p. 201; also in Oliver, *Collections illustrating History*, p. 6; H. Foley, *Records of the English Province of the Society of Jesus*, iv, 649.

|| In 1622 he joined Father John Fisher (*i.e.* Percy) in the Controversy with Laud at which James I was present. Gardiner, iv, 281.

¶ He was "a taylor dwelling in one of Sir Amos Bampfild's new houses." H. Foley, iv, 649.

** The boy reported "that hee hearde his Master saie (that he did wish or hope) there should be a new Kinge and he should be a Catholicke and that all the Catholickes in London sholde be delivered out of prison and that the Puritans should seeke their rest ere it were long." *Ibid.*

In L. 206, dated "this last daie of the Terme," endorsed "1621," John Prouse writes to the Mayor: "I was this evening with Mr. Secretary for aunswere of your letter touching Sweete, who told me that the lords did not sitt since I delyvered the same, but to-morrow is their sitting appoynted, after which he promisethe to make me partake of their Resolution, with which I will spedely acquaint you."

In L. 207, Whitehall, Nov. 29, 1621, the Lords of the Council issue a warrant to John Poulter and Leonard Joyner,* two of the messengers of His Majesties Chamber to receive from the Mayor of Exeter the person of John Sweete. [Printed in Oliver, *Coll. Biogr.*, 201; also Oliver, *Coll. Hist.*, p. 7; Foley iv, 650.]

In L. 208, Whitehall, Nov. 29, 1621, the Lords of the Council inform the Chamber that they have received their letter of the 19th and desire them to deliver up John Sweete, "supposed to be a Jesuit," apprehended by them, as well as the Examinations taken by them concerning him, and "the many superstitious things found about him" (see L. 202). [Printed in Oliver *Coll. Hist.*, p. 7; Foley iv, 651.]

In L. 209, Nov. 30, 1621, John Prouse informs the Mayor that the Lords have sent pursuivants (see L. 207) for Sweete. [Printed in Oliver *Coll. Hist.*, p. 7; Foley iv, 650.]

In L. 210, London, Nov. 30, 1621, Ignatius Jurdain writes to the Mayor: "After my hartie comendations &c., It may please you to be advertised that Mr. Prowse showed me of late a letter which he received from you touching a Jesuite and certain papists who were taken at Exeter, as also he said he had received a letter thearin directed to the Lords of the Counsaile, which he told me he had delivered unto Mr. Secretary Calvert. So that I doubt not but he will writ you their answer."

In L. 211 (endorsed "1621"), Richard Reynell † writes to the Mayor and Justices of Exeter that he has received their letter and thereby perceives the great care they have of the safety of the State and of the city." He will do his best to help them. "Whereupon you shall have speedy advertisement thereof. I returne you young Baggot's letter agayn as not fitt to be delivered by my servant." He adds as a postscript: "There is one Peter Comins in Morchard Bishop, a very rich man, whose sonne is one of the constables there, and some others of that name, and your letter mencioneth only Comins." [Partly printed in Oliver, *Coll. Hist.*, p. 8; Foley iv, 653.]

* For their receipt of this warrant, Dec. 11, 1621, see Oliver, *Coll. Biogr.* p. 291; also Oliver, *Coll. Hist.*, p. 8; Foley, iv, 651.

† Of Creedy Wiger, near Crediton, a J.P. for Devon and a member of the Chamber since Sept. 16, 1617; Oliver, *Coll. Hist.*, p. 8; Foley, iv, 652.

In L. 212 (endorsed "about 1621"), Richard Reynell writes to the Mayor and Justices of Exeter that he has received their second letter "of the 19th of this instant November," and perceives that they have written to the Lords and that they have examined another of Baggot's sons, adding: "I wish I had sooner known which Comyns it had ben for that I think the Constable had been at P. Comins house among the rest. Dowes is there describ'd by a gould hat band which as I remember he wearith." He has sent for old Baggot, who has been seen riding to and fro from popish houses. [Partly printed in Oliver, *Coll. Hist.*, p. 8; Foley iv, 653.]

John Prouse's Letters.

In L. 205, Nov. 24, 1621, John Prouse* writes to the Mayor:—

"Lett me nowe tell you that before I came up the Lords had ordered our Citizens having lyvings in the Countrey to contribute as the Lievetenants of Devonshire did desire, drawing a president (*sic*) from the Citizens of London, who do the lyke. This I am told for a truthe and howe to stopp I knowe not, but I wishe that my counsell had been followed in wryting to the Counsell long since, which peradventure would have staid their hands untill I had come up; howsoever I must suffer in this as others, and I find no hope to the contrarie." Adding: "Of newes I shalbe able to wryte more by the nexte. In the meane tyme I end and rest,

Your ever loving friend,

Jo. Prouse."

[For further extracts from this letter see p. 76.]

In L. 206 ("this last daie of the Terme," endorsed "1621"), John Prouse writes to the Mayor:—

"I cannot but remember my love unto you and withall acquaint you what hath passed the howse of Parliamente this daie, when we sat untill 4 in the afternone, and at last have gyven a whole subsidie to the King to be paid at thend of Februarye next towards the recovering of the palatinate out of the Jawes of the princelie palatine's invertirable enemye" (see L. 196, page 105).

"What this gift will produce to the subgett from his Majestie you shall know within a short tyme assone as myselfe if I meete with a convenient messenger.

"There are aryved here some 3 of the Lowe Countrey States with 5 others of whose propositions to the King I can yet wryte nothing, for they came but yesterdaie, and the King is 50 myles hence.

"Sir, It is very late and therefore I cannot enlarge my selfe at this tyme. Only I remember my true love to you and my

* See L. 118, 120, 127, 134. He was M.P. for Exeter in 1614 and 1624. There is no return of members for Exeter in the Parliament of 1621 in *Return of Members of Parliament*, i, 451.

brethren, not forgetting Mrs. Mayris and Mr. Leache when you see hym, and so do rest, your ever loving ffriend,

Jo. Prouse.

"I hope you will make Englishe of this unpointed letter my eyes being almost closed up."

In L. 209, Nov. 30, 1621, he writes: "Of Parliamente passages I can wryte you nothings but what I have alreadie done, only wee labour heartilie to prepare our bills for the King's royall assent, hoping that wee shall bring home some, thogh not all such as wee desire, and so to make this a Session. The King dothe yet contynue at New Markett,* and for ought I heare wilnot be here untill Snt. Thomas' daie, which occasionethe me to suspect that wee shalnot be at home at the beginning of Christies. The next weke will produce more certieintie. In the meane tyme I leave you to the protection of the Almighty, and so do rest,

Your trulie affectionate ffriend,

Jo. Prouse."

In L. 210, London, Nov. 30, 1621, Ignatius Jurdain† writes to the Mayor: "Our dissesse hear wilbe about 8 dayes before Christies, as was delivered unto us from the King (who is yet at New Market). The chefe cause of our meeting hear now was for supply of the palatanat to keep that which remayneth that the whole be not lost. So thear is on subsidy given to be paid in February." It is now agreed by the House to send a petition to the King that this may be mad a Session (*see* L. 209) before we depart, that so these bills may pas which are alredy engrosed and that such bills as ar not engrosed that they may stand in being at our next meeting, which said is to be the 8th February. Next that it would please his Majestie to hav war with our comon enemy (who is said to be the Spaniard), for that not only he hath 5 or 6 armyes afoote about the palatinat, but also that his mony payeth the soldiars that war against us thear and that thear armies which ar thear doe but watch thear oportunities. And next that our gracious prince may not be matched with any out of our owne Religion. This is the summe and the maine pointes of the peticion which is now agreed upon by the Committee containyng an Introduction, a Narration and a Conclusion, and withall Inserted the boldnes and great hopes which the papists now have and pretend, which I hop will never com to thear end. It is certainly advertised hear to the house that in Cheshire divers wagons laden with munition have of late ben brought into recusants' houses and thear words

* For James I at Newmarket on Nov. 17, Dec. 1, 1621, *see Cal. Dom.*, 1619-1623, pp. 310, 316.

† He is variously called Jurden, Jourden, Jourdain, Jordayne. *Cal. Dom.*, 1628-29, p. 358. Not "Hurdans," as Foley, iv, 649. He was Mayor in 1617, and M.P. for Exeter in 1625, 1626, 1628. He was probably John Prouse's colleague in this Parliament (1621).

hav ben very high and daungerous* even against the King, which I omitt to writ untill I se what the house will doe. Hear cam newes very hot 3 dayes past that Sir Oratio Vear, that worthy general, and Count Mansfild wear clene overthrowne and thear armies, but thanks be to God the newes is now reverted.† So not having at presente any other special matter to enlarge doe take my leave and comend you to the grace of God in Christ.

Your most loving frind,

Ignatius Jurdain.

In L. 203, Dec. 15, 1621, John Prouse writes to the Mayor :

It is my comfort that I understand our tyme of departing hence to be no longer than this daie sennight, which wilbe the Saterdaie before Christmas, and yet as the present condicion is betwixt the King and the Lower howse I would not willinglye goe hence but upon better termes then nowe wee stand upon of eache side which difference I hope wilbe fayrly Reconcild this next weke. Of all these things I shalbe able to enforme you at my Retorne (when God pleaseth) more at Large. I was in hope to have kept my whole Christmas at Exeter, but it wilnot be, yet I am not out of hope to begyn my newe yeare with you there.

Sir, the weather is bitter cold and my Inke freeseth to fast to contynewe a Long letter, therefore without anie further Relation of newes I do with my best Love to your selfe, Mrs. Mayris and your children, end and Rest,

Your ever loving ffriend,

Jo. Prouse.

In L. 268, Westminster, April 24, 1624, John Prouse writes to the Mayor :—

“I have according to the Instructions sent up both for the Cittie and Companie of Merchants (*see page 41*) employed my best care to please you every waie and have possessed the howse of parliament with suche things as do most touche the Merchants in burthen of their trade,‡ as they have advised. So as from the lower house the higher is made acquainted therewith, and I hope ease wilbe gyven in some particulars though not in all at their meting, for some things there are which trenche into the King’s profitt which I feare wilnot in haste be determined as namelie the pretermitted custom§ the Right whereof hath endured much Learned debate in the howse bothe for the King and subjects by the Lawiers that good newes I shall imparte to you if God send me home thend of the Parliamente will tell me I meane of these things.

* For increase of recusants, see *Cal. Dom.*, 1619–1623, p. 316 (Dec. 1, 1621).

† For reports that the Lower Palatinate was saved only by Sir Horace Vere and Count Ernest von Mansfeldt, see *Cal. Dom.*, 1619–1623, p. 313. Nov. 24, 1621.

‡ For complaint of the Drapers of England, May 1, 1622, see *Cal. Dom.*, 1619–1623, p. 401.

§ This question was postponed by the King, May 29, 1624, see *Cal. Dom.*, 1623–1625, p. 259.

“ Sir, it can be no newes to you that my Lord Treasurer [*i.e.* Lionel Cranfield, Earl of Middlesex] hath been highly questioned of Late for manie severall busynesses, and still the Lords are upon a dailie examination of his courses, which are Reported to be very foule*; he hathe manie potent adversaries against hym, and the King hathe left hym to cleere hymselfe, not yelding hym anie countenance; to saye no more in the opinion of all his fall is at hand.

“ Yesterday† the Kinge was at Whythall, whyther the house by order went to hym to receave his awnseare to a Peticion which was delyvered unto hym from bothe howses against Jesuits, Priests and Recusants, to which he hathe gyyen a most noble awnswere to the comfort of all his true hearted subiects, which I hope wilbe put in execution ere long. The coppie of which I will assone as I can gett it shalbe sent you, for it is worthie the keping in the Citties Chamber for manie reasons.‡ I wishe you had all suche passages, but you must then be at the charge and not put me to the paynes to coppie them, for which paynes I am to old, and so I leave that unprofitable argument for this tyme.

“ Sir, I have enlarged my selfe in theise for your sake, Mr. Walker and the rest of my brethren, and to save my farther Labour in wryting, being tyred out dailie and full wearye of this service, which I find to be burthensome for an old man bothe in purse and bodie, but no more of this and so I end with my Love to all and Remain,

Your trulye affectionate ffriend,

Jo. Prouse.

“ Sir, the death of our ffriend Mr. Martyn§ hathe left to the Chamber the election of two officers, I hope you wilbe cautious in your choise and not Leave my brother unrespected.”

Aliens.

L. 215, 216, Whitehall, April 1, 1622.—The Lords of the Council order the Chamber to make a return of the number, condition and trades of all strangers and children of strangers within the kingdom.||

In L. 244, London, May 8, 1623, Peter Proby, Lord Mayor of London, and seven others, including Heneage Finch, Alderman

* See *Cal. Dom.*, 1623–1625, pp. 214, 216, 226; April 14, 18, 25, 1624; *Lords Journal*, iii, 318.

† *i.e.* Saturday, April 23, 1624. *Cal. Dom.*, 1623–1625, p. 221; *Lords' Journal*, iii, 316.

‡ For text of the speech see *Lords' Journal*, iii, 317; *Hist. MSS. Comm.*, 4th Report, p. 276; Gardiner, v, 225.

§ *i.e.* John Martyn, Chamberlain since June 7, 1613. He was succeeded by William Prouse on June 26, 1624.

|| For Commission as to aliens, July 30, 1621, see *Cal. Dom.*, 1619–1623, p. 280. For returns from London (March 11, 1622); Maidstone (April 19, 1622); Sandwich (April 29, 1622); Canterbury, Dover and Norwich (June 1622), see *Ibid.*, pp. 357, 378, 381, 417.

of London, inform the Mayor of Exeter that they have been commanded by the Lords of the Council to procure a general search to be made throughout England as to what strangers, strangers' children or strangers' servants, whether English or foreigners, there are, and they beg the assistance of the Mayor of Exeter in procuring the return.

In L. 249, Plymouth, June 14, 1623, John Martyn, Mayor of Plymouth, writes to the Mayor of Exeter. He has caused a search to be made touching these strangers and foreigners that are resident in the town of Plymouth, and encloses a list of names [which is not preserved].

In L. 250, Dartmouth, June 4, 1623, John Spurwaie, Mayor of Dartmouth, reports to the Mayor of Exeter on the same subject, that there is only one Fleminge, a poor tailor named Jacob Jacobsonn, who hath a daughter named Katheren, about a year old.

In L. 251, June 16, 1623, John Pearde, Mayor of Barnstaple, informs the Mayor of Exeter that he has found no strangers at all.

In D. 1708, Feb. 5, 1607, John Ellacott, of Exeter, merchant, gives a bond in 25*l.* for the appearance of one Fabricio Jaquinto.

William Prou's Letters.

L. 217. London, May 4, 1622.—William Prou* writes to the Mayor, &c. :—

“ Rt. Worshipfull,

“ I finde by Mr. Benbowes relation that the suite attempted by our Bishop [Valentine Cary] to be a Justice of peace within the Countie and Citie of Exon, was first sett on foote by Doctor Goche by waie of earnest sollicitinge of the Lord Keeper for the furtherance of his egar suite in your behalfe. He presented unto the Clerke of the Crowne a copie of your Charter to thende he might the rather a despatche of his intended purpose. This suite hathe since his departure hence ben earnestlie solicited, and the Lord Keeper hathe ordered Mr. Benbow to drawe up a Commission readie for the seale, which he hathe promised to forslow and protracte, untill expres comaundement be laied upon him and that by warrant under his Lordship's hand and the hand of some of the Kinges Counsell, which promise he hathe seriously professed this daie unto me he will performe. Assuringe me that as occasion requires he will not faile to acquainte me to thende I maie gaine tyme to crosse the B.B. intended course, which as yet resolved I purpose shalbe by petition to his Majesty that he wilbe graciously pleased to referre theexamynacion of his

* Brother to John Prouse; he was Chamberlain of Exeter from June 26, 1624, to April, 1629.

suite to be measured by the judgment of his heighnes Judges or unto the Justics of assize for the westernne partes, or to the determynacion of the Lords of his Majesties Privie Councill. Where upon the reasons of the inconveniencie of suche an untymelie suite I doubt not but wee shall obteyne an honorable audience, upon suche reasons as shalbe framed and exhibited unto them, of the divers inconveniences that will attend the suces yf it be obteyned; which suite in my single and poore opinyon is neyther guided with evidens of utilitie for anie publik good nor pricked on for anie urgent necessitie in regard of anie insufficiencie of goverment accordinge to positive rules: but yf I maie speake without offence, endevoured out of displeasure and some spice of contempt and disdaine to your person and dignitie. The Bishop is not yet returned from Cambridge, but dailie expected. I will have a vigilant eye to his cariage herein which yet lyethe a sleepe; which when he shall awaken shall stirre me up with all dilligent duetie and circumspection to withstand by the best meanes I maie with resolucion to establishe my endeavors by councill. I have made a relacion of Mr. Benbowes conference with me unto my Cosen Mr. Hackwell,* whose affections are bente with all cherefullnes to attend by waie of opposition this unkindly suite he hath taken in his serious consideracion the legall poynts of your Charter and intendes in pointe of Law to mainteyne the fundacion and intencon of H.S. graunte your case beinge otherwise then the case of a foreine countie your number of Justics being stinted and to be made out of the 24, neyther can the Lord Keeper yf he maye do it, which is much doubted, as by good opinyon I am informed, Graunte a Commission without damage and greate inconveniencie; nor hath he anie precedent to warrant the same (the precedents of Berwick and Northampton beinge but Bouroughe Townes and no Counties). The burgesses of Northampton do strongely withstand, do. Lambes Commission. I presume yf it maie stand with the Chambers likinge to address their letters to the Lord precedent of ye Councill, who is a well affected friend to the Citie to my especiall knowledg for the favouringe of your suite, that It maie turne to your good. I will deliver it yf you please commend It. As occasion shalbe offred I will not spare my pen to advertise your worships of the suces of my labours.

“I came into London upon Thursdaie at 3 of the clock, and presentlie repaired into Aldersgate Streete to my Cosen Hackwell. In whose true love and care your Chamber hath the deepe interest he desires to be remembered hartily to your worship and to the rest of the Chamber.

“My service Remember to your worshipp and to all the rest of your Societie do remayne,

Yours and theires in dueti and sinceritie,

Wm. Prou.

[See also p. 77.]

* See letter 172, page 97.

In L. 218, London, May 7, 1622, William Prous writes to his brother John Prous:—Sir. There are two of the Lord Keeper's* gentlemen that have undertaken the sollicitinge of theire Lord in the absence of our Bishop, who returns not from Cambridge untill thend of this weeke. It appears theire Lord needes no Remembrancer for of him selfe he effects the mocion and resolves to effecte it. To which end he hath ordered the Clerke of the Corone to draw in readines the Comyssion which direction is now afreshe stifelie urged. My endeavors now are bent to petition his Lordship, but not before tyme and oportunitie necessarily shall occasion the exhibitinge of a Peticion and yf the partes thereof please not his Lordship after he hath measured them with his judiciall eye, I am purpose (yf the Lord will) to present his Majestie with a petition for a reference of the convenience of the Commission endeoured to be gott by our bishop. The Lord Hubert, Cheife Justice of the Commone pleas, hath ben enformed of our Bishop's practise and thereupon intreated a friend to intreate the Lord Keeper to forbear the grauntinge out of such a Commission, for that the precedent will not onlie be daungerous, but It will occasion muche hart burninge and contention. I am purposed to let our Justices of assize understand his Practise. I learne by some aboute the Lord Keeper that he resolves that doctor Goche shalbe not one of the Commission, but to joyne the deane and one other of the Canons in Commission with the Bishop. I desire to be informed to what ende our late Bishop† attempted to exhibite his bill in Parliament, and what he did therein and what succes he had and how he incroched upon the liberties of the Citie for the inlardginge of his fee and what resistance he and his baylie in his part made in cases of searchinge for murderers, felons or other misdemeanors within his fee whereof your selfe in particular can speake when you were Sheryfe [*i.e.* in 1599]. Yf you please I praie speedily acquainte Mr. Maior and the Chamber with the partes of this letter, to whom in duetie I desire humblie to have my service commended.—I remayne your affectionate brother

true Love,

Wm. Prous.

He adds: "Sir Tho. Myddleton's‡ matche with Mistress Harrison is cleane broken off."

In L. 219, London, May 18, 1622, William Prous writes to the Mayor &c. :—

"Rt. Worshipfull. I have accordinge to my duetie caried a watchfull eye ever since my cominge hither to the waies and pathes wherein our Bishop walkes and trades in the prosecution of his suite. And I finde that in his absence he

* *i.e.* Dr. John Williams, Bishop of Lincoln.

† *i.e.* William Cotton. See p. 47.

‡ He was Lord Mayor of London in 1613, and a brother of Hugh Middleton.

left behind him two Remembrancers attendinge nere the Lord Keeper, whose eger solicitation to their Lord have not ben failinge to further our Bishop's attempted suite, which as yet lies unperfected (thoughe most earnestlie and hartily asserted by their Lord). This prosecution hath ben also vehemently followed by our Chancelor since his cominge to London, to whom replie hath ben made by the Clerke of the Crowne, who is a true affected friend to your Chambers suite and my intimate ancient acquaintance that he deemes it a most unfittinge request of our Bishop, and a president not paraliled in anie Citie beinge a Countie within this Realme, which replie is unsavorie in his nostrells. And therefore doth determyne to put on with might and maine all his power to obteyne their desire as a suite in their private opinyon verie respective and comodious to the publike utilitie: for the goverment of their Citie. But I hope their hopes will shortly be frustrated.

"There hath latelie directions ben given to the Clerk of the Crowne by the Lord Keeper to make a Commission for the Chancelor of Lytchfield to be a Justice of the quorum within that Citie and also Custos Rotulorum which Commission is appointed this daie to pass under the greate seale of England: the Citizens of Lytchfield faylinge of their suite to the Lord Keeper for the staie thereof entend speedily to petition the King, whose succes I will hear after and advertise as tyme and occasion shall require.

"And to thend our suite maie receive some stop a petition is drawn and discretelie polished by the penes of Mr. Recorder and my Cosen Hakewill, a true copie whereof I here inclosed present to Your worship and the rest of the Chamber, humblie beseching that after the branches thereof be duely measured by your wisdomes, It maie be secreted for a while (my desire beinge bounded with this reason), that I purpose not to deliver it untill I have knowledge of his Lordship's warrant to the Clerke of the Crowne to draw the said Commission, which he will not hastily do, but with advantadge of competent tyme before hand given unto me: for prevencion to obteyne a supersedias if I maie upon the reasons exhibited trulie in the parts of my petition. Whereof yf I faile my last refuge shalbe to petition his Majestie for the reference of our just suite eyther to the Lords the Judges or Justices of Assize, which must be left to his hieghness arbitrarie denominacion and appointment.

"Be pleased to consider of that branche of my last addressed letters to your Worship and the Chamber towching your letters to the Lord president for his assistance yf neede shall require and particulerly towching his observacion of your government. This also dothe Mr. Recorder and my Cosen Hakewill deeme verie requisite, whose directions in all pointes attending this service as is required: I will cherefullie and readily observe and prosecute with dilligence and

carefullnes. My duetie and service remembered to your worship and to the rest of your brethren and socitie do remayne yours readily and humbly to be commaunded.

“ Wm. Prows.

“ Our Bishop is here and intends to be with the Lord Keeper this after noone ; the King comes hither this daie. The report is that the Lord Keeper shall be made Lord Chancellor* tomorrow at Courte.

In L. 220, May 25, 1622, William Prows writes to the Mayor, &c. —

“ Rt. Worshipfull, My last addressed letters to you presented a full declaracion of our bishop’s progres in his attempted suite ; by them also I lefte you informed how farre my endeavours did bend to oppose by faire meanes the current of his intended desire, which in particuler was evidenced by the copie of the petition resolved to be exhibited to the Lord Keeper. It is fitt accordinge to my duetie that I advertise you what this weekes worke hathe begotten, thorought the Bishop’s sollicitinge of the same who hathe bin here theis ten daies and is this daie againe gone hence : I am credible informed that he hathe bin earnest with the Lord Keeper for the speedinge of his desire which onlie he affectes to obteyne to himselfe alone without anie asociacion of anie other belonginge to the Church or her dependents. The direction given to the Clerke of the Crowne from my Lord’s owne mouthe is to draw a Commission for him to be a Commissioner ioyntly with the Maior &c., bothe of the peace and gaole delivrie within Citie and Countie, which yet Mr. Benbow refuseth to do untill theie bringe him a true copie of the Charter : which will be a hard task for them to do. I have not yet presented the petition to the Lord Keeper, which by advise I have forborne for some especiall consideracions, but am purposed (yf God will) to deliver the same to his Lordship upon Mondaie nexte : and then humblie to besече him to cast his eye upon the partes thereof, and to measure them with his favoure in judgment. The Bishop’s glosse to swaie his Lordship’s inclynacion is for the better goverment of the Citizens, the ponishment of malefactors and the better orderinge of the incorrigeable beggers and releyfe of the poore. These are some of the principle heads which he inforceth upon his Lordship’s consideracion, whereupon the Lord Keeper hathe ordered and commanded Mr. Benbow to make the Commission readie for the greate seale : which I hope I shall stopp for 10 daies. In the meane tyme yf my petition gaine no fruite from the Lord Keeper, I will expedite the presentinge of a petition to the King or to the Lords as occasion shall require and as my course therein shalbe established by the opinyon of your Councell (Mr. Recorder havinge directed me to reteyne Mr. Noye of [blank], counsell for you, which I have

* i.e. in place of Francis Bacon, who was removed April 30, 1621.

accordingelie don. The Bishop understands that the Chamber is in opposicion with him, which he esteemes not as his solicitors in this busines vaunte, professinge that he intendes to become an earnest suitor to his Majestie for the obteyninge of his Commission.

Loathe I am to acquainte you by my pen with eyche particuler circumstantiall passage that hath ben unworthily put on by the prosecutors of this suite in pointe of untruthe and indignitie. I referre the relacion of them untill my returne admyringe how the Bishop, the Chancellor and some other inferior persons come to the knowledge of some particuler late passages in your assemblies.

When the benevolent money is sent up, let that partie that hath the charge of payment present bothe your letter towching the same and the some to the Lord Treasurer which maie advantadge your suite and which also he will and dothe expecte. This I am told to advise out of my love and duetie to the reputacion of your Chamber.

I take my humble leave, remayning at your disposicion in all faithfullnes readily to be comaunded, Wm. Prowz.

In L. 222, May 29, 1622, William Prouz writes to the Mayor &c. :—

“Right Worshipfull,—I have presented the petition to the Lord Keeper this daie, which for some reasons I could not with convenience performe soner. After I had presented the same I humblie intreated his Lordship to cast his eyes upon the parts thereof, which favour he votchafed unto me. And after he had measured the branches thereof, he turnes aboute unto me and asked me the reasons whie your Chamber should refuse to have a Bishop to be joyned with them in the Commission of peace, being your diocesan and as worthie a prelate as is anie in the Kingdome. My answeare was that your antient Charter did lymitt the particuler number of Justices, which besides the Maior and Recorder coulde not be but eight, which eight were to be chosen out of that number that had borne the office of maioraltie. For confirmacion of the truthe thereof I humblie besought him to admytt our Councill farder to informe him: to which he replied that he had sene your Charter. I presumed to answeare him that under favour his Lordship had onlie senne the severall confirmacions thereof of E. the 6 and Queene Elizabeth, but not the copie of the originale Charter [Charters XXXII, XXXIII], and affirminge that It was the Kinges pleasure to have our Bishop in Commission with you, adding for his reason that in respecte of your froward caraige towards the late Lord Bishop, for so he termed it, that the King required him to graunte our Bishop the said Commission. His Lordship was well pleased to receive an answeare which I framed accordinge to truthe and upon my certeine knowledge, which was that in no place of this Land anie one Bishop had

received more respecte and observacion than the Bishop of Exon from the magistrats; some other exceptions his Lordship had: to everie of which I endeoured to give him satisfaction, humblie concludinge with earnest petition that his Lordship would take into his serious consideracion the indempnities that mighte ensue to the bodie of your Charter whereunto with muche myldnes he replied that he would send within a shorte tyme give me farder resolucion. This Commission is alreadie drawen, and hathe bin perused by his Lordship; in the foote whereof with his owne hand he hathe desired the King's Attorney to peruse the same and yf by law and president It maye hold he desires him also to order the Clerke of the Crowne to ingrosse it readie for the seale; but this direction was before I delivered the petition; which I hope maie turne the bente of my Lord's intencion (my delaies beinge grounded upon sounde reasons), which hereafter you shall understand. And when I shall understand that Mr. Benbow shall repaire to Mr. Attornie with the drawght of the said Commission, I shall informe Mr. Recorder and Mr. Jo. Hakewill, who intend to carry Mr. Noye to Mr. Attorney and to informe him of the state of the busines and to acquainte him with the Innovation that will attend the succes of the suite yf It be obteyned.

"My Lord was pleased to prove that no other should be ioyned in Commission with our Lord Bishop, and Sir, quoth he: Let your maiestrats be displeased, for I assure you, quoth he, this Bishop will not staie longe amonge you. I have used some preparative meanes to Mr. Attorney besides that which is resolved in by Mr. Recorder; as yet wee are not resolved what course wee shall take whither to petition his Majestie or the Lords (yf the Lord Keeper favour not our suite; for my owne particuler opinyon I am resolved upon whose shoulders the burden of this suite in pointe of prosecutions attendans and care is laied by your warrant, that I will follow the initiall direction of your Counsell, bending my whole endeavors to informe myselfe and so to relate unto them the speediest and safest waie and meanes of prevencion. Lastlie I humblie desire that due consideracion maie be speedily had of some partes of my former letters tendinge muche to the furtherans of the suite in hand.

"My duetie and service remembered, do humblie take leave, yours readily to be commaunded,

" Wm. Prous.

" This inclosed (L. 221) is from the Lords."

In L. 223, June 10, 1622, William Prous writes to the Mayor, &c. :—

" Rt. Worshipfull. As yet I cannot make you anie other relacion touchinge our Bishop's attempte for the obteyninge of his Comysion then my last letters informed you, since which tyme Mr. Attorney hathe appointed me to attend

him with your Councell upon thursdaie nexte, at which tyme he will informe him selfe of the partes of your Charter, and so resolve the Lord Keeper of his opinyon towching the conveniencie or inconveniencie thereof. And yf It shall fall out that he certifie against you that It is in the Kinges power to add more Comyssoners to that number prescribed and lymited by your Charter, your Councell will advise what course shalbe speedilie taken: eyther to petition his Majestie or the Lords. At whose borde this particuler cause will wante a speciall assistant of eminence; amonge which number yf Mr. Secretarie have no touche on our Bishop's parte your directions shalbe fourthwith prosecuted (yf your Councell asserite it). I have ben an earnest solicitor to Mr. Attorney to conferre with the Lord Huberte, the Lord Cheife Baron, and Justice Hutton, towching their opinion in pointe of lawe and their opinyons of your goverment: to which he inclynes and votesafed to promise me that before he made his reporte backe to the Lord Keeper that he would conferre with sume of them. I have also acquainted him that Justice Doddridge is a nere neighbour unto the Citie, who also can and will testifie of your peaceable and good goverment. Let me be bold humble to intreate your societie to secrete the partes of my advertisements towchnige this busines and that no unsemelie wordes be given out of our Bishop or of his attempte of suite. I have ben charged by Batt that my letters have occasioned your extraordinarie meetings, which intelligence I deeme to porecede from Mr. Mainwaringe.

"And forasmuche as the case stands thus betwene your Chamber and some others; I have contracted and concluded the sute betwene Sir W. Pole and the poore for the somme of 70*l.* to be paid unto me upon Mondaie nexte, the 17th of this monethe, and taken Mr. Erles bond for payment thereof, which is securitie verie sufficient. In this contracte I have concluded Sir W. power of disposall, and to that end have drawen a pole deede, which herewith I send, humble besechinge you that Mr. Salter maie carrie the same over unto him and intreate him to seale it, for whose better satisfaction I have procured Mr. Erle his nephew, who standes ingaidged for the payment of the 70*l.* to write of Sir William that the release herewith sent was perused and is allowed of under his hand. I wishe Mr. Salter will take in his waie Mr. Batt, who is privie to Mr. Erles and my agrement. Mr. Recorder dothe second my agrement. Yf I had gone to a hearinge before my Lord before I had ended this sute, It would have cost me 10*l.* or 12*l.*, and I doubtte my Lord would have striken of a good parte of the damages given by the Jurie and Comyssoners—so as It is thought by your Councell I have made a good end safelie.

"I do humble desire that I maie receive directions from you and the Chamber how I shall send the money downe unto you, for I hartily desire a present imployment thereof, but

of this some must be deducted suche expenses at thathe ben disbursed aboute the prosecucion thereof, which in particuler I cannot now advertise (my notes beinge at my howse), which at my returne I will honestlie sett downe without eyther the poore or impeychment to my conscience or outward reputacion.

“My dutie and service humblie commended, do remayne,
Yours readilie to be comaunded,
“Wm. Prous.”

In L. 226, June 28, 1622, William Prous reports to the Mayor, &c :—

“Rt. Worshippfull. By my last letters I advertised you of the conference passed betwene your Councill and the Kinges Attorney : for some spetiall reasons tendinge to better hopes, as then so now since continued. I did forbear to write this last weeke by our carrier, be pleased therefore by these to understand that upon Mondaie last bothe the Attorney generall and the Clerke of the Crowne* informed the Lord Keeper what strenght your Charter beares in pointe of negative, that his Majestie by Law cannot make by waie of associacion any more Justics then are warranted by the same ; to which his Lordship replied with &c. that notwithstandinge It was his Majesties expres pleasure to have our Bishop a Justice with that and yf otherwise It mighte not be, then his Majestie would graunte him a non obstante which cannot impeyche the iurisdiction given you by your Charter. So as yf no other thinge happen betweene I cannot be discouraged but that our Lord Bishop maie mysse his marke. Howbeit I knowe he dothe use all meanes to gaine his purpose wherein he hathe the espetiall assistance of the Lord Keeper.

“I have propounded the desire of your howse to all your Councill towchinge the speedie petitioninge of his Majestie to the furtherans whereof I have penned a petition and have tendred the partes thereof to be measured by Mr. Recorder, but for that as yet I cannot tracte out our Bishop’s pathe which waie he bendes his course. Your Councill do not deeme it expedient yet to prosecute this suite by waie of petition to the Kinge. I have and do carefullie bend all my endeavors to gaine knowledge of our Bishop’s pursuite, which when I have obteynd shall occasion me accordinge to your Council’s directions to follow suche course as shalbe by their better judgment propounded unto me the succes whereof as It shall happen I will commend by my letters to your understandinge.

“I was latelie informed by Mr. Recorder upon a conference betweene him and one Mr. Norden,† a surveyour of landes and a dependant upon the prince’s service, that the tytle of your manners of Exe Iland [Charter XXXVI, p. 5], and

* Sir Thomas Edmondess. *Cal. Dom.*, 1619–1623, p. 129.

† i.e. John Norden. *Cal. Dom.*, 1619–1623, p. 110.

all the houses and land belonging to the Castle of Exon with northernehaie is likelie to be questioned by the Prince upon Mr. Recorder's perswasion to conferre with Mr. Norden (with whom I have some acquaintans). I endeavored to speake with him, but beinge gon from his lodginge here into Kent I have myssed him, and yet notwithstandinge have by other and better meanes intreated a kynsman of my wyfes attendinge also the prince's service in a speciall manner, to sound Mr. Norden towchinge the tytle pretended by his hieghnes; which he hathe promised faithfullie to do At his returne out of Kent, which will not be yet.

"I have now received 70*l.* from Mr. Earle of Sir Wm. Pole, his due upon the decree. By my former letter I intreated directions from you how I might conveye it downe, and finding none by the partes of your last do intreate to be advertised by warrant to whom I shall paie it here, for I dare not send it by the Carryer, neyther dothe Mr. Recorder think it safe.

"It is saied that our Bishop wilbe with you aboute thend of Julie, and intendethe to lodge with Mr. Chancelor. I wishe he were gon hence that I might take my flight westwardes, for I am verie wearie of my longe staie here.

"My duetie and service Remembered, do Remaine your obliged in duetie,

"Wm. Prous.

"Our assizes at Exon beginnes the 5th daie of August, and our old Judges continue."

In L. 227, London, June 29, 1622, Wm. Prous writes to the Mayor, &c. :—

"Rt. Worshipfull.

"After I had penned and delivered my last letters sent by my Cosen Mr. Fra. Crossinge, I toke occasion ioyntlie to conferre with Mr. Recorder, Mr. Noye, and my Cosen Hackwell towchinge a farder progres to meete with our Bishop's egar pursuite of his attempted suite: who is now more vehement then heretofore he hathe ben with the Clerke of the Crowne, to whom at my instance, but from his owne invencion as I have desired him, he hathe returned him answeare that the Lord Keeper hathe referred the due consideration of the partes of the new Commission drawn, unto the Kinges Attorney in pointe of Law and president, whose resolucion by waie of certificate under his hand backe againe returned to the Lord Keeper, yf by Law and president of like nature the Kinge maie do it, wilbe his Lordship's encouragement to direct a fiat to the Clerke to ingrosse the same readie for the great seale; so as hitherto no commaund is come to the Clerk to finish the said Commission. And albeit this busines hathe ben closelie followed by our Bishop and his solicitors, yet hitherto thei

have founde a hard taske thereof and yet are without knowledge who watchethe their steps; albeit they have used manie meanes to dog the trade of my waie.

"Upon deliberacion of my proposition your Councell have ben pleased to consent to become your humble suitors to Mr. Secretaire Calverte,* that his honor would be pleased accordinge to the Chamber's desire to take upon him the patronizinge of your cause as occasion hereafter shall require; eyther to his Majestie or at the Councell Bord (our busines now standinge upon better and more safer termes I last wrote unto you and in particuler sithe I maie not inlardge by my pen; howbeit my hopes are prouder now of a fairer yssue then heretofore theye have ben.

"This morninge it was agreed that my Cosen hakewill should present your humble suite to Mr. Secretarie, in whose favoure he hath muche interest; upon whom I was intreated to attend to thend his honor might take knowledge of me to be your Solicitor for this cause. At our cominge to Mr. Secretaries house in St. Martin's Lane, we were informed that he was at Grenewiche, where the Courte is; but sone at his returne or upon Mondaie morninge it hath pleased my Cosen hakewill to promyse me to go with me to the Secretaries howse and to acquainte him with your suite and the nature and conveniencie thereof, which yf his honour when occasion shall require, shall oblige you with all thankfullnes to deserve his favoure, to which end I go provided I neede not expres myselfe in open termes farder to your wisdomes in this resolucion.

"Upon some late accident I presume the Lord Keeper will staie his hand from subscribinge a fiat for this Commission. Yf he do, there wilbe a remedie provided for maintenance of your solide power and iurisdiction of which hereafter you maie more particulerlie be informed. In the meane season Mr. Recorder is carefull, my Cosen Hakewell forward and my honest endeavours shall in no respect be failinge to do the duetie of a faithfull and dilligent solicitor, orderinge the prosecution as in course of Law and discretion shalbe propounded unto me by your Councell.

"I am informed that a letter was latelie sent unto you, Mr. Maior, aboute some busines to which an answere is expected: I know not the meaninge, but a follower of the Lord President† required of me whither I had not received a letter from you to the Lords, to whom I replied that I had, but I informed him that was towards the benevolence money. That is not the busines he prayed me to put you in mynd to returne with all speede an answere.

"My service and duetie remembered to your worship and the rest, do remayne,

"Yours readily to be comanded,
"Wm. Prou.""

* Sir George Calvert. *Cal. Dom.*, 1619-1623, p. 14.

† i.e. Henry Montague, Viscount Mandeville.

In L. 229, July 2, 1622, William Prous writes to the Mayor, &c. :—

“ Rt. Worshipfull.

“ My laste letters informed you of an intencion to acquainte Mr. Secretarie Calverte with the state of your busines for the maintenance of priviledges against our Bishop’s attempted suite ; by these you maie be pleased to take knowledge that my Cosen Hakewell and my selfe had accesse unto his honor verie privatelie. After his honor had ben fullie informed by my Cosen Hakewell of the integritie of your Charter and sufficiencie of well orderinge your selves in the dueties of your places, to the generall applause of the Justices of Assize, the gentrie of the Countie of Devon, and what readie obedience the Inhabitants of Exon from tyme to tyme cherefullie and without anie opposition have yealded thereunto, His honor advised a course which before was performed in parte, and that hitherto hath given bothe your Councell and my selfe muche comforte and contentment, which in particuler your worship with the rest of your societie maie more Sithe understand from Mr. Recorder’s relacion, then by intelligence from my pen : and therefore do spare to present you the full descours onlie he hath promised his readie assistance when and as often as occasion shall require, requiringe my attendance and access unto him upon everie occasion, assuringe me of free cominge unto him and of his hartie affection to further your ymployments eyther to his Majestie or to the Councell borde.

“ Mr. Secretarie [Calvert], with whom wee were this daie, did informe my Cosen Hackwell that sone after the conclusion of peace between the Turke and the polonians the Turkes souldiers required of him some recompence for their service to which the Turke replied with bitterness that theie should have none, threatninge them also to put them to the sword, which so provoked them that theie sett upon the Turke and slew him,* his brother and four other of his nexte bloode and 3,000 gent, and have sett up the Turkes Uncle, whom he put by [*i.e.* Mustapha I, who had been deposed in 1618], esteiminge him to be a foole, so that of that race there is no more left but he, and he is verie old.†

“ Thus cravinge pardon for this hastie scribblinge, this bearer beinge hastie and my selfe not well, do take Leave with Remembrans of my Duetie and service to you all and do Remayne

“ Yours readilie to be commanded,

“ Wm. Prous.”

* *i.e.* Othman II, strangled by Janissaries, May 10, 1622. *Cal. Dom.*, 1619–1623, p. 425.

† These events are described in letters written to Secretary Calvert by Sir Thomas Roe from Constantinople, dated May 10th, 16th, 1622. *Roe, Negotiations*, pp. 42, 45.

In L. 230 (undated), Wm. Prouz writes to the Mayor, &c. :—
 “Rt. Worshipfull,

“I have had my seconde accesse unto the Lord Keeper towching his returne of answeare unto the partes of the petition which I delivered unto him this weeke. He advised me to forbear anie farder pursuite of your busines, affirminge verie confidentlie unto me that his Majesties expres pleasure is commended unto him to graunte the said Comysion to our Lord Bishop, which by his warrant is drawn and delivered unto the Kinges Attorney, whom I have attended with humble request that he wilbe pleased not hastily to returne the same unto the Crowne Office but to bounde a tyme when I maie bringe the Cities Councill to conferre with him towching the partes of your immunitie by Charter, which favoure he hathe yealded unto me and for the better strengtheninge of our endeavors I have with the consent of our Recorder and my Cosen Hakewill reteyned the Recorder of London and one Mr. Bridgman, a learned gent, towching the pleas of the Crowne, and verie inwardlie interested with the acquaintans of Mr. Attorney.

“This suite is heavily sett upon and pursued with force and stronge meanes insomuche I feare the succes, and the more in regard of the reason which by my laste letters to my brother, I presented to the consideracion of your Societie which I humblie desire maie be considered and taken to harte amonge you for yf you forslow the oportunitie and meanes now offered you maie prejudice the pillars of your government. I dare not inlargde my reasons by pen, but deeme it sufficient to give you a word in season, nothinge doubtinge but that as the case now standes with you, you will providentlie bend bothe your wills, wyttis and purses, to further the betteringe of that which in some points is founde defective; you know my meaninge.

“This weeke (the terme beinge ended) I intend to bringe all your reteyned Councill with your owne together, purposelie to consider of such material pointes as necessarilie are to be drawn out of the bodie of your Charter for Mr. Attorneys better informacion, whereunto I will add suche notes of inconveniencie and conveniencie as maie perswade him of the daunger of suche a president, which tendeth to the disturbance of the peace, of the entire government and will also turne to irregularitie of state, which pointe Mr. Recorder dothe earnestlie desire you to prevent by some speedie provision and providence to right all imperfections of &c. which are menconed in my letter to my brother. This bearer beinge a footeman is hastie and occasionethe this brevitie. My humble duetie remembered, do remayne,

Your obliged in duetie and love,

“Wm. Prouz.

“When I have gathered our Councill together I will propoun unto them (yf so cause shall require) whither I shall petition the King or the Lords.”

In L. 231, July 6, 1622, William Prou writes to the Mayor, &c. :—

“Rt. Worshipfull.

“This inclosed (*i.e.* L. 230) which was penned purposely to be sent unto you by the footpost of Tavistocke who departed and hath left the same behind him, dothe particulerly acquainte you with the state of your busines with the Lord Keeper: and how farre your suite unto Mr. Secretarie hath ben prevalent. By these be pleased to be advertised that this daie the Lord Keeper hath resolved to have the Commission perfected, notwithstandinge the Kinges Attorney hath againe confidently acquainted him that your Charters are negative and that by Law nor precedent his Majestie maie not safelie do It. Which resolution his Lordship dothe not relishe, but intendes as is thought, to establishe his cause by warrant from his hieghnes, to meete with him in that course, as yet your Counsell have not advised but intend purposely to conferr thereabout to-morrow and then to sett forward their deternynacion for me to prosecute. Which dilligentlie and carefullie I will pursue with an upright harte and true affection: for the maintenance of your priviledges and reputacons. Upon thursdaie nexte the Kinge comes to Whitehaule, where he intendes to make a shorte staie, goinge from thens to farnam* in progres. Yf the Lord Keeper or our Bishop’s intendment be to compas their desire, It is presumed that their suite to his Majestie wilbe to have a *non obstante* to settle him against the power of your Charter and consequentlie the Common Law of the Realme: wherein everie good subiecte hath an estate of inheritans. Thus with the due remembrance of my duetie and service to your worship, and to the rest of your societie, do take leave remaininge at your comaundment most readie,

“Wm. Prowz.”

In L. 232 (undated, but *circ.* July 8, 1622), William Prou writes to the Mayor, &c. :—

“Rt. Worshipfull.

“I am crediblie informed that our Bishop was yesterdaie with my Lord Keeper, which the rather I do beleive in respecte the Kinges Attorney told me this afternoone that the Lord Keeper would go on with the Commission to associate the Bishop in Commission with you, not withstandinge his opinyon that the King could not do it in pointe of Law; And for my better satisfaction I presentlie repaired to the Clerke of the Crowne who assertheined me that my Lord this morninge ordered him to drawe a new Commission, (the former drawght beinge erroneous) and yf the King maie not do it by Law; yet his Majesties will is to have it, and therefore It shalbe don, quoth my Lord. Hereof I have informed your Councell, by whose advise I am ordered

* In a letter dated London, Aug. 10, 1622, the King has left Windsor for Farnham. *Cal. Dom.*, 1619-23, p. 439.

to conferre with Mr. Benbow for some directions, to some pointes which I purpose to propounde unto which (*sic*) resolved. Shall occasion the prosecution of a new intended course, which I cannot by my letters advertise because it is not yet fullie determynd. Neyther can be these two Daies. Now yf my Lord will observe what he deemes fitt, you must with patience endevoure to maineteine your priviledges in a legall course, which by opinyon is conceived to be verie prevalent. Howbeit your Councill do presume that his Lordship will better consider that there is neyther Law nor president to warrant a Commission of that nature, tendinge to irregularitie in pointe of presumption. Now as the wynde blowes good or bad, towchinge your publick busines I will evermore advertise duringe my abode here; which yf the Lord will shalbe no longer than the Satturdaie after thend of this terme, for London hathe cleane tired me out. It is privatelie reported here that the frenche Kinge is deade* and that he dyed of an impostume in his head. This last Sabaothe the Kinge made two new privie Counsellors, Sir Edward Connawaie and Sir Oliver St. John, the late Deputie of Ireland.†

“My duetie and service remembered to your worship and to your brethren and societie, do remayne, yours readily to be comaunded.

“Wm. Prouz.”

In L. 233, London, July 13, 1622, Wm. Prouz writes to the Mayor, &c. :—

“Rt. Worshipfull,

“I presume after some fewe daies I shall finde out the Lord Keeper’s determynacion towchinge the ordering of our Bishop’s Commission, which so earnestlie thoughte underhand by his instruments he pursues. And albeit the stirringe solicitor assigned by our Bishop hathe latelie informed the Clerke of the Crowne, from whose mouth I received relacion that the Solicitor tolde him that the Bishop was not desirous to have a Commission of association to sitt with you, but that It proceeded onlie from the affection of the Lord Keeper to authorize him thereunto, yet nevertheles I knowe and have found out his instruments that cease not to gaine his desire and longinge disposicion thereon by some unfittinge practises, which hitherto have ben cautiouslie yet secretlie prevented. So as yf his Majesties commaund be not put to the furtherance hereof, I hope his suite wilbe fruiteles.

“The Kinge came hither upon thursdaie, and wente hence yesterdaie. It is conceived that the Lord Keeper will and hathe moved the Kinge towchinge the conveniency of havinge our Bishop a Commyssioner with you, pretendinge that It wilbe muche for the furtherance of his Majesties service there,

* Louis XIII did not die till May 14, 1643.

† *i.e.* Viscount Grandison. Both he and Conway were admitted members of the Privy Council on June 28th, 1622. *Cal. Dom.*, 1619-1623, pp. 415, 418.

but his Majesties Attorney yf he be required to satisfie in pointe of Law his hieghnes I hope will informe by that It maie not be done eyther by law, president nor conveniencie.

“And for that It is supposed that my Lord will not hastily give informacion of his Majesties pleasure to have the Commission finished yf he shall obteyne it. It is thought fit by your Councell and also otherwise that my staie here shalbe lengthened to take notice what furder directions wilbe given therein that accordingelie I maie you reporte thereof at my returne, which otherwise I intended should have ben with Mr. Recorder, who comes hence upon Mondaie nexte, to whom I will make an accounte of those thinges that I shall learne and finde out towchinge the passages of this in the meane while yf anie happen to be.

“My love and duetic remembered to your worship and to your brethren, and societie, do remayne,

“Your most obedient servant,

“Wm. Prouz.”

L. 241. Hilary Term, 1622-3.—For expenses and disbursements from the 6th of January unto the xjth of February, 1622 (*i.e.* 1623):—

For a mans hors hire to accompany me onlie to London whom I retained presently	xxs.
For his wages and his and myne expenses up..	xls.
For his expenses onlie downwardes	xs.
For cariage of my trunke	vs.
For my owne dyet at London onlie for 5 weeks, two daies, my chamber hier, fyer, washinge and horsmeate	vijl.
In fees to Mr. Bridgeman, Mr. Noye, Mr. Hakewill, and benevolences	xxiiijl. xvs.
For a leather bage	xiiiijd.
To Mr. Lambe and Mr. Philipps for a copie of precedents	xvijs. vid.
Mr. Recorder in fees	nil.
Suma	xxxvl. viijs. viijd.

Received, 50*l.*

Resedue, xiiiijl. xjs. iiijd.

Which somme I am readie to paie where your worships shall order the receite.

I was at London, and in my Journey homewardes three weekes and two daies, which I caste not upon the Chamber's charge, but charge my expenses for so longe tyme upon my account to Mr. Maior of Tiverton.

[*Endorsed*: Mr. Wm. Prouse (*sic*) exhibited this accounte the 11th of Marche, 1622 (*i.e.* 1623).] The document is in his own handwriting, but the name in the endorsement is added in a later hand.

In D. 1742, April, 1623, the Chamber appoints John Prouse, Alderman, and William Prouse, gentleman, as attornies for

us and in our names to become humble suitors as well to the Kinges most excellent Majestie as to the Lordes of his Majesties most honorable Privie Counsell for the mayntenance of all such liberties, rights and privileges as have heretofore benne graunted unto us or any of our predecessors within the said Citye and Countie of Exeter."

In L. 242, London, April 17, 1623, John Prouse writes to the Mayor:—"I doubt not but you expect to heare from me, and I wyshe that I could Imparte unto you suche good newes towching your busynesse as you desire, but suche as it is by these you shall understand. Upon Thursdaie last my brother [*i.e.* William Prouse] ridd to Hampton Court,* where he found a better oportunitie to delyver your petition to his Majestie then I could do the Wednesdaie before, although I wayted long at Whythall to have performed so muche, the King beinge no waie Inclinaire at that tyme to receive anie one petition, nor did from anie. His Majestie accepted the petition with muche perswasion, first understanding from whome it came; and when he was told from whome, he said that he understood that the citizens were Puritans, to which my brother made a modest awnswere, which somewhat pacified the King. At last he gave him this awnswere, that he should attend at Windsore and there he should have his awnswere, according to which direction my brother is this daie Ridden thither; at whose Retorne I hope to wryte you more Largelye for as yet I knowe not what successe wee shall have. Your letter I delyvered to my Lord Treasurer,† who hathe nobly promised to stand for us and for our petition, and to speak with his Majestie hand to hand for the furtherance of our suit. The next Labor wilbe to attend bothe his Lordship and some other to worke our peace and to bring our honest ends to a fayrer Issue, which God grant us, assuring you that no good meanes shalbe neglected by us which maie effect the same, for I knowe that wee shall have strong opposition by potent personages in the behalfe of our byshopp, who hathe traduced us exceedinglie to his Majestie as hereafter wilbe manifested, for he hathe gyven out that his workmen and servant were beaten by 500 people, which I knowe to be untrue [*see* L. 234, page 134], and shalbe made plaine if the King put over this busynesse with the hearing thereof to the Counsell bord, untill when no more, onlie I doubt that your cause before it Receyve a consideracion will prove costlie to you and burdensome to us by Long attendance, but God's will be done. I praie you lett not this letter be made common, for I am assured that all you do is presentlie here. Silence become the grave magistrates. And so I leave your selfe and my brethren to the grace of God and rest

your worship's ever loving ffriend,
Jo. Prouse."

* For documents dated at Hampton Court, April 17, 1623, and Windsor, April 18, 1623, see *Cal. Dom.*, 1619-1623, p. 559.

† *i.e.* Lionel Lord Cranfield, Earl of Middlesex, *see* L. 220, p. 77.

In L. 252, Lincoln's Inn, June 28, 1623, Nicholas Ducke [Recorder of Exeter, *page 55*] writes to John Martyn [Town Clerk]:—

“Untill I receyved your letter by George Salter, I did little doubt but that the Commission for the money clippers had bene Longe agoe dispatched. I shall have such important busynes partlie concerning the City of Exon and partlie my selfe in my particuler, and will lye so uppon me and require my attendance here so longe, that I thinke I shall not be able to reache home before your Sessions. I praie you therfor to acquaynt Mr. Maior with it and in my behalfe heartilie to intreat Mr. Waltham and Mr. Reynell [*see L. 211, page 110*], for the giving of the charge and to attend to the Sessions and busynes; and I shalbe ready to acknowledge yt. And I conceive the busynes will neyther be longe or difficult. For the Sequestracon I have moved the Barons, and it is yet yielded that wages shalbe allowed for a Cuarat to serve the Cure, such as the ordinary shall think fitt. Bud (*sic*) Mr. Costard hath petitioned his Majestie, who hath referred the consideracion of that busynes of the sequestracion to my Lord Treasurer, and by hym to Baron Denham; so that wee knowe not yet what the finall end wilbe. But the sending in of the money by Mr. Maior is well allowed. For the Escheatorship, we are now in hand with yt and will doe our best, and yeeld an account of our proceedings therin uppon our returne. William Prowse is employed about the Escheatorship, and followes it carefully and like himself. Wee feare much the Commission of the peace, but wee shall do our best to withstand yt for so much as shall lie in our powers. Thus with my hearty commendacons I leave the success of all busynes to God, and rest your assured frend,

Nich. Ducke.

In L. 256, London, Nov. 8, 1623, William Prous writes to the Mayor, John Gokewill, Esq., and the rest of the deputie Lieutenants:—

“Rt. Worshipfull.

“Our Lord Lieutenant for Devon and Exon hathe ben pleased to acquaint me that he is dealinge with Mr. Secretary Calvert for the passage of his Comysion and dothe expecte allowance from your Chamber to be fourthwith disbursed according to the ordinary proporcon heretofore dispended upon like occasion. And because his pleasure could not be made knowen soner unto your worships (howbeit It is saied that some amouge you were acquainted with his Lordship's resolucon bendinge that waie at his being at Exon), I have thought it my duetie (being thereunto also by his Lordship requested) to give you knowledge thereof, Leaving further directions to be given for his Lordship's better satisfaction and the accomplishment of this weightie affaire, to your deep and better considerations and wisedomes.

"I finde his Lordship's inclynacon bendinge to the increase of the number and to make the number full with addicon of two more, to those that formerlie have ben deputed. He hath required my attendance aboute this service, for which purposelie I intend to lengthen my tyme for 10 daies (my determynacons beinge formerlie and resolutely setled to have come heare upon thursdaie nexte beinge the 13 of this instant monethe. I humblie therefore desire to be informed (yf so It shall seeme good unto you) what returne I shall make unto his Lordship for payment of such somme as shalbe required for the passage and dueties incident to the procuringe thereof; And the rather do beseche the expeditinge of your answeare in regard of my desire to leave this care, which is very noysome to my bodie. Untill the 23 your occasions shall staie me here.

"The Catalogue of those names which are to be presented unto his Lordship for increase of the number must be those four Justics which are none of the number alreadie mencioned in his deputacon, of which number I presume the lott will fall into the Lappe of Mr. Waltham [Geoffrey Waltham, Mayor 1613] and Mr. Muddyford [John Modyford, Mayor 1622], gentlemen well approved of.

"I have the warrant of his Lordship's comaund to comend his hartiest affections to you, Mr. Maior, by name, with many thanks for his liberall and cherefull enterテインement, which words I received from his owne mouthe, and the like affections to the rest of the lieutenants, with his love to the Common Counsell.

"There are certeine directions towching marshall affairs which he ordereth to be delivered and sent or carried to your worshipp, which with safetie yf God will shalbe performed yf the charge is laied upon me.

"My service and duetie remembered to your worship and the rest of the Justics, do humblie take leave and shall remayne ever at your commaundment in alle sinceritie and faithfullnes,

"Wm. Prouz.

"I crave pardon for this rude writinge, being somewhat diseased with hedache."

Abraham Rutter.

L. 221. May 27, 1622.—The Lords of the Council forward to the Mayor a warrant for the arrest of Abraham Rutter, a citizen of Exeter, as soon as he should return from the Low Countries.*

Postscript.—You are to carrie this busines verie secretly least that Rutter having notice thereof doe forbear to returne thither and keepe out of the way.

* He was charged with exporting gold and silver out of the realm between Aug. 27, 1619, and May, 1622, but was cleared of the charge on Nov. 30, 1622. *Cal. Dom.*, 1619-1623, p. 465.

In L. 224, June 15, 1622, Lord Mandeville [President of the Council] writes to the Mayor, &c., that he has received their letter of June 11th and therewithall Abraham Rutter, whom you had order from the Board to apprehend. He desires them to search Rutter's house for his Books of Account and letters of advice, and them to take and keepe in your custody till you have further order from the Board.

In L. 232 (undated, but *circ.* July 8, 1622), William Prouse writes to the Mayor:—"I am commaunded to attend the Kinges Attorney tow. [*i.e.* touching] your letter, Mr. Maior, to the Lord president, which accordingelie I have don this evening. From Mr. Attorney's owne mouthe, I am required to intreate you to send up such bookes and other writings as you have taken into your custodie of Mr. Rutter's; and to send them up fast sealed under your hand and seale, that they maie not faile to be here at the fardest by the 15th of this monethe, that my selfe maie have them to deliver with my owne hand to Mr. Attorney, from whom he expectes to receive them as a person trusted by him for the expediting of his Majesties service, which as is pretended is of greate importance; hereof I humblie besече your worship have speciall care to send them by a faithfull and speedie messenger, that I maie receive them in due tyme, to present them as is spetiallie required, which I leave to your wisdome and graver consideracon. [With side note: "Reade this parte to Mr. Maior onlie."]

The Free Schools.

L. 234. July 15, 1622.—The Lords of the Council write to the Bishop of Exeter [*i.e.* Valentine Cary, *see* L. 10, *p.* 17] enclosing a petition of William Perriman, "Schoolemaister of the Haigh School in the Cittie of Exeter [called "the ancient school of the Dean and Chapter of Exeter" in *Cal. Dom.*, 1629-1631, *p.* 297, June, 1630], complaining of divers great abuses and outrages offered unto him, his ushers and schollars by Zacharie Wills, an apprentice and others [endorsed "The Lords letter to the Lord Carye Bishopp about the riott at Southernhay," *see* L. 242, *p.* 131; *also* Lloyd Parry, *p.* 19], and desiring the Bishop to take full examinations concerning the matter.

This letter, which is somewhat torn, has been the outside of a bundle of papers relating to this business, and is thus endorsed by Izaack:—"These several papers doe expresse the particuler vexations and complaynts of Wm. Perryman, a Schoolemaster, against the Cittie of Exeter, and charitable worke &c., wherein though two Bishops [*i.e.* Cary and Hall] and the Deane and Chapter of Exeter joyned with them, yet were their reasons rejected and severall men's pious donations ordered to be performed *prout* Pasch 7 Car. [*i.e.* Charles I—1631] R. in May att the Counsell Board."*

* The particulars of this dispute have been recently published by the Town Clerk, Mr. H. Lloyd Parry, *The Founding of Exeter School*, who quotes many of the documents which are here printed in full. J. H. W. 29.6.13.

In L. 271, Jan. 4, 1624-5 [also L. 235, undated, which is a duplicate, wrongly endorsed 1622, with slight verbal variations] William Perriman, Schoolemaister of the High School in the Cittie of Exeter, petitions George [Abbot] Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, stating that the magistracy of Exeter out of a long suppressed malice against him for complaining some three yeres since to the Lords of the Council (L. 234) of the countenancing and bearing out certain riotous persons who had highly violenced and wronged him, his ushers and scholars, have of late besides divers false and scandalous aspersions tendinge to his defaminge and disablinge in his person and profession contrarie to the letter of the Lords, the opinion of the Judges of Assize, and without anie former president caused him to be taxed for the first payment of the last Subsidie and since to the second payment.

That notwithstanding by his solicitation and private charge of 300*l.* he hath byn the meanes of reedifying the said schoole, wherein he hath ymployed his best tyme and endeavors theise 22 yeres, they have labored to erect a newe schoole in prejudice if not overthrowe of his most auncient schole.

That lookinge herein redresse from the Reverend Lord Bishop there (though verie willinge) was not able to releive hym, havinge noe Temporall jurisdiction in that Cittie.

That lastlie in further execution of their still continuinge spleene they have without any former usage assessed him towards the erectinge of a magazine for powder and he humblye suinge therein for the priviledge of his profession was by them bound in this tyme of Christmas and dead of winter to appear before the right Honorable the Lord Russel, Lord Lieutenant of that Countie here near London,* and could by noe meanes begge a further and more seasonable journey.

With a note: I praie the Lord Russell to give the best assistance that his Lordshipp can to this petitioner in his honest cause.—G. Cant. [See Lloyd Parry, pp. 28, 31.]

On the back is a copy of a writ dated Whitehall, Feb. 7 1624-5, summoning "such two of the Aldermen of the Cittie of Exeter as you shall thinke fittest instructed and authorised on your behalves to make answare to the said complaintes" of George (*sic*) Perriman:—

In a further petition addressed to the Lords of the Privy Council, a duplicate of which is in L. 272 (undated), Mr. Perryman asserts:

They practize to erecte a newe schoole and bringe in another schoolmaster your petitioner havinge served in that place without just cause of exception 22 yeres, drawne thither by themselves from a place of equall benefitt, the schole beinge capable of receivinge manie more, and your petitioner havinge at his owne charges of 300*l.* reedified the same and provided learned ushers at his greate cost to serve there.

* *i.e.* at Chiswick. See L. 263, 273, pp. 11, 138.

That on his return from the interview with Lord Russell, "residinge neare London," they first in approbrious termes reviled your petitioner, saying he was a proude, sawsie, insolent fellowe, and they would whipp hym worse then he whipped anie scholler, and within fewe daies after to the further disgrace of your petitioner, called an unusuall assembly to gether and pressed your petitioner there to make publique confession and acknowledgment of the afore said supposed error. Divers other causeless reproaches and Injuries tendinge to the scandalizinge of his person and disablinge and discouraginge hym in his profession are dailie offered to your petitioner, whereof your Lordshippys may be likewise pleased to be further informed by his Counsell.

The premisses considered the petitioner humble praieeth your Lorshippys to take such course as in your wisdomes shall seeme best as well for the petitioner's future exemption from the like taxes and charges and for upholdinge the priviledges of the Auncient Schoole, as also for the future quiet of your petitioner and some reparation for the disgrace susteyned as beforesaid.

L. 236 (undated).—Wee have heard of a petition about three yeares past exhibited by the schoolmaster of Exeter unto the Lords of his Majesties privye Councell complayninge as now against the Magistrates of Exeter—which busenes when itt came to hearinge before the Lord Byshopp, as wee are credible informed by the Recorder of Exeter, beinge present, he onelie called and accused one of the Aldermen, namely Mr. John Prowze, which wee are the rather induced to beleeve because none of us besides the said Alderman Prowze were either publikelye called before the said Lord Byshopp at the tyme of the examynacon of the busenes or privatlie dealt with therein by the Lord Byshopp or any from hym. Butt as wee have heard the said Schoolmaster findinge his owne error that he had petitioned against the whole Governors and att the hearinge called and accused butt one by the advice (as itt seemes) of some frend of his complayned att the laste in grosse against all the Governors, but soe Coldlye as nott any one of us (Mr. Prowse excepted) were ever called before my Lord touchinge the busenes and the petition itt self which was exhibited unto the lords of his Majesties Privy Councell after itt was once read before the said Lord Bishopp, as wee have heard could not ever againe be seene, soe as wee could not informe ourselves of the Injurye Slaunders he did us therein Whereby wee might have proceeded to right our selves by a Course of Lawe.

Now for justifieinge of our proceedings in this busenes, on Complaint made on the parte of the ushers (though on examynacion wee found both partyes faultye as itt will [presentlye] appeare) yett wee bound over onelie the Townsmen unto the next generall Sessions. At which Sessions there beinge noe legall proceedings against them by the adverse

parte they were discharged in open Sessions by the then Maior and Justices, Richard Waltham, Counsellor at lawe then sittinge in place of the Recorder."

[*Endorsed*: "The passages of the busines touching Perriman in 1622 before ye Lord Bishop of Exon, et that not binding the ushers as the townsmen were argues us [*i.e.* the magistracie] to be farr from mallice." For abstract, see Lloyd Parry, p. 18.]

In L. 243, London, April 27 (*s.a.*, but=1624, though endorsed 1623, as Lloyd Parry, p. 24), J. Chappell [possibly a son of John Chappell, who was Mayor in 1595] writes to the Mayor, John Gupwill:—

"Right Worshipfull.

"My humbell and most Bounden dutie unto you and the Rest of the Worshippes Remembered. Accordinge to your derectiones I have Imparted unto Mr. Recorder [Nicholas Ducke] and Mr. Prouze the substance of the buisnes which your worship and the Rest willed me to dow, and in especiall, touching the Treatie with our Lord Bushoppe for his favour in permitinge of another skoolmaster to teach within the City.

"The weeke after my first Cominge to London the Lord Bushope was moved by Mr. Recorder, Mr. Prouze and my selfe beinge present, and his Awnsear was That as yet he was not so fullye acquented with the maner of the skool, but would advise himsealfe with thoes which better knowe yet and then would give his Awnsear; and one Sundaye last Mr. Recorder, Mr. Prouze and my sealfe In The afternone went to his house, and ther after many Communicationes, wher his Chauncelor was present, his Awnsear was fullie and plenarily thus: "That yf yet might appear of any particular Comodity might Redound to the citizens by the havinge of another skoolmaster, he would willinglie yeald to their request, &c., and that at his next Cominge downe into the Cuntrie, which he said by Godes grace should be present after this seccion of parlement: he doupted not but to give them good satisfaction, and withal said That yf any other course wear taken for the admission of another skoolmaster yet should in no maner discontent him. In the discourses of pro and con., The Chauncelor touched that Mr. Periman had not in all one hundred and ffortie skollers and that he did not macke clear of the skool above a hundred pound *per annum*, and said he would mantayne the poyntes to be True.

"This is far under the number and some which Mr. Recorder and Mr. Prouze alleaged, and so upon thoes termes wear parted; nowe having Received this determinat Awnsear, Mr. Recorder willed me to signifye unto your worshippis what had passed, and withallsaid for present he saw no waye to Attayne unto yet except some pregnant mattir could be proved against Mr. Periman of any fact done by him: and for to move yet in the parlement yet would bee but a hassard to expend mony upon a douptfull event, for the parlement is possessed with

many petitions and billes, and yf everi daye wear a weeke, yet would bee time littell yenoufe to determine them, and many will come short of ther expectation.

“The Buisines of examinations about the Lord Tresearor [*see* L. 268, p. 114] which hath binne dependinge near a moneth hath binne the cause that many billes and petitiones of greavances lye backe, and attend time. Diverse Merchantes of London and Bristowll and my selfe wear summoned to appear before the Lords of the heier house and ther sworne by the Lord Keeper to awnsear before the Lordes Committes touchinge greavances of which Attendance wee are not yet freed, but this weeke we hoope the Lord Tresearour’s Buisines will be Censured, which I fear will fall heavye; and the oppininge of a pathe of some others to fowlowe; for our greavances of the pretermitted Custome, the Grocerie, the prisage, the Allowance of repayment of Impost upon sugares exported, the Allowance upon other Perpetuances, and small Devon, Somersett and Dorset Dozns, wee are in good hoope of some Redresse: for other particular * * * hear, yet is the backe see ebbinge and flowinge, up and downe; so a man dare not be thauthoc (?) onlie his Majesties graciouse speache [*see* p. 114], whereof I send you a coppie [not preserved], and his generall pardon is said to be verie large. The licke hath not binne since the first year of the late quenes Raigne. In Mr. Recorder’s Chamber ther was some speache of Mr. John Martin’s* death, and many Reported to be sutores for the Town clarkShippe, and emongest many which were named, Mr. Recorder said he could wyishe yf yett did so please the Mr. of the 24 that Mr. Wm. Neald, which hath binne well experimenced in the ofice to be a fit man and cappabell to dow good ofices for the Citye upon any occasion. Thus I humblie take my leave and dow Remayne at your Worshippe’s comandement in all dutie to be comanded,

“J. Chappell.”

In L. 268, Westminster, April 24, 1624, John Prowse writes to the Mayor:—“Concerning a newe scholemaster I feare our bishop wilbe adverse to our desire, whose aunswere wee shall understand to-morrow, however Mr. Recorder and my selfe joyne in opinion that you should by a letter subscribed by yourselfe and all our magistrates, with some others of the better citizens, wryte to my Lords Grace of Canterbury, humbly Intreating his favor in this busynesse which being sent in season wee will second you, in the meane tyme wee purpose notwithstanding to be suters unto his Grace for the efecting of your Request if possyibly wee maie obteyne the same.”

L. 273. Chiswick, Jan. 6, 1624–5.—Francis Lord Russell (*see* p. 11) writes to the Mayor and deputy Lieutenants of Exeter:—

“After my hartie commendacons I received from you latelie a letter with a Recognizance wherein Mr. Willyam Perryman,

* Town Clerk since April 22, 1620. He was also Chamberlain, *see* p. 114. He was buried April 20, 1624.

Schoolemaister of Exeter, was bound to appear before me together with your informacion against hym towching the cause of his byndinge over; Soe it is that he made his apparance before me within the tyme prefixed by the recognizance, and before I had received your letter or information against hym whereby I could not att the first charge hym particularlie with anie offence; but since then he hath come to me againe; And nowe comparinge your information with his aunswares I find his refusall to pay the rate imposed on hym towards your magazine of powder to be the onlie matter of substance laide to his charge proper for me to consider and judge of. And touchinge that point he laboures to excuse or att least to extenuate the offence complayned of by alleaginge your former passinge by of him for theis manie yeres in rates of like nature, which thoughē it were not of right seemeth to have byn done out of some favour which yourselves in former tymes helde not inconvenient to afford hym. And therefore albeit I approve and commend your proceedings hitherto against hym, yet fyndinge hym now to fall of from that spiritt of contradiccion which you alleadge to have formerlie byn in hym and willinge to submitt hymselfe to my judgment and that he acknowledgeth his error of his stiffe insistinge heretofore uppon his right of exempcion and in regard of his confident protestacions that he gott the most part of that little meanes he hath without your Cittie by a match, and that he hath alreadie laid out a good part of his fortune in reedifyinge the schoole house of your Cittie, from whence you may all reape a common benefitt. I am for these reasons and in respecte of a speciall recommendacion in his behalfe from the Lord's Grace of Canterbury induced to give waye that he be spared from contributinge to this rate att this tyme with this causion neverthelesse that he confesse his error before you and in such sorte as the other refractorie persons formerlie did, and that it be not drawne into precedent for men of anie qualitie who may not take occasion by the example of this one favor showed to a single scholler to presume of the like indulgence. Thus I bidd you hartelie farewell, restinge,

Your verie lovinge ffrend,

Ffra. Russell.

[For abstract see Lloyd Parry, p. 28.]

L. 274. Whitehall, Feb. 7, 1624(25).—The Lords of the Council write the Mayor and Aldermen of Exeter:—

“After our hartie commendacons, Whereas George (*sic*) Perryman, Schoolmaster of the Cittie of Exeter, hath by petition humblie complained to this Board of sundrie causeless and uniust vexacions putt uppon hym by you the particulars whereof appear more at large in his said petition, a coppie whereof we send you included [*i.e.* L. 271, p. 135], wee have thought good hereby to will and require you to cause to appear before

us at Whitehall the 18th daie of this present month such two of the Aldermen of the said Cittie as you shall thinke fittest instructed and authorized on your behalfe to make aunswaere to the said complaint, and soe wee bid you farewell.—Your lovinge ffrinds,

H. Mandeville, G. Cant.” [and 6 others].

[This is copied verbatim, but without the signatures on the back of L. 271.]

L. 275 (undated and somewhat damaged).—“Aunswaeres to Mr. Willyam Perryman’s false and slanderous allegacons. ffirst for the complaynt touchinge the supposed ryott. The 26th daie of June, 1622. Mr. Perryman came unto the then Maior and complayned of some abuses done unto hymself and the ushers, and desired Mr. Maior to take the informacion of one witnes that was then suddennie to departe the Cittie, which Mr. Maior and one of the Aldermen forthwith tooke. And the 27th daie Mr. Maior and all the Aldermen of the Cittie (Mr. Sheeres onlie excepted) spent the whole daie in further examination of the buysnesses. The 28th daie was markett daie, which Mr. Maior for manie servics is to attend. The 29th daie the s [?] several] persons complayned of were bound to the good behaviour and to appeare at the Sessions, which they did, and noe one then prosecutinge anie legall course against them, they were discharged. Richard Waltham, Esq., Counsellor at Law, beinge then presente and in . . . , as by the said severall examinacions and recognizances the coppies whereof wee send herewith maie . . . Add hereunto that the peticion unto the Lordes in *anno* 1622 was generall against the Maior and Aldermen of the Cittie, yett att the severall hearinges before the Lord Bishopp by refferance from the boarde (Mr. Recorder beinge then presente) he complaynes against Mr. John Prouse onlie; so that not anie other of the Aldermen were eyther called or questioned, nether hath there anie hurt or damage ever since happened to anie one by reason of the said difference.

for the Subsidie yt is Commissioners dutie to performe what they be trusted with. And it was the opinion of divers Learned Lawyers that he was not to be exempted as his case stands. And therefore wee in discharge of our duties did thinke fitt he should stande, as the raters had presented hym to us, the same beinge before anie man had given his opinion to the contrarie, yett we have heard that some of the Commissioners did afterwards certefie for hym into the Exchequer, whereuppon he was for that first Subsidie (with much labour) discharged, but with this direction (as wee were informed) that this favour was not againe to be expected for hym. Whereuppon wee againe gave waie he should be rated to the second Subsidie alsoe, and whither that be discharged or noe wee knowe not. The reasone whie he was not formerlie rated here to the Subsidie was in regarde the best parte of his

estate (as wee understande) was then in a Tenement he had in the Countie of Devon. . . . was there rated by the Commissioners for that Countie, which Tenement beinge since sold . . . in his purse wee holde ourselves to rate hym here. And to the ratinge of hym to the ffifteenethes wee fynde by precedence . . . as he is nowe rated *xijd.* in the same. ffor our purpose in erectinge a newe schoole, it is a strange complaynt, since it hath byn ever understoode . . . worke of pietie, and this was earnestlie sought by a petition to the Chamber of Exon under the . . . of 60 of the sufficientes of the Commons att the leaste, which said petition did importune the magistrates to sollicite the Lord Bishopp to this purpose, without anie thought (for ought wee knowe) to supplant the man, but to add another schoole to this Cittie, and if wee proceede therein the intente is it shalbe a ffree schoole indowed with maintenance for the Ease of posteritie for the education of their children, the payments nowe to the maister and ushers by the parents and frinds of the schollors beinge verie extraordinarie greate more than doble ever heretofore unto anie of his predecessors, which is exceedinglie complayned of, and the populousnes of this Cittie together with those that are sent hither from the Countrie greatelie needinge another teacher. And as for his comynge from his former place of teaching to this Cittie, he hymselfe was an earnest suitor for the same. And Archdeacon Hellier did earnestlie sollicite for hym alsoe unto the then Maior. This change was well worthy his endeavours, for that wee conceive it to be seaven tymes more in value then his former place, which hath enabled hym to bestowe . . . the Schoole. What his charge was wee knowe not, but he received . . . towards the same by the benevolence of manie gent. and others both in Countrie and Cittie. And some are of opinion that his receipts did excede his disbursements.

ffor the powder rate it was comaunded by Authoritie and required by the right honorable the Lord Leivtenaunte under his hand and seale that those that would not pay those rates ymposed on them should be bound to appeare before his Lordshipp within the lymitted tyme of Twentie daies. The Schoolmaister was warned (as all others were) to paye or to appeare att the Guyldhall 3 or 4 tymes in the last summer. When as a Coppie of the said Commission was likewise sent to be shewed unto hym and all others. Yet he never gave his absolute aunswere untill the 22th daie of December last, and then obstinatlie refusinge to paye; and desiringe to aunswere the premisses before the said Lord Leivtenaunte, was then bound by recognizance according to the tenour of the said Commission. And he appearinge was by his Lordshipp ordered to give publike acknowledgme of his Error. Agreeinge therewith, the Maior and deputie Leivtenaunts after his retorne sent unto hym the Chamberlyn, and one of the Bayliffs of the said Cittie (noe ordinarie messingers) to give

hym notice of the place and tyme that the (*sic*) had appointed to sitt (as formerlie they had often done) for the receiveinge of the like rates of other persons, which (probabelie by his example) were then unpaide, and expected his presence then and there to performe what his Lordshipp had ordered, where he came and made a bare acknowledgme of his supposed Error, as he termed it. Yet in peaceable manner of the deputie leivtenaunts' parte it was accepted.

. . . and his Lordshipp's letter sent by Mr. Perryman, which . . . seaven daies by him after his retorne home. And untill the verie daie after Mr. Recorder's departure for London will likewise cleare this last Article verie fullie, as well for the lymitted tyme of his appearance before his Lordshipp as likewise for the order of his Acknowledgment, which he soe sleightlie performed.

All the complaynts are but for 16s. 6*d*.

Filed with this is a document (L. 275*a*), undated but endorsed "Feb., 1624-5. Obiections and Answears to perryman's petition," containing a few additional facts:—*E.g.* (*a*) The petition exhibited to the Mayor and Governors "about Michaelmas last" was "from the Commons of Exon, being 60 in number and all Subsidie men and of the better ranke of that Citty."

(*b*) "The place from which he (Perriman) came being a COUNTRY towne and a meane schoole noe way equall in benefit to Exon Schoole."

(*c*) "It shall be proved he received by way of benevolence from the Justices and gent. of Devon and from the Magistrates and Cittizens of Exon neere that somme (*i.e.* 300*l.*) if not more."

(*d*) "They deny that he was reviled by any of them with any such opprobrious words as are complayned of."

[For abstract see Lloyd Parry, *p.* 33.]

L. 276 (Feb. 23, 1624-5), with duplicate in L. 277:—

Your highnes devoted the Bishop of Exeter [Valentine Cary] being hindered by sickness from making my personall appearance before you this day: doth in all gentlenes present unto you this narracion of the difference between the Citty of Exeter and Mr. Perryman, the Schoolmaster there, soe farre as I have had any hand or dealing therein between them.

It pleased your highnes to vouchsafe by your Letters to reserve unto me at my first coming amongst them the hearing and examining of a matter of which the Scholemaster had exhibited a complaynt unto your highnes.

In obedience to your comaundment, I did convent the parties before me in the presence of divers wise and discreete gent., and having heard the matter at full on both partes I founde (as I did apprehend it) that there had been great abuse offered unto them of the schoole by some of the younger sort of the Citty, and little or no satisfaction given for the

same by the better sort (the magistrates) when the Schoolemaster complained of that abuse unto them, but only this, That when they understood of his refuge to your highnes for redresse, They formally did binde some fewe of the delinquents to the good behaviour unto the time of their next Sessions, not binding any other to come in and lay anything to their charge.

I should have made certificate thereof unto your highnes, but choose rather to lett it sleepe by me for two reasons. One because I was lothe at my first cominge to doe the Citty any bad office in procuring them any check or blame. The other because I sought to make peace amongst them and thought that the suppressing of the certificate would be an effectuall meanes thereof. And to that end I warned the Schoolemaster to carry himselfe respectively towards them and exhorted them to use him freindly. Wherein I finde my laboure in vayne, and how my good purposes have bine requited I will not now complaine.

Another matter betweene them happening since the former is this: Whereof may it please your highnes to be thus advertised. During the last Session of parliament there came unto me three persons of qualitie (the Recorder of the Citty and two others) [L. 243, *see page 137*], in the name of the Maior and his brethren, with a request that I would allowe them to have in their Citty another Grammer Schoole besides Mr. Perryman. I answered that I would deferre it untill my coming into the country, when I should heare both their reasons for having another, and they should heare me for the upholding of him (*et melior sententia vincat*).

Att my last being in the Country, the Maior with his brethren and the Recorder came and renewed their mocion unto me.

I perceaving well that their mocion tended indirectly to the hindrance of Peryman and his schoole, Demanded of them first whether they had any iust exception against him either of insufficiency, or of negligence or of misdemeanor, or of undue usage of his Schollers, and said that if they had any such iust excepcion I would either reforme or remove him. They answered me, that they had nothing to say against him. I secondly demanded of them what cause they had to desire another Schoolemaster with him, I sawe noe necessity thereof, for the Schoolehouse (built lately) most at his owne charge for perpetuity to the Citty, is soe spatious as it is able to receive and conteyne a hundred more Schollers then he hath, And he hath also the helpe of ushers under him sufficient to teach many more.

I sawe noe good thereby could come to the Citty, but rather much inconvenyence of gentlemen [=“p’ents,” in L. 277] would upon every sleight occasion remove their children from schoole to schoole, whereby the children would be hindered in their learning. And therefore considering theis reasons and withall the well deserving of the poore man for

his 20 yeares paines and upwards taken amongst them, and also howe my predecessor [Bishop Cotton] had settled him in his place, inhibiting any others to learne Gramer there, save him alone, I desired them to rest contented, though I could not yeeld to their desire.

They replied that yf I would not graunt their desire they could seeke unto a higher power, where they did not doubt to obteyne it, and therein (as became me) I left them to their liberty.

Thus with my humble dutye remembered, I testifye under my hand,

Valen. Exon.

I cannot but second the latter parte of this Certificate of my predecessor for the abilitye of the Teachers and capacitie of the Schoole. The case still standeth as it did formerly without any new cause of excepcion.

Jo. Exon [*i.e.* Bishop Hall].

[Undated, but *circ.* June, 1630, see L. 334, p. 147; also *Cal. Dom.* 1629-31, p. 451.]

And wee the Deane and Chapter of the said Cathedrall Church of St. Peeter in Exeter having oftentimes bene acquainted with the premisses and knowing the opinion of Bishopp Carey and our now Bishopp Hall to be founded upon sufficient grounds doe most humbly desire that considering the Old Schoole is able to conteyne a great many more schollers then now it hath, and finding both Schoolmaster and Ushers very able men to supply their severall places in this behalfe, noe new Schoole may be erected, it being very preiudiciall to the priviledges of our Church and contrarie to our locall statutes, the which we are sworne to observe and keepe.

Wm. Peeterson, Deane

[Since July 18, 1629].

Thos. Barrett, Arch. Exon.

[died Nov. 25, 1633].

Laurence Barnell (*sic*), Chancellor

[since July 2, 1624].

Robt. Hall, Treasurer

[since June 25, 1629].

John Spratt (*sic*), Sub-deane

[since Feb. 18, 1603].

[Both these documents are copies. For the originals see *State Papers Dom.*, vol. clxxxiv, f. 39; *Cal. Dom.*, 1623-25, p. 483; see also Lloyd Parry, p. 42.]

[For abstract see Lloyd Parry, pp. 25, 35.]

In L. 281 is a petition of the inhabitants of Exeter to the Chamber [endorsed "In the yeare of Mr. John Gupwill," who was Mayor 1623-4] setting forth that they sent their children to school to one Mr. Perriman, and that he and

his Ushers having too many schollers to teach they profited nothing at all, for which cause and for the crewell and tirannicall whippinge of divers of our said children being apte to learne and of mild nature, some three, fower, five and six tymes in one day, whereby some of our children pretendinge that they went to schoole went a meechinge half a yeare or more together, others refusing ever to goe to schoole to him, chusinge rather to hange themselves, drowne themselves, cut their owne throats or otherwise murder or mischeife themselves; whence divers were compelled to put their Children to their greate charge att Country Scholes and others to keepe them att home from schoole, divers of your suppliants beinge in this perplexitie did put their children to schoole to one Thomas Spicer, where for the most part they profitted more in one quarter of a yeare then they did in Two yeares at the said Perriman's Schoole. But soe itt is yf itt may please your worships that of late the said Perriman hath procured a letter from Mr. Doctor Goach to prohibite the said Thomas Spicer from teachinge. By reason whereof your Suppliants and their children are likelie to be utterlie undone and to be barred from Learninge, which is most lamentable. And in Tender Consideracion whereof we doe most humblie beseech your worships to take into your Consideracion the consequence of this busines and to aide and assist to your uttmost endeavour to prevent further inconveniencye and mischefe that another schoole master may be allowed and authorized to teach the worke and our request is Good, Godly and Religious; the reward wilbe yours. God direct all, and wee will pray for your worships preservation. Augustyn Drake, John Turner, Bartholomew Hore, Richard Hart. In the behalfe of ourselves and our owne wronges and of many hundreds more within the said Cittie and in the Countrye. [Extract in Lloyd Parry, p. 23.]

In L. 278, Feb. 23, 1624 (*i.e.* 1625), is an order from the Lords of the Council to the magistrates of Exeter concerning Perryman's business, stating that: "present the Archbishopp of Canterburye, the Lord President, the Lord Bishopp of Winchester and six others. The Mayor and Aldermen of the Cittye of Exon having sent us two of their Corporation on that beehalfe were this day (as well by the foresayd two persons as by their learned Counsell) heard at the Board, the sayd Peryman and his Counsell beeing also present, whear after many alligacions on both sydes and much debate had, their Lordships found that somewhat to hard a hand had been caryed agaynst the said Peryman by the magistrates of the said Towne in som particulers which put him unto unnecessary charge and vexacion. Yet for that it was conceived to have som mixture of private endes of their owne accompanied with som indisposition to the person of the Schoolmaster (of whose sufficiency and good demeanor the

Board was satisfied on very good testimony), Their Lordships thought fitt and ordered that the magistrates of the sayd Towne should bee heereby admonished to forbear to put any the like unnecessary charge or troble heereafter upon the sayd Schoolemaster but give hym such respecte and countenance as belonge to a person of his callinge and profession, hee demeaninge hymselfe accordingly, with admonition likewise geeven by their whole Lordships to the Schoolemaster then present beefore them that he should by his respective and good caryadge seeke and endeavor on his parte to regayne the love and good opynion of the Cittye. [*See Lloyd Parry, p. 36.*]

In L. 306, Exeter, Nov. 21, 1627, John Acland (Mayor), four Aldermen and two others write to Bishop [Joseph] Hall: "Wee humblye gratulate your Lordships inauguracion into this dioces.* Whercas wee have bin solicited by the Commons of this Cittie to become suitors to your Lordshipp yt you wilbe pleased to allow two publique Scholes of Gramer for the better education of their children and entreteinment of others yt shalbe sent hither because by the multitude and ill usage of schollers many are forced to keepe their sonnes abroad to their greate costes and greater discomforte. Wee are bolde to desire your Lordships lawfull favoure in this behalfe that wee partake the like libertie as other Cities of les extente inioye; wee do farther testifie that the hye schole here which nowe usurpeth a monopolie of Gramer to the generall greivance of all our Inhabitants and other gent in the Countrey never had neyther it hathe (as farr as wee could ever learne) anie legall priviledges by patent or otherwyse to barre others from teachinge within certeine precincts of this place as is pretended; for wee have knowen two publique teachers of grammer at once in this Cittie divers tymes even in our memory, though some have bin prohibited by your predecessors. In all which respects wee flye to the sanctuary of your Lordships pietie to restore our ancient immunityes by which publique benefitt tendinge to the good of all you shall make many glad hartes and bynd us and our posteritie to praie for your Lordshipp's prosperitie and longe continuance among us." [*See Lloyd Parry, p. 38.*]

In D. 1769*a* is a reference to 200*l.* left by Thomas Walkert towards the founding of a free grammar school in Exeter, where the children of the freemen of the said city might be taught and instructed in the learning of the Latin tongue without any charge to their parents. [*See Lloyd Parry, p. 39.*]

In D. 326, Aug. 18, 1629, the trustees of Hugh Crossinge [who died in 1621] direct that in case his bequest, originally

* He was elected Nov. 5, 1627, and consecrated Dec. 23, 1627.

† *i.e.* in his will dated Nov. 20, 1628. *Report on Charities, pp. 2, 231*, where his daughter Elizabeth Dowrich, in her will dated Nov. 17, 1629, gives 50*l.* for the same purpose.

meant to endow an Hospital or workinge house, shall not have been used for that purpose within the next three years it shall be used towards the erecting of a Free Grammar School under the direction of the Chamber.

L. 334. Undated, but endorsed June, 1630.—Petition to the Lords and others of the Privy Council from William Perryman, Scholemaster of the High Schole in the City of Exeter, humbly showing—

That whereas upon a Petition heretofore exhibited to your Lordships by your Petitioner compleyneing of the Mayor and Aldermen of that City for assessing your Petitioner to the subsidies and fiftends contrarie to the opinion of the Judges of Assize in poynt of Lawe, the will of the Assessors and their owne constant usage for more than 20 yeares before, It pleased your Lordships by an order of this honourable Board to admonish the Magistrates of the said City to forbear to put any the lyke unnecessarie charges upon your Petitioner.

Yet soe it is may it please your Lordships that the Magistrates of the said City in centempt of your Lordships' order have since forced your Petitioner to pay new assesses by them made which your Petitioner (unwilling to have any new differences with the said Magistrates) was content to pay and forbear complaynte there to your Lordships.

Since which the said Magistrates (conceiveing causeles spleene against your Petitioner, who hath according to your Lordships' admonicion endeavoured by all respective and good carriage to regaine their love and good opinion) have resolved and prepared Materialls for erecting of a newe free Schoole in the said City and bringing in a Schoolemaster of their owne on purpose by that meanes to impoverish your Petitioner, who was almost 30 yeares since drawne thither by them from a place of equall benefitt to your Petitioner, and hath since at his owne charge of 300*l.* and upwards reedified the same Schoole and made it capable of receiving many more Schollers then that City can afford and alsoe provided learned Ushers to his great cost to serve there.

And all this contrarie to the will of the right reverend Bishopp of that Diocese and of the Deane and Chapter there [see L. 276, p. 144], by both whom they have beene denied any approbacion thereof and alsoe without any just cause of excepcion to your Petitioner for his sufficiencie or diligence.

Your LLordships humble Petitioner being thus still molested by them is enforced to renew his humble Complainte to your LLordships, humbly beseeching your LLordships to vouchsafe to take some such course with the Magistrates of the said City as in your honourable wisdomes shalbe thought fitt for stay of the erecting of any such new schoole there and for quietting your Petitioner from any farther trouble in the premises. [See Lloyd Parry, p. 42.]

L. 335. June 25, 1630 [with duplicate in L. 336].—The Lords of the Council have received a petition from William Perryman [L. 334], the contents of which are recited. Their Lordships upon consideration had thereof being satisfied as well of the abilities and well deservings of the petitioner and the sufficiency of his Ushers and those under him as of the Capacitie and Comodiousnes of the said Schoole to receive many more Schollers that hetherto that Citty and the partes adjoining hath used to afforde, by Certificate from the late Bishopp, seconded and confirmed by the now Bishopp and the Deane and Chapter there signifeing likewise all their desires for the reasons contained in the said Certificate) that noe newe Schoole should be there erected. And their Lordships alsoe callinge to minde that uppon a former hearinge before this Board amongst some differences of like nature betweene the said Schoolemaster and the Cittie their intencion to erect a new Schoole (beinge then complained of) the Board did then declare to those who were there present as Agents for the said Citty that noe newe schoole should bee there erected without first acquaintinge the Board therewithall and Licence accordingly obteyned on that behalfe, doe therefore and in consideration of the premisses finde iust cause to reprove the disrespectful carriage and proceedinge of the Mayor and Magistrates herein and doe nowe againe order and declare that they shall forthwith uppon notice hereof desiste and forbear to erecte any newe schoole within the said Cittie without the privitie and licence of the Board as they will answere the contrarie. And whereas notwithstandinge the aforesaid Order of the 23rd of februarie 1624 the Petitioner (who being a Schoolemaster is exempted by lawe from payinge of subsidies ffifteenes and other like charges) hath since byn charged with payment of the same. It is further thought fitt and ordered that the said Maior and Magistrates shall Cause repayment to be forthwith made to the Petitioner of all such somes as have byn taken from him in that kinde since the date of the aforesaid order by such persons as in Contempt of the said order have enforced him to pay the same. And in case of their refusall that the said Maior and Magistrates be hereby authorized and required to binde everie such person over to appeare and answere the same before this Board. [See Lloyd Parry, p. 43.]

L. 345 endorsed "My instructions," Mich. 6 Cha., [Sept. 29, 1630].—Instructions for drawing a petition to the Lords of the Privy Council or to the King (if occasion shall be) "as well in answere of divers untrue informacions made against the Maior, Aldermen and Magistrates of the Cittie of Exeter by William Perryman, the late Schoolemaister there, as for the obteyninge of a confirmation of the free Gramer Schoole lately founded within the said Cittie.

First the Magistrates of Exeter doe in all humilitic answear and saye that they have not done anythinge of their knowledges

in erectinge a schoole within the said Cittie contrarie to any order of the Lords of his Majesty's privie Counsell, neither did they ever heare of any declaracion or restriccion made by their Honnours for erectinge any schoole within the said Cittie before the order of the xxvth daye of June last (LL. 335, 336) before which time there was a ffree Schoole founded within the said Cittie by the charitable and liberall bequests and contribucions of divers worthie persons deceased and livinge amountinge to the some of 1,000*li.* or thereabout and materialls are provided for the perfectinge of the same wherein if they shall be restrayned most parte of those guifts wilbee lost.

Mr. Perryman was not in truth Schoolmaister of the High Schoole in Exeter at the time of exhibitinge this last Petition, neither doth he intermedle with the Schollers there, but hath farmed out the same att a yerelie Rent.

And whereas he informeth that he hath byn inforced by the Magistrates of the said Cittie to paye divers newe assessments in contempte of an order of the Boarde and contrarie to the opinion of the Judges &c., they confidently affirm that Perryman "hath not been assessed to any rate whatever" except for the poor, which he had always readily paid. When asked what assessments he referred to in his last petition, he said that he had paid 8s. for a subsidy. "That of the pour he wayed not, but expected his 8s. againe."

The Assent of the Lord Bishopp hath byn often desired to confirme this pious worke though not obteyned by the opposition of the Deane and Chapter of Exeter as is supposed and as some of them have openlie manifested, which is for their owne ends.

1. Because they have a speciall interest in Perriman's Schoole it being built on their lands or apperteyninge to the Archdeacon of Exon one of their companie and have *vli.* rent yerelie out of the same.
2. The Deane and Chapter have used heretofore to contribute *xxli.* or *xli.* *per annum* to the Schoolemaister, but Mr. Perriman trusteth rather to the benevolences of the Schollers, that pencion is saved to them.

Reasons to prove that the erectinge of another Schoole within the Cittie of Exeter is of great Consequence and necessitie to the Cittie and Cittizens.

1. That the Cittie and Countie of Exeter is spacious and populous, consistinge of 19 severall parishes besides the Cathedrall Church with the precincts thereof, and that there are 200 schollers and more in the present schoole, which one Schoolmaister and two Ushers cannot attend without neglect to manie of them.
2. The payments and exactions of this Schoole (besides other great abuses) are of late growne great and chargeable, and whereas in times past a scholler paid onlie *ijs.* a quarter and never above *xs.* a yere before

Perryman's time, Perryman hath used to take xx^s. a yere and more for one scholler and his ushers 8^s., 10^s. or 12^s. and more for the same person.

3. That for the causes aforesaid divers Gent and others residinge neare the said Cittie (who in times past have sent their children to schoole to this Cittie to the greate benefit of divers of the inhabitants here) and verie manie of the Cittizens alsoe, doe send their children to forraine places to their greate coste and greater discomfort.
4. It hath byn often and earnestlie desired by most of the cheifest Cittizens and inhabitants to have another schoole there, att whose instances and importunities all freindlie meanes have byn used to the two last Bishoppes to give waye to the same, but it could not bee gotten of them.
5. It is no newe thinge to have two Schoolemaisters in this Cittie to teach the lattyn tounge (as there are in divers places of lesse emenencye). And there have byn often two severall Teachers of the lattyn tounge in the Cittie of Exeter att one and the same tyme. [the names of 4 pair are given, as also in the endorsement to L. 346].
6. As it is a thinge memorable soe it was conceived lawfull for any man to erecte a ffree schoole, and there beinge not any ffree schoole in the Cittie of Exeter, it mooved the hearts of divers worthie members of that place to initiate soe necessarie and pious a worke, which is with most heartie affecciions desired to be confirmed and established without the least thought to preiudice thother Schoole, . . . ffree Schoole hav[inge] soe liberall a foundation; It is not doubted but it will verie shortelie have a more bountifull endowment. Thos. Flaye, Maoir; Ri. Waltham, Recorder; Adam Bennett, Sheriff, and 11 others, including Ignatius Jurdain, Thomas Crossinge, Walter Borough and John Acland (Aldermen). [For summary of this and the following documents, see Lloyd Parry, pp. 44-54.]

L. 346 (undated).—Reasons for the conveniencie and necessitie of Two severall Schooles in the Cittie of Exon.

1. That the present Schoole doth not Contayne all the Schollers that come thither (yet divers others are sent to forraine places) and howe one maister and Two ushers can expedite soe manye Schollers as they doe enterteayne, is worthie of due consideracion. And for soe many to meete togeather in one litle roome cannot but bee dangerous for infecciions &c.
2. That the Cittie of Exon is the cheife place of these westernne partes where many Gent doe often meete and therefore would rather send their Children thither

than to other places, if there were another Schoole fitt to entertheyne them, which would bee beneficiall for Cittie and Countrie.

3. That there is not the like precident, that in a Cittie and Countie (of good esteeme in time past) there should not bee one free Schoole in it, though in other places of lesse extent, not farr distant, there are two free Schooles, besides other teachers. And that such a multitude of people should bee tyed to the humours of one Teacher (bee of good or evill condicion) would bee displeasinge to any man, whose Childe should suffer iniurie.
4. There have often heretofore byn Two severall publicke teachers or more, of the lattyn tounge in the said Cittie at one and the same time and that manie yeres since, when as one Schoole was more competent for the Schollers then Two are nowe, and Two Schooles would breed a profitable emulacion in maisters to deserve best &c., Whereas Nowe a Scholler cannot bee prepared for the Universitie within Tenne or Twelve yeres.
5. That there is no free Schoole within the said Cittie and Countie though fitt for Two consistinge of 19 severall parishes besides the Cathedrall Church and the precincts thereof and divers other greate parishes neare adioyninge. And this intended Schoole is to bee a free Schoole with liberall indowment for a maister and usher, besides it is appointed as parte of an Hospitall latelie founded within that Cittie, and wilbee a speciall lymbe and ornament to the same.
6. That the present schoole is erected on the lands of the Deane and Chapter of Exon, who have heretofore paid an Annual pencion to the Schoolmaister of the high schoole, and then the Cittizens paid litle for teachinge of their children, but of late there are such greate payments and exaccions demaunded and suffered (Three times more then hath byn in the memorie of man) that the pencion is saved and the Schoole is farmed out att an annuall rent. Thos. Flaye, Maior ; Ri. Waltham, Recorder ; Ig. Jurdain, Thos. Crossinge, Jno. Acland and Walter Borough, Aldermen, and 2 others, only one of whom (*viz.* Gilbert Sweete) is among the signatories in L. 345.

L. 347 (undated).—Headed “The Aunswearers to the Opponents reasons against the free Schoole,” [in Izacke’s handwriting].

1. To the ffirst no such priviledge is acknowledged, And as for the instrument specified in this Article it is not knowne what warrant it hath neither is it materiall to the matter nowe in question. And as for the

- licence given by Bishop Oldon [*i.e.* Hugh Oldham, as there is a side-note "1503-1519"] to Mr. Davids, if such power might bee given to one man (which may bee allowed att pleasure) he must bee inabled to teach 1,000 schollars and more within that Circuit att this time, for fflower schooles att this time are not more competent for the schollers then one Schoole was in those dayes. And that inhibicion therein mencioned was intended for licensed Schooles in his owne time onlie, and not to any free Schoole.
2. It wilbee proved by persons of worth and creditt nowe livinge, that for 50 yeres since and more there have byn severall publicke teachers of the lattyn tounge within the Cittie of Exon at one and the same time and soe there hath byn verie often since, all licensed as its conceived, for Otherwise they should have byn inhibited or suppressed.
 3. ffor the capacitie of the present Schoole the contestacion is not about the fairnes of the fabrike but the Con-veniencie or Comodiousnes for the education of children, and it is manifest that the same doth not conteyne all the Schollers that come thither, for divers of them are taughte in another roome, neither is the same enlarged by the newe buildinge thereof from what it was formerlie but rather lessened, for it is cast in the same mould, and whereas before it was a ground roome, and nowe an upper, the staires and Portall doth take away much of the largenes thereof. And for the maisters charges in reedifyinge thereof, its thought that his receipts did exceed his disbursements, by liberall contribucions &c. And the maister of the Schoole (in whose name the Peticion is exhibited) never tooke any degree in any Universitie.
 4. This is a matter casuall, which to Schooles of such greate resorte may bee common, and most of this Cittie doe repaire to Exeter Colledge, and yet there are not halfe soe manie more of this Schoole that are fellowes of all the Colledges of both the universities, neither can the opponents vouch another such president as either of these in all their memories.
 5. When Two Schooles shalbee licensed in one Cittie there wilbee the better disciplyne in either, for the Maisters will strive to deserve best and civill emulation betweene Schollers is accompted a readie waye for increase in learninge, nor can there bee any mutinous or rebellious faction amonge men by having Two Schooles in a well governed Cittie, manie Citties and Townes have Two publike Gramar Schooles besides others allowed to teach there alsoe, and yet finde no such inconveniences neither can parentes bee so scard by the opponents over vigilancie which is for their owne ends onlie.

6. The intended free Schoole is parte of an Hospitall latelie founded within the said Cittie, a place most fitt for such a purpose and for aire, scituacion and spaciousnes, it farr exceedeth the present Schoole and is a good space distant.
7. The Guifts to the Schoole amount to 1,000*l.* and upwards, and for the donors legacies mencioned in this Article (which is not the 4th part thereof) the will and the deede will put an end to that particular, which cannot be altered, and if it could, yet all the rest of the guifts wilbee absolutelie lost, as wilbee manifested.
8. In excuse of uniust exaccions the maister would iustefie himself in that he is charged withall, that Schollars pay at least Twentie shillings a yere to the maister and some much more, besides vis., viiid. (*sic*), xs. or more to the ushers, for one boyes schoolinge, wilbee proved and xxs. (*sic*) is the ordinarie salarie to the Maister besides ushers and gratuities &c.
9. The Chapter Clarke came to the Maior of the Cittie in (*sic*) the Deane and Chapter onlie to have a meetinge, which message beinge brought but the Munday in the afternoone, the Tuesday morninge the Maior treated with soe manie of the brethren as he could then gett together, and presentlie gave order to returne a milde and freindlie answeare by Two of the officers of the said Cittie, which hath not received a righte interpretacion.
10. Lastlie for the proposicion of electinge a maister of the Schoole &c., or endowing of theirs (*sic*) is altogether unreasonable that persons should have voices that are not contributors (or that have withdrawne xx*l.* a yere from their owne,) neither can it bee condiscended unto, beinge directlie against the will of the donors, for their desires were, and are, that there should bee Two Schooles in that Cittie, as there have byn often heretofore, there beinge a competent number of Schollers for both: And this, a free Schoole, with liberall endowment which must bee erected on fee simple land, and not on the Deane and Chapters, which can have but shorte limitacions and therefore a verie needlesse article. Thomas Flaye, Maior; R. Waltham, Recorder, and 5 Aldermen (as in L. 346, but the additional name, Gilbert Sweete, is erased).

L. 348 (undated).—An Answeare to the foregoinge Allegations and proposicions.

1. The first reason is graunted that the maister of the Deane and Chapters Schoole is called *Magister Scholarum*, nay more, *Magister altarum Scholarum*, and that Bishopp

- Olden to gratifie the said Chapter and Thomas Davids, the maister, inhibited all others besides him to teach Gramer publickly in Exeter or in 7 myles compas which Iniunction (for Pattent it cannot bee called) was iniurious to all the cittizens and onlie temporarie duringe the said Bishop's life, for he was but *dominus et diocesanus p. tempore*, nor could any acte of his binde his successors, but it was arbitrary for them to alter it at their pleasures, as divers did in their generations, which if it were fitt att that time in such paucitie of Inhabitants, is in these dayes most unfitt when the multitude of Cittizens is doubled or trebled.
2. The seconde is utterlie untrue, for sundrie others (besides the maister of the high schoole) have byn licensed or permitted to teach Gramar in Exeter in men's memorie, which were not inhibited by the Bishop or his Chauncellor, as Mr. Holmes Pasemore and manie moe, and Mr. Spicer, taught publickly by Bishop Cotton's approbation and authoritie both within the Cittie and afterwards in the suburbs, nor did Bishop Carie att his cominge inhibit him, but when he died the said Bishop would not att the instance of the Maior, Magistrates and Commons permitt any other to teach there.
 3. The thirde is partelie false, for the schoole nowe reedified is not longer or larger then it was before, but cast in the selfe same mould," and more as in L. 347, §3, ending: "Nor is the sufficiencie or industrie of the present maister or ushers questioned, but the impossibilitie of soe fewe to educate soe manie as well as they should bee.
 4. The fourth is comon to all Schooles, both publicke and private in this Kingdome and all other Countries, for divers famous schollars spring upp in all places, but they have onlie the grounds of Gramar from such Schooles and improve their learninge in severall sciences and professions by their future industrie in universities or elsewhere.
 5. As in L. 347, § 5, adding: "Bristowe, Salisbury, Gloucester, Plymouth and divers other places have Two publicke free Gramer Schooles besides others alsoe allowed to teach, yet finde no such inconveniences as are pretended but great benefitt to [*blank*] and their children, nor can the parents here bee scard with panic terrors of wronginge their children, who finde it so behovfull as in other places. The Legacies given to this worke are primarilie and principallie devoted and destinated to a free Schoole (though perhaps secundarilie to other uses). To the excuse of extorted ffees, it is not said that no schollars are enterteined under xls. yerelie, but that they pay at least xxs. to

the maister, and some much more, besides vjs., viiis., xs. or more to the Two ushers, or else they shalbee sleighted: touchinge the motion of endowing the deane and Chapter's Schoole it is most unreasonable and unfeasible for sith they have withdrawne the stipend or pencion of *xxli.* yerelie ancientlie due or given to the maister for teachinge the poorer sorte gratis what reason have the Cittizens to conferr their revenues on their Schoole when they intend to erect a new (*sic*) of their owne, and their cheife ends and desires tendinge to have Two Schooles, because one is not enough for that place in this populous Age. Nor can these possiblie condiscend to it, if they were so simple to doe it, because a ffree Schoole must be founded uppon ffree fee simple land and not on others Tenants, but the deane and Chapter cannot graunt the fee of their Schoole: for the overture of a conference Virgil's *Timeo Danaos et dona ferentes* might well deterr the Maior and magistrates from acceptinge it, and they did wiselie to refuse it, for the deane and Chapter preferred it for their owne advantage either to gaine time by pretendinge to the Lords that they were uppon Termes of Treatie, or to entrap them otherwise, but sithence the Lords had taken the cause into their consideration, the Cittizens had no reason to prevent their determinacion.

Lastlie, for the propoicion of electing the maister for the Chimærian free Schoole to be erected on the Chapter's land and endowed with the Cittizens largesses by the Deane and Eight Cannons on the one parte and the Maior and 8 Aldermen on the other, constitutinge the Bishop for the time beinge for Umpier in case of equalitie of suffrages, it is a meer moustrap for the Chapter will alwayes agree in their voices in one, so that if the Cittizens dislike or dissent, the Bishop to please his brethren will adhere to the Canons and sticke to their choice, so that the Maior and Magistrates wilbee but Cyphers or Stales in the eleccion. But admitt the pretended priviledge that none besides the maister of their Schoole shalbee licensed to teche within 7 myles circuit of this Cittie to be ratified by royall patent or Acte of Parliament, which yet is nothingsoe nor so, but onlie by Episcopall Iniunction longe since out of date att Bishop Olden's death. Yet could it onlie bar the Bishop from licensinge men arbitrarilie to teach there, but cannot stopp benefactors from buildinge a ffree schoole especiallie in an Hospitall as a [*blank*] which is warranted and allowed by the Statute of pious uses, so that the Cittie might have proceeded by vertue thereof in their worke notwithstandinge the—[unfinished and unsignd. It is

probably a draft by Dr. Vilvain, out of which L. 347 is constructed].

L. 349.—Notes taken about Peryman petition and order, 1630.

That Peryman was not Schoolemaster att the time of exhibitinge this petition, but hath farmed out the same.

The Schollers.—Perryman lefte the Schoole to Haytor, and declares the same openlie to the Schollers in the Schoole, and Haytor told the Schollers he had taken uppon him the charge of the Schoole.

Mr. Robte. Walker.—Haytor hath confessed he hath taken the Schoole for a Rente during the life of Perryman and beinge advised he should be warie what he did, for that the freeschoole would goe on, the said Haytor replied that if the ffreeschoole went on he should be abated of the Rente, or words to that effecte.

Mr. Penny.—Haytor at another time confessed he had taken the Schoole, and there beinge Speech made that there was a newe Schoole to be erected, the said Haytor answered it was all one to him whither there were or not.

2. Perryman hath not byn assessed to subsidies or ffifteenthes since notice of the order of 1624, or to any charge whatsoever, by the Magistrates, but onlye to the poore in regard of his personall estate, which is greate and hath noe charge.

3. That there was a free schoole founded within the Cittie before notice of this last order by the charitable bequestes of divers persons deceased and livinge, the greatest parte whereof wilbe loste if this shoud not goe on. And the Maior and Aldermen never understood of any restraunte made of such a pious worke &c. This is to be proved by the deede, the willes and the notes subscribed.

4. That there have byn often heretofore 2 severall Schooles within the said Cittie attone and the same time, which wilbe proved by divers in the tymes of those who used the same. [8 names of Schoolmasters follow, as in L. 345, 346.]

5. Perryman's exactions and other ill carriage to be particularlie remembered.

Mr. Recorder paid but 4s. a yere, xij*d.* a quarter, afterwards viijs., and never above xs. before Perryman and he taketh xxs. of a Scholler besides his ushers iijs. v. or vis. of the same person.

That the newe buildinge of the Schoole would have byn rather advantageous to hym then chargeable by the liberall contribucions of divers Gent of this Cittie and the Countie of Devon had he taken that care which he ought, and it is conceived that there are monies

remaininge yet in his hands out of those benevolences if a true Accompte were given of the same, and if any losse be it is by his owne neglecte.

That the Deane and Chapter doe clayme a particular interest in Perryman's Schoole as beinge builte on their land or as belonginge to the Archdeacon of Exeter, and that they have used to contribute 20*l.* or 40*l.* a yere to the Schoole maister. Perryman confessed soe much to Mr. Aclande and Mr. Hakewell. Cannon Helliard, reported that Perryman had rather trust to the benevolence of his Schollers then to his pencion.

Perryman sought the place and was not drawne hither by anie one, neither is it likelie that any other place he had byn formerlie in (though in divers) was of equall profitt to this, where he hath gotten a verie great estate, beinge but meane att his coming hither.

That he hath here 200 Schollers and more; by the multitude of them, not onely the Gent neere the said Cittie doe forebeare to send their Children hither, but divers of the Cittie are enforced to send their Children into other places.

That in regarde thereof there have byn often suites made by the Comons of this Cittie for another Schoole, which could not be obteyned, which caused this foundation to be made according to the order of lawe.

The document, which is unsigned, is addressed "To his loving neighbour Mr. Samuel Isacke,* deliver these." "I pray peruse these and retorne them from Sidbury seald upp." They appear to be notes by Dr. Vilvain, on which L. 345 is based.

L. 340. Exeter, Oct. 25, 1630.—I, Robert Vilvain, Doctor in Phisick [see L. 172, page 100], born in the City of Exeter, doo testify upon my knowledg that the Grammar School here commonly cald the High School† (where I had my first Literary education) hath no Lands nor Revenues to maintain a Master or Usher—but am credibly informed, that the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church here, by a public Injunction of K. Edward 6th, did allow an annual Pension of 20*li.* to the School master, and afterwards withdrew it, leaving him free (without a Free School) to take what fees he could procure from al the Scholars; and imposed 5*li.* yearly Rent on him and his successors to be paid to the said Chapter for ever, becaus that School (with the house and Gardens appendeing) is founded on their Land, and the Nomination of the Schoolmaster appropriated to the Archdeacon of Exeter.

That in the time of my training up there, Mr. Drayton, the Schoolmaster, required and received of the meaner sort only 6*s.* 8*d.* yeerly, of most part 8*s.*, and of the ablest 10*s.* at most, but since his decease Mr. Peryman, the late master (who

* He was Town Clerk from May 4, 1624, till his deprivation in 1647.

† For "the High School near the little conduit in the High Street built cieled and seated 1561, by a common contribution at the request of Mr. Williams the Schoolmaster" see Izacke, 129.

hath lift of teaching, and farmed the execution of his office to Mr. Haytor, sometime Usher, joined with him in Patent), hath excessively inhanced the stipends, exacting and taking of every one 20s. yerely at least, beside what they give (som 6s., som 8s., som 10s., som 12s.) to the two Ushers for their better diligence and attendance; which is more then was paid among al in my time of Schooling.

That one Grammar School is not sufficient in this Populous place, being the Center of our whole County, but another Teacher was alwais permitted by the Bishop from time to time til one Mr. Spicer's death, who kept School (in the Suburbs) about 5 or 6 yeres ago (*see* L. 281, *page* 145); since which time the Maior, Magistrats and Commons of this City have bin earnest suitors to the two last Bishops, for licencing another to teach Grammar here, but could not obtain it, though Plimouth, a sea-town of much less extent and resort, hath two public Grammar Schooles in it, and divers others in this shire and elsewhere one Free School at least.

That there are in the said High School above 200 Schollars &c. [as in L. 349, *ad finem*], *adding*; but if a Free School were once erected, besides the general good, which would redound to Poor men's Children and others, it wil breed a great emulation betwene the schoolmasters to deserve best, and tend greatly to the speedier education of the Scholars, in which respects I laboured long, and stirred up som pious Benefactors to further so necessary a work, which was in a fair forwardnes, had it not bin retarded by the cross-opposition of som malevolent Planets, who for their owne privat ends seek by misinformations to blast the good intentions of others, and to support their own unjust Monopoly, whereof this Kingdom cannot afford the like precedent.

Al which I am and wilbe ready to justify, still submitting my judgment in al things to our Superiors.—*Ita testor ego*, Rob. Vilvain, M.D.

Among the Collection of Letters are two documents unnumbered and not included in S. Moore's *Calendar*. The second is a duplicate of the first, and both contain a summary of the case.

(1) is headed: "Att the Councill Board, William Perryman, late Schoolmaister of the High Schoole, in Exeter, against The Maior and Magistrates of the said Cittie for erectinge a ffree Schoole there." It is endorsed: "A Memoriall for Mr. Attorney for Exeter Schoole." [*See* Lloyd Parry, *p.* 43.]

(2) has the same heading and contents, but is endorsed: "Breviat for Exeter Schoole ffor Mr. Noy."

Also Memorandum att the hearinge of this cause att the Board before the Lords about the Schooles a licence shewed under seale (which was there readd by Mr. Noy) whereby John Archbishop of Cant. (*sede vacant*') did grant a licence to Mr. Thomas Passemore *Arbium Bacc*

to teach the lattyn tongue infra Civit' Exon &c. And a restraynt for all others (*quodam Drayton adtrunc Pedit. vet. Schole except.*) being dated 1594, but the said liceince was lost there in the Counsell Chamber and could not be found again or gotten though I used all possible meanes &c. *Teste me S. Izacke ex cl'ico civit. Exon et adtrunc cause pde. ibm.*

In L. 341, Nov. 6, 1630, the Mayor, Bailiffs and Commonaltie of the City of Exeter petition the Lords of the Privy Council against Mr. Perryman denying his allegations and setting forward the various statements in L. 340 and L. 345.

L. 342 (undated) is a rough draft for L. 341.

In L. 343 (undated) is a draft for a petition from the Mayor, Bailiffs and Commonaltie to the Lords of the Privy Council to be heard on the same matter.

In L. 344, Nov. 26, 1630, is an Order in Council appointing ye second Wednesday in ye next Terme (being Hilarie Terme) "for the hearing of the Free School business." [For a testimonial (Jan. 3, 1631) from the Rector of Exeter College at Oxford in favour of Mr. Peryman and Mr. Hayter as teachers of the High School, see *Cal. Dom.*, 1629-1631, p. 473.]

In Book 53, ff. 176-179, are statutes and ordinances made by the Mayor and flower and Twenty of the Comon Counsell of the City of Exeter, governors of the Free Gramar Schoole within the said City, founded by the Citizens of the said City, August, 1633. [For text see Lloyd Parry, pp. 104-112. It is called "The Free School within the East Gate" in Izacke, p. 153, where the Schoolmaster is allowed a dwelling-house adjoining the School with a yearly pension of 30*l.* and 10*l.* more for an usher.]

In D. 1743, Aug. 1627, is a reference to a 99 years' lease granted by Humphrey Carew and his son Peter to the Chamber on Nov. 24, 1592, of "all that greate house and the lofte and higher house and rome over the same which sometime was the bodie or lower parte of the church comonlie called or knowne by the name of St. John's Church, untill the wall where the tower of the same church sometimes was; and also the higher roome and lofte over the lower parte of the same tower scituatt lying and being within the East gate of the said Cittie and also all that house and roome that sometimes was the Chauncell of the said Church." The deed assigns this lease in Aug., 1627, to Thomas Crossinge and others, but it is supposed not to have been executed.

In L. 368, April 30, 1635, the Lords of the Council write to the Overseers and Feoffees of the legacies left by George Jordayne and Elizabeth his wife in answer to a petition concerning two sums of 40*l.* and 500*l.* left by them to be

applied to pious uses. Taking knowledge of an hospitall begunne to be founded there for the Releefe and Education of poore Children, Orphans and others untill they bee of age fitt to be bound Apprentices, which good and pious work for want of sufficient meanes is not yet perfected, They recommend that these legacies shall be applied to the perfecting and maintenance of the said Hospitall. [See *Report on Char.*, 54; Lloyd Parry, p. 67.]

In D. 1754*a*, Jan. 10, 1637, is an agreement between the Trustees of Elizabeth Jurdaine and the Mayor &c. in consideration of 500*l.* left by the will of the said Elizabeth toward the founding of a Free English School in Exeter, to found and erect a School and receive not less than 50 children, the particulars of which are specified. [See Lloyd Parry, p. 70.]

In 1637 Peter Hellyar was elected Schoolmaster of the English Free School within St. John's Hospital. [Izacke, 155; Lloyd Parry, p. 73.]

In *Transcripts*, 2090, June 2, 1637, a decent School house has been made and re-edified in a part of St. John's Hospital which was anciently the body or lower part of the said hospital church and a free Grammar School therein already settled, and that 500*l.* given by Elizabeth Jourdain, widow (see D. 1754*a*), has been hereby applied for the maintenance of a free English School in the higher part or decayed chancel of the said Church for the better preparing the children of the said hospital and others for the Grammar School and other fit professions. [*Report on Charities*, p. 6; Lloyd Parry, pp. 70, 115-126.]

In D. 1753 (? June 20, 1637), Dr. Robert Vilvain (p. 157) grants two tenements in Paris Street, St. Sidwells, in trust for the new Free School of Exeter, dated 1632(?) in Stuart Moore's *Calendar*, but probably the same as the document dated June 20, 1637, in *Report on Charities*, p. 14, which however refers to 4 tenements in Paris Street.

In L. 270, Exeter, June 15, 1624,* Dr. Robert Vilvain writes to the Mayor: Right Worshipfull,—You convented me heretofore about a Rate to the Poor of St. John's, and I rendered reasons of refusal, because our Parish being oppressed with multitudes wee conjoined two Rates together (our own and St. Sidwils) at Mr. Recorder's request, upon promise wee should be freed elsewhere. For my particular tis wel known I pay to two other places in the Country where most of my poor estate lyes, and am set to Armour, Powder, fees for martial officers,

* In 1868 the Commissioner who visited the Grammar School reported that "the School-room forms part of the nave of the Church belonging to the old dissolved Hospital of St. John, the east end of which is still used for service. It runs parallel with and against the High Street." *Report of the Schools Enquiry Commission*, vol. xiv., p. 299. The buildings have since been demolished.

Poor, Churches and sundry other taxes and am endebted in this City above 500*l.* upon Interest; yet doo freely give 12*d.* weekly to two poor families here, which els would fall into penury. Al which considered there is little cause to hoist mee so high to all payments, who (besides my house) have little here. I wil not allege redarguent reasons, that a Rate to the Poor is no competent Rule for Powder, both because it is uncertain, for that rate may far transcend the Provision (as tis conceived) and also unequal, becaus some are set up too high, and others too low, by fear or favour. Enimies to Equity: therefore in most men's Judgments it were fitter that the charge should be first cast up, and every man taxed proportionably according to his ability (for so it is in al other places), upon a just Accompt publicly rendered and registred, for the general satisfaction of the Commons, which defect make many murmur at this day about the Collection for Holoway, upon supposal that the Overseers did not disburse above half the Contribution, wherein I had som share, yet doe profes myself in this but an Eccho of the Multitude, which are much aggrieved. The matter which sticketh most in my stomack is that Dr. Goche,* who hath no charge of children and gaineth excessively both by his Places here, and practise above (a man mighty in Authority, high in dignity, rich in Revennue), should bee so long excepted from al payments whatsoever, confronting the City and daring you to doo your worst, with haughty menaces. That he wil try the power of your Charter and privilege of his person, who can claim none but only for his Headship in Cambridg, not for his Office, Lands, Lordships, Leases, or other estate in the Common Wilth. Mr. Cary likewise payeth nothing to Poor or els, pretending, perhaps, that he is rated in the Country, which is rightly my case and may serve for a just Apology (who pay 12*d.* weekly by rate, and 12*d.* voluntarily besides al imposition to Arms, Powder &c. in the Country), yet if those men being far my Betters in estate may be made Patterns or Precedents to these payments, I wil follow their steppes with alacrity, els it wilbee an insufferable scandal or eysore to mee and others, who are every way as free both in birth, body, mind and spirit as they or any other of higher quality: therefore my humble request is, that you wil deale indifferently and impartialy with mee and the shewing no harder measure to mee then to them, and so doo take leave.—Your worships to bee commanded,

Robert Vilvane.

(See L. 281, p. 144.)

In D. 1770, Oct. 5, 1658, the Church of St. Mary Steps is to be used for a public free school after the union of the Churches of St. Mary Steps and St. Edmunds on the Bridge, under the Act of Sept. 17, 1656. [See Freeman, p. 207.]

* Or Goach; see L. 281, p. 145.

In L. 416, Oct. 26, 1658, is a copy of the will of John Mounghwell, the elder, of Exeter, stationer, and son of the Minister of Dunchideock, where he is buried [*Report on Charities*, p. 23], by which he bequeaths a rentcharge of 5*l.* p. a. to find Bibles for the poor scholars of St. John's Hospital in Exeter. By a codicil dated May 20, 1661, the said Bibles are to be bought at the shop of Abisha Brocas in Exeter, who is one of the witnesses of the original will. The will was proved July 25, 1662. A note at the end states that the testator's great grandchild, Mrs. Martha Bond, finding that no mention is made of the donation in the "The Memoirs of Exeter" [? Izack's *Catalogue of Benefactions*, Book —], desires to see it punctually performed.

In D. 509, Nov. 17, 1669, Christopher Lethbridge leaves money for the maintenance of one or more poor Boy or Boyes in St. John's Hospitall, and in D. 370, Oct. 20, 1671, his son-in-law, William Trevill, arranges to carry out this provision of Lethbridge's will [see *Report on Charities*, 41, 196].

In D. 1784*a*, Jan. 10, 1691, John Bidgood, Doctor of Physic, leaves 600*l.* for the maintenance of 3 poor boys as above. [See also D. 1803*a*, and *Report on Charities*, p. 42.] For 100*l.* left for a similar purpose by John Tucker, merchant, in 1695, see Izacke, p. 190; also 50*s.* p.a. left by John Lethbridge, Merchant, Feb. 3, 1702, see Izacke, 192; *Report on Charities*, pp. 83, 203.

Customs as to Land Tenure.

L. 237. Poderidge,* Aug. 5, 1622.—Sir Thomas Monck [father of General Monck, see *Comm. CIX*, page 13], writes to the Mayor:—"Mr. Maior, There is a sute depending in Chancery betweene mee, my wife and Sir Nicholas Smith, and I thinke it is not unknowne unto you and many other of Excetter, that Sir George Smith in his lief tyme marryed all his children, and did by severall speciall covenands from them all (except myself and my weif) barr them, that they should not Clayme and Challenge any parte of his personall estate after his death; but should take their severall porcions in marriage for a full advancement and satisfaccion of the parte of his said personall estate which might otherwise accrewe unto them by the Custome of your Cittie, had not hee soe barred them, by which meanes they weare all utterlye excluded from any title there unto (excepting myself and my wief) which ware both left free, not beeing barred as the rest weare, and the better to inable mee to take the benefitt of the said Custome, Sir George procured mee to be a freeman of your Cittie, wherby I hope the rather to have my marriage porcion of goods to bee made upp a full parte of the personall estate of my ffather in lawe due to mee by the Custome of Excetter."

* *i.e.* Potheridge, near Torrington,

He adds : " I have entreated the Right Honourable the Lord Keeper to desire you, and the rest, to inspect your Charters and records and explanacions of them, which I have heard you have received from the Cittye of London, by especiall appoyntement of your predecessors and to shew the same att the tyme when the Commissioners shall sitt, to the end that the manifest truth maye appere of this pointe of the Custome concerning the disposing of the personall estate of a freeman, which I ame informed is conceived and ought to bee according to the Custome of London, in all points." Beseeching the Almighty to guide you in all your Counsell, and endeavours, that your Cittie maye ever prosper, of which myself being (through your ffavours) a member, shall accompt it great Contentement that you would ye pleased to continew mee in your good opynions and deeme mee,

Your obliged freind to Commande,

Tho. Monck.

In D. 1738, July 10, 1620, is a writ from the Court of Chancery to produce the Custome Bookes and Records of and remayninge within the City of Exeter in a suit. . . . (female) *v.* Nicholas Smyth, knight, to show the usage and custom of the City respecting the descent of land.

In D. 1629, Aug. 20, 1585, is a reversionary lease from the Mayor &c. of the Manor house of Aulscumb [*i.e.* Awliscombe, see page 14] to George Smith, Citizen and Merchant of Exeter [he was Mayor in 1586, 1597, 1607], terminable on the lives of (*blank*) sons the said George and Elizabeth his daughter.

In D. 384, June 20, 1587, George Smith, of Exeter, gentleman, purchases a house in St. Paul's Street and a close of meadow containing 3 acres in St. David's Downe next Northinghaie.

In D. 1644, Sept. 6, 1587, is a lease from the Mayor &c. to George Smyth, of Exeter, gentleman, of a close near Tadiford Bridge, terminable in the lives of Thomas, Nicholas and Elizabeth, children of the said George, signed " per me, George Smythe."

In D. 123a, Sept. 18, 1587, is a lease from the Magdalen Hospital to George Smythe, gentleman, of a tenement and garden in Magdalen Street and an " orcharde and hoppeyarde " adjoining thereto. Signed " per me, George Smythe."

In D. 387, March 26, 1596, he grants a lease of the pasture and " shire of the grass " of the above meadow [D. 384], where he is called " George Smyth of Exeter, Esquire."

In D. 1695, Sept. 20, 1604, is a lease from the Chamber to Sir George Smythe of Madford, knight [he was knighted at Greenwich, June 12, 1604], of the herbage and pasture of a

parcel of ground called Northinghay, together with two gardens there of late enclosed adjoining to the almshouses, except a parcel of ground where the vawte of the gaole [or cesspool, D. 1527] now is, and also excepting the stone quarry there. The lease is terminable with the lives of Sir Nicholas Smythe, Lady Elizabeth, wife of Sir Thomas Muncke, knight, Jane Smythe and Grace Smythe, son and daughters of Sir George Smythe.

Endorsed: "Md. that this Deed was shewn in a cause—Attorney General *v.* The Mayor &c. of Exeter."

For the seal and signature of George Smythe, *see* D. 1722 [May 24, 1613, p. 88.]

In D. 403, April 1, 1624, Dorothy Smythe, of Larkebeare, widow of Sir Nicholas Smyth, knight, deceased, grants a lease of the above close. (D. 387.)

In *Misc. Rolls* 33 (1755) is a rental of the lands of Nicholas Smythe, esquire.

In D. 198, Oct. 23, 1296, the Prior and Convent of St. Nicholas recover a piece of ground for default of payment according to the Custom of the City of Exeter "in Gyhalda per Gavelak* et Scherford."

In D. 802, April 3, 1327, is a reference to a place in South Street, which Peter Soth, as chief lord, recovered from a tenant by reason of non-payment of rent by name of "Gavelack" and "Shortford" in the City Court.

In D. 848, March 26, 1343, John de Sutton, citizen of Exeter, recovers a tenement in North Street as chief lord by the Custom of "Gavelac" and "Shortford" in the City Court, the rent having remained unpaid for two years before Michaelmas, 1338. The said John took his "glebes" for 7 consecutive terms, and had the final judgment called "Shortford" given for him on March 26, 1343.

In *Misc. Roll* 4, m. 5, is a draft of proceedings taken by the Master of St. John's Hospital in the Mayor's Court by the Custom of Gavelak and Shortford to recover a house "in vico fratrum predicatorum."

In *Misc. Roll* 65, April, 1351, are extracts from the City Court Rolls showing the steps taken by the Prior of the Hospital of St. John, to recover pieces of land in the High Street near the East gate and in Pacie Street by the Custom of "Gavelak and Shortford."

In *Misc. Roll* 96, 1368–1373, is a Copy of entries on the Mayor's Court Roll of the custom of "Gavelak and Shortford" for the recovery of a house and piece of land near the Castle of

* For "Statutum de Gavelette," *see* *Liber Albus*, i., 455; Stat., i., 272, where it is supposed to have been enacted, circ. 1316. For proceeding in the Court of Hustings in London, *i.e.* Placita de Gaveleto, brief de Gaveleto, or de Gavelotte, *see* *Lib. Alb.*, i., 62, 64, 172, 184, 186, 469.

Exeter by the Master of St. John's Hospital from Isabella de Hugheton. At the end there is a full recitation of the nature of the Custom.

In *Misc. Rolls* 104, May 19, 1320, is an extract from the City Court Rolls setting forth the customs of "Gavelak" and "Shortford," from which it appears that if any Lord has a tenant who ought to pay rent to the Chief Lord for his tenement and does not do so and has nothing in the said tenement which can be distrained, the Lord shall carry away a stone or any other distress *nullius quasi manenti existentis* for the arrears of Rent, and so shall continue to do for seven terms following and shall carry away seven stones as is aforesaid, which seven are called "Glebe." [See D. 848, p. 164; "per glebam." Oliver, 309.] In which seventh term by the consideration of the Court he shall have the said tenement for a year and a day by delivery of the Bailiffs of the City, which is commonly called "Gavelak." This is publicly proclaimed, so that any claimant of the tenement may put in his claim or answer for the rent and arrears within the year. And if no one comes or will not or cannot satisfy for the rent &c. within that time the Lord goes to the Court and claims according to the custom of the City to be adjudged in fee and demesne. And this custom is commonly called in our mother tongue "Shortford" [or "Sortfort"—Oliver, 309], which in French is called "Forclot" [*i.e.* forshut, foreclosed—Bateson, i, 304, who gives the original Latin text with a fuller translation of the passage [*et tunc vocantur tenementa illa "forshot"*—*Liber Albus*, i, 469. *Et tunc appellatur terra illa forshard*—*Lib. Alb.* 62; Bateson, i, 298.]

By this custom the Prior of St. Nicholas recovers a tenement without Northgate which formerly belonged to Mr. William le Mol, glover.

Draperies.

L. 239. Jan. 8, 1622-3.—The Lords of the Council write to the Mayor &c. :—Whereas in the execution of his Majesty's Commission for trade directed to us and others, wee finde it verie probable that if the stuffs called the new Draperies were well and substanciallie made, died and dressed, they would soone regaine their wonted estymation and it would bee a good meanes to vent profitably great quantities of our woolle and sett multitudes of people on worke in the manufacture thereof: Because without rules and orders prescribed it is hard to have those stuffs well made, and there is noe certain lawe alreadye made for regulating the making thereof: They accordingly desire advice as to "What rules you think fitt to propound &c.," and to consider what length, breadth, and weight everie piece of everie sort is fitt to conteyne and by what meanes you conceive those rules once made may be best contynued and observed. [For suggested regulations, May, 1622, see *Cal. Dom.* 1619-1623, p. 401; also Dec. 5, 1623, *ibid.* 1623-1625, p. 124.]

In L. 268, Westminster, April 24, 1624, John Prowse writes to the Mayor:—Touching the bill of Perpetuanes [*i.e.*, lastings or everlastings] I have gotten the same to be twice Read, and it now standeth under the Committees hand, but I doubt that our staie wilnot be so longe as to make it a lawe this session, but it must sleepe with manie other good bills until a newe meting.

In L. 243, London, April 27, 1624, J. Chappell writes to the Mayor:—The bill for the true makinge of Sarges hath been twice Reade and is nowe this daye to be heard by the Committees apoynted and so upon Report read unto the house the next stept is Ingrossinge and so to be presented to the Lordes of the heigher house, which I fear will hardlie passe this section of parlement.

In Book 53, *f.* 247 (1646), a schedule of rates payable as tallage includes $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ for every elbroade perpetuana and *1d.* for every narrow do. [For serges and perpetuanies see *Cal. Dom.* 1623–1625, *p.* 259, May 29, 1624; or perpetuanos, *Devon. Assoc. Transactions*, xliv., 594.]

In L. 422 (? 1660) is a petition to the Chamber from the Weavers, Buyers and Sellers of Perpetuanes (*sic*). See page 50.

In D. 1732, Nov. 7, 1615, is a certificate from the Mayor and two others that they according to the King's writ appraised 4 dozen pairs of wool cards at $12d.$ the pair.

In D. 1812, Nov. 26, 1706, the Chamber deutes Benjamin Johnson and John Kingston to ask demand and receive of every person which shall bring any drapery or woollen manufactures to the City to be bought and sold such sums of money and other duties as are due to the Chamber.

Plantation of New England.

L. 260. Chiswicke, Dec. 16, 1623.—Francis [Lord] Russell (see L. 257, page 11) writes to the Deputy Lieutenants of Exeter:—After my heartie comendacions. Whereas his Majestie hath been pleased, as by his gracious letter [L. 262] you may perceive, which will shortlie bee brought you, to expresse with his owne care and consideracion to the life, the importance of so great a good and honor to him and his Kingdomes in the adventuring and furthering the plantacion in New England, as the advancing of Religion and enlarging of Territorie, and to that which is not usuall to actions of this nature, as being likely so farre to enrich this Kingdome as to bee one of the meanes to quicken trade in general, and especially to the western parts: His Majesty's further pleasure importing a gracious acceptacion in such as shall shew themselves in their ioyning to venture with an account of the same. Theis are therefore to pray you, that according to his Majesty's

pleasure directed in his Letters in that behalfe, you use your best indeavors and judgements in causing meetings within your severall divisions, and inviting such as in your wisdomes you think fittest and ablest to bee Adventurers in this designe. In which I shall so farre wish the good of the accion, that my adventure in it, shalbee sized according to my affection, and not to the meannesse of my fortune. Thus I bid you heartily farewell. Resting your assured loving freinds as long as I am :

Fra. Russell.

L. 261.—(Endorsed : “Reasons shewing the benefitt of Plantinge in Newe England, 1623.)* [See L. 262.] Reasons showinge the benefitt that maie ensue to these his Majesties Realmes by setlinge of the Plantacion in Newe England and especially to the westerne partes of this Kingdome :—

1. firste itt enlargeth the bounds of his Majesty's dominions, and annexeth unto his Crowne one of the goodliest Territoryes for Soyle, Havens, Harbours, and habitable Islands that ever hath been discovered by our Nation.
2. Secondly, itt will afford a world of employment to many thousands of our nation, of all sorts of people, who are (wee knowe) att this present ready to starve for want of itt.
3. Thirdly, itt will thereby disburthen the Comonwealth of a multitude of poore that are likely dayly to increase, to the infinite trouble and preiudice of the publique state.
4. ffourth, itt wilbe a marvelous increase to our navigacion and a most excellent oportunitye for the breeding of marryners for that the vessels, that are to trade thither, and so from thence to their severall Marketts, are to be shippes of good burthen, to goe well mande, and thoroughly fortified for defence of themselves and their Consorts.
5. fyftly, the Clyme, beinge so temperate and healthfull as itt is, it will doubtlesse afford in short tyme a notable vente for our Clothes, and other stufes of that kinde, which now lyes dead upon our Merchants hands.
6. Syxthly, wee shalbe able to furnish our selves, out of our owne Territoryes, with many of those comodityes that nowe wee are beholdinge to our neighbours for, as namely: Pitche, Tarre, Rosen, flaxe, Hempe, Masts, Dales (*sic*), Spruce and other Tymber of all sorts, Salte and wyne, which two comodityes alone costs this Kingdome many thousands by the yere, besides Madder, Oade and many other dyeinge Roots, Stufes and Graynes, as also severall riche fflurrs,

* For the Council for the Plantation of New England, see *Cal. Dom.*, 1619-1623, pp. 90, 188, Nov. 3, 1619, 1620.

Togeaether with one of the best fysgings in the knowne parts of the world, and sundry sorts of Apothecary Druggs not yet spoken of.

7. Seaventhly, for the difficultie of the enterprize (thanks be to God) itt is in a manner already past for that the whole Coast (within the lymitts graunted by his Majestie to the Councell for those affayres) is not onely discovered by their navies, but many the principall Ports and Islands actually possessed by some of the present undertakers, And whither this yeere hath been sent besides those that are nowe in preparacion to goe with the Governor* neere aboute 400 men, women and children. As also 60 sayles of the best shipps of the westerne parts, that are onely gone to fische and trade for ffurres.
8. Eightly. The soyle beinge so fertile, and the Clyme so healthfull, with what Content shall the particuler person Ymploye himselfe there, when he shall finde that for 12*l.* 10*s.* Adventure, hee shalbe made lord of 200 acres of land, to him and his heirs for ever, And for the charge of transportacion of hymselfe, his familye and Tenants he shalbe allotted for every person hee carryes 100 acres more, at the rate of 5*s.* for every 100 acres cheife rent to the lord of the soyle in whose land he shall happen to sitt downe in. And what laborer soever shall transporte himselfe thither att his owne charge shall have the like proporcion of land uppou the foresaid Condicions and be sure of employment, to his good content, for his present maintenance.
9. Nynthly. If hee bee a gentleman, or person of more eminency who hath noe great stocke to continue his reputacion heere att home, howe happie shall hee bee if he can make but a matter of 100 or 200 *li.* providently imployed in the course of his transportacion, who shalbe therewith able to transporte himselfe, his famyly and necessary provisions and soe have allotted unto him a quantity of lands, wherewith he shall not only be able to live without scorne of his malignors but in a plentifull and worthy manner, with assurance to leave good fortunes to his posteritye if he but industriously be carefull to make the best of his meanes.
10. Tenthly, seeinge that the Counsell for these affayres have ever had, and still have, a speciall desire in this their courses truly and without vanity or ostentacion, to endeavour the good of the Country for the better declaracion and manifestacion whereof, they are freely content and doe hartly wishe, that every Countie within this Realme would be pleased to take a Certen proporcion of land within their lymitts, which they shall have att 5*s.* rent the 100 acres, with allowance of

* See *Acts of the Privy Council, Colonial Series*, i, 68 (Oct. 8, 1623).

some 1,000 acres, without Rent, to be employed for pious uses, whither the (*sic*) might send from yeare to yeare, such of their people as might be conveniently spared, and that are otherwise like to be burthensome unto the state of the Commonwealth which maye be incorporated into one bodye, and governed under such officers and magistratts as please them that send such as they imploye, who shalbe strengthened with such libertyes and immunityes, as shalbe thought fitt for the better advancement of that service. Soe may the Countye not only frame themselves to releve the state of their poorer sorte of people butt finde worthy employment for many younger brothers and brave gentlemen, that nowe are ruined for want thereof.

Lastly and above all the rest, by this oportunitye, there is noe Countye within this Realme, butt by this Course hath a speciall occasion and meanes presented unto them to dedicate their best service to the God of Heaven and earth, by endeavoringe to advance his glorye, in seekinge how to settle the Xtian ffayth in those Heathenish and desert parts of the world, which who shall refuse to further, lett him undergoe the blame thereof himselfe.

L. 262. Dec. [8], 1623.—A coppye of the Kinges letter to the Lords Leiftenaunts of the Countyes of Somersett, Devon and Cornwall.

[For an abstract of this, dated Dec. 8, 1623, see *Cal. Dom. (Colonial)* 1574-1660, p. 54, with endorsement: "Three letters of the like tenor were directed to the Counties of Cornwall, Somerset and Devon and the Cities of Bristol and Exeter."]

Right trustie and welbeloved &c. Wee greete you well. Wee have formerly graunted our Royall Charter for the plantinge of a Collanie in the parts of Newe England, which was not passed without due Examinacion of the proposicions then made and apparent assurance of good and worthie successe by that plantacion, for the advancement of Christian Religion and agood addicion both of honor and proffitt to our Kingdomes and people. And because upon the tryall that hath ben made of some persons of qualitie, that have ben content for the publike good to adventure* their private estates, and fortunes, the benefitts and Comodities found in those parts, and the good retornes that have ben made from thence, doe approve the undertakinge to bee of such publick hopes and consequence as wee thinke itt verve worthie of our Care and assistance in anye thinge that maye give a reall furtherance thereunto. And that accordingly wee have taken

* For list of names of those who will adventure for necessary provisions for the Colony of Virginia, see *Cal. Dom.*, (*Colonial*) 1574-1660, p. 49, July 4, 1623.

into our Consideracion that soe greate aworke cannot well bee managed to the best advantage, without the helpe of more hands and strengthe, then are nowe employed in it. Wee have first thought upon these Westerne Countries in respect of the Scituacion and Conveniencie both for receavinge Commodities from the Plantacion, sendinge such provisions, and supplies thither as shalbe requisite, and takinge an accompt of both to bee most proper, and fitt to have a share and intrest in that busines. Not doubtinge, but that beinge pursued with an assistance from thence, the successe and retournes wilbe soe beneficiall, as will not only answeere the charge in agood measure of profit, but drawe in other Countreis voluntarily to offerr themselves partners therein. The experience wee have had of your good affeccions to publick workes doth likewise move us the rather to invite you both by your owne adventures, and indeavourance to move other gentlemen and persons of qualitie and meanes in that Countrie, to joyne with you in the advancement of this Plantacion, which wee doe not onely propound unto you as aworke, wherein the publicke hath a great intrest, But wherein your adventures are in all appearance like to bringe you good retournes of profit, which the Patentees will more particularely make appeare unto you ministers of theirs appointed to attend you for that purpose [see L. 261], Wee hope wee shall not neede to use more persuasion in this particular, when both publicke and private considerations have soe much force, and your good affeccions soe readie to further good workes. Nevertheles, wee doe expect to receive from you an accompt of your proceedings and an intimacion thereby, whome you finde readie and willinge and whome not, that wee may take such notice of both as there shalbe Cause. Given &c.

In L. 361 (undated) is the following unsigned memorandum : Yt is conceived that the principall places for fishing upon the seacoast is already graunted unto certen pattentees,* so that yf the cyttisens of Exeter should purchase a quantity of Land which is not commodious for fishing then it will fall out that we shall bare the burden of a plantation and not partack of the benefytt which shall helpe to further the same. Therefore we hold yt a buissyness worthy the entertaynement of the house of parliament and yf his Majestie shalbe pleased to recall the pattents already granted, then we think it meet to purchase $\frac{1}{40}$ th parte of the hoole to be held of his Majestie and not of anye other and according to the portion of land to send yerely for the plantation so many as other places that have the licke quantity shall be chargeable withall-provided nevertheles that yf the place where our Land shalbe doe not prove fytt for fishing that then yt shalbe Lawfull for us to fishe in any other place upon the coast and to have

* See *Acts of Privy Council, Colonial*, I. 41, 55, June 18, 1621, Oct. 23, 1622; *Cal. Dom.* 1619-1623, p. 460, Nov. 6, 1622.

convenient stages and places upon the shoar to mack and drye the ffishe we tack in as quyett a manner without lett or deniall of any that shall pretend interest in the same as yt were in the place wheir our Land lyeth paying a small somme to the owners of the Land where we fish and make the same—as 12*d.* for a ship or such licke somme and no more and lickewise to have free liberty of trade upon the whole coast. Upon these conditions we maye adventure to purchase, otherwise if we may not freely fish without paying as of late many have done yt were better to leave the plantation to others then to enter upon any other conditions then herein is expressed.

[For answers to propositions of merchants of Barnstaple, see *Cal. Colonial*, 1574 to 1660, p. 47, June 21, 1623.]

Companies of Players.

L. 267. April 9, 1624.—The Master of the Revels [Sir Henry Herbert] to all Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Bayleiffs, Constables, Head Bouroughes, and all other his Majesty's officers, true legmen and Subiects and to every of them greetinge. Knowe yee that whereas the King's most excellent Majestie hath granted to the Master of the Revells a Commission giving him full power and authoritye for the Orderinge, Reforminge, Authorisinge and Puttinge downe of all and everye Playes, Players and Playemakers as of all other shewes whatsoever in all Places within his Majesties Realme of England, and the Lord Chamberlain, the Earl of Pembroke,* by letter dated 31 October, 15 James I [1617],† having granted license to William Perry‡ and the rest of his associates "to provide and keepe and bring up a convenient number of youtnes and children and them to practize and exercize in the qualetye of playinge by the name of the Children of the Revells to the late Queen Anna §. I have allowed and confirmed the aforesaid grant to bee and Continew unto the said William Perrie and his as sociates, viztt., George Bosegrave, Richard Backster, Thomas Band, James Jones, Walter Barrett, James Kneller, and Edward Tobbye and the rest of there Companie not exceedinge the number of twentye for a year from the date of these presents, and what Companie soever shall Repaire Unto any of your Townes, Corporatt Cittyes or Bouroughes not having their Authorities Confirmed by me and sealed with the Seale of the office of the Revells that forthwith you seize any such graunt or Commission and send it to me accordinge to those Warrants directed to you heretofor by the Right Honorable the Lord Chamberlaine."

* *i.e.* William Herbert, Earl of Pembroke, 1601–1630.

† See J. T. Murray, *English Dramatic Companies*, i, 361, 362; ii, 345, 347.

‡ For commission to him, Sept. 18, 1629, to make up a Company of Players for York, see *Cal. Dom.*, 1629–1631, p. 59.

§ *d.* March 2, 1619; J. T. Murray, i, 361, 365.

Given att hys Majesties office of the Revells under my hand and The seale of the said office the nynth daie of Aprill in the yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord James by the grace of God Kinge of England, ffrence and Ireland, King defender of the ffaith &c., the Two and Twentieth, and of Scotland the Seven and ffifteth. Anno Domini, 1624

H. Herbert.

James Tucker.

Tristram Michell.

Exd. et concord., 31 Maii, 1624, p. me Sam. Izeacke, cler.*
Wm. Finkle.

[An abstract of this taken from Stuart Moore's *Calendar* is printed in J. T. Murray, i, 362; ii, 272, altering the date to 1623.]

In Act Book VII, f. 207b, Nov. 13, 1621.—This day Mr. Receyver is ordered to give unto certeyne players [no names given] which are lycenced under the Kynge's pryvye sygnett the sum of xls. as a gratuyty and not to be suffered to play.†

In L. 514. Exeter, Feb. 14, 1748.—The Town Clerk [unsigned but probably Henry Gandy] writes to Mr. Zachary Hamlyn enclosing a letter (L. 515):—Sir, I have by this post wrote to our Members a Letter, of which a Copy is on t'other side, whereto and to the Bill Inclosed in their Letter I referr you. The Bill is intended intirely to suppress Players of Interludes which debauches all Youth and particularly those of this Town. We having a parcell of Fellows here that will play in Spite of the Magistrates' Teeth, pretending they dont play for Hire. And the Intention of our Magistrates is as much as in them lyes to prevent it, and in Order thereto, You are desired to go to the Gentlemen and Consult with them in what manner to Conduct it. We cant think that this Short Bill, which is intended only for the publick Good of Mankind, can meet with any Opposition or much Expence, But if you'd give me a hint what you think it may Cost Ile be Obliged to you, and take Care to send you the Mony assoon as demanded But Pray wait upon Mr. Sydenham for the bill &c.—I am, your most Humble Servant.

L. 515. Exeter, Feb. 14, 1748.—The Town Clerk [Henry Gandy] writes to Mr. Humfrey Sydenham, Esquire, and John Tuckfield, Esquire ‡:—

Gentlemen: In a Chamber this day held at the Guildhall, I am directed by the Body, with their Service, to acquaint

* Samuel Izaeke appointed Town Clerk May 4, 1624; Oliver, 241. He was the father of Richard Izaeke the historian of Exeter.

† For a similar case in June, 1618, when the Mayor, Ignatius Jourdain, gave a gratuity of 4 angels to the "Children of Bristol," to compensate them for refusal of permission to play in Exeter, see *Cal. Dom.*, 1611-1618, p. 549; J. T. Murray, ii, 6, quoting Collier, i, 369.

‡ M.P.'s for Exeter in the Parliament from Aug. 13, 1747, to April 8, 1754.

you that notwithstanding the Several Acts of Parliament made to prevent Players of Interludes &c., yet a Company of players which they call Kenneday's Company are come to this City and there play in spite of the Magistrates' Teeth pretending they dont play for Hire and thereby think to avoid the penalty of the Law. And the method they take is this: They give notice by printed papers that some gent. for their diversion and improvement intend such a day to perform a Consort of Musick as it is performed in the Rehearsall of the Play called "Love for Love,"* without any Hire or reward. And the persons having a Mind to go to that Play first goe to the Printer of these papers and buy a Small paper of Teeth Powder (as he calls it) and by him are recommended to be admitted as Worthy partakers of this diversion and they are admitted accordingly as is pretended gratis. By these and such like Evasions, they avoid the Law and play on, nor do the Magistrates know, how to come at them, or punish them for what is passed. But they are willing to have a more Extensive Bill in parliament to prevent the Debauching and even the Destruction of the Youth of this Towne for the future, and to that end they have Drawn a Bill which is Inclosed [not now preserved], and which we apprehend will meet with little or no Opposition, it being only for the publick good. I have wrote to Mr. Hamlyn to Sollicite it, and to wait upon you for that purpose. And when you have read it you'l please to give it him, and afterwards Endeavour to get it passed. In which we are Informed Sir John Bernard will be glad to assist you, it being by way of amendment only to a Law he himself brought in about Ten years ago, and now Evaded.

I am, Gentt.,

Your most obedient and Humble
Servant.

Maintenance of the Blind.

L. 269. Hayne, June 7, 1624.—John Northcot † writes to the Mayor :—

Good Mr. Maior,

I have ben earnestlie entreated by divers of the Parishioners of Uppen Pine to write unto you on their behalfe That whereas one Agnes Taylor, late of Uppen Pyne, widowe (being a blinde woman), is now abiding with the widowe Tailor of St. David's within your Cittie of Exeter, and hath there remained with her about halfe a yeare, the said Agnes having viii. xs. now remaining in the handes of some of the parishioners of Uppen Pyne, who have alwaies heretofore paide her the use thereof, untill of late she hath arrested the said parties for the said money, which theie are willing to repaie unto her, if she might

* ? Written by Wm. Congreve in 1695.

† Of Yewton, near Crediton. His son Pollard Northcote died at Hayne in Newton in 1641. *Boase, Reg.*, 105.

be freed from the chardge of their said parish of Uppen Pyne, but theie doubt that when the said money is gotten out of their handes, it wilbe consumed and spent awaie, and then she returned back againe on the chardge of their said parish : I shall therefore prairie you, either to take such order that the said money (which theie are readie to paie) maie be putt into some sufficient men's handse for her maintenaunce hereafter, whereby it maie be a dischardg for either of the said parishes where she shall remaine, or that theie which sue to recover the said money maie undertake that she maie not be sent back againe to Uppen Pine parish, which I hope you will think to be reasonable, and wilbe pleased to take some paines to settle some good Order herein, for the better dischardg of both the said parishes, for which I shall rest thankfull, and wilbe readie to requite you in the like curtesie and occasion offered. Thus with my loving Salutations do rest,

Your assured Loving freind,
Jo. Northcot.

The Cadiz Expedition.

L. 285 (undated—1626) is "A note of monies (52*l.* 10*s.*) disbursed for his Majesties speciall service by the Chamber of the Cittie of Exon ; as well about the ympressings and settings foorth of thirtie souldiers* in the yere of our Lord 1625 from Exon to Plymouth† and their chardge there as in the passinge of the Captaynes and their companies and carriages from the Westerne parts eastward."

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Imprimis paid for ympresse money for the saide Souldiers	01	10	0
It. paid for Coats for the said Souldiers Cloth and Makinge	18	18	0
Item paid for Conducte Monie and Charge of the Conductor	06	08	0
Item paid for their ordinarie paye in Plymouth before they had pay from his Majestie . .	09	11	0
Item paid for Captayne Cook's Chardges and his Companye lyinge here one whole daye beinge Sunday the 21st of Dec., 1626 . .	4	16	0
Item paid in divers other particular somes for horse hire and other charges about the passinge of the severall Companies through this Cittie to their next Stages and for Saddells and other things loste	11	07	0
Summ'	52	10	0

* For names of 370 men from East Devon, including 30 from Exeter, see *Cal. Dom.*, 1625-1626, p. 28 ; May 25, 1625.

† For the army at Plymouth, July 17, 29, 30, Aug. 15, Sept. 18, 1625, see *ibid.*, 61, 70, 77, 84, 107. The fleet sailed from Plymouth Oct. 8, 1625, and returned in December, 1625 ; Gardiner, vi, 14, 21.

L. 291. At Whitehall, the 21st of February, 1626 (*i.e.* 1627).—Whereas by a former order of this Bord made the 22nd day of August last, 1626 and our letters in pursuite of the said order of the 24th of the same moneth there was 30,000*li.* assigned out of his Majestie's ffarme of the pre-emption of Tynne to be paid at severall termes to the Contractors for the apparellinge of Souldiers in the Counties of Devon and Cornewall, And to the billettors of souldiors and officers there upon due accompts, viz. [*torn*] at Christmas, 1626, and 9,000*li.* 1627, towards the discharge of the Contractors for Cloathes. And 10,000*li.*, 1628. And 10,000*li.* in the yeare 1629 for the discharge of the billettors aforesaid with this proviso that if the aforesaid somes shall be paid out of anie other his Majestie's Tresures within the tyme before lymitted or that the said some should be fully paid out of the aforesaid ffarme within the said terme, that then the said Assignement should cease. And alsoe that if the said somes due accordinge to the accompts shall not be fully discharged by the assignement aforesaid, that then the residue of the said somes remayninge unpaid should be paid and discharged out of the ffarme Rente to come or some other of his Majestie's Trespure. And whereas by the foresaid letters there is power given to the deputy Leevetenants of the said Countyes to pay the Creditors of the Captaynes and other officers as alsoe the Conduct money for the Companies to carye with them when they did remove at 4*s.* 8*d.* the weeke, a man and the thinges that shoulde growe for horses and other [*torn*], to convey the same Armes and any Municion belonginge to the said Companies and put the same to the forenamed accompt as by the said order and letters more at large and particularlye doth appeare. Now forasmuch as the Countie of Devon hath shoven itselfe very forward in his Majesties presente and former services his Majestie is graciouslye pleased and their Lordshippes did alsoe thinke fitt and ordered that the afore named Assignements upon the Tynne ffarme shall cease and be cancelled and that for the more speedie satisfaccion of the Countrey the moneyes which shall arise out of the Loanes unto his Majestie of the said County of Devon and Cittye of Exeter, other then those alreedy assigned to Sir. ffrandinando Gorge for the payment of the garrison of the Porte of Plymmouth shall be assigned for the payment of the apparellinge, billeting and other charges of the souldiors and their officers as is expressed in the foremencioned order and letters. And to that ende and purpose it is further ordered that all the said Loanes bee by the Collectors alreedye nominated by the Commissioners for the said Loanes, or by the heigh Constables of the hundreds where there are noe Collectors paid over unto Sir George Chudleigh, Baronett, appointed Tresuror by the Deputie Leevetenants of the saide Counties by authoritye received from the Bord, whoe is to yssue and pay the said money, for the satisfaccion of the saide Contractors,

billetors, Credittors, Conducte money and other forementioned charges accordinge to the direccions in the aforesaid order and letters. Heereof the Lord Treasurer and the Chancellor of the Exchequer are earnestly prayed and required to take speciall notice and to give order accordinglye And withall to directe and require as well the said Sir George Chudleigh as the Deputye Leevetenants of the Countye to cause the Rolles by which the said Loanes shall be paid to be dulye returned into the Exchequer and that the said Treasurer therewith deliver in particuler and perfecte accompts of his receipts and payments that thereuppon hee may have his due discharge.

Contributions for Relief of Distress in other Towns.

L. 288. Jan. 8, 1626-27.—Thomas Sherwill, Mayor of Plymouth, thanks the Chamber for 92*l.* 11*s.* 5*d.*, collected at Exeter "towards the releife of the visited sicke of our Towne of Plymouth." He would have sent his thanks long since "but that the contagion (till of late contynuinge) and many other great and serious occasions thoroughe that cause and others have soe overlaid us as that till now wee could hardly fynde tyme to expresst our thankfullnes." [For sickness at Plymouth, July 26, Aug. 2, Dec. 15, 22, 29, 1625, see *Cal. Dom.* 1625-26, pp. 74, 79, 177, 184, 191. For reference to "the siknes tyme," see T. Wright, p. 319, from *Exeter Receiver's Account*, 1632.]

In L. 310, Salisbury, Feb. 26, 1627-28, the Mayor of Salisbury (James Abbott), the Ex-Mayor (John Ivy*) and the Rector of St. Edmunds, Salisbury (Peter Thacher) thank the Chamber for two sums sent by the Inhabitants of Exeter to them in this our late visitacion for the releiffe of our poore people, with which supplyes in all likelyhood many must have perished, there haveinge beene for the greatest parte of this tyme to aboute the number of Three Thousand persons upon releife amongst us, viz., 25*l.* 8*s.* 0½*d.* and 40*l.*, which figures they quote upon a reserve of our booke wherein we have recorded the gifts that have beene sente us, together with the persons and places from whence." Adding: "The Lord whoe at length hath removed his hand from us givinge us good hope of the suddayne staye of it altogether, sanctifye it unto us, and turne away this and all other his fearefull judgements, both from us and you."

[For sickness at Salisbury, see Izacke, 151; *Cal. Dom.* 1627-8. p. 368 (Oct. 2, 1627). For 84*l.* contributed from Bristol, Nov. 17, 1627, see Hoare's *History of Wiltshire (Salisbury)*, p. 363.]

In L. 339, Cambridge, Aug. 24, 1630, Henry Butts [Master of C.C.C.], Vice-Chancellor, and John Badcocke, Mayor of

* W. Iyie, Mayor of Salisbury, 1626-1627. For his narration see Hoare (*Salisbury*), p. 360.

Cambridge, send thanks to the Mayor of Exeter for a Collection of 45*l.* 10*s.* sent to Cambridge [*i.e.* in 1629, Izacke, 152], "towards the releiff of our poor people here in Cambridge." He adds: "It is, sure, God's great mercy toward us in ye midst of our misery that ye bowells of so many in places remote are stirred with compassion toward us, for our abillityes are small, our necessityes many and great, not an 100 able to give, above 4,000 receyvers, besydes ye great expence we are att for keeping of them in order, for saving ye sound from ye danger of ye sick; and for securing of ye country adioyning, our weekly charge rising to 200*l.* We hartily pray you to make remembrance of this our humble and thankfull acknowledgment to those mercifull men of your Citty, who have so charitably contributed to our necessityes—hereby yee have made thousands your debtors, who dayly bless God for you, and pray that a thousand fold blessing may be rendred unto you from ye God of heven and earth. To his most holy protection we humbly recommend you all with ourselves.

Your servants,

Henry Butts*, p. con.

John Badcock, Maior.

In L. 384, Taunton, Aug. 16, 1640, the Mayor of Taunton thanks the Chamber for a collection of 191*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* "for our distressed poore infected with the plague." [The document is much damaged, but the amount is recorded in the endorsement and on a receipt at the foot—as including 6*l.* worth of corn and 185*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* in money. *See* Izacke, 155.]

In L. 407, Northam, Dec. 3, 1650, William Leighe and Anthony Downe thank the Chamber for a collection of 43*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.* made in Exeter for the sick poor of Appledore [near Bideford], "for the releife of poore Appledore visited with the pestilence. We need say no more but to entreate your prayers for health in our habitations and to acquaint you with god's mercy in Northam's preservation, Appledore's hopefull restitution to a healthfull condition and especially the singular mitigation of god's anger all the time of his heavy visitation."

A Plot.

L. 290. Feb. 6, 1626-7.—Mr. Giles Carpenter, sometyme Muster Master of this Cittie, informs Mr. Ignatius Jurdain (*see* L. 210, page 112):—Mr. Jordayne: My welwishing to you and other of your Citye in regarde of your and there former kindness towards mee inforceth me to be willing to discover unto you and so to them by you frome mee a daungerous plot intended

* For a letter (undated) from Dr. Butts to Lord Coventry, in which he says "There are 5,000 poor and not above 100 who can assist in relieving them." *See* C. H. Cooper, *Annals of Cambridge*, iii, 227; from Master's *Hist. of C.C.C.*, App., p. 70.

agaynste the city in generall by some particuler persons seeking thereby ther own ends and is daungerous in regard of future damages that may and is likely to follow as I conceve it in so much as I dare not comit it to writing or come myself to you to make relation off my knowledg in it lest thereby I shoulde hinder a timely prevention as I conceve it. Ybut that you please to credit my generall relation off a straung project I will apoynt a meeting at honiton one day this next weeke. I will not faile, god willing, to meete you there and will reveile as much as is causually come to my knowledge ; in the mean time I wishe you would conceale my Letter or at least aquent few with it, Mr. Walker or one or two more whom you thincke good or none at all yf you thincke beste till you have spoken with mee. So wishing to you and the rest all hapines in this unhapy age of ours, do rest your and ther welwishing frind to my power,

Giles Carpenter.

the writing that I saw consarning the fortyffing off the Castell and the use there of as neare as I now remember. . . . the undertakers, Londoners, and decayed courtiers: all the old buildings to be reedyfied together with the wals and gates, tow draybridges, one into Northern haye the other into the City, and a Church in former time there caled St. Maryes to be reedified, a garrison, of a 100 soldiers at the King's charge for 3 yeares, afterward at the charge of the undertakers, tow faires to be granted ech of them to indure tow dayes, no sellers there but the Londoners and the inhabitants of the same parish (?) and Castell, and the said Undertakers to sell at all times of the yeare and the same Castell to be as a Mart for the western parts of the land, the impost of wines and prisages geven the firste 3 yeeres, . . . and the wines to be sold accordingly. The said Castell to be as a storehouse for the whole shire to keepe the munnision in. Certayn gentlemen of the cheere to be joyned in comission with the Captayne of the Castell, tow others with the Maior and 3 capitall burges, they all to ayde and asiste the Captayne upon reasonable warning, by vertu of that comission they are to have the power of Marshall law, the Captayn to be Judg and Chiefe, the Shreife to bring the Judges no farder then the Castell gate and there agayne to receive them, the Captayn to gard them in and out, divers plotformes for ordinance to be provided there.
 . . the waye to prevent all is to bye the ffee farme of such as now stand seised of it. Bigolston some time had it.

The City of Anwarpe was sacked by such a meanes of a Castell within ye walls [of] it within the memory of man.*

Relief of La Rochelle.

L. 292. Whitehall, March 24, 1626-27.—The Lords of the Council write to the Mayor &c. :—

“After our harty comendacons. It is well knowne unto

* *i.e.* on Nov. 3, 1576. Froude, xi, 58 ; Motley, 637.

you upon what weightie grounds and occasions importing noe lesse than the defence and safetie of the Kingdome daylie threatned with preparacions and approach of an Enemye you were formerly required to furnish out from that Porte two shippes of warr for his Majestie's service, the doing whereof was afterwards in your favour as nowe upon humble and instant suite by you made (as especially out of his Majestie's accustomed princely grace and care for the ease of his Subjects all that possiblye may bee) respited untill you should receive therein further order from this Board. And whereas it is manifest that the affaires off Christendum doe still continewe uponsuch daungerous termes as give his Majestie cause not to omitte any provident care for the strength and safetie of his owne Dominions, and the support and ayde of his Allies and Confederats, And in asmuch as the tyme of the yeare which usually openeth the waye to Accions of Warre now appeareth, And further his Majestie hath at this present on foote some important designe and expedicion by sea; whereby after the departure of the flecte prepared on that behalfe there wilbe neede of the said shippes for the defence of the Coasts and keeping the narrowe Seas; wee therefore in his Majestie's name, and by his expresse comaund doe now againe straightly hereby require and charge you notwithstanding any former allegacions or pretences by you made and without all further delays or excuses whatsoever to cause two shippes of the burthen of 200 Tunnes apeece every way ffurnished as men of Warre to bee soe in readines as not to faile to come to a Rendezvous at Portsmouth by the 20th of May next, the said shippes to bee victualled with full 4 moneths provision to bee accounted from the said 20th of May. As for such parte of the charge thereof as by our former letter was to bee supplied unto you by the Countrey we have now againe written expresse letters unto them on that behalfe inioyneing them to assist you therewithall. And have therein likewise given direccions to the Deputie Lieutenants for the importing of such number of marriners, or in the want of them of such other serviceable Landmen as shalbe by you desired and found needefull for the makeing upp of the full Complement of the said two shippes, and for such parte of the whole charge of this service as is to fall to your Share, wee doe hereby authorise and require you to cause the same to bee assessed and leaved upon the Inhabitants of the said Cittie and Porte and members of the same in such indifferent and equall manner as is accustomed upon the occasion of Publique service. And in case any person shall refuse to pay such somes as shalbe by you indifferently assessed upon him that then you cause him to give good Bond forthwith to appearr and answeare his contempt before the Board. And soe requiring you not to faile hereof as you tender his Majestie's high displeasure and the defence and safetie of the Realme. Wee bid you hartilie farewell."

For reply to this letter by the Mayor and Aldermen of Exeter, dated April 19, 1627, see *Cal. Doc.* 1627-28, p. 141, in which they state reasons why their city ought not to be called upon to supply these ships.

Billeting of Soldiers.

L. 300. Nov. 4, 1627.—Copy of a letter from the Lords of the Council to the Commissioners for well-ordering and billeting of soldiers at Plymouth:—"After our hartie commendacions. Whereas there are 2,000 Recreutz to be sent to ye Isle of Retz,* who were appointed to be at their Rendezvous at Plymouth by the first of this moneth ye governing and well ordering of which soldyors during their stay there is principally committed to Captain Henry Woodhouse,† who is despatched hence with Commission in that behalfe: These are therefore to authorize and require you or any three or more of you to be ayding and assisting from tyme to tyme to ye sayde Captaine Woodhouse as well in the well ordering, Billetting and governing of the sayd soldyors as in the execucion of such other direccions as you shall receive from him, for the furtherance of this service. And whereas wee have by late letters from some of you beene given to understande in generall of the disbursements made by the Country for the billeting and pay of these 2,000 men lately sent away with the Erle of Hollande; wee having acquainted his Majestie therewithall, (wee tak that service very graciously at your hands), have according to his expresse pleasure and commande given order to our very good Lord the Lord Treasurer and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, to deliver here within ten dayes the summe of twentie five hundred pounds mentioned in your Letters to be transmitted unto you, with all speede, for ye satisfying and engagement of the aforesayd charges and disbursments. And for these other 2,000 men who are now to be there, wee are by his Majestie's commande to let you know that as he expects the lyke forwardnesse and good affeccion in the Country as formerly in the charge of providing for them during their stay there, which is intended to be but for a very short tyme, so you may be well assured that upon a iust account thereof made and returned hither repayment shalbe forthwith made out of his Majesties Exchequer here. In the billeting of the Soldyors it is Majestie's pleasure that you place in the Cittie of Exeter such a number of them as you shall finde to be proportionally convenient, who are to be received and entertained there in the same maner as they are in other Townes of that County. And for ye better easing of the sayde County, It is lykewise his Majestie's pleasure and commande that ye County of Cornwall shall receive and lodge so many of these 2,000 soldyors as may answere

* *i.e.* Rhé, see page 17.

† For his Commission, Nov. 6, 1627, see *Cal. Dom.* 1627-28, pp. 424, 425.

the proportion that was lodged there in the expedition to Cales*, to which purpose wee doe now write to the Deputie Lieutenants and Justices of the Peace in the same Countie, signifying his Majestie's pleasure in that behalfe. And so not doubting of your accustomed care and endeavors in the execution of this service.

[See *Cal. Dom.* 1627-28, pp. 420, 428, Nov. 2, 10, 1627. For 12,000 men to be sent to the Isle de Rhé, see *Ibid.*, p. 425, Nov. 6, 1627.]

L. 303. Whitehall, Nov. 17, 1627.—Letter from the Lords of the Council to the Mayor &c.:—"After our verie heartie commendations. Whereas wee gave direction by our letters of the fourth of this moneth [L. 300] to the Commissioners for Soldiers at Plymouth to billet so manie of the twoo thousand soldiers lately leavyed, and appointed to have their Rendezvous at the said Towne of Plymouth as they shall thinke convenient to be billeted in that Cittie, wee have now thought fit to free the Cittie of the soldiors, but that you shall founnish such a summe of money weekely as will serve to satisfie for the billeting of one hundreth Soldiors, allowing each man three shillings six pence a weeke, during their stay in those parts, which wee require you to performe accordingly. ffor the payment whereof, out of his Majestie's Exchequer upon a iust account according to the precedents fo former tymes, wee have given order to our verie good Lords, the Lorde Treasurer and Master Chancellor of the Excheqcr. And for your better effecting of this service, wee doe hereby authorise and require you to Leavie the monies for the same, in as equall a maner as possible you can, according to the severall abilities of the Cittizens, to the ende there may be no iust cause of complaint. And so wee bid you heartely farewell.

L. 304. Whitehall, Nov. 17, 1627.—Copy of a letter from the Lords of the Council to the Commissioners for soldiers at Plymouth:—"Whereas by our Letters of the fourth of this moneth there was direccions given to have some of the Soldyors that were last sent to Plymouth to be billeted in the Cittie of Exeter, which Order and coursse there is now occasion to change, and for that ye Cittie of Exeter have alleaged unto us by their Peticion many inconveniences that may thereby growe unto the Cittie, Besides that it hath not beene a thing required heretofore, and doe show a readinesse to contribute with those Countyes of Devon and Cornwall, a proportion reasonable towards ye said charge respectively, so long as the twoo thousand soldyors shall remayne there, we thinke fit for diverse respects to have that Cittie kept free, and if anie soldyors be alreadye placed there these are now to be forthwith billeted elsewhere in the Countie of Devon, and the Cittie to

* *i.e.* Cadiz, see page 174.

allow after the proporcion for the dyet of one hundreth men, vizt., to each man three shillings 6d. by the weeke : And so expecting your carefull performance of these our direccions, wee bid you heartily farewell."

A note on the back says that the solicitors for Exeter yielded "because the souldiers were then on that Cittie and could not otherwise be removed," and "insteede of 100 ordered by the Lords the Commissionsers placed 160."

L. 305. Whitehall, Nov. 21, 1627.—Copy of an order from the Lords of the Council :—"Whereas the Erle of Bedford, his Majestie's Lieutenant in ye Countie of Devon, did this day move the Boarde for the Easing of that Countie, from the great burthen which it hath and doth sustaine, by the billeting of Soldiers in regarde that the Towne of Plymouth, hath bene the place of Rendez-vous for those supplies and Recruits that were leavyed for the reinforcing of his Majestie's Army while it was in the Isle of Rets, and lykewise the greater parte of the said Army being retourned did arrive there. It was declared and so ordered by their Lordshipps, that a present coursse shalbee taken for the easing of the said Countie and lykewise City of Exceter by removing the said Army, excepting those who are not for the present able to remove by reason of their sicknesse, and that when they shalbe able to march, they shall then repaire to their Colors, and in the meane tyme be allowed weekly, after the rate of three shillings six pence a man."

L. 307. Nov. 29, 1627.—Copy of a letter from the Lords of the Council to the Commissioners for Soldiers at Plymouth :—

"Whereas it is his Majestie's pleasure that the forces which are nowe there shalbe removed thence with all expedicion to be disposed and lodged in such manner as may be most convenient for his Majestie's service, wee doe therefore hereby will and require you to take present and effectual order for the sending of them to the severall Counties mencioned in the liste which you shall receive herewith and to noe other to be equallie billitted there. And to the end that this may be done with the most convenience for the Souldiers and ease of the Countries (*sic*) to prevent the over burtheninge of anie one place att one tyme you are to cause the said forces to march by severall wayes. But before they sett forward on their March wee require you to take an exact veue of the strength of everie Companie and therecupon to ffill upp the broken Companies out of the Recreuts to the Commissioners at Portsmouth, to be disposed of by them in like manner for the re-enforcing of the broken Companies which landed there. And thus expecting your carefull and exacte performance of these our direccions wee, &c.

The list of the Counties:—Berks, Kent, Somerset, Wiltes, Dorset, Surrie, Cinq Ports.*

In L. 308, Dec. 12, 1627, is an Order in Council to the Chamber:—"fforeasmuch as his Majestie hath byn informed that diverse outrages and disorders have byn latelie committed in the Cittie and Countie of Exeter by the Souldiers that are billeted in those parts, and that the said Cittie is the Comon throughfare and passage for the souldiers to and from Plymouth and other the western parts. ffor the punishing of those and prevencion of the like mischiefs and inconveniences hereafter, It is his Majestie's pleasure that Mr. Attornie Generall shall make readie a Commission for Marshall Law within the said Cittie and Countie of Exeter fitt for his Majestie's signature to be directed unto such persons as the Earle of Bedford, Lord Leivtenant of the Cittie and Countie shall nominate (?) or send unto hym." Endorsed in Samuel Izack's handwriting: "A Coppie of the order for Marshall Law which I found in Mr. Attornie's Chamber."

In L. 309, Whitehall, Dec. 17, 1627, the Lords of the Council write to the Commissioners for Souldiers at Plymouth: "Whereas you were directed by our letters of the 17th of November last [L. 304] that if anie Soldiers were then Billitted in the Cittie of Exon. you should forthwith remove them from thence, and place them in the Countie of Devon, which nevertheless you have hetherto neglected to doe, to the great preiudice of the said Cittie, as by the iterate complaints thereof, wee are given to understand. And whereas by our later letters of the 29th of the moneth aforesaid [L. 307], wee gave order for the removing of all the fforces in the Countie of Devon and Cornwall (amongst which those of Exon. were intended to be included) into some other Counties. And his Majestie hath ben graciously pleased to allow 1,000*li.* for the furnishing of the said Soldiers, with hose, shooes and conduct money to carry them to the Countries (*sic*) where they are to be quartered. These shall be therefore to will and require you forthwith to take alike Course, with the Soldiers billeted in the said Cittie, as you are to doe with the rest of the fforces, according to our former direccions given unto you in that behalfe to the end the said Cittie may have no further cause to Complaine. And so, &c.

In L. 301 (undated) is a note of "The charge of the billeting of 160 souldiers in the Cittie of Exon who came thither the Sixth day of Nov., 1627." The cost amounts to 102*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.*, viz. :—

	<i>l</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
<i>i.e.</i> 6 days at 8 <i>d.</i> per day for everie man ..	32	00	00

* See *Cal. Dom.* 1627-28, p. 451, where the total number of the soldiers is given as 6,000. For protest from Surrey, Dec. 7, 1627, see *Ibid.*, p. 460.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
For Cloth lyninge and making of 15 Coates for souldiers newlie imprest in the Cittie ..	09	11	03
For the Charges of divers sicke souldiers which returned sick to this Cittie and were here cured or buried p'ut.. .. .	05	11	00
23rd Dec., 1627.—For conduct monie, hose and shooes uppon the removall of the said 160 Souldiers out of the Cittie	55	00	00
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	102	02	03
			<hr/>

The account is incomplete, and a footnote gives—
52*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*, 174*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.*, 102*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.*, totalled as
328*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*, which should be 329*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*

L. 302 (undated).—A noat of such moneys as hath bene
paied out by James White for the billitinge of the Souldiers :—

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Nov., 1627.—(1) paied the Captaines and ther Sargents for tow weeks, begininge this daye and endinge the 25th of this mouneth	071	09	00
(2) Mo ^r paied the Constabells of the seavrrall quarters of the Citie for 4 weeks from this daye which ended the 23rd of December at nune	101	00	03
(3) Mo ^r paied for the diet of Sicke Souldyers by thapointment of the Right Worship Mr. John Ackland, Mayor, which Remained in the Citie after the Rest wear gone away	002	09	00
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	174	18	3
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The Petition of Right.

L. 313.—A written copy in English of the Petition of Right
[presented May 10, 1628, in the Parliament 3 Charles I.,
(March 17, 1628, to March 10, 1629), in which the Members
for Exeter were Ignatius Jurdaine, Esquire, and John Lynne,
gent.].

The text corresponds with that given in Rymer, viii, ii, 254
(from the *Close Roll*); Parliamentary History, ii., 374; and
Hume viii, 381, with a few slight alterations and some
omissions. *E.g.* "An oath not warrantable by the Lawes or
Statuts of this Realme," in Rymer, line 28 becomes "an un-
lawful oath"; "without beinge charged with any Thinge to
which they might make Answere accordinge to the Law"
(Rymer, *l.* 58)="without beinge charged to answere by dew
process of law"; "in Armes," Rymer, *l.* 86="in armies."

The following passages in Rymer are omitted altogether :—
 “either by the Customes of the said Realme or by Acts of Parliament. And whereas noe offender of what kind soever is exempted from the Proceedings to be used and Punishments to be inflicted by the Lawes and Statutes of this your Realme” (Rymer, l. 73); “or deteynd” (Rymer, l. 109); “and that your People may not be soe burthened in the tyme to come” (Rymer, l. 111); “to any Person or Persons whatsoever, to be executed” (Rymer, l. 114).

The following passage occurs at the end, which is not found in Rymer’s text :—“Wee humbly present this petition to your Majestie not only with a care of preserving our owne liberties, both (*sic*) with due regard to leave intire your soveraigne power wherewith your Majestie is intrusted for the protecion safty and happines of your people.”

To this clause there is a side note : “The lords Addition. The which is now left out of the Petition as it is signed by the King’s Majestie. This 7th of June, 1628.” [*See Gardiner, vi., 309; for charge that 1,500 copies of the Petition had been printed “with an Addition,” see Parl. Hist. ii, 436; Hallam, Constitutional History, i, 391.]*

L. 315.—A Copy of the Remonstrance presented to the King on June 17, 1628,* to the King beginning :—“Most dread Sovereigne, As with humble thankfulness,” &c.

It occupys 24 pages and corresponds with the text given in *Parl. Hist.* ii, 420–427, with the following differences :—

- p. 420. The Exeter copy reads : “Weakened, ympoverished, dishonoured and deserted” *v.* “impoverished and dishonored”; inserts “and with Joyfulness” after “all sincerity.”
- p. 421. inserts “as much honor to your Majestie and acknowledgment of dutie” after “as much honour.”
 inserts “altogether” before “unknown to you.”
 inserts “and ministers” before “do behave themselves.”
 inserts “readie and” before “gracious acceptance.”
- p. 422. omits “lately” before “conferred upon them.”
 reads “great” for “extreme” before “scandal and grief.”
 omits “their numbers, power, and insolency daily increasing in all parts of your Kingdom.”
 inserts “unhappie” before “opportunities.”
- p. 423. reads “impression” for “imprinting.”
 reads “dispage” (*i.e.* disparage) for “depress.”
- p. 424. reads “strange” for “strong” before “co-operating.”
 adds “round” after “compass.”
 adds “pyously” before “to remember.”

* *Cal. Dom.* 1628–29, p. 166; *Commons Journal* i, 911; *Parl. Hist.* ii, 420–427.

- omits "fear of" before "innovation."
 inserts "the number" before "of those soldiers."
 inserts "ymployed or" before "dismissed."
 omits "other" before "foreign employment."
 p. 425. adds "for this place" after "to be levied."
 reads "had been made over for that purpose that" *v.*
 "to be fined for that purpose gave us just cause of
 fear and."
 reads "alwayes pernicious to any state" *v.* "pernicious
 to most States."
 inserts "the mischief of such" before "courses."
 inserts "concerninge the under myninge of Religion"
 before "tending."
 reads "for generall at land" *v.* "to be general of
 the army in the land."
 reads "approchinge" for "apparent" before "change
 of government."
 adds "and fallinge downe at your feate to beseech
 you to hearken to the voyce of all your people"
 before "who if you could have."
 reads "Cales" for "Cadiz." [*Cf.* page 181.]
 omits "extremely" before "wasted."
 p. 426. reads "some thousand" for "6 or 7,000."
 reads "your fortes" for "the forts."
 reads "that proportion" for "the proportion."
 reads "xxxvi last" for "6 lasts."
 reads "fourth" for "14th."
 inserts "in Parliament" after "contract made."
 reads "Burlamacke" *v.* "Burlemachi."*
 inserts "of your owne" before "by one third."
 reads "strange" for "fearful."
 omits "by any other means" before "have been
 here."
 omits "amongst many" after "one reason."
 p. 427. omits "narrow" before "seas."
 adds "in haveinge the absolute commande of the
 seas" after "consisted."
 inserts "beat" before "rob."
 reads "perceave" for "conceive."
 omits "and as it is not safe" before "so sure we are."
 reads "maynteyne" for "manage."
 omits "your most princely" before "consideration."

It contains also the "kalendar of particulars" presented to the King for his perusal with the Remonstrance [see *Parl. Hist.* ii, 426], which is headed:—

"A Kalendar or Schedule of the Shippinge of this Kingdome which have beene taken by the enemie or loste by Shipwracke within 3 yeares laste paste," and gives the following particulars:—

* *i.e.* Philip Burlamachi, Victualler of the Navy for the relief of La Rochelle. *Cal. Pat.* 1628–29, pp. 67, 97, 127, 149, 156.

Taken by the Enemie ..	77 Shippes of 100 Tunns Burthen and upward.	These Shippes and there furniture valued at ..	620,000 <i>li.</i>
Caste away ..	133 do. do.	do. do. ..	100,000 <i>li.</i>
Taken and caste away.	50 do. do.	do. do. ..	350,000 <i>li.</i>
—			
260 summa.			
—			

Taken by the Shipping under Noe value certified.
Enemie .. 130 100 Tunns.
together with the names of the Townes and parts to
which they belonged, Exeter appearing in both groups.

A note of the Shippes of the Burthen of 100 Tunns and
upwards which appertayned to the severall ports after
mencioned in Anno 1628, Together with the Numbers of
what have been taken and loste.*

	Seamen employed in them.	Taken and cast awaye.		Tunnage Tunns.
London ..	190	5800	94 of 42	7020
Ipswich and Harewich ..	110	1320	52	—
Woodbridge ..	19	228	08	1370
Albrough ..	22	264	12 of —	620
Yarmouth ..	44	528	21	2980
Hull ..	60	600	18 of 10	1270
Newcastle ..	40	48 (<i>sic</i>)	21 of 11	1630
Dover and Sandwich ..	27	432	2 (<i>sic</i>) of 19	2770
—				
512				17,660
—				

L. 314.—A written copy of the King's Speech, beginning :
"It may seem strange &c." [delivered June 26, 1628, but
endorsed "June 16, 1628," in reply to the Remonstrance of
the Commons [L. 315]. It is printed in *Lords Journ.* iii, 879 ;
Commons Journ. i., 919 ; *Parl. Hist.* ii, 434 ; Gardiner vi,
324.]

The following verbal differences occur in the text as com-
pared with that in the *Lords Journal*, iii, 879.

Par. i. "It is known to every man" *v.* "everyone."

Par. iii. omits "that even" before "the House of
Commons"; reads "false construction" *v.* "constructions";
omits "might" before "be worse"; reads "handlinge" *v.*
"hammering"; "trench" *v.* "entrench"; omits "saying"

* For a list from Poole, May 6, 1628, see *Cal. Dom.* 1628-29, p. 103.

before "they had neither"; reads "intent" v. "intention"; "liberty" v. "liberties"; omits "and" before "in the time to come."

Par. iv. reads "neither meant by me I am sure" v. "never meant I am sure by me."

Par. v. reads "the petition" v. "your petition"; "of the laws" v. "of laws"; "House of Parliament" v. "House of Commons."

In the same document is given "Dr. Mannering's Submission, the 21 June, 1628," beginning: "May it please this house." The text corresponds with that given in *Commons Journal* i, 916; *Parl. Hist.* ii, 430, with the following differences:—Omits "the Church" after "this house" and "adjudged to be" before "reflected."

John Lynne.

L. 318. From my house in Chancery Lane, Feb. 2, 1628-9. John Finch, Speaker [of the House of Commons] writes to the Mayor, John Lynn, Esquire, [called gent. in *Return Parl.*, i, 475, where he is one of the M.P.'s for Exeter in 1628-9]:—

"After my heartie comendacions. Whereas severall mocions have been made in the House of Commons for sparing your attendance and service there in regarde you are sithens the last Session of Parliament elected Maior of the Cittie of Exeter, whereby your presence there wilbe of greate use for the governement of that Cittie, the House hath resolved that your particuler service there must give place to the generall service of the Comon Wealth in the said House of Commons whereof before you are soe elected Maior you were and still continue a member. And therefore I am directed by the said House to give you knowledge of such the resolucion thereof and to require you forthwith to come upp and attend the service there. Wherein having observed the direccion of the house and not doubting of your conformity thereunto, I rest, your loving freind,

Jo. Finch, Speaker."*

Payment of Members.

L. 319. "Jovis, 5 febr. 4 Carol R. [1629].—The Commons house of Parliament was this daye informed that the Committee for eleccions, returns and privilege uppon the reference unto them from the house to consider of the deteyneing of the wages of Mr. Jorden, one of the Cittizens of the Cittie of Exeter, have resolved to send for twoe Aldermen of the said Cittie to appeare before the said Committee. Whereas there are some other Aldermen of the said Citty and the Towne Clark thereof now here. Whereuppon it is ordered by the said House of Comons that such of the said Aldermen as be now here together with the Towne Clark shall attend the said

* The signature is an original autograph.

Committee and that the sending for the said twoe other Aldermen shalbe stayed.

Jo. Brighte."

On the fly-sheet are the following notes in the hand-writing of the Town Clerk, Samuel Izacke :—

"Mr. Ignatius Jurdain, con. Maior Ballivos et civitatem Civit (Exon.) Three obiections p'ut per ordinem.

1. For discontentment the magistrates refuse to allow Mr. Jurdain his wage.
2. That lands be given for that purpose.
3. That his fellow Cittizen is allowed his wage.

They must be all aunsweared negativlie.

To the first :

It is to be proved that longe before the begyning of this Parliamente* it was agreed by the Maior and Common Counsell of the said Cittie (who have the orderinge of the Revenue there) that the wage of Parliament shoulde be paid by the Comons accordinge to lawe, which was made noe more against Mr. Jurdaine than anie other.

That this agreemente was made uppon consideracion of the decaying of the Cittie's Revenue, by there Haven rents and Pettie Customes and their beinge in debte.

That there hath byn noe treatie of wage due but some-tymes more sometyme (*sic*) less and sometyme little or nothing.

The second :

That a little mannor of vil. rent and onlie x tenements about 100 years since was given for paymente of the ffee farme rent (50*l.* p. *Ann.*) and other uses which beinge superstitious, were forfeyled and that mannor afterwards purchased againe for a valuable considera-
cion.

The third :

That Mr. Lynne (now Maior) being Mr. Jurdaine's fellow Cittizen, is neither paid, promised nor allowed of anie wage, but is answeared as Mr. Jurdaine.

That the Common Counsell of the Cittie have offered to pay Mr. Jurdaine 20, 30 and 40*s.* apeece towards his wage out of their loves unto hym and that its desired the wage may be paid by lawe &c."

The document contains also an extract from *Stat.* 23, H. VI, 11., cap. 10. See *Stat.* ii, 336.

For 18*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* paid to Mr. Ignatius Jurdaine on July 26, 1625, for his fees and expenses in Parliament (*i.e.* at Westminster from May 17, 1625) and 5*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.* paid Oct. 4, 1625, for the adjourned meeting at Oxford, Aug. 1. to Aug. 12, 1625 (*Cal. Dom.* 1625-26, p. 59; Gardiner v, 397-432) see Oliver, 246, from *Receiver's Accounts*.

* From March 17, 1628, to March 10, 1629, in which T. Jurdayne and John Lynne were M.P.'s for Exeter.

A Proclamation.

In L. 321, March 31, 1629, the Lords of the Council command the Mayor and the rest of his Majesty's officers in Exeter to be aiding and assisting to the officers of the Customs in the Port of Exeter, "in all things wherein they shall require your helpe in case of any opposition that may be made by anie refractorie Persons in regard to a proclamation recently sent to them."

George Blackall.

L. 322. Whitehall, Feb. 12, 1629-30.—A certificate from the Earl of Montgomery [*i.e.* Philip Herbert, Lord Chamberlain] that Mr. George Blackall is a servant of the King and a sworn esquire of his Majesty's Body.*

The Peace of Susa.

L. 323. July 11, 1629.—J. Okehampton [*i.e.* John Mohun of Boconnoc, Cornwall, created Baron Mohun of Okehampton, April 15, 1628. *Comp. Peer*, v 322], Sir Bernard Grenville [of Tresmore, near Launceston, Deputy Lieutenant of Cornwall]† and Sir William Corey [of Trebigh, Cornwall] inform the Mayor of Plymouth that they have received letters from the Council that ambassadors‡ "now going over into fraunce" have orders to "deale effectually for the restitution of any the ships or goods taken by the French and for the reparation of the dammage by them donne."§ And all who have complaints are to inform the said ambassadors of them through their Factors or Agents. The Mayor of Plymouth is to signify this to the Mayor of Bristol (*sic*) and to the town of Dartmouth and other ports in Devon.

In L. 324, Plymouth, July 17, 1629, the Mayor of Plymouth, Nicholas Sherwill forwards L. 323 to the Mayor of Exeter desiring him to make it known to the merchants of his parts.

Nicholas Spicer's Letters.

L. 327. London, Sept. 5, 1629.—Nicholas Spicer|| writes to the Mayor. The letter is headed "Emanuelle" and endorsed: "Mr. R. Spicer from London aboute the obteyninge of shippes to gaurde the Westernne Coasts."

* For letters of marque issued to him, Jan. 26, 1629, as part owner of the ship *Hopewell* of Topsham, see *Cal. Dom.* 1629-31, p. 151. For a letter from him referring to English merchants at Bordeaux in 1629, see *Ibid.*, p. 148.

† *Cal. Dom.* 1629-31, pp. 15, 20, 80, July 19, 27, 1629.

‡ *i.e.* Sir Thomas Edmondes, *Cal. Dom.* 1628-29, pp. 570, 571, 577, 584, June 8, 9, 14, 20, 1629.

§ *i.e.* After the treaty signed at Susa, April 14, 1629—Rymer. VIII, iii, 39, 52; Gardiner vii, 100.

|| A bailiff in 1611, 1623. For his letters, dated Exeter, Aug. 29, Oct. 19, 1629, to Edward Nicholas, Secretary to the Admiralty, see *Cal. Dom.* 1629-31, pp. 44, 80. For portrait of his father, Nicholas Spicer, see Oliver, 221. Also his gift to the city, March 3, 1609—see *Report on Charities*, 243.

“ Worshipful,

Maye yt please you to take notice of ye receipt of yours of ye 29 ultimo,* since which tyme I have hade conference with my friends and also with ye Secratorye of State, whoe is alsoe Secratorye to ye Commissioners for ye Admirall unto whome I made knowen our grievance and withall what I Intended as to petishi[oning his] Majestie and ye Lords, but they weare of A Contrarye Judgment, but rather advised me . . . your Letter to ye Lord High Steward,† whoe is one of ye Commissioners, Intreating direction therein, for if ye Kinge should bee pitissioned befor they weare ac[quainted] with our geievances, consideringe yt doth concerne them, offence might . . . Ye Kinge is att Winsore with all ye Lords and tomorrow ther is great feast [] taketh his oth for conferminge the peace with france. A Mundaye th[] for London, wher I will attend God willinge ye deliveringe of ye Letter [] the Commissioners sitts aboute the navye, whom I purpose to petission [] the Kinge and Queene Commeth to Whitehall A Tusdaye alsoe but for 3 [] my Indevors shall not wante for ye accomplishment of all our desires. [] in the River of teames tow of ye King’s shippes redde and one of ye whealps [] the Lyon and ye adventure ther marriners being Abord for newes. The *Dreadnett*,‡ a shipp of ye King’s, burden 800 tuns with 46 pair of ordnaunce, is redde to depart for Spayne in whom goeth Sir frances Cockkington,§ Chancellor of the Exchequer, with divers others, and yt is reported yt heer commeth Don Christofore Cullombo,|| ye governor of Cambree. A speedye peace is expected.¶ Doctor Mawe,** ye bisshop of bath and wells, is deade. Doctor Laude, bisshop of London [*i.e.* since July 11, 1629] verri sicke and smale hopes of his recoverri. This daye I red a Commission [] by his Majestie to Richard Lord Weston, Lord Treasurer of England, Robart [], sie†† Lord Great Chamberlyne of England, with the Earell of penbrooke, Lord high Stuarde, Edward [*i.e.* Sackville], Earell of dorsett, Lord Chamberlyne to ye Queene, Lord Vicunt dorchester, secratory of Estate, Sir John Cooke, Another Secratorie, which Commission tendeth

* See *Cal. Dom.* 1629–31, p. 44.

† *i.e.* the Earl of Pembroke. See p. 77.

‡ The *Dreadnought* was at Flushing on Sept. 12, 1629, at Dover Sept. 17, in the Downs Sept. 20, and at Portsmouth Sept. 30, whence she sailed with Sir Francis Cottington on board on Nov. 4, 1629. *Cal. Dom.* 1629–31, pp. 57, 59, 61, 68, 88.

§ *i.e.* Cottington, see L. 328. For his expenses as Ambassador to Spain from July 1, 1629, (commission prepared Oct. 1, 1629), see *Cal. Dom.* 1629–31, pp. 67, 99.

|| (?) Don Carlos de Coloma, who arrived in the Downs from Dunkirk Dec. 27, 1629, *Ibid.*, p. 126, and had audience at Whitehall, Jan. 6, 1630, *Ibid.*, p. 133.

¶ *i.e.* with Spain. A treaty was signed at Madrid, Nov. 5, 1630—Gardiner, vii, 175.

** *i.e.* Leonard Mawe, *d.* Sept. 2, 1629.

†† *i.e.* Robert Bertie, Earl of Lindsey.

for the suppressing of piratts as alsoe to graunte by vertue of the same other Commissions by all, or other three of them. Letters from Amsterdame signify that the Flemand hath taken the outer courses of the burse * and supposed [] the towne will be rendered. Not else att present, prayinge God to give a gr[acious] end to my proseedings, desiringe mi commendations to bee remembrede to Sir [John] Ackland, I commyte you both with your affarres to ye protexion of ye Almightye, in whom I ende and reste, yours to be commaunded,

Nicholas Spicer.

L. 328. London, Sept. 8, 1629.—Nicholas Spicer writes to the Mayor :—

“Worshipfull,

Maye it please you to take notice of a former (*sic*) written per our carrier of ye 5th of this present, to which I referer you. Since which tyme I have deliver (*sic*) ye Lord Stuard ye Letter whome I found willinge to doe ye Cittie any service, but my Lord Tresurer was some thinge quicke att firste, but after more milder. I have obtained one shippe of ye king's [*i.e.* the *Convertive*†] and twoo whealpes [*i.e.* whelps] for our parts tomorrowe I will hand the Letters and warrant to keepe about the Starte and torbaye because of our St. Mallos [S. Malo] and Morlis [*i.e.* Morlaix] barks. For the passage of the bussies I referer to my verball relation (God sending me well home). For newes [*i.e.* newsletter, *Cal. Dom.*, 1629–31, p. 98 *see* p. 220] yt is credblely reported ye Burse (*see* L. 327) is renderrd upon Composission of departure with bagge and baggas for upon intretie the Prince of Orrange gave them quarter. There was a fleete of french in ye River of Rone [the Seine] and at Deep [Dieppe] since ye peace [April 14, 1629, *see* L. 323, page 190] was proclaimed, and went for St. Christopher's Island [*i.e.* St. Kitts, Leeward Islands], and hath taken all the English shippes ther, some saye but 5 shippes, and hath slayen all the men aboard ye said ships. When they have taken ye Island yt is not certayne.‡ The Kinge much moved att yt, as I shall relate unto you. The Spanish Imbassador [*i.e.* Coloma, *see* L. 327] is att Brissells,§ as I understand by good advise and as soone as Sir Frances Cottington [*see* L. 327] is gone hee is expected ; soe as I hope

* *i.e.* the Bosche or O'Bosch *i.e.* Herzogenbosch (Bois-le-Duc), which was captured by Frederic Henry, Prince of Orange, the news of the surrender reaching England *via* Flushing before Sep. 12, 1629, *Cal. Dom.* 1629–31, p. 57 ; Gardiner vii, 170.

† Her captain, Sir Thomas Button, captured the *St. John* of Dunkirk before Sept. 17, 1629, *Cal. Dom.* 1629–31, p. 59. On Oct. 10, 1629, she was at Bristol, and on Nov. 19th and 23rd at Kinsale. *Ibid.*, pp. 75, 101, 104.

‡ It was really captured by the Spaniards, *circ.* Sept. 15, 1629. *Cal. Dom.* 1629–31, pp. 88, 93, 98.

§ He was still at Brussels Nov. 4, 1629. *Ibid.*, p. 89.

henceforth wee shall not need to feare the Dunckartts.* I knowe not what else to Inlarge, untill I see you ; in the meane tyme I shall Indevor the effectinge of my Commencement doe end and reste yours to bee commanded,
 Nicholas Spicer.”

The Crossings.

L. 330. Whitehall, November, 1629.—The Lords of the Council write to the Mayor :—“After our hearty commendations. Wee have received information that certaine reprisall goods of greate value belonging to his Majestie have lately bene landed out of twoo reprisall ships in Guernsey or elsewhere, and conveyed from ye knowledge of his Majestie’s Officers and that [blank] Crassin being a passenger in one of the ships yt were taken, can give light or notice of the quantitie and qualitie of the saide goods ; wee have therefore thought fit to will and require to call the saide Crassin before you, and to examine him according to such Interrogatories as the bearer hereof, Charles Childe, gentleman, shall present unto you, for that purpose. Now if upon his answer he shall give you satisfaccion to ye saide Interrogatories you are then to retourne them unto us, by the saide bearer ; but if he shall refuse to make answer, or if you shall not finde that hee answereth according to ye full truth of his knowledge, in that case you are to take bonde of him to appeare before us on the 25th of Januarie next. And so not douting” &c. *Endorsed* : “A letter from the Lords about the examinacion of Philliph Crossinge touchinge reprisall goods.” [For letters of marque issued to Thomas Crossing and others in the “Resolution” of Exeter, July 25, 1628, see *Cal. Dom.* 1628–29, p. 308.]

In L. 331, Whitehall, April 28, 1630, the Lords of the Council write to the Mayor :—“After our heartie comedacions. Whereas we are given to understand that divers persons of the Company of Marchants [*i.e.* Adventurers] of that Citty, as namely Tho. Crossing [Mayor, 1624, 1637], Francis Crossing [Mayor, 1634—see Cotton, *Gleanings*, 79] and John Taylor [Mayor, 1626], with other members of the said Company, doe to the great priudice of that Societie refuse to pay such small taxes as have by authoritie and by mutuall consent beene laid upon Marchandize that hath passed betwixt ffrence and that Citty, for defraying of the necessarie charges of the said Company, which taxes of late have beene more occasioned by reason of the ffrench Arreasts and especially by those vexacions of Matthieu and du Lawnie. We have therefore thought good hereby to authorize and require you as well to call the persons above named before you as all such others

* *i.e.* The Dunkirkers, who were still thick about Torbay and the Channel, Oct. 19, Nov. 12, 1629 ; April 10, 1630. *Cal. Dom.* 1629–31, pp. 80, 93, 232.

whom the Governor of the said Company shall complayne of unto you to have refused to pay the said Taxes and to cause them to make payment thereof and in case of their refusall to give good Bond to appeare and answer the same before this Board. And soe we bid you hartely farewell."

[This warrant is in response to a petition sent up by the Chamber on April 10, 1630, *Cal. Dom.* 1629-31, p. 232. For further trouble on this question, Jan. 18, 1634, see *Cal. Dom.* 1633-34, p. 420.]

In D. 428, March 1, 1642, is a lease to Thomas Crossinge, Alderman of Exeter, from Elizabeth Flaye, of a plot of ground next St. Paul's Street on the south, with his signature "Thomas Crossinge."

Vintners of Exeter.

L. 354. Star Chamber, Nov. 16, 1632.—An Order in Council upon a petition dated the 20th of Oct., last [*Cal. Dom.* 1631-33, p. 428], from the Chamber that "the vintners of that Cittie doe take excessive prices for their wines, more than is taken in any other part of ye Kingdome, although the saide Cittie is scituate near unto ye sea and furnished with wines at as reasonable rates as anie other place." They now order that wines shall be sold at Exeter by the same rates as in the City of London.

In L. 355, Whitehall, Dec. 28, 1632, is an Order in Council setting the prices of wines for the year, *viz.*, "Canary wines, Muscadells and Alligant in grosse at 16*l.* the pipe and 12*d.* the quart by Retayle, Sacks and Mallegoes at 13*l.* the butt and 9*d.* the quart. The best Gascoigne and French wines at 18*l.* the Tonne, and ye Rochells and other small and thin wines at 15*l.* the Tonne and 6*d.* the quart." [See also *Comm. LX*, page 9. For a proclamation (Feb. 18, 1633) to the same effect see *Cal. Dom.* 1631-33, p. 539.]

In L. 97, Dec. 1, 1590, is a printed proclamation for the sale of wines, reciting Statute of June 8, 1536 (28 Henry VIII), the price not to exceed 15*l.* per tun for best Gascoign and French wines and 13*l.* for every "tunne of Rochel and other small and thinne wines." [There is also a bundle of Proclamations "in Press" the contents of which are not described in S. Moore's *Calendar*.]

In L. 356, Jan. 18, 1632-33, is a provisional Order in Council on a petition of the vintners of Exeter, "his Majesty's tenants," against the Chamber respecting a new measure for wines, which the Chamber endeavoured to make the vintners use. Their Lordships "having received as well the Standard measure of the Exchequer as that kept in the Guildhall of London, and finding this difference could not bee presentlie reconciled," order that in the meantime the vintners of Exeter,

who are his Majesty's Tenants and duellie pay his Majesties Rents and deserve rather to be cherished, are to sell by the sealed measures used in the City of London.

Sale of Tobacco.

L. 358. Whitehall, Aug. 31, 1633.—The Lords of the Council write to the Mayor:—"Whereas his Majestie to prevent the excesse of the use of tobacco and to set an order to those that regrate and sell or utter it by Retayle who observe noe reasonable rates or prizes nor take care that it be wholesome for men's bodyes that shall use it, hath of late caused us to direct letters to the Justices of peace of the severall Countyes of the Realme and to the Cheife Officers of Citytes and some of the Townes within the same, requiring them to certify in what places it might be fitt to suffer ye Retayling of Tobacco and how many to be licenced in each of those places to use that trade." and the City of Exeter having made a return, the Lords send a schedule of the names of those who are to be licensed and order that no others be permitted to sell after the feast of Candlemas next. The list is missing. [For proclamations in a similar sense, Oct. 13, 1633, March 13, 1634, see *Cal. Dom.* 1633-34, pp. 244, 500.]

In D. 454, May 15, 1672, is a lease of a house adjoining St. Paul's Church from Elizabeth Flaye to George Payne, Tobaccocutter, of Exeter.

Religious Destitution in the North.

L. 359. Rose Castle, Oct. 10, 1633.—The Bishop of Carlisle [*i.e.* Barnaby Potter] writes to the Mayor &c. :—

Right Worshipfull,

My loving Salutations with all due respect remembered. The condition of the most of the people in these parts for want of the preaching of the Word of God is so wofull, their ignorance so grosse and palpable, that I am perswaded there is not a more necessarye Worke of Charity then to have a hand or to move a finger in setting forewards such courses as may helpe to remove this heavye Judgment. Such as onely by Heare Say have taken notice of the calamity of this Countrey in this kind have beene touched in conscience to contribute towards the maintenance of some able minister to employ his paynes here. In Northumberland (my neighbour Shiere) the Company of Mercers in London have not long since placed two Lecturers, one at Barwicke, and another at Hexam, and have settled upon eyther of them 80*li.* yearely out of Tythes thereabouts, which they have purchased for that purpose. In my diocese I found when I came one Lecturer onely maine-tayned by a private man (Mr. Packer), who allowes 30*li.* a yeare for his paynes. Since my coming there have two more beene sent, both of them very grave and godly men, maine-tayned partly by a Londoner, who allowes 50*li.* out of an

Impropriation he holds here, and partly by the benevolence of Dorchester and Lyme. Now my humble Suite and hearty Intreatye to you all and every one, is this that you wilbe pleased to turne your eyes of compassion towards this poore Countrey, and some way, as in your wisdomes you shall thinke fitt, contribute to their meancs of comfort for the salvation of their soules. All that are well minded amongst you I hope will according to their abilitye bring their freewill offering to so blessed a worke, and if out of your generall stock, eyther of the City, or any private Company, you wilbe pleased to impart somethinge to this purpose, many poore ignorant soules will have cause to blesse God for you, and God, I doubt not, will even for this Act of mercy, blesse and increase your store. I pray you pardon my boldnes, and to take this humble Suite of myne into your grave considerations, and so I will committ it to the prospering hand of him who is honoured by such workes of pietye. To his gracious protection I commend you all, and will ever rest, yours to be commaunded in the like Christian office,

Bar : Carlile.

Northernhay and Southernhay.

L. 362. Exeter, May 31, 1634.—Draft of a letter from the Chamber to Sir Humphrey Davenport, knight, Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, and Sir J. Denham, knight, a Baron of the Exchequer.

“After our duties remembred. There hath byn a suite depending in his Majestie’s Court of Exchequer these 3 or 4 yeres betweene his Majestie’s Attorney Generall and this Cittie about the title of some waste lands adioyning to the walles of the same, which our predecessors have peaceable enjoyed these 300 or 400 yeres. This suite is prosecuted as wee are credible informed by some that hope to mak a purchase of it to themselves, and the better to accomplish their intentions doe presse a hearing this next Trinity terme. Wee doe not declyne the ordinary course of Justice, and this cause might have byn brought to hearing longe er this if they had soe pleased, but to be putt on noue soe suddenly as not to have x dayes notice thereof by our owne asents (wee beinge so remote our evidences in this Cittie, our Second Counsell or Solicitor not here in the Countrie), cannot be without greate preiudic to our cause and us alsoe. Wherefore wee earnestlie desire your Lordships’ lawfull favour that wee may have such convenient notice of our adversaries’ proceedings as may be reasonable and agreeable to the wonted proceedings of that honourable Courte, for which courtesie wee shall rest, your Lordships’ worships to be commaunded.

In *Act Book VII, f. 134b*, Aug. 12, 1617: That whereas Mr. Recorder did enforme the house this day that one Mr. Norden, an offycer to prynce Charles came unto hym and did make shewe of pretence to clayme to some ryghts

or pryvyledges which the Cytye hath enoyed tyme out of mynd it is now agreed that Mr. Recorder shall confer with Mr. Norden* [see L. 226] and geve hym answeere to hys demande or the next terme and to have such charters and other wrytyngs as may suffycyently furnyshe hym to answer the pretence.

In *Act Book VII*, f. 153b, Aug. 11, 1618. Whereas one Mr. Norden, one of the prynce's surveyors, hath enformed Mr. Recorder of a clayme or interest which is pretended by the prynce unto parte of Northynghey, it is ordered that Mr. Recorder, Mr. Prouze and Mr. Martyn shall conferr with the said Mr. Norden concernynge the said clayme and to acquaynt themselves with the certeynty therof as neere as they may and to envyte hym to a dynner or sopper at the cost of the Cytye, and that Mr. ffley shall go to Sir George Smythe, who hath an estate in Northynghey in revercon of John Rowe to acquaynt hym with the said clayme.

In *Act Book VIII*, f. 92, Oct. 20, 1639, is an entry.—Whereas Mr. Maior hath latelie received a letter from the Prince his highnes commissioners touching the Ditch or waste in Northinghay against the Castle. It is this day agreed that Mr. Recorder and Mr. Thomas Roy, the Citties Solicitor, shalbe employed therein and to compound for that parte if Mr. Recorder may uppon reasonable termes rather then adventure to a sute in law for it. To which end the Town Clerk is ordered to draw a letter to Mr. Recorder to be sent away with all speede.

In *Act Book VIII*, f. 92a, Oct. 23, 1639.—Whereas on Tuesday last, 15th instantis, uppon the reading of a letter from the Prince's Counsell it was conceived best for the makeing of a composicon for the ditches of the Castle towards Northenghey in regard they affirmed in the said letter that the Cittie had disclaymed theer right to the said ditches, but uppon perusall of the bookes touching that buisnes it is founde otherwise and that it may be verie prejudiciall to the Cittie to make any such newe agreement. It is therefore thought fitt that a letter be written to Mr. Recorder to appeare for the Cittie before the said Counsell att the day and place appointed in the said letter to make defence for the Cittie's right &c., whiche letter being drawne to that purpose and readd in the presence of those nowe present, was well approved of. And it is likewise agreed that a letter be written to Mr. Thomas Roy, the Cittie's Solicitor, nowe alsoe in London, to attend Mr. Recorder therein, and that the Cittie's answeere to the suite of his Majestie's Attorney in the Exchequer Chamber be sent to them, and one of the Breviatts of the Cause for their better instrucons in that buisnes which is done accordingly by Peter Morris, the carrier, 21^o instantis.

* For plan made by Norden in 1617, see Oliver, *Frontispicce*.

In *Act Book XI*, f. 29, May 9, 1665.—That the trees newlie sett in Northinghay be watered and stakte at the charges of the Cittie; also three members appointed and desired to view the bounds in Northinghay and by themselves and such others as they shall call to their assistance to asserten the Boundes and lymittes thereof with the landes of other men.

In *Act Book XI*, f. 37b, Oct. 24, 1665.—That Mr. Receiver shall provide some more Elmes to be planted in Northinghay where any are decayed and in such other places there that may be thought fitting and necessarie for the good of the Cittie.

Ibid, f. 37b, Oct. 31, 1665.—Mr. Alderman Gandye and two others are appointed to view the place in Northinghay desired by Mr. Receiver to build a house uppon and to certefye their opinions therein.

Ibid, f. 69, Oct. 22, 1667.—Mr. Receiver is ordered fourthwith to procure some young Elmes and cause them to be planted in Southenhay and likewise to supply the defects of those trees that be decayed in Northenhay with others, and he is further desired to fitt and repayre ye seats in St. Peter's Church which are appointed for ye use of this howse.

In *Act Book XIII*, f. 107b, March 8, 1698, it is ordered that the Ditch at the lower end of Northinghay bee filled upp with Rubbish. [*See Oliver*, p. 189.]

In L. 459 (undated, *circa* 1715), is a Petition of the Mayor &c. to the Prince of Wales [afterwards George II.]. That there are in the Castle Ditch two dwelling houses and gardens parcell of the Dutchy of Cornwall [*see Oliver*, 188] held of his Royall Highess, which are within the City or County of the City of Exon, as the houses and gardens adjoining called Bradninch are, and the said Mayor &c. have constantly annually in their going the bounds of ye said City passd through those gardens home to ye wall of ye Citie of Exeter. The owners of these two Tenements and gardens to avoid payment of poor rates and Taxes, which other houses in Bradninch have constantly paid, pretend that these houses and gardens do lye in the County of Devon and are parcell of the parish of Bradninch there, though they are really within the City or County of the City of Exeter, which hath occasioned severall disputes and controversies, as an expedient for the avoiding of which tis humbly proposed that the Mayor &c. shall become his Highness's Tenants and take an Estate and Term in each Tenement in reversion of the present Estates and Terms, and they desire that they may be admitted and become Crowne Tenants to his Royall Highess as is before exprest.

Endorsed: Petition to the Prince about the houses in Castle Ditch. The document is undated, but must be later than Sept. 24, 1714, the date of the creation of the Prince of Wales.

In D. 1828, Jan. 8, 1725, is a reference to "Lady Drake's Tree" in Northernhay Ditch.

In L. 612 (undated) is a resolution of the Chamber in reply to a proposal submitted by Dean Lyttleton (1748-1763), in which "for the conuenience of the Devon and Exeter Hospital" they agreed to permitt a way to be opened through the City Wall at the bottom of the Street leading from St. Martin's Gate into Southernhay near the mansion of the Archdeacon of Cornwall, but they cannot consent that any new Door be erected as they are apprehensive such a compliance would be laying a Foundation for frequent Differences and Disputes between the two Bodies" (*i.e.* the Chapter and the Chamber).

In L. 577, April 10, 1773, William Spicer Dix writes to Gregory Jackson, Esquire, desiring to be permitted to make an opening before his gateway upon Southernhay.

In L. 578, Northernhay, April 15, 1773, Matthew Whitwell asks permission of the Mayor to turn his carriage upon the Northehay.

In D. 1527, Oct. 10, 1562, is an indenture between the Mayor &c. of the one part and Sir Robert Denys, knight [*see* L. 54], and Richard Denys, gent., as farmers of the gayle or mansion house of Exeter Castle, of the other part, reciting that "there hath byn varyaunces, debates and stryfes movyd betweene the saide parties of for and upon a certayne muraly waye or walke uppon the walls of the saide cittie called the Barbycan with a weye through the mayn court and lytell inner court of the gayle of the Castell of Exeter or mansion house there to the same appertayning whiche the sayde Mayor, bailiffs and communalitie tyme oute of mynde have had exercised and used, that is to say as well to goo through the courte and curtillages pertayninge to the saide gayle or mansion house to the citie's walles lying betweene the Castell dyche of the saide citie on the north side and the gardens adjoynyng to the saide mansyon house and the saide mansion house on the west side and the dyche called Northynghay diche on the East side and the garden and barbygan of the citie leadyng towards Estgate on the South side for the mendyng, sustaynyng, repairyng and walkyng up and uppon the saide citie's walls when and as often as nede schall requyer for the overseith and surveying of the same walls or defence of the same citie. And also a gate or dore lawful and sufficyent to be had as it hath byn before this tyme used to goo into and by and passe through to and from the said gayle towards the Estgate uppon the walls called the barbygan of the said citie, and moreover for a certayn depe pytt lately made betweene the saide gaile and the said citie's walls wherein the fylth and

garbage of the prisoners of the said gayle hath of late tyme byn used to be caste, which is nowe very dangerouse and hurtfull, as it is supposed to the subvertyng and decayinge of the citie's walles thereunto adjoynnyng and also an odyouse smell and contagyouse ayer to the grevouse annoyaunce of the Quenes Majesties subjects of the saide citie passyng or dwellyng there aboutes, for the pacifying, agreement, full conclusion and fynall ende thereof the parties aforesaid do covenant and agree in the forme following :—

First as to the muraly walk the Denises permit the old way to be opened and used by the Mayor &c. as heretofore, the Denises to keep in repair the wall of the city adjoining the said mansion house and garden. They will also keep a door upon the said barbycan on the south side of the said mansion house through which the Mayor &c. and other the inhabitants of the city may go at all times and will make a vault [see p. 171a] or cesspool in Northernhay ditch for the sewerage of the prison. "By me Rychard Denys." with two seals—1, Sir Richard Denys; 2, "N.F."

In D. 1755, Aug. 30, 1636, is a lease from the Mayor &c. to Edward Hilliar *alias* Blackmore, of Exeter, of the Cruldiche or Southernhay.

In D. 1847, July 6, 1778, is a contract from the Chamber about the common sewer on Southernhay.

For the Northernhay Minute Book from 1844, see *Book* 50.

A Musician.

L. 365. Sept. 12, 1634.—Certificate from the Mayor [Henry Foster], the Recorder [John Baber] and Bartholomew Cox, J.P., of the City of Wells, as to the respectability of Henry Loxton of Wells, who desires to use his profession of a musician* in the City of Exeter.

Supply of Gunpowder.

L. 369. Aug. 17, 1637.—The Lords of the Council command the Earl of Bedford and Lord William Russell [as Lord Lieutenants, see page 11] to cause a sufficient store of gunpowder to be kept in the County of Devon and to exercise the trained bands in those parts where the infection of the plague is not. [For a condensed copy of this order addressed by the Commissioners for Saltpetre and Gunpowder to the Lords Lieutenant of several counties, see *Cal. Dom.* 1637, p. 257, where the date is supposed to be June, 1637.]

In L. 370. Woborne, Aug. 24, 1637.—The Earl of Bedford and Lord W. Russell forward L. 369 to the Chamber desiring

* For the restoration of the musical waits in 1660, after many years of sequestration, see Izacke, 169; Cotton *Gleanings*, 75.

that its orders may be carried out, "to meete with the suddaine accidents that may happen in these stirring times abroad."

In L. 371 (undated), the Chamber inform the Earl of Bedford and Lord W. Russell that they have received L. 370 and they have taken veiw of their common store of powder which about Two yeres since by your Lordships' assistance was fullie supplied, but since there hath byn some small quantitie of the worst of the said powder used in our ordin musters and otherwise, but that they "have taken speciall order for the speedie supplye of the same againe."

In L. 377. Nov. 18, 1638. Copy of an order from the Lords of the Council to the Earl of Bedford and Lord W. Russell :—

After our heartie commendacions to your Lordships. The expresse and usuall direcions of the board heretofore given and especially of late yeares, concerning the Trayned Bands of this Kingdome, have bene so full and exact as might make his Majestie and this board Confident both of the sufficiencie of the Armes and of the skill and readines of the men that are to use them ; nevertheles least those direcions and Comands should not have bene so effectually pursued as was required and expected His Majestie in his watchfullnes for the defence of his Kingdome and for the safetie of his people in these tymes of Action, hath signified his expresse will and pleasure to be : *That instantly upon receipt* heereof you cause an exact viewe and Muster to be taken and made of all the Armes and trayned fforces both horse and foote within the Countye of Devon under your Lieutenancye And to see that the sayd Armes be serviceable and compleate, *and that by the muster masters* and other fitt and experienced officers you cause all the trayned souldiours to be forthwith trayned, and perfectly instructed in their Armes, *and the lyke course to be continued from tyme to tyme* ; And that the Comaunders and Officers apply themselves also to knowe and performe the duties of their severall Charges ; and that you take especial care that both Comaunders and Officers and Souldiers be very able and sufficient men ; That you take order that all the trayned bandes be so in readines as to be fitt to repayre to their Coulers, or place of Rendezvous which shalbe assigned them upon any Occasion with their Armes and provisions upon a day's warning, *And that all the able men* within that Countye (besydes those of the trayned Bands) from the age of Sixteene to Threescore be also lysted and enrolled, that upon any suddayne occasion, suche levies may be made likewise of them as shalbe required, and the Coppie of the sayd Lyst or enrollment to be forthwith returned to this Board. That you deale seriously and effectually with the better sorte of men to provide themselves with Armes for their particular use, to the ende that with the helpe of these *and suche other Armes and weapons* as shalbe found within the Countye, as many of the untrayned

men as is possible, may (as there shalbe occasion and direccon from his Majestie or the Boarde) be also furnished and exercised and reduced into Bands under Captains and Officers. *That your Lordships* take especial Care, that the proporcions of *Powder, Mache and lead appointed* for that Countye be forthwith provided and putt in Magazine to be in readines upon all occasions of servyce; That you cause the Beacons to be forthwith made up and repayred with provision of wood and other materiall requisite to be in readines to give fyer unto them, and to Cause them to be dilligently Wached by discreete and sufficient men; That you appointe some meete and able person to be Provost Marshall within that Countye for the apprehending and punishing of suche vagrant and Idle persons as live not in anye lawfull vocation and in tymes of suspition or trouble, may by Tales and false Rumors distracte the peoples mindes, or otherwise in fact committ insolencies and Outrages; And to the ende wee may be earlye and speedilie informed of all things Concerning this servyce, and which are necessarye for us to understand for the advancement thereof, and for the applyng of fitt remedies where anye defects shalbe found, wee do praye and require your Lordships to give us an exact accompt of the state of the fforges of that Countye, and of the performance of theise our direccions with all possible dilligence and expedicion; And so wee bidd your lordships heartilie farewell.

Where your Lordships shall find it inconvenient eyther in respect of the unstableness of the wether or any other Considerable Circumstance to drawe together from remote places and to exercise your Trayned Bands in Compleate bodies, wee leave it to your discretion (provided that the worke be effectually donne) to take viewe of the Armes upon the place or places, and to exercise the men apart in smaller bodies within their severall divisions.

L. 378. Bedford House, Nov. 27, 1638.—The Earl of Bedford and Lord William Russell forward L. 377 to the Mayor and Deputy Lieutenants desiring them to carry out its commands in the City of Exeter. "And forasmuch as it hath pleased his Majestie, and their llordships at this time to give more than ordinarie direccions in this servyce so it behoveth us and you to bestow an extraordinarie dilligence, Care and Circumspeccion to see every particular title of their llordships commaunds, really, punctually and speedilye performed and acted."

Rebels in Exeter.

L. 372. May 19, 1638.—John Newnam [not "Newman," as Cotton *Gleanings*, p. 79] writes to the Mayor:—"I cannot Come home to my house nott to repayre my house, neither to receive my rents nor to releve my wyfe and family for the Cruelty of these Rebells whoe are proclaimed soe to bee in

your Citty and in other places against his Majestie's lawes Soe desiring your worships assistance with the rest otherwise I shall be Constrayned to question it heere in a higher nature for my money and bondes beeinge Cryed in your Citty in due tyme is as a hue and Crye that is sent in the COUNTRY, therefore I doe expect satisfaccon for my money."

Tobago.

L. 373. The Court at Woodstock, Aug. 22, 1638.—The Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery [High Steward of Exeter—L. 367] writes to the Mayor &c. and the Merchant Adventurers of Exeter, that the King has granted him the Island of Tobago and other Islands between the line and ten degrees of Northern latitude,* that he intends to settle a speedy plantation there and has appointed Sergeant Major Borthwick his Deputy, "a Gent as I am very well advised beyond all Exception and every way fitt for such an Employment, who being resolved by God's grace to sett forward from the port of Bristoll about Michaelmas next," and asking them to assist his said Deputy and to engage in the plantation.

In L. 374, Bristol, Oct. 16, 1638, J. Borthwick writes to the Mayor &c. :—

I did writt some few dayes ago to you presuming too much to have accompanyed a letter of the Right honble. the Earle of Pembroke (*i.e.* L. 373). My action hath bene interpreted too presumptuous by reason I have resaved no answer neither for my Lord nor to my owne. Every letter requyres it's answer and though I may Justly complaine of neglect, yett because I will rather do the office of peace then of warre I intreat you to lett mee heare from you betwixt (*sic*) and Sunday night that I may give a true account to his Lordship of my Stewardship, imputing the error rather to a mistake then any disrespect either to his Lordship or my self.

L. 375 (undated).—"A Remonstrance and propositions made by Sarieant Maior James Borthwicke to the Burgesses and Commonaltye of the Cittie of Exeter."

The region or COUNTRY is called "Trinidado, Tobago and fonceca, also St. Bernards Margarita and all this Islands or Iseletts or Tracte of Land Lyinge within the extent of Tenn degrees from the Equatoriall Line Towardes the tropiche of Cancer in Northerne Latitude and from the river of Arinoeth (? Orinoco) westwardes tenne degrees of Longitude or Meridian distance, all which are incorporated by the name of the Province of Pembroke and Montgomery."

His propositions are either that the Mayor &c. of Exeter should join with the Cities of Bristol and Cardiff or else of

* Oliver, 113. For a previous grant to him of "Trinidado, Tabago, Barbudos, and Fonseca, &c.," Feb. 20, 1628, see *Cal. Dom.*, 1627-1628, p. 573, which was successfully disputed since 1629 in favour of Lord Carlisle. See C. P. Lucas, *West Indies*, pp. 174, 207.

themselves at their own cost "to sett forth under their own agent 100 men of trades as Carpenters, Shippwrights, and Whelewrights, Brickemakers, Bricklayers, Potters, some to cleane lath and Pate and make Pipestanes, Joyners, Coopers, Sawyers, Smithes, Cuttlers, Millers, Leatherdressers, fishermen and Gardeners etc., soe many as you please, the rest able labouringe men.

Item, twentie woemen as Spinsters and Knitters, all which are necessariely Required for A Plantation that for there Subsistance there the adventurers shall have Graunted unto them by the Earl such a proportion of Land as shalbee reasonably demaunded Accordinge to the Number of People.

As for the comodities of the Place and there Returnes they shall bee discovered upon Conferringe had on Both Sides.

L. 376 (undated).—A Particuler of such necessary provisions as every adventurer must carry, According the number of people, together with an estimacion of there prices (given in minute detail).

In victualls for tenn men six month :—

2 hoggesheads of beefe, 7 cwt. Bisquitte, 10 bushels of meale well packed, 4 hoggesheads of pease, 3 do. of great oatmeale, 2 ffirkins of butter, 10 gall. of aqua vitæ, 4 galls. of Cordiall waters, 4 do. of sweete oyle, 2 cwt. of good old Suffolke Cheese. Item, in sugar, spice and fruite. Total cost = [blank].

In Apparell for 10 men :—

10 slight stufte suites, 60 paire of shooes, 40 shirts, 10 finer shirts, 40 neckclothes, 60 paire of linc stockings, 40 paire of canvas drawyers, 20 cotton wastcotes, 20 menmoth caps or hats, 30 ffallemye bands. Item, mkle for garters and 10 dozen of poyntes.

In Bedding for 10 men :—

10 paire of Canvas sheetes, 35 elles of canvas to make 5 beds and boulsters for beds filled in the Countrey with 7 ells in a bed. 5 Ruggs, 25 ells of Cowche Canvas to make beds at sea to bee filled with strawe, 5 courser ruggs at sea.

In Armes for 10 men :—

10 musketts and bandoleers, 10 swords and belts, 2 barrell of good powder, 2 cwt. of Pistoll shott, 1 cwt. of muskett shott, 1 cwt. of good match, 10 pistolls.

In Toolles for 10 men :—

3 Broade axes, 20 felling axes, 2 hamers, 10 broade hoes, 40 lesser hoes, 14 hatchetts, 20 bills, 4 pickaxes, 2 good two-handed sawes, 1 box of Carpenters toolles, 2 firkins of good spikes and nayles, 6 shovells, 6 spades, 1 grindstone. Item, fishing lines and hookes of all sorts. Item, Turtleinge Irons and Manatee Irons.

In Household Implements :—

4 Iron potts, 2 large fryeing pans, 2 gredirons, 3 skellitts, 2 spitts, 1 cwt. of Castle sope, 6 gallons of lampe oyle,

12 wooden dishes and spoones, 6 pewter do., and some table Linine.

Summa totalis=194*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*

Item for the further charge of ordinance and amunition for a fort which will require five peeces of ordinance with powder and shott. The best proportioning of the number of men wilbe by devidinge them by famillies wherein one tradesman with a prentice and 3 Labourers will bee an equall devission unles they bee twoe tradesmen masters of one trade and then the double proportion of servants and labourers in the feild may make but one household or familie.

A Computacion of one Servants Laboure and the profit that may arise by it yearelye. One man may plante and gather in one yeare 100 buschells of pease amounting to 15*li.* The same man the same yeare may plant, tend and gather betweene 8 and 10 cwt. of Tobaccoe or Cotton besides other labours in buildinge, fenceinge, Cleansinge of grounde, Rayseinge of Cattell, gardeninge &c.

There are many other commodities as Ginger, Indigo, Sugar, Roccoes and severall woodes for dyeinge, all which commodities with tyme and Industrie this plantacion will plentifully and in abundance produce and Increase.

Legacies for the Poor.

L. 379. Coomroye [*see page 5*] in Broadclyst, Feb. 22, 1638–39.—Hugh Jermyn [or German—bailiff in 1615] writes to the Mayor stating his inability to contribute towards the erecting of the hospital under his father's will, the bequest having been conditional and he himself being now poor. He pleads:—"My great chardge of Children having seaven daughters living and some whose education is very chardgable upon my small estaett, which I am to consider of, and myself greaved with a most paynfull chardgable and languishing Disease, also charity beginneth at hoem, for hee is worse then an Infidell, that respecteth not his owne."

In L. 402, June 8, 1648, is a draft resolution of the Chamber to accept 75*l.* from Mr. George [*see D. 569*] Potter, one of the executors of Thomas Bridgman, gentleman, and his bond for the payment within 5 years of the residue of 500*l.* left by the said Bridgman by his will dated April 3, 1641 [*see Rept. on Charities, p. 304; Endowed Charities, p. 396*], for the poor of Exeter. With a note at the foot by E. Davyes.

In D. 1715*a*, April 4, 1611, is an indenture reciting a deed of March 6, 1588 [not 1587, as *Report on Charities, p. 134*], according to which 24*s. p.a.* is left under the will of David Hentsley [or Hensley] to be spent in the purchase of 24 dozen of "Temes breade" to be divided amongst the poor of Exeter.

For description of the Charities of Exeter (1600–1622), see *Book 149*,

Contempt by Mayor.

L. 381. Whitehall, April 26, 1639.—An order in Council concerning the excuses of James Tucker, the Mayor, Thomas Crossing and Ignatius Jordan, Aldermen of Exeter, for not attending the Board as they were commanded. "The occasion of their sending for being their irreverent carriage with their hatts on in the Cathedrall Church of Exeter at such tymes as his Majesties Proclamation touching the seditious practizes of some in Scotland was read, the rest of the congregation being uncovered." [*See Cotton, Gleanings, p. 76.*] The Mayor has pleaded his many employments in the King's service, the others their great age and Infirmities. They are now commanded through the Chamberlain, Mr. [John] Crowkhorne who attended on their behalf to give in their submissions in writing in person to the Bishop. [For explanations accepted May 12, 1639, see *Cal. Dom.*, 1639, p. 160.]

In D. 1764, 1765, Feb. 12, 1650, is a decree in the Exchequer from the Keepers of the Liberties of England to James Goold, late Mayor of Exeter [*i.e.* in 1648], remitting a fine of 200*l.* imposed upon him by Judge Wilde [*i.e.* John Wilde, Chief Baron of the Exchequer], for contempt in not attending the Judge at the Assizes.*

Horse Meat.

L. 383. July 27, 1640.—"The rates and prizes of horse meate" fixed at the General Sessions of the Peace held in the Guildhall at Exeter on July 27, 1640. Oats, pease and beans are to be sold by Winchester measure by Innkeepers and Hostlers. They are not to charge more than 6*d.* per day for each horse standing at livery, finding also good litter. Oats are to be sold no higher than 6*d.* the peck. No more than 3*d.* is to be charged for a horse standing in the stable unbridled at hay. Nor more than 1*d.* for every horse standing in his stable if he be not unbridled.

Siege of Exeter (1643).

L. 391 includes a lengthy document (45 pages).—A booke of accounts of the payment of Captaine Thomas fforde's Company raised May 23, 1643, viz., 100, 2 sariants, 1 Drummer, 1 Ensigne and the Clarke of the bande, also "to a Drummer er I had on of my owne," "to my drum to the 1st of June," "for dozen of vests and sixe belts," "mending, carrying and recarriing of Armes."

Payments to the Company to the 23rd June for duty to that day, also from June 25 to July 22, giving names of 97 men 3 corporals, 1 drum and 2 sergeants with amounts paid to each, the total amounting to 75*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.*, with an additional

* See Isacke, 160. For Chief Baron Wilde's report from Exeter, see *Cal. Dom.* 1649-50, p. 45, March 21, 1649.

28*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* from July 20 to Aug. 5, 1643, including 6*l.* for curinge two hurt souldiers ; 12*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.* *p.* 16*lb.* powder and 14*lb.* bullets caste away in the fight and brought in by a souldier ; 2*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.* for 8 muskets to suplie the Company ; 9*l.* for breade and beere when the Company fought at Mount Radford.

On April 11, 1643, the Mayor and Deputy Lieutenants order that 150 muskets without any other furniture shall be spared to the Deputy Lieutenants of Devon to supply their present occasions, with these condicions :—

1. That we shall be paid 200*li.* and odde monies within [*blank*] daies next coming for carriages and other munition delivered them and monies lent them ; and for this we expect a note under 3 of your Commissioners' hands.
2. For these 150 muskets we demand either to be repaid with ye like quantity within [*blank*] daies or in monie after the rate of [*blank*] *p.*'*pt.*

For details of account, July 31, 1643, for 103*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* paid by the Chamber for 1,077 men, with the names of the captains of the companies.

Also the names of 42 soldiers of various companies remaining unpaid.

Details of money received from the Deputy Lieutenants for various bands under dates June 22, 27, July 10, 14, 1643.

Also payments made July 29, Aug. 5, 1643, with the names of soldiers to whom payments were made.

Also payments made under the following heads :—

- (a) Souldiers paie, 9,442*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.*, from Jan. 9—Aug. 29, 1643 (much damaged), includes many Gunners, 1 Engineer ; charges about the burial of 4 soldiers slayne in fight ; 3*l.* bestowed uppon the widdowes of 3 soldiers slayne in service for Defence of the Citty (3*l.*) ; for ringing of the Great Bell for settinge of the watches (9*d.*) ; for the pay of the soldiers of the County of Devon (250*l.*) ; for service on the bridge ; for Assistinge the Gunners ; to a wounded Souldier (1*l.*) ; Rewards given the Soldiers for their Extraordinary service upon a Sally at St. Thomas parish (6*l.*) ; to Pyoneers for their service to fill the Enemyes Trench (8*s.*) ; for work at Larkbeare (10*s.*) ; to the master of the ship *Dilligence* mann'd and designed for the securing of the harbor of Topsham (100*l.*) ; for the use of the Deputy Liuetenants of Devon to pay their Soldiers (50*l.*) ; for 996 Soldiers of the County of Devon for Eleavan Weekes at 4*s.* 8*d.* each per weeke (2,465*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.*) ; lent to the Deputy Lieutenaunts for pay of their Souldiers (300*l.*).

- (b) Scouts and Messengers (total illegible, but=136*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*, Cotton, *Gleanings*, *p.* 90). Jan. 29—Aug. 31—*E. g.* Messenger with a from Taunton (5*s.*) ; a guide that came with Col. Ruthen (5*s.*) ; horse hire ;

for horses, a stout nagg ; Scouts sent severall Tymes in the service of the Parliament ; do. for ridinge to Discover the Enemye ; for Mr. Walter Deeble's expences in his journey to London (8*l.*) ; to a messenger sent to Exon by the Parliament about publique Affaires (10*l.*).

- (c) Fortifications (from Nov., 1642–Aug. 31, 1643), total =4,374*l.* 11*s.* 3½*d.* *E.g.* for carriage of Turf, lime, sand, stones, earth, clay, straw, slate, mortar and helingstones, sawing of planks and timber, felling of trees, Maundes, Basketts, Dealboards, tools, shovels, wheelbarrows, spukes and other iron-work, work done at the Bunney, on the Exebridge, about the Turnpikes, about the Marshalsey, at the Castle, on the Key gate, about the Drawbridges, about Newgate, works in Northernhay, at Southernhay, at Northgate, at the East Gate, at Northgate, at Westgate, at the turnpike at Southgate, at St. David's, at the fryers and the Maudlyn, at Stripcott (*sic*) Hill, at Sidwell's Tower, at Mount Radford, at fabians mills, at Mr. Buttler's mills, at the Battery at Horsepool, at the battery at the Palace, at Bradninch Battery ; for Pyoneers work over the water, for a roape for ye Castle well, work on the Castle walls, Lead for the Marshalsey, for Clensing of ye well in ye Castle, for seame stones for the fortifications at Exbridge ; to Divers women for carriage of stones to the City walls (5*s.* 8*d.*) ; willowes to bynde faggotts for fortificacion of the Barbican, for demolishing howses, making and grindinge of Tooles, Deale Boardes for platforms, for Laughts and Nales, for service for fireinge on of the Enemies works (5*l.*, July 8, 1643), for drawing downe of Theight howses that endangered ye City (9*s.* and 4*s.*, July 15, 22, 1643), for filling and Leavelling the Trench at Maudlyn (2*l.* 14*s.* 0*d.*, July 29), for carriage of water, for making of Salt Peter, for repairing of Boates, for making Handmills at the Bridewell, for slightinge the hedges at St. David's, carrying of wooll to make Batteryes, for seaventeene packs of Woolls belonging to Mr. Robert Robins taken forth of his Cellars and used for the Baracadoes and fences upon the bridge and other places for defence of the City (300*l.*, Nov. 4, 1642), for tymber to make Carriages for the greate Gunns, Turnepipes, platforms, drawbridges, Caske and other works (300*l.*).

For a document as to the Fortifications, dated Jan. 23, 1642–3, see Cotton, *Gleanings*, 86, which I have not found among the Letters.

- (d) Balance sheet showing total expenditure, 18,479*l.* 12*s.* 0½*d.*, printed in Cotton *Gleanings*, p. 90.

In *Misc. Papers* (1688–1706), included with accounts for soldiers of William of Orange is "The accompt of Henry Gandy.

His Souldiers began upon the 26 of May and hath watcht since to this July 26 as followeth :—

It includes :—

- (a) Charges for 44 men having wives and children, 21 journeyemen and 35 apprentices and men's sons for watching and warding at 8*d.* a time.
- (b) Disbursements unto officers from May 26 to July 26, 1643, *viz.*, 1 Ensign for 8 weeks duty at 21*s.* a week, 1 Sergeant at 10*s.* 6*d.* per week, 2 drums at 7*s.*, and the Clarke at 5*s.*"

Other disbursements are for 18 pairs of Bandaleeres, 18 swords and 17 belts, the total claim being 98*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.*

L. 13. The Court at Oxford,* Jan. 1, 1643(4).—The King directs Sir Edward Harbert (*i.e.* Herbert), the Attorney General, and Sir Thomas Gardiner, Solicitor General, to prepare a pardon to the Corporation of the City of Exeter "for all forfeitures, seizures, penalties and punishments in misgovernment of the city or any other matter which may have happened since the beginning of this present parliament, together with a confirmation of all franchises &c. which the City had on the first day of this parliament."

Comm. CV. (March 6, 1644). Royal Pardon to the Mayor, Bailiffs and Citizens for all offences committed between Nov. 2, 1640, and Sept. 9, 1643.†

L. 397. Clapan (*sic*), March 20, 1647–48.—John Bonvile writes to the Mayor :—Sir, Haveinge a Comande from the Cometic about to send you an order Conserninge ffiances Lippencott and my selfe : I did also send you a Surtificate under Sir John Bartly's (*i.e.* Berkeley) hand to testifie I was a Commander under him duringe his government‡ in your Cettie. Nowe, Sir, my desier is unto you that you wilbe pleased to vosaufe me that favor as to send me Sr. John Bartly's Surtificate nowe by my sarvante ordir or direccions wheare I shall finde him thuse not dobtunge of your fabrable Curtisie hearin.

I shall Remayne,

Your Assured ffreende while I ame,

John Bonvile.

The Chamber's Church Patronage.

L. 392. Modbury, Sept., 1647.—Christopher Savery and William Fowell, by vertue of an Ordenance of Parliament lately published, desire the Chamber to pay to Mr. John Way, who has been Curate of Kingsbridge for the last year and a quarter, a sum of 6*l.* due to him by vertue of an ancient composition made between the Abbot of Buckfast and the town of Kingsbridge.

* The King's parliament opened at Oxford on Jan. 22, 1644.

† The City surrendered to the Royalists on Sept. 4th or 5th, 1643.

‡ *i.e.* from Sept. 4, 1643, to April 13, 1646. See Freeman, *pp.* 123–126.

In L. 417, West Alvington, March 24, 1659-60, Mr. John Quicke having been presented by the Chamber to the Vicarage of Churchstow and Kingsbridge, makes application for the yearly pension of 6*l.* due to him.

In L. 551, Kingsbridge, June 25, 1765, George Prideaux writes to Benjamin Heath, Esq. [Town Clerk] that he has received from the widow Hawkins a year's rent of the Rectory of Churstow (*sic*), which shall be sent on by the Collector of Excise, "who will not be here till almost this weeke hence, or by a good London Bill, which I can easily procure."

In D. 954 1380, the Mayor and Commonalty grant the Chantry of the Blessed Virgin Mary upon Exbridge for life to Robert Danwe, Chaplain, with a pension of 4*l.* *per annum*.

In D. 1032, Feb. 5, 1403, the Chamber appoint Thomas Losquyt, chaplain to the same chantry which is in their gift, he being bound to pray for the souls of Walter Gerveys [for his will see *Book* 52, *ff.* 274-276] and Alice his wife, founders of the same chantry.

In D. 1344, March 16, 1502, the Chamber and the Wardens of Exbridge present John Frost to the Free Chapel on Exbridge.

In D. 1346, Jan. 10, 1504, the Chamber as patrons of the parish Church of St. Edmund on Exbridge, grant to Edward Courtenay, Earl of Devon, the next advowson of the said Church and that he may present Matthew Lewys, son of Geoffrey Lewys, merchant of Exeter, to the said Church after the death or resignation of the present incumbent.

In D. 1379*a*, March 2, 1512, the Mayor, Bailiffs and Commonalty grant to William Aysshe, chaplain of the chapel of St. George the Martyr and St. John the Baptist situate in the outer part of the Guildhall, an annuity of 4 marks and the reversion of the Chapel or Chantry of St. Mary on Exbridge after the death or resignation of Robert Frost, clerk.

In D. 351, March 2, 1612, William Tickell, Chamberlain of Exeter, is appointed to take over the rectory of Marleghe [*i.e.* Mariansleigh, near South Molton], under provisions of the will of John Davie, dated Feb. 10, 1600.

Assessments per mensem.

L. 399, 400 (1647).—Two Copies of printed "Instructions for the members of the House that are in their respective Counties or are now appointed to repair thither for the speedy bringing in of six moneths Assesment of the Arrears upon the ordinance of the 60,000*li.* *per mensem* for preventing of free quarter by paying the army and disbanding the

supernumeraries." A Generall Receiver or Treasurer is to be appointed for collecting the assessment of the county who will be allowed *1d.* in the *£* for collecting. After paying of the souldiers to be then disbanded, he shall pay what shall then remaine unto the Treasurers at Warre at Guild Hall, London.*

The papers are signed "H. Elsynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com." At the foot is: "London, printed for John Wright at the King's Head in the old Bayley, 1647."

In L. 418, March 14, 1660 (*i.e.* 1661), the Duke of Albemarle [*i.e.* George Monk, created Duke of Albemarle July 7, 1660] writes to the Commissioners of the present Six Months Assessment in Exeter:—Gentlemen, Whereas in January last by letters from his Majestie and Council for the reasons therein expressed you were desired to hasten the speedy Levying of the Six Months Assessment soe that the last three months thereof should by your care and endeavors be paid unto the Treasurers att Guildhall, London, by the first of this moneth which would have bene a service of a very greate advantage to the Publique, the same being to be employed towards paying off and discharging of the Navy, which is a daily growing charge to the Nation, and would be prevented if possible. Uppon consideracion whereof and forasmuch as noe part of the said Six Months Assessment within your Cittie is as yet paid att Guild Hall, where by the Act† the same ought to have been, we have thought it our Duty by this our Letter once more to recommend the accomplishment of that service to your Care as a matter worthy your utmost endeavors. And soe We rest,

Your verie loving friends and servants,

Albemarle.

Robert Scawen.‡

In L. 423, Whitehall, Aug. 28, 1661, the Lords of the Council write to the Mayor:—Whereas wee are informed by the Comissioners appointed by Parliament for discharging of the Navy that his Majestie's service is very much retarded and prejudiced by the slow coming in of the Moneys appointed for that service and in particular that severall Sumes of Money do yet remayne in Arrears on the respective Countyes, Townes and Places in England and Wales upon the severall Acts for Poll money by reason of the neglects of the Sherrifs of each County, who

* This assessment was voted in the House of Commons for one year, from March 1, 1647, for the maintenance of the Army, see *Commons Journal*, v, 114, 298, 308, 314, March 16, Sept. 9, 18, 1647; *Lords' Journal*, ix, 466. See also *Cal. Dom.*, 1649–50, p. 150.

† For money bill presented, Aug. 10, 1660 (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*, ii, 2), received royal assent Sept. 13, 1660, see *Cal. Dom.* 1660–1661, p. 266. For proclamation to collect, Sept. 26, 1660, see *ibid* p. 276.

‡ M.P. for Grampound (Cornwall) in Parliament of 1659.

notwithstanding the frequent Sollicitations of the said Commissioners and our Letters of the 25th of January, 1660 (*i.e.* 1661) to that effect, have not rendered the Accompt expected. They therefore order the Mayor speedily to collect what remaynes in Arreare upon the Citty and pay it in to the Exchequer by the beginning of Michaelmas Terme next.*

In L. 431, Aug. 21, 1663, the Deputy Lieutenants by vertue of an Act of Parliament for the raisinge of the 4th parte of one moneths Assessment att the rate of 70,000*l.* *per mensem*, require the Mayor to cause the Assessment to be made and brought to them on the 28th Instant att the New Inne in Exeter by 10 of the clock. [For assessment of 70,000*l.* per month for 18 months, see *Cal. Dom.* 1661-1662, March 20, 1662.]

L. 436. April 3, 1667.—The Mayor &c. write to the Earl of Southampton [Thomas Wriottesley], Lord High Treasurer [*i.e.* since Sept. 8, 1660], that they are collecting the moneys ordered by Act of Parliament for the raisinge of monye by a poll, but they know not of any Receiver Generall appointed for the city to whom they should pay it, and desire instructions. The Earl sends back the letter with his answer at the bottom of it: "I returne you your owne Letters with this Answer (and thanks to you for your care). That I intended Mr. Norcott Commission both unto the County and the City and County of your jurisdiction, whom I hereby appoint thereunto. And if need be He shall have a further Commission and Writ.—Your very Loving Freind, T. Southampton. April 6, 1667.

Quartering of Soldiers.

L. 401. May 9, 1648.—A resolution of the Chamber. "Ordered that Mr. Mayor doe not consent to or give order for the quartering and billeting of the Souldiers yesterday come into the Citty; there being Tavernes, Innes and Alehouses sufficient for their entertainment according to the orders and ordinances of Parliament.

Ordered also this day that a Petition and Letters be forthe with drawn and dispatcht by an expresse for London for the remooving of the souldiers and that Mr. Receivor doe disburse fifty Shillings for the Charge of itt, which shall be allowed to him on Accompt."

In L. 403, Pendennis, Sept. 25, 1649, Colonel Harry Walker writes to the Mayor &c.:—Mr. Mayor and Gent., Since my returne into these Westerne parts I have Indeavoured to put the service of the Common Wealth into the best posture I may with these fforces under my Comand, and

* For Commissioners for disbanding the Navy,' Jan. 20, Feb. 6, 1661, see *Cal. Dom.*, 1660-1661, pp. 480, 504.

presuming you will hold it your Duties to doe the Like, I doe by these advertise you, that I have sent my Leiut. Colonell with three Companyes of my owne Regiment to Quarter for some tyme within your Citty of Exceter; I suppose I neede not mind you how regardfull I have beene of that Place, forbearinge soe longe tyme Quarteringe any men there, and whilst it was a Burthen either in respect of their Quarter or Billett I made hard shift to dispose otherwise of them, keepinge them abroad in order to ffeild service, until with the winter now cominge on, tis high tyme to send them where they may have fitt accomodation for that season; neither do I beleave you would Expect so small a number by reason of the Capacity of your Citty, and consideringe how longe the small Townes abroad have undergone the Entertayninge of them, and that which may yet further prevent any Inconvenience is, that they will bee but as ffreinds and Guests for Defence and Benefitt to your Citty; I must therefore desire and expect from you that you would afford that Compliyance and assistance which the Parliament have ordered on that behalfe and that there may bee such a Mutuall Correspondence behind (*sic*) the Officers and yourselves, that the Publique may bee the better Carried on, I havinge given Order to my Leiut. Colonell (whom I send to Comand these men) to bee very vigilant over the Carrage of the Souldiers, and to punnish when any Injury shall bee offered to any Townesman, that soe with the more Justice I may Expect the Like when any Townsman shall Iniure a Souldier, and thus desiringe there may be reciprocall Indeavours to advance the Publique Intrest.

I rest, Gent., your serviceable ffreind,

Har. Walker.

The "late" Dean and Chapter.

L. 405. Nov. 10, 1652.—Order of the Trustees for the maintenance of ministers to continue to pay to the Warden of the Poor of Exeter,* out of the revenues, rents and possessions of the late Dean and Chapter due to the poore people in the Almshouses, viz., Saint Catherine's (17s. 4d.) and St. Maudlins (2l. 12s.), and in Saint Sidwells parish (20l. 16s.), together with arrears thereof since Oct. 16, 1650.†

L. 406. Nov. 10, 1652. Similar to L. 405, with notes of similar payments, Oct. 25, 1653, and Oct. 20, 1654, to the "Warden of the poore" of Exeter, Mr. Henry Gandy and Mr. William Brown respectively.

In *Act Book*, VIII, f. 184, Oct. 20, 1646, it is agreed "that one other letter be written from this house to Mr. Prideaux,

* For accounts of the Wardens of the Poor, see *Receiver's Accounts, Ten Cells*, in S. Moore, *Cal.* ii, 177. For the Paymaster of the Poor, see L. 131, p. 74.

† For sale of the "late Bishophe's Palace," Jan. 28, 1651, see Cotton, *Gleanings*, p. 154.

Recorder of this Cittie, desiring his lafull favor and best Assistance in the obtaining of some competent meanes for the mynisters here out of lands of the deane and Chapter" &c.

Act Book, VIII, f. 205b, Aug. 10, 1647.—This day Mr. Ald. Bennett made knowne that he hath of late compounded with the Committee of Parliament of Bishoppes lands &c. for the Pallace and fee of the late Bishopprick of Exon for the ffyne of 450*l.*, and that this Chamber may take the same if they soe please, which being mooved to the house it is agreeed that the purchase shalbe proceeded in for the benefit of the Cittie.

In *Act Book*, IX, f. 70b. Jan. 28, 1651.—A deed or writing purporting a bargain and sale dated 25 March last of the late Bishop's Palace and other appurtenances thereunto belonging was this day sealed with the Common Seal of this house and by the Corporation made over to the Governors of the Hospital of St. John's within this city for the sum of 400*l.* by the said Governors paid.

In D. 503, June 1, 1652, Henry Gandy of Exeter, Brewer [Mayor in 1661, 1672], sells* to the Chamber for 140*l.* a messuage called the Treasurer's House in the Cathedral Close (bounds set out), late parcel of the possessions of the late Cathedral Church of Exeter purchased by Gandy of Henry Starkie, cook, of London, who purchased it of the Trustees for the sale of lands of Bishops Deans and Chapters by Indenture, Sept. 24, 1651, signed "Hen. Gandy" with Seal. [Dated June 6, 1652, in Cotton, *Gleanings*, p. 156, when "the said house is to bee Converted for a Workhouse for the poore of this Cittye and also a house of Correction for the vagrant and disorderly people within this Cittye."]

In D. 1773(a) (undated) is the account of monies paid out by order of the Chamber upon St. Peter's Church [the Cathedral]. The total of money expended was 2,003*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.* [See Freeman, pp. 207, 208.]

In D. 1773(b), Oct. 20th, 1658–1660 is a similar account of 690*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.* spent by the Chamber upon the cloisters.

Parish of St. David's.

L. 413 (undated, possibly 1655).—The Inhabitants of the Parish of St. David's petition the Mayor &c. stating "that the said parish was antiently parte of or belonging to the parish of Heavitree, but about the end of ye Raigne of King Henry ye Eight ye Cittizens procured it to bee made part of the City of Exeter, that the highwayes within the parish are fallen into soe greate decay that by estimation it will cost at least 150*li.*, which the Inhabitants of themselves (being in ye times of the late troubles greatly ympoverished by fire and otherwise) nott able to reaire; And this being occasioned

* Called: for Hire of 140*l.*, June 6, 1652, in Cotton, *Gleanings*, p. 156.

much through the encroachments of many Cottages and inclosures of ye antient high wayes and that by the Chamber of ye said Cittie graunting out estates for fines, contrary to ye Statute lawes of this land and a late Ordinance of ye Lord Protector and his Councill alsoe ; that through the narrownes and badness of ye wayes of late yeares there hath happened many broyles and quarrells betwixt travellers of quallity there passing, and wilbee more in case that that Cottage be suffered to bee finished which is began close to ye highway comming upp David's hill ; besides the increase of ye poore thereby occasioned to their greate charge ; they having Alsoe a Church that cannott bee yett finisht* without more charges on the parishioners, whoe are as sheepe without a shepheard, which of all is most Lamentable. Your petitioners being utterly unable to undergoe the same without some helpe. They therefore desire that according to an Ordinance of the Lord Protector in that behalfe made that some publike rate bee speedily made for ye Collecting on ye Inhabitants of ye City for the perfecting of soe necessarie and publike a worke for ye good of ye whole Cuntry, the City and County being now (as is alleadged by the Chamber) in some cases to bee accompted butt one parish."

The Militia Acts.

L. 419. Whitehall, March 29, 1660.—Arthur Annesley, President of the Council of State [since Feb. 16, 1660], writes to the Commissioners of Militia for Exeter :—Gentlemen, The Councill having received some addresses with lists of Officers to be approved and Commissionated according to the Act of Militia passed the 12th March, 1659 [i.e. 1660, printed in *Acts, Ordinances &c.*], wherein the Commissioners have not made faithfull and Clere Certificates concerning the Qualifications of the Officers by them presented to us As the Act requires, by which our approval of them is necessarily suspended, and the service of the Militia retarded. Wee have therefore thought fit hereby to acquaint you That wee doe expect together with the transmitting of ye Names of the Officers to be approved for your City that you take care to Certife us perticularly of the Declaration of the Commissioners of the Justice of the Parliament's Cause and alsoe that all the persons you shall present to us for Officers in the Militia be such as have assisted and adhered to the Parliament in their cause or the sonnes of such, and have nott att any tyme made defeccion or shewed their dissatisfaccion or opposition thereunto, without which wee cannott give them our approbation, and commission, which being first necessary to be done we desire you to use all due Care therein, and in the meane tyme, you are to proceed to make your Assessment and distribucions of ye Militia forces within your City with all expedition

* It had been rebuilt in 1541. Worthy, *Suburbs*, 52.

but not to Arme, Embody or Traine any forces as your Militia by Colour of the said Act. Takeing Care withall through your whole management of this service, that neither before nor after our approbation of your Officers any persons be Armed within your Citty (other then the standing forces of the Army or Garrisons), but such as are listed by yourselves or by your order. And because you may happily finde within ye Citty some Drums, Colours and other Trophies as also Armes provided by former Commissioners of the Militia there, which will not onely be fit for the present service of the forces which you shall raise, but will alsoe take of a part of the Chardge which the providing of such matters will necessarily occasion, Wee desire that you will Carefully informe yourselves, whether any and what provision in that kinde hath been made and to call in such as you shall finde in being, and that in putting forth the power intrusted to you for raising the Militia and levying of Monyes to buy such Trophies, you proceed with all possible tendernes and extend the same noe farther then the Exigence of that Affaire will necessarily require. And you are alsoe to examine what monyes have been raised within your Citty by vertue of the former Act [*i.e.* July 26, 1659 ; *Cal. Dom.* 1659-1660, p. 42], and how the same hath been disposed off, and in Case any money shalbe found to remaine in ye hands of the former Commissioners there or their Treasurers, you are to demand and receive the same and dispose thereof for the present service.

Signed in ye name and by order of the Councill of State
appointed by Authority of Parliament,

Arthur Annesley, President.

ffinding that in some retournes ye officers presented to us ffeild officers onely are named, wee thinke it necessary for preventing delay in this Service to let you know That wee expect all other Commission officers as well as ffeild officers be Certified to us for our approbation.

Arms and Ammunition.

L. 424. Exeter, Oct. 29, 1661.—Edward Sherburne [Clerk of the Ordnance, June, 1660, Dec. 14, 1661 ; *Cal. Dom.* 1660, p. 101 ; *do.*, 1661-62, pp. 180, 229] sends an order to the Mayor &c. to deliver up “to Mr. Thomas Townsend my Clerke ” all arms and ammunition remaining in their custody, by order of Sir William Compton, Master General of his Majesty’s Ordnance.

In L. 425, Oct. 30, 1661, is a receipt given by Edward Sherburne for the same arms, viz., 937 old muskett barrels which were lodged in the Guildhall.

In L. 432, Exeter, Sept. 4, 1663, the Deputy Lieutenants write to the Mayor &c. requiring the arms and ammunition now in the Chapple of Saint John and Hospitall to be

removed to the magazine in the Castle and a proper place to be erected there to receive them." [See Oliver, p. 188.]

The Curfew.

L. 426. Undated, but addressed to Henry Gandy, Esq., Mayor [*i.e.* 1661-62].—John Pare, the Ringer of the bell at Eight of the Clock in every Evening at the Cathedral of St. Peter, petitions the Chamber for his pension due to him for ringing the said bell, "which is cheifely runge for the intelligence of the tyme to the whole citty and county." He also states that his "Cheifest benefitt belonging to his said office doth consist in the burialls which is taken away in the new Churchyard, and the same in your Worshippis disposall. And for that your petitioner hath officiated in his said place the space of ii yeare and halfe and upward and hath not received any stipend from your worshippis as formerly accustomed and being ordered by the reverend Dean of the said Cathedrall to mynd your Worshippis of the p'misses. Hee humbly prayeth your Worshippis to contynue his Stipend in some considerable manner or to grante him the burialls in the New Church Yard for his proper benefitt, that soe his said office may afford him a livelihood."*

Guards at Exeter.

L. 429. New Inn, Aug. 21, 1663.—In pursuance of the Additional Act of Parliament for the better ordering the forces in the severall Counties of this Kingdome. The Deputy Lieutenants require the Chamber to erect within your Citty ffoure convenient howses for Court of Guards [due to serve in Exeter at certain times from Sept. 3, 1663, to June 23, 1664; *Cal. Dom.*, 1663-64, p. 263], and the like number of Centure (*i.e.* sentry) houses one at each gatte, that soe the soldiers beinge ordered to keepe a Constant Guard within your said Citty may bee the better accomidated for the discharge of their duty.

In L. 430, New Inn, Aug. 21, 1663, the Deputy Lieutenants undertake to reimburse the Chamber of a proportionable part of the charge of the said houses, including the "Centery howses."

L. 433. (Undated).—Peter Prideaux† writes to the Mayor, John Buttler [Mayor in 1663-4] and John Martin, Esq. :—Gentlemen, I very well remember the transactions of ye busines you sende me by this bearer, Mr. Mawditte. It is most true that at the Instance of ye Deputie Liftenants and urgencie thereby, to further his Majestie's service, your Cittie was thereupon

* For the new churchyard of St. Bartholomew's near All Hallows-on-the Walls, consecrated Aug. 24, 1637, see Izacke, 155.

† Probably a relative of Edmund Prideaux, ex-Recorder, who died Aug. 19, 1659. Oliver, 236.

pleased to promise and hath since performed, the worke, you write of : It is as true that the Deputie Liffenants are bounde in Honour to see you Reimbursed.

I also remember that at Michallmas Sessions, 1663, there was an accounte brought in, of this disbursement, but it beinge then ffryday, when myselfe was going out of town, and some others casually presente, yet there was answere returned to the partie that brought the Account by the Deputie Liffenants then present that they would take care the principall should be repayd, with Interest, for the time till payd.

If it please God to give me strength, I purpose to be at Exon next Sessions, where I hope to meete the rest of ye Deputie Liffenants : for without them it is not to be donne, when you shall finde me as ready if timely invoked (?) of it, to labor the Reimbursement, as you are ready to lay the engagement upon me, by your sayinge I was not the leaste motive to your undertaking of the worke.

I remaine, your affectionate ffrend and servante,

Pet. Prideaux.

L. 435, London, Feb. 11, 1664-5, [Sir] James Smyth [M.P. for Exeter in the Pensionary Parliament, May 8, 1661—Jan. 24, 1679. He was knighted July 20, 1644] writes to the Mayor:—Mr. Mayor, Yours I received and ye enclosed to my Lord Duke of Albemarle* was this day presented him, by my Cosen Walker and selfe. Wee bouth desired his Grace not to entertayne an Ill opinion of ye Citty of Exeter, uppon a missenformacon, and If aney complaint were proper, it ware of ye Cittyes side *having beene delayed for many moneths of their mony*, which was disturst at ye instance of ye deputye liuetenants of Devon, whoe in their severall orders and letters promist reimbursement of ye same, which wee shewde my Lord, whom wee found soe very well satisfied with it, that his Grace will spedily signifie his sence therein to some of ye deputy liuetenants of Devon now in Towne that you might receive satisfaction, which I suppose is as much as you can expect. I may not omitt likewise to acquaint you, that If you intimate to Mr. Coventrye what wilbe ye fittest post for your Convoye, he will accordingly take order in it this being all at present from your very real freinde and servant,

James Smyth.

In L. 438, Exeter, Jan. 9, 1674-5, the Chamber write to Sir James Smyth:—Sir, Yours of the 8 of December last Mr. Maior hath communicated to us. Wee have observed your directions in testifying our acknowledgments to the Earle of Bathe [John Grenville] for the favorable representation his Lordship was pleasd to give

* *i.e.* General Monk. Page 13.

his Maiestie concerning the government and affaires of this Citty. And wee desire you to doe us this farther favor to [] acknowledgments to his Lordship for the particular [] and kindness he is pleased to express for the advantage of this Citty. And as you are pleased to give us intimation [] impending oportunities, wee can not omit an [] offers whereby wee may be at ease in A matter which concerns the liberties of the ffreemen of this Citty. Wee shall not trouble you with enumerating particulars which you will easily perceive by the inclosed Copies : Wee desire you to deliver the letters to the Earle of Bathe, Mr. Speaker* and Mr. Secretary Coventry† and to improve yours and our interest with them as well as your other ffreinds, whereby wee may not only be at liberty to vindicate our rights by a due proceeding at law, but may be ffree from any misunderstanding for the time to come that may be occasioned by letters of this nature, which is so prejuditiall to the common good of this Citty, for doeing of which you will very much oblige your most humble servants.

Brodridge, Mayor (and 10 others).

Surrender of the Charter.

L. 443. Whitehall, Nov. 1, 1688.—Order in Council cancelling the deed of Surrender of the Charter of Charles II [*i.e.* Charter, XLVI, Oct. 22, 1684, *page* 7], it having been shown that the deed had not been enrolled, and removing from their offices the present Mayor [Sir Thomas Jefford, *see* L. 15, *page* 18], Sheriff, Recorder, Town Clerk, Aldermen, Common Councilmen and every other magistrate, officer and minister of or in the said City, and restoring those who held those offices at the time of the sealing of the Deed of Surrender [Jan. 24, 1688; Izacke, 185]. For full text of the above cancellation order, *see Act Book*, XIII, *f.* 52; Izacke, 186. No meeting of the Chamber is entered in *Act Book*, XIII, between Nov. 1, 1688 (*f.* 51), and Nov. 22, 1688 (*f.* 53), two leaves being left blank, on one of which is entered a copy of L. 443.

Soldiers of William of Orange.

L. 444.—(Undated, but later than Oct. 1692) Christofer Bale, M.P. [*i.e.* from June 4, 1689, to Oct. 11, 1695. He was appointed Mayor Dec. 8, 1688, also in 1696] presents a petition to the Lords Commissioners of their Majesties' Treasury:—Sheweth that your Petitioner having in the beginning of their Majesties' Reign presented a Petition to the King from the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Councill of the Citty of Exeter, which humbly prayed the payment of 345*l.* 7*s.* 3½*d.*,

* *i.e.* Sir Edward Seymour, since Feb. 18, 1673. He was Recorder of Exeter 1681, 1689. M.P. for Exeter 1685, 1688, 1701, 1702, and Governor of Exeter 1688.

† *i.e.* Henry Coventry, retired in 1679.

disburst by his Majesty's perticular direction* upon his sick and wounded Souldiers, which Petition with the Account was *per* his Majesty in Councill Refer'd to their Lordships, who directed Mr. Auditor Humphreys to Examine the same, and was *per* him reported to be truly stated, but that in such cases it was usuall for the Creditors to vouch their Bills upon Oath, which was done, and ye Truth of them upon a farther Reference by them attested by Sir Hugh Ackland, Baronet, Edward Seaward, then Mayor of the said City [*i.e.* 1691-1692], Henry Northleigh and Richard Carew, John Etwill (*sic*) and Edward Leigh, Esq., notwithstanding which the money not being ordered to be paid by your Lordships and the severall Creditors (who are poor Tradesmen) being in great want thereof and very importunate for the same.

Your Petitioner humbly prays your Lordships to order ye speedy payment of the same, and your Petitioner as in duty bound &c.

In *Misc. Papers* (1688 to 1706) is a bundle of 13 accounts, letters and petitions relating to this matter, together with one relating to 1643.

- (a) Exeter, Feb. 11, 1705-6. Thomas Baron, Mayor, writes to John Snell, Esq., M.P., enclosing a petition (see *m*) to Queen Anne for a debt due from the late King to the Chamber. He will be introduced to the Queen's person either by my Lord Bishop or our Lord Lieutenant, adding: "wee have reason to believe that wee shall have a favourable audience."
- (b) The Report of Sir Walter Yonge, Baronet, Richard Lee and John Elwill, Esq., May 28, 1691. By order of the Treasurer they met in Exeter in March last "to examine the accounts of some Chyrurgeons, Apothecaries, Brewers &c. of the City of Exeter for Physick, Attendance, Bedding and Provisions furnisht some sick Soldiers belonging to his Majesty's Army that came from Holland in the late happy revolucion." They report that they "could not make a due scrutiny of the accounts, for that severall of the parties therein concerned were dead, and for want of other evidence then the assertions of the other parties that are living."
- (c) (Undated but 1688-9.)—A Petition from the Mayor &c. to the King that upon application to them made by His Majesty's Physicians or Chirurgians at your happy Arrival there did take care and provide all necessaryes for an Hospitall for such of the Soldiers as were diseased at their Arrival or fell sick there afterwards. That on Nov. 19 last [*i.e.* 1688] 156 diseased men were putt into the said Hospitall, and afterwards such others as needed the same, at a total cost of 345*l.* 7*s.* 3½*d.*, as appears by the accounts. The Petitioners have done

* For his stay in Exeter from Nov. 9-21, 1688, see Macaulay ii, 489-514.

their utmost for the care and preservation of these sick soldiers, "and still contynue to doe the same for severall of the Regiment late under the Command of Robert Peyton," and they pray for payment, "the Chamber of the said Citty being att present very poore."

- (d) London, June 6, 1691.—Mr. Hugh Chudleigh writes to Christopher Bale, Esq., M.P. He has been to the Treasury to enquire whether Mr. Elwell, and the rest had delivered in their Report (b), of which he encloses a Copy. He proceeds: "In short tis no Report, nor can I comprehend what they meane, and soe says all the Clarkes of the Treasury being of the same opinnion; and in my opinnion in there report thy (*sic*) have endeavored to make you, and all the Chamber, very great Knafes to demand that which was not just, and the moneys to the severall persons were not due to them." At present he cannot tell what to advise, but will consult with Mr. Squill, who is one of the Clerks of the Treasury, and suggests that the City should petition "whenever the Parliament sitts."
- (e) Draft of Petition (c) with copy of reply of the Privy Council dated Whitehall, July 11, 1689, ordering the Commissioners of the Treasury to examine the Allegations, together with a notification (dated Whitehall, July 20, 1689) that the question has been referred to Mr. Auditor Humphreys.
- (f) Account of the Charges for the Soldiers from their first coming into the Maids Hospital to Jan. 18, 1688-9. The total claim=284*l.* 12*s.* 6½*d.*, including 2 supplementary items to Feb. 19, 1688-9. The details consist of claims by apothecaries, surgeons, an upholster and others for beds, bedsteads, beer, diet and other things.
- (g) A list of 21 persons discharged from the hospital in Exon and quartered without Eastgate, Dec. 28, 1688, at which time the Lt. Governor Gibson, by the hands of Major White, gave each man 1*s.* 6*d.* for 3 dayes substance. The list gives the regiments to which these men belonged (*viz.*, Lord Levaines, Count Carefont, Count Hakendorne, Graf Van Nassau, Weinbergh, Van Hagell, Balforde), with the names of the captains of their companies.
- (h) A similar list of 18 soldiers discharged Jan. 4th, 1688-9. The regiments showing the names Pr. (*i.e.* Prince's) Guard, Weinberg, Talmash, Carleford, Babington, Brandenburgh.
- (i) A similar list of 40 soldiers remaining in the Hospital at Exeter, Dec. 29, 1688. The regiments in addition to those already named=M.G. Sydney, Pr. Courland, M.Gen. Mackay, Berkenvelt, Sir Robert Peyton, The Ship *Wagen de Burg*, The Pr. of O. The "distempers" specified are "feaver, scurvie, rupture, Imposthum'd

foote, or thigh or knee, bruised breast, cough, lamed hip or leg, ulcer'd leg, Ague, flux of ye belly, amputated hand"; also Alexander Lyall of the Prince of O's regiment left behind to attend the men.

- (j) Mr. Waters' "Accompt of the disbursements of the sik shoulgers in the horspatall, Nov. 19, 1688." There were sent in 156. The total amount=110*l.* 4*s.* 6½*d.*, and the items include befe and mutton, bread, milke, brandy to wash thar wons (? wounds) and Drink, butter, Turnup and Cabbidg, gerts, 1 Bar' of all, 3 qt. watter (2*s.* 6*d.*) *sic*, straw, suger and spice, 3 seams of wood, ½ Quarter of Coale, ½ doz. Candells and "all sorts of provisions" day by day till Jan. 10, 1689. The total claim being 95*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.*

Supplementary charges include :—Goods ye Nappr, Goods ye Reeve(?), Sander ye Shoulger (*i.e.* soldier) for 1 Shirte, also 13 Coffings (at 8*s.* each), 13 buring suts (burying suits), 13 shirts for ye por prisoners, bram' to fill 12 coffins (9*s.*), making 12 graves (18*s.*), eath-thenware (*sic*) and spoones, and Sticks, Candell sticks 6 in number, bringing up the total to 110*l.* 4*s.* 6½*d.* [*Endorsed* : "10*l.* more paid by Mr. Gandy."]

- (k) An Accompt of the Diseased Souldiers belonging to the Illustrious and Mighty prince of Orange. In the Hospitall of Exon under the care and Dayly Attendance of Mr. John Case and his two Servants with each Souldier's Disease and thear Collonel and Captain's name as in ye Margint. 68 names (mostly Dutchmen) suffering from a violent paine in his head, do. of his breast, do. his side and knee, of his shoulder, shortness of breath, a swollen belly, great pains of all his limbs, violent cough, a great pricking paine and convulsions of all his Body, stupid, fettid, cadavarous ulcers in his leggs, very sick to his heart, a paine of his Limbes, do. of his head and body, do. of his heart and stomach, oppression of his heart, do. of his back, do. of all his body, do. of his stomach, a putrid feavor, exceeding swelling leggs, a plurisye, a sordid foul ulcer, fretten ulcers with a larg Impostumacon in his thigh, very sick in ye small Pockes, contraction of Knees, Hemorhodes, Erispilas with face with a continuall spitting blood, a Crewel Cough, an obstruction of his Stomach, concussion of his back, contused Legg by a fall from a horse, deafness, mightily tormented with vomiting, an Impostume in his hand, in addition to the ailments named in (*i*).

Also 16 men of the Prince's Guard and 1 seaman brought on board with a toren hand by a Granade, which was Amputated.

The claim is for 34*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*, *i.e.* at 10*s.* per day from Nov. 22 to Dec. 15 [*s.a.*].

(l) July 30, 1689. Certificate of Robt. Humphrey, D. Auditor.—My Lords, I have examined the Severall Accompts and notes referred to by the annexed Petition, and find the disbursements and allowances for ye Cure of severall and buriell of other sick Souldiers to the number of 156 and upwards in 1688 and 89 in this City of Exon are as follows: The totals are for meat and other necessaries, upholsters and joiners work, brewers bills, doctors, Chirurgeons and Apothecarys, the whole amounting to 345*l.* 4*s.* 2½*d.* (*sic*).

(m) The Petition (undated) to Queen Ann, referred to in (a). Whereas your Majesty's Predecessor, King William of ever blessed memory (when Prince of Orange) did a little after his landing at Torbay desire the Chamber of Exeter to take care of part of his Army (which there lay sick and disabled in and near this City) and to furnish them with necessaries, At the same time promising to reimburse the Chamber such sums as (by them) should be, on this Account, expended. The expenditure is stated at 345*l.* 4*s.* 2½*d.* [as in Oliver, 145].

In a separate envelope are 9 additional papers:—

(o) An Accounte of the disbursements upon his highnesses ye Prince of Orange's Souldiers from their Coming into the Mayden Hospitall unto the 18th day of January, 1688 (*i.e.* 1689), *i.e.* a summary of some of the above accounts amounting to 266*l.* 14*s.* 0*d.*, one of which refers to the death of Mr. Case ye Chirurgeon, and Mr. Hethcot ye Apothecary.

(p) Memorandum (June 10, 1689) headed: "There were remaineing in the hospital at Exon on the 26th of 10ber laste paste 61, sent in since 4, in all 65." Then follow 65 names, mostly Dutch, with side notes: "Whereof are dead (8), discharged into Sir R. Peyton's Regiment at Exon (2), sent for Plymouth to my Lord Leivan's Regiment (10), sent for Holland (4), sent for London (41).

At foot: The whole charge of medicines and attendance on the above mentioned persons from 10ber 28, 1688, is 57*l.* 7*s.* 5*d.*

(q) Mr. Mustian, Apothecary.—The Souldiers at ye Hospitall, Jan. 18, 1688 (*i.e.* 1689). His charges amount to 3*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.*, including large lambatives, Pectorall Drinks, oximel scillit (*i.e.* of Squills), elixir prop &c., and "the large Electuary again."

(r) A list of Souldiers remaining at the Maiden's Hospital in Exon on the 26th of December, 1688. Being some of his Highnesse the Prince of Orange his Armie who were sent thither for Cure.

It shows the names of 65 men, together with their regiments, the captains of their companies, their age, country, malady, time of entry, and time of death,

- discharge, or removal by friends. The regiments show the Prince's Artillery, Berkenvelt and Babington, in addition to those previously noted; the men are from Holland (33), Gelderland (5), Flanders (3), France (3), Germany (2), and 1 each from Zealand, Poland, Greece, Prussia, Brandenburg, Switzerland, Sweden, Shetland, England, Berwick, Berkshire and Modbury. The maladies are chiefly fever, ague or Scurvey, with an occasional Asthma, Rheumatism, or Consumption.
- (s) June 10, 1689.—Charge of Medicines to the Hospital since the 26 of Dec., 1688, 57*l.* 7*s.* 5*d.*, including (g) and (u), also 35*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* fees for 166 days' attendance.
- (t) Jan. 7, 1688–9.—For 27 bed stools Att 7*s.* per pece.
- (u) James Jenkinson's account of ye charge of medicines to ye Souldiers at ye Hospitall in 1688, including clister plaisters, laxative Boles, purging Boles, Cerotes, Cordialls, pots of pultis, of antiscorbots, Electuary, potions, purges, ptisans, emetics, draughts, julops, purgatives, embrocations, lotions, plaisters, syrups, sudorifics, boxes of pills, papers of Powder &c., &c.
- (v) Feb. 20, 1688–9.—There are now remaining:—In private quarters (6). In the Hospitall (11). Eight are certified as lame, 1 as fit to march, 1 is "of Lord Leivan's regiment at Plymouth," and another "of the Artillerie."—*Signed*, James Jenkinson.
- (w) Dec. 26, 1688.—James Jenkinson's account for medicines from Dec. 26 to January 15, 1688–9. Similar to (u).

St. Anne's Chapel.

L. 448. Aug. 18, 1698.—The Dean and Chapter as owners of the Chapel of St. Anns in the parish of St. Sidwells, state that William Cudmore of St. Sidwell's, weaver, on Aug. 18, 1698, broke into the Chapple or Hospitall of St. Annes* over ye orchard wall and got upon ye Top of one of ye Houses there, and from thear went to ye Chapple Bell and by force and violence threw down ye same from ye Place or Tower where it hung to ye ground, notwithstanding oftentimes call'd to him and bid him forbear doing any violence, the fall of ye bell was like to have Injured some of ye Poor.

Workhouse.

L. 450 (1698).—The Chamber petition the House of Commons for the insertion in the bill for erecting Hospitalls and Workhouses within the City of Exeter [*i.e.* 9–10 William III, c. 33; Oliver, 270; *Stat.* vii, 450, 1698, called 1699, *Report on Charities*, 305; or 1697, Izacke, 191; Lloyd Parry, 30] a clause specifying that the Corporation of the Poor [for their seal, *see* Lloyd Parry, 29] may be elected every two years instead of or life.

* Built *circ.* 1418. Worthy, *Suburbs*, p. 51.

In L. 458 (undated, ? 1699) the Chamber send to Sir Edward Seymour and Sir Bartholomew Shower, M.P.'s [for Exeter in 1698 and 1701], a letter respecting difficulties in assessing the poor rate under the Corporation of the Poor's Act of the previous year. [For an extract from this letter, beginning: "This new Corporation—King's Bench," see Lloyd Parry, p. 30.] *Endorsed*: Abraham North, one of the Constables of this City, deposeth that this day in Execution of his office in pressing a Cart for the King's service he was assaulted and beaten by Samuel Weare, Waggoner, and was threatened to be beaten by Jacob Ware (*sic*), Waggoner, and highly abused by them both in uncivil languidge.

In D. 570 are extracts from the will of Mr. [John] King, dated June 1, 1672 [see *Report on Charities*, p. 305], in which he leaves a house, field and garden (with a close of land called Quarry Close under Northernhay—D. 569) to the new Hospital at the lower end of Paris Street [erected in 1671–72. Izacke, 176; Oliver, 151].

In D. 572 are accounts of the Workhouse at the bottom of Paris Street from 1673 to 1675.

In D. 571, April 4, 1675, Mr. William Bruen by his will gives 100*l.* to the Mayor &c. to be by them bestowed in and about the new erected Workhouse of the City and to set the poor there on work.

In *Misc. Papers*, 1698–1699 are extracts from the *Act Books* relating to the setting of the poor to work in the Workhouse.

In L. 513, Exeter, Feb. 27, 1747–48, Humphrey Leigh [Chamberlain] instructs M.P.'s for Exeter [*i.e.* Humphrey Sydenham and John Tuckfield] concerning a Bill relating to Poor Rates. "You are desired to apply and gett an adjournment of the Committee of the House for a fortnight, by which time 'tis hoped matters may be putt on such a footing as that you may be able to proceed on, and then if it be necessary the Books, Papers &c., shall be sent up by my Brother. As we are very sensible that the Session will not be of long continuance everything will be dispatched with all imaginable Expedition."

In L. 613 (undated) is a draft resolution of the Chamber to present the freedom of the City to James White, Esq., a Barrister-at-Law, and Arthur Piggott, Esq., one of His Majesty's Counsel [*i.e.* Arthur Leary Piggott, Solicitor to the Prince of Wales; H. Walpole, *Letters*, xi, 21; made Attorney General on Feb. 12, 1806], "for their support of the present Establishment of the Corporation of the Poor in their late application to Parliament during a long and vexatious contest." Also a vote of thanks to Mr. Alderman Coffin and the Town Clerk for their attendance in London whilst the Bill

brought into Parliament in the present Session was depending.

The City's Valuation.

L. 455. Feb. 19, 1699-1700.—Order of the House of Commons to the Chamber to furnish upon Saturday, March 2nd, at 8 a.m., an account of what value the Estate is the said City now stands seized or possessed of. And also what incumbrances are thereupon, and that they doe then likewise produce their books of survey and coppys or counterparts of the mortgages and securityes that are upon the said estate, and also the Receiver's accounts for the three last years of the revenues of the said City.

L. 456. (Undated) the Chamber writes concerning the return to the foregoing order:—Sir, We have herewith sent you the same (*i.e.* the return called for in L. 455) and the Old Book of Survey of the old Town Clark's own handwreiteing and written by him after he had been above flourty years in that office and also the three last Receivers accountts that are audited and past but as for the accountts of those thre last Gentlemen that past the said office of Receiver, neither of them have yet passed their accountts, And the reasons why are these: ffirst, noe Receiver can well pass his accountt untill he has received the respective Rents, which are seldom all received under a Twelvemonth after his yeare expires, and before that time expired the Water-works were taken in hand, and everyone was soe much busied thereabout that nothing could be done, and untill the ffirst be passed those that succeed can not pass theres. We have likewise sent you the Minor accountts, the severall ballances of which are mentioned to be received in the Generall accountts of every Receiver. You have likewise several Surveys of the respective Mannors, Lands and Tenements which the Citty are seized and possessed of, and as to all other Lands and Tenements which people generally take to be the Citty's they belong to the Hospitalls and the poore of the Citty and other Charitable gifts and are for the moste parte of them infeoffed in several ffeoffees in trust for their severall charityes, and are not in the power of the M., B. and C. to dispose of. You will see by the state of the Case in what Condition the Citty is to goe on with these Water Workes, for what they have power to dispose of except the Waterworkes are worth by 28,831*l.* and the debts which they owe are [*blank*]. Major Bale and Mr. [Edward] Dally, the Sheriffe, goe hence in the Coach next ffriday, they well know the whole matter, and can answere all objections that can be made. They will be with you on Tuesday night. If possible you can prevent our Adversaries from having Coppys of what wee send. Besides

the debts which the Citty owe the necessary Support of the Government will amount to 735*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* yearly, and there are other outgoings which usually are 2 or 3 hundred pounds a yeare more which cannot bee foreseen.

The letter is a draft Copy undated and without endorsement, but the person to whom it is addressed is to present himself without fail before the Committee [*i.e.* of the House of Commons] on Saturday morning next by Eight of the clock.

L. 457. Exeter, Feb. 28, 1699–1700. Rt. Honorable Sir, 'Tis a difficult task that the Committee hath putt upon the Chamber to send up a Survey of their Severall Estates and Debts oweing by them to bee laid before the Committee next Saturday morning, which hath been a great Exercise of our Patience and Diligence night and day ever since to perfect it in the Condition that it is this day sent by expresse to Mr. Symons (*see p.* 32), and because the Chamber is apprehensive of the malice and industry of our Enemyes, they will needs have me and the Sheriffe goe to Westminster to use our poore endeavours to prevent the Ill Consequences of that opposition which is made against the Bill, and (God willing) wee shall bee in Towne next Tuesday night, and the morning after wait on your Honor, for whome noe person hath a greater respect and service then, Sir, your most humble Servant.

Wee are very loath to lett the world see our nakednes, which wee humbly perceive may bee prevented by an order of the house, that the Clarkes give noe Copyes of our Papers to any person whatsoever.

The document is unaddressed and unsigned, but the writer appears to be Major Bale (*see L.* 456).

In *Books* 186–205 are rentals or Surveys of the City's estates in 1585, 1650, 1652, 1671, 1675, 1688, 1700, 1725, 1730, 1755, and 1760.

Lammas Fair.

L. 460 (undated? about 1700).—The proclamation for Lammas Fair [held in the Croll Ditch or Southernhay. Izacke, 19, 20; Oliver, *Mon.*, 113; and on St. David's Down—D. 1449, 1498.] to last for two half-days and two whole days, during which no goods were to be sold except in the Fair, and no persons were to put any goods in their shops within the length and reach of any man's arm, and all grievances were to be settled at the Tollbooth before the Stewards of the fair, the Mayor and Bailiffs being inhibited from taking Cognizance of any pleas or suits in their Courts while the fair lasted. On the dorse is the oath of the Searchers and Sealers of Leather.

In *Book* 51, *f.* 57, is an account of "the Varyaunce and Controversie of the Erle of Devon and the Prior of St. Nicholas agaynst the Mayor and Commonaltie of the Citie of Exeter for Croldeyche or Lammas Fair." A D. 1323, where it is called "the fayre called Croldeyche fayre kept yerely ad Gulas Augusti

[Aug. 1st] yn Southynghay. [*Apud* Cruldych in Southynhay. Oliver, *Mon.*, 127.]

In *Book* 52, *f.* 166–172, is a copy of the verdict in the above suit.

In *Misc. Roll* 78 (Aug. 19, 1336), is a copy of Plea concerning the disturbance of Crulledych Fair and the rescue of certain thieves at Ayschpertone.

In *Misc. Rolls* 83–90, 98, are copies of enrolments concerning lastage and stallage of the Fair at Exeter, 1394, 1410. [Printed in Madox, *Firma Burgi*, *pp.* 263–269.]

In *Misc. Roll* 55 is a roll of nine membranes relating to the Lammas Fair.

In *Misc. Roll* 40 (1415–61) is a Court Roll of the Cruldych Fair.

In *Misc. Roll* 3 (xvii) is a petition by the Mayor &c. in 1422–23 (I Henry VI) against Hugh Courtenay, Earl of Devonshire that *inter alia* “he took from your suppliants a fair called Crulditch Fair.”

In *Book* 51, *f.* 227, is the order for making proclamations for Lammas or Crulditch Fair.

In D. 1449, April 2nd, 1545, the fair called “Lammas Feyr” held on St. David’s Downe and Curlediche is granted to John Haydon and Thomas Gibbes [*see p.* 20].

In D. 1498, Oct. 7, 1555, the Mayor &c. acquire Curreldyche Fayre *alias* Lammas Fayer, where it is held yearly on St. Davy’s Downe and Cruldyche, near Exeter, for 3 days, viz., the Eve, Day and Morrow of St. Peter ad Vincula (July 31, Aug. 1st and 2nd), together with the stallage, picage, toll and customs of the fair and the Court of Pie Powder within the same, the assize and assay of bread, wine and other victuals in the same fair in as full and ample manner as the last Prior of St. Nicholas or any of his predecessors ever held the same.

In L. 253, London, Oct. 20, 1623, John Dunster and 3 others write to the Mayor:—Right Worshipfull and welbeloved in the Lord, all hapines wished you &c. Wee expected long ere nowe some loving answeere of our request made the last fayre and more especially in August last, mooved agayne to the right worshipful then Maior, by Mr. Dunster, unto whome an order was made, that forthwith we should understand the resolution of the Court, which we have since expected, but noe comfort have wee received. Now in that the time groweth short, And as tender Children once burnt are ever affrayd of the same fire, soe wee can no less but endeavour to avoyd the like danger: And in that wee have been your antient Tennants doe tender our selves to bee soe still, paying our usuall rent (without fine), which we have longe time continued to your great proffit in

publique. As for any fine it hath been at large answered, and therefore nedes litle nowe to bee hard ; for times and trading will not afford it, knowing it a trueth in generall that Landlords doe well esteeme of those Tenants, that pay their rents without fine where noe improvements are. And whereas upon like request formerly made there was only a graunt of one yeere, and that not without a fine of *xli.* upon large persuasions much against our willes beinge most young men was graunted : you expecting that Trade would have been bettered which was the ground of our great fine and litle came. To which was then answered litle hope was thereof, and now to our greeife confirmed that since it is much deminished : That in truth wee are rather Considering howe to leave of your affayres then to continue them, but in that wee are accustomed to such Course of trading are contented though litle to our proffit yet to goe one regarding the good publique, as much as our privat. And to that end and soe at this time wee are desirous to understand from your worship the resolution of the Court if wee shall inioye our shoppes as formerly wee have done or not, and upon the Conditions before mentioned and hartlier if wee shall soe inioye them, for the usuall terme of yeares, and not to be troublesome to the Court and soe to our selves every yeare, or in a few yeares, which graunt wee make litle question of knowing that the Court will soone conceive what is the publique good, as alsoe that they wilbee farr from requiring that which is now unequall, though times and trading heretofore made it seeme unto them reasonable ; or at least if a graunt hereof will not bee freely made for that terme, without a farther Conference with us, wee then desire that a graunt maybee made of this faire only ; paying our alone rent, and at the next fayre, wee will, if it bee your pleasures further conferr thereof, but wee thinke much, and as much, as is needfull hath been spoken one both sides, and therefore to avoyde further Trouble to either, or both, wee desire that a graunt may bee made for tenne yeares, but if not that, then the latter, which is this fayre only. And whether you shall in your promised love, determine of, wee desire to have it under warrant from your worship or the Court for the free inioying of our shoppes that soe wee may consigne our goods to the usuall place without trespass or disturbance, and this alsoe wee desire may bee donne with the soonest that may bee, with any convenience, Considering that the time of sending our goods is at hand, hoping your worshipp will favour us soe farre as to returne us answere hereof by the conveyance of this our ffreinds, Mr. Sandes, or by the next returne of the usuall Carrier, and you shall find us thankfull for any kindnes herein shewed unto us, soe wee leave you and your grave Consultations to the wise disposing of the Almightye and doe rest yours for the Gennerall att Command in our particuler,

John Dunster, Robert Graye, John Gooding, John Ven.

In D. 1838, July 23, 1734, the Chamber appoint the Town Clerk, Henry Gandy as steward of their court of Pie-Powder in Lammas Fair.

In *Misc. Papers* 1619-1681, 1624-1629, 1707-1759, 1761-1792, 1789-1797 are *Lammas Fair Books* relating to proceedings in and profits of Lammas Fair.

In *Misc. Papers* 1631-1731 are papers relating to the court of Pie-Powder (Lammas Fair).

In D. 1848, May 19, 1781, is a conveyance from the heirs-at-law of John Essington and others to Samuel Moore and others of one moiety of the tolls and profits of Lammas Fair.

In L. 601, June 1793, is a draft notice of the removal of Lammas Fair.

Church at Rotterdam.

L. 462. Rotterdam, N.S. May 2, 1705.—Nicholas Taverner and three others write to "the Worshipfull Mr. Gilbert Yard"*:—Wee presume that you have already been acquainted with the Erecting of a Publick Episcopal Church† here with the Encouragement of her Sacred Majesty, which work being now in great forwardness (as our Friend Capt. John Ewins will particularize), and some Corporations as that of Great Yarmouth and New Castle being sensible of the great Benefit which Sea-faring men and others of the Communion of the Church of England may receive from such an Establishment, have already Contributed towards the support of so Pious a Design, which Obliges us most humbly to Beg your Concurrency, and Hope That The Same Zeal will move your Honourable Corporation to Encourage the Undertaking for the Encrease of Piety and The Honour of the English Nation and Liturgy.

The Bearer assures Us That You will Pardon this Freedome and give Us leave to Subscribe Ourselves, Honourable Sir, (as Trustees), your obedient Humble Servants,

Nich. Taverner.

Christopher Bernard.

Richard Davyes.

Richard Davis.

Parliamentary Candidates.

L. 463. London, May 22, 1705.—Christopher Coke [Mayor in 1692] writes to the Mayor, Gilbert Yard:—Sir, This is to accompany the enclosed (L. 464) from a Relation whose Ancestors are recorded amongst our worthy Benefactors, a person as well esteemed as knowne on this Exchange to be loyal to the Government, liberal on emergent occasions, large in trade, laborious and active in affairs for publique good, as his worke demonstrates in a booke lately

* Not Gilbert Wood as Izacke 195; Oliver 233.

† *i.e.* St. Mary's Church, demolished in 1913.

set forth by him, which will be presented you by Mr. Jeffery or some other hand, it aimes cheifely at the encouredgement of our Woollen manufacture : by which (you well know) our Citty and parts adjacent are Soly Soported.

His paper points at his desire of Serving you as a Representative, and if his request bee too late now (as I beleive it is), I thinke it may be worth your remembrance of it upon a Vacancy, therefore when you have a Chamber, I intreat that his paper may be there communicated ; for I have it not from himselfe but from others that out of his abundance he inelyn's to be a Benefactor to the place where he received his first breath, which I believe may be worth your consideration of a civil answeere, whereby you will allso obleidge the Chamber's well-wisher and yours att Command,

Christopher Coke.

In L. 464, London, May 22, 1705, Edward Gould writes to the Mayor &c. :—Gentlemen, Though my affairs have not hitherto permitted me according to my desire to live amongst you, yet in Love to my Natural Country I have waited for an oppertunity to show my affection to your City, which now offers ; If my fellow Citizens think me qualified (as a man at this time ought to be) to be one of their Representatives in the ensuing Parliament. Indeed, Gentlemen, 'tis neither vanity or ambition that are the motives to my Request ; but an earnest desire to be in such a capacity that I may in a proper Station promote the Weal and flourishing of Exeter, and think of some Cordial that may revive and encrease our Trade, that long has languished under the manage of Ignorance, or neglect, and lately has been in danger of loosing one of its chiefest limbs. It's comerce with Leghorn, as you may see by a Book I have lay'd before you by Mr. Thomas Bury, wherein 'tis visible I have had a Reguard to the Publick Welfare, and have been very serviceable to the nation at a great expence in detecting the evil practices of those that endeavoured to cause a misunderstanding between England and the Great Duke of Tuscany to the hazzard of loosing the Tuscan Trade.

[The document is much damaged. Mr. Gould was not elected.]

In L. 582. Valentine House, July 23, 1776.—Charles Raymond writes to the Mayor offering himself to represent the City in Parliament “in case of a vacancy which I apprehend will soon happen by the Election of Mr. Walter for the County.” [Mr. Raymond was not elected.]

In L. 583, Exeter, July 29, 1776, Mr. John Rolle* [of Tidwell] writes to the Mayor :—“I take this opportunity on the Death of Sir Richard Bamfylde to offer my services to represent the City to succeed my uncle, Mr. Walter.”

* He was returned M.P. for Exeter Jan. 4, 1780.

In L. 584, Bicton, July 29, 1776, J. [*i.e.* John Rolle] Walter, [M.P. for Exeter 1754, 1761, 1768, 1774; Oliver, p. 216] writes to the Chamber retiring from the representation of the City, "as I have reason to think my Friends will nominate me at the County meeting (which is to be held on the 2nd of next month) to fill the vacancy occasion'd by the death of Sir R. Bamfyld," and suggesting his nephew, Mr. John Rolle, to take his place. [He succeeded his uncle, John Rolle Walter, deceased, as M.P. for Co. Devon on Jan. 4, 1780. *Return Parl.*, ii, 151.]

Sir Thomas White's Money.

L. 468. Feb. 14, 1712(13). John Risebrow,* Alderman of Norwich, writes to the Mayor concerning an enquiry he made into the settlement of Sir Thomas White's† money:—

After reciting the deed of gift,‡ consisting of "some Houses with Orchards and Gardens and some pasture Landes and Grounds" in Bristol, he refers to "another estate in Lands in or nigh the City of Coventry," which had greatly increased in value, a share of which increase had been successfully claimed by the Corporations of Leicester, Nottingham and Northampton, who were beneficiaries under the will of Sir Thomas White (dated Nov. 24, 1566. Clode, ii, 179). He continues: "Whereas credible Information hath been given me by diverse persons that the said estate at Bristow, given by Sir Thomas White hath been also greatly improved of late years by new buildings upon the said pasture grounds and orchards, and makeing one or more of the best streets in that City, and the same estate is improved now to eight times the old value, namely to the yearly value of 1,000*l.* or thereabouts, which great advantage the said City of Bristow take to themselves and is farr beyond what was assigned them by our said Benefactor as wee are advised.

And whereas since I received this Information I have further inquired into this affair and have seen at London the originall Deed made by Sir Thomas White, and am informed at Merchant Taylors' Hall and beleive that the Words in this our Deed are more insignificant (*sic*) and Stronger for us the 23 Corporations to have an Equitable proportionable Share of the said Improvement, and that the increase of the said estate for the said Charity should be equitably distributed and paid to us the 23 Corporations in an equall manner with Bristow then the words which were in the Settlement for Coventry (*sic*) and the other Corporations with them.

* Rixborough—Le Straunge, Norfolk Lists, 116; or Ricebrow, Sheriff of Norfolk 1704.

† *i.e.* the founder of St. John's College, Oxford; Lord Mayor of London, 1553; whose portrait is in the Guildhall at Exeter, Oliver, p. 218.

‡ Dated July 1, 1566, by which Sir Thomas White gave money to be used for loans of 25*l.* to honest young men of 24 trading towns, including Exeter and Norwich. See C. M. Clode, *History of the Merchant Tailors' Company*, ii, 177, where the list of towns corresponds exactly, except that "Hertford" in this document is given as "Hereford east."

He has been ordered by the Mayor and Aldermen of Norwich to give this account to some of the nighest (*sic*) Corporations concerned in this charitable gift and to desire them to come into proper measures with us for the recovering of our proportionable shares suggesting that they "may in a friendly and confederate manner make a Common purse of 4 or 5*l.* from each Corporation for the present" and take advice upon the matter.

He adds a postscript: "I am now in London this 14 ffeb., 1712, and have bespoke Coppies of the Deed and am drawing up the case for Counsell to peruse now I am here, and if your corporation meet and can give me answer in 2 or 3 posts then direct for me here, but if not then direct to Norwich. Many of the corporations have sent me Complying answers and come into our measures.

In *Book 53, f. 124*; *Book 54, f. 10*, is a list of the towns entitled to participate. [See also *Hist. MSS. Commission Reports*, Reading, 206; Lincoln, 88; Shrewsbury and Coventry, 57; *Report on Charities*, 243; *Endowed Charities*, 262, 341, 360.]

Gazetteer.

L. 470. London, Feb. 6, 1713(14).—William Jackson writes to the Mayor:—I Request you will do me the favour to give an Account in a Post, or two at farthest, of the Government of your City with the Fairs and Markets and days when kept, and your number Churchs, and you will very much oblige, Sir, your humble servant,

Wm. Jackson.

I have printed a Copy of an Account of one Town [*i.e.* East Grinstead] to show the method wee take. Her Majestie has been Graciously pleased to Grant me A Pattennt for the Sole Printing and Publishing the Accounts above mentioned, to which above 2,000 of the Nobility and Members of Parliament and others have subscribed, which will be at your service, Sir, when finished. Please to direct to me at the Sun in Russel Court in correspondence.

L. 471. Aug. 21, 1714.—A letter [*see* L. 328] addressed to Sir William Pendarves, M.P. [*i.e.* for St. Ives in Cornwall from Nov. 12, 1713, to Jan. 5, 1715] to be left at the Half Moon in Exeter, showing that the Queen's funeral [*i.e.* Queen Anne, d. Aug. 1, 1714, buried at Westminster Aug. 24, 1714] was put off "till next Tuesday night by reason ye Ladies' Cloaths could not be ready before." Also news from Ipswich, Aug. 14: "Altho' we are deeply concern'd for ye Loss of ye Queen, we can't forbear giving some account of ye indecent and disrespectful Behaviour of our Wh—gs upon ye News of ye death of ye Queen," *i.e.* that they ordered the bells to be rung and "when the Sheriff came to proclaim the King few of the W—gs appeared, though a great many

of ye Loyal Gent. of ye town did, the first standing with their Hats on all the time the proclamation was reading by which we may guess if they are like to be no better subjects to ye King that they were to the Queen. [For similar extract from a newsletter, see *Hist. MSS. Report, Portland Papers*, vol. v, p. 489.] This day ye Lords Justices have given ye Royal Assent to ye following bills:—That for rectifying mistakes in ye Names of ye Commissioners for putting in Execution ye Land Tax and for raising so much as is wanting to make up 1,400,000*l.* intended to be raised by a Lottery that for the better support of his Majestie's household and of the honour and dignity of the Crown of Great Britain, that to enable persons now residing in Great Britain to take ye oaths to qualifie themselves to continue their places in Ireland. [See *Lords' Journals* xx, 13; *Journals of House of Commons* xviii, p. 11.] [For extract from the *Flying Post*, 1708–1717, see *Historical MSS. Report, Portland Papers*, iv, 485; also vol. v *passim.*] The Lords Justices in ye name of his Majesty thanked both houses for their zeal and affection to his Majesty and ye Commissioners particularly for ye Aids granted for his support and assured them that a faithful Representation should be made his Majesty thereof. Then both houses adjourned till Wensday. Orders will be given to take up ye publisher of ye *Flying Post* for some scandal lately put there in [*i.e.* abusing the memory of Queen Anne, for which Daniel Defoe was arrested—*Ibid*, v, 491].

Court of Conscience.

L. 472 (1713).—Petition from the Chamber to the House of Commons for leave to bring in a bill to establish a Court of Conscience [or Requests—Murray, *Dict. s.v. Court*] for the recovery of small debts under 40*s.* in Exeter, “which doo very much abound with poore Tradesmen and other Indigent persons,” after the manner of such Courts in London, Bristol, Gloucester, Newcastle and Norwich. [For *Stat.* 13, George III, c. 27, 1772–3, see Oliver, p. 272.]

Coming of George I.

L. 473. In Newcastle Street, Strand, Sept. 9, 1714.—W. Simon [*p.* 74] writes to the Town Clerk, Mr. John Carwithen:—Mr. Towne Clerke, You have wanted an answeere to yours through my absence from Lyons Inne for a weeke last till Yesterday, but assoon as I had it I lost noe time to observe your orders (and its still time enough for the King is not come, nor expected while this Wynd blowes), ffor I putt both your Letterr and the addresse into the Duke of Ormond's owne hand this morning. His Grace was pleased to say That hee would take care to Deliver it as soon as the King came,* and Desired

* George I. arrived in London Sept. 20, 1714.

mee to give his humble service to Mr. Mayor and the Chamber, whome hee should be very gladd to serve upon any occasion.

You knowe I never Speak of my bill but when I have somewhat else to say, but now pray doe mee to favour to lett the Chamber knowe, That I cannot but thinke it hard That after above Thirty Yeares ready and Cordiall service to the City att and upon all times and occasions, I should not have the Justice of being paid a bill, above two thirds whereof is money layed out of my pockett now above 13 yeares agoe. This seasonable Memorand together with my very humble service I hope may bee of use to, Sir, your humble Servant,

W. Simon.

Letters of Marque.

L. 476. Jan. 10, 1718(19).—The Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral order the Mayor to administer the Oaths and Test to all persons whose commissions, warrants or Letters of Mart shall be sent to him.

Relief of Dissenters.

L. 477. Barnstaple, Oct. 30, 1719.—Richard Hooper writes to John Carwithen, the Town Clerk, that he has received his letters as to the disability of dissenters to be elected to offices [under the Relief Act, Dec. 1718; *Statutes at Large*, viii, 145; Mahon, i, 327; Lecky, i, 322], and as to whether they can be punished and fined for not receiving the sacrament and will take time to consider and give his opinion.

Manor of Duntish.

L. 479 (undated).—A Report concerning the commons and common rights in the Manor of Duntish in the parish of Buckland Newton [near Cerne Abbas in Dorsetshire], referring to a map which does not exist.

In L. 535, Oct. 31, 1725, is a decree in Chancery respecting the Commons of the Manor of Duntish in a case "Hullett and others v. Fitzwater Foy, Esquire" [whose father, Walter Foy, bought the manor from John Churchill in 1713; Hutchins, *Dorsetshire*, iii, 707], preceded by an abstract of the Case from an office Copy in the possession of Mr. Kington, an Attorney at Dorchester, April 7, 1759.

Rye Harbour.

L. 482. Rye, Jan. 10, 1722.—The Mayor of Rye (John Slade) and 5 others write to the Chamber enclosing a copy of a petition presented by the Mayor, Jurats, ffreemen and Inhabitants of Rye to the House of Commons for the restoration of Rye Harbour, and ask their assistance and interest to forward their desires. The petition states that:—

- (a) The Port of Rye is the only harbour remaining on the coast of Sussex and Kent from Portsmouth to Dover.

- (b) The said harbour lies very convenient for the ships that Pass up and down the Channel to save themselves in stress of weather and from the enemy in time of war.
- (c) It is opposite Diep and other considerable Ports of France and has been of great use and service to the Navigation of this Kingdom, &c., in proof of which they refer to a report sent to the House of Commons on Jan. 28, 1720(21), but that the floodgates and Cross Walls of late years erected have so much hindered the flowing and Reflowing of the Sea that there is not sufficient Backwater to Drive out again ye Slub, which by force of ye Tide is constantly brought into ye Harbour, and so daily Swerves up ye same, that unless some immediate Care be taken it will be Totally Destroyed.

[For the condition of Rye in 1724, see Horsfield, i, 493.]

Bad Language.

L. 484. Oct. 24, 1726.—A note of the complaints of one Jenkins, a constable, of the bad language and threats used towards him :—

Going up ye forstreet above ye New Inn at ye sign of ye Black Dogg, one or some from that house Cried out ye Constable, Halloe ! within and without, ye Constable, Halloe ! coming down ye street again. Soon after ye Landlord, as I supposed he was, said I only askt you to drink a Mugg of Ale, Mr. Constable. Don't you bee angry ; and with ye same he said how upright ye Dogg goeth.

On Oct. 24, 1726, I was at Mr. Buxton's at ye Oxford Inn to collect ye Land Tax, and gave him not one Ill word, and he said I was a perjured Villain, perjured Rogue. I told him that I saw Company drinking in his house ye 10th of Aprill, only with this Difference prayers was not begun at St. David's and did not begin for some time after I was there. One of ye Company Did Confess that Mr Symons Read prayers and preached at St. Mary Arches before Came he at St. David's, which was Quarter of an hour after three before it begun at St. David's.

In ye midst of this Discourse, one Aish, a master Shoemaker Living in Southgate Street, Being in ye Barr, said you Jenkins you are a rascally Roge, you Dogg, you are no Constable, no, Sirrah, you are not, you Rogue, and ye like Expressions he used towards me.

The Monday following, being 31st of October, came along Goldsmiths Lane one Whitburrow, a Bayliff, said : You, Jenkins, wheres ye seven and fourpence you Extorted from Dilbings, Sirrah, you Rogue. I'll make thee pay ye money again. Ye Cheif Magistrates of ye Town Did well to turn thee out for ye City is a Thousand pounds ye worse for thee, thou Base fellow. Wheres ye Loin of Veal, Sirrah. Thus and

Like Language I had from him. By this time ye Street was alarmed.

Lighthouse and other Dues.

L. 487. Topsham, Jan. 20, 1731(32).—Receipt from the Collector of the Earl of Thanet [Sackville Tufton] for 8s. 2d. duty at 1d. per ton due by the Master of the good Ship *Thomas Willam*, bound for London, for the maintenance of Dungeness Lighthouse*, with a curious print of the Lighthouse.

LL. 488–495, June 11, 23, 1732, and other dates, contain similar receipts for the use of Greenwich Hospital, 1s. 9d. at the rate of 6d. per month for 6 persons belonging to the ship. for the maintenance of 3 lighthouses at the North and South Forelands, 8s. 2d.; and to the Trinity House for ballast and five bills of lading in other vessels in the Thames bound for Topsham and Hamburgh.

Criminals.

L. 498. Aug. 11, 1738. The several confessions of Zacharias Sutton and John Taylor, executed on Heavitree Gallows [*i.e.* at Ringswell; *Worthy*, 55], Aug. 11, 1738, for burglary and Sheep-stealing respectively. A broadside printed at Exon by Andrew Brice.

In D. 1831, May 2, 1729, is an agreement for transporting Thomas Price, of Stafford, labourer, convicted of burglary, to South Carolina.

In L. 502, Whitehall, Nov. 20, 1740, is a commutation of sentence of death on John Kenniek, convicted of burglary and felony, to transportation to America for 7 years.

In L. 503, the Court at St. James's, March 10, 1740(1), is a pardon to John Harrup and Uriel Hanson, sentenced to transportation for stealing mutton.

In D. 1838(b), Sept. 15, 1746, is an order for the Execution of Susannah Smith, convicted of burglary.

In L. 16, St. James's, April 30, 1759, is a royal pardon to Abraham Derham, sentenced to death for killing one sheep with the intent to steal the carcass thereof. The sentence is commuted to transportation for 7 years to "one of our Colonies or Plantations in America," and is signed "George R." (*i.e.* George II) and "W. Pitt" [*i.e.* William Pitt, who was then Secretary of State for the Southern Department].

In L. 547, St. James's, Feb. 3, 1764, is a commutation of death sentence on James Scott, convicted of assault and stealing 12s., to 7 years transportation.

* Granted to Richard Tufton, Earl of Thanet, by Charles II. See *Report of Select Committee on Lighthouses* (1834), p. xxxv.

In L. 17, St. James', Sept. 19, 1764, a royal pardon is granted to Thomasine Hall, who had been sentenced to death for "burglariously breaking and entering a dwelling-house in Exeter," and commuting the punishment to fourteen years transportation to one of our Colonies or Plantations in America. *Signed*, "Sandwich" [*i.e.* John Montagu, Earl of Sandwich, Secretary of State for the Southern Department]. At the head is an original signature of George III ("George R."), and a subsequent signature "Louise Lorne, May 21, 1873."

In D. 1734*a* is a decree in Chancery dated Sept. 13, 1618 [quoted as Sept. 10th in *Rept. on Charities*, p. 267], respecting Griffith Amerideth's Charity for providing shrouds for criminals hanged at Exeter [*i.e.* at Ringswell near Heavitree—Worthy, 55]. See also *Law Papers, Exeter v. [Robert] Waller*, 1607.*

In D. 1446, Aug. 8, 1544, is a sale to Griffin Amerideth of messuages, lands &c. in Torrington, Tawstock, &c. (? Tavistock).

In D. 1466, Oct. 28, 1549, he grants a lease of an Inn called "le Inne at Beare" in South Street, Exeter, between Bulhylstrete and a lane leading to the house of the precentor of the Cathedral.

In D. 1504, July 18, 1556, he grants a lease of a piece of land called "Brysshford" lying in Lydford in the parish of Salcombe.

In D. 1627, Sept. 29, 1584, is a lease of this land to Robert Tooker of Sidford, "husbandman."

Royal African Company.

L. 603. Comenda† Fort in Guinea, Feb. 10, 1737(8).—Robert Parker writes to the Chamber:—Gentlemen, itts not a Common thing to be adrest to from a Stranger, at this distant part of the Worlde, though the Motive will I hope Justifie it, as to myselfe at Lynn Regis in Norfolke, I did for many years as much Business as most Merchants with a good Deale of Success, but the Seane Changed, the Inexorable Sea had no Compassion, I have seen divers parts of the Worlde, and made my Severell Observations in the Different Branches of Trade.

I no sooner was in this parte of the Worlde, but founde according to the Present Situation of things, how sore we are loosers, in the Sale of a Hundred or Two Thousande Pounds' Worth, of our British manufactures yearly, perhaps much more. I hope the fine City of Exeter, by the means I shall

* For Amerideth's will, Jan. 3, 1557, see *Rept. on Charities*, 119; *Endowed Charities*, 397.

† It was built to the west of Elmina after the treaty of Breda (1667). C. P. Lucas, 100, 106.

propose, (if persued,) will be Sharers in the bond of a great many Thousands *per annum* of her manufacture, upon this Coast, more than ever yet was sent. I am not prompted on by anybody, nor does any know of what I am about, while my dispatches reach Norwich, Manchester and some other places, which I have wrote to, as my Leisure would permitt, But as an Englishman, should think my selfe Inexcusable, was not I to do everything in my Power, to advance the Manufactures of my Country, especially when I see the Dutch and French make such large advances, to disposses her of it.

- (1) The Royal African Company's Stock is at present very Low, Occasioned by the Vast Charge and Expence they are at, in maintaining upon this Coast, Eight large Castles* well Fortified, a Plan of one of which I heare enclose† for your Inspection, by that you may in some measure forme a Charge of the Whole, though Cape Coast Castle, the Principall, would make Six of this, and in Europe be Esteemed a fine large Pallace, furnisht with a number of Good Artillery and capable of making not onely Stout resistance, but a Safe Protection for our Ships, in the Roade, incompast with three other Forts at proper distances, besides the Immence Cherges of all these, the have severell upon the Great River of Gambia‡ and a verey Strong one upon James Island, in the middle of the River, well furnished with Artillery and everything propper.
- (2) Itt's True the Government has been so Good, to allow them for some years past Ten Thousand Pound *per annum*, towards the Charge or as an Equivalent, of Ten *per annum* the Private Traders formerly used to pay them towards the Fortifications, but that comes farr short of an Equivalent or the Charge of Keeping such Prodigious Workes in Repaire.
- (3) The Danes has one Fort at Accaran well supplied as to goods, but the Dutch are vastly Strong upon this Coast; they will be sure to have Forts near the

* *i.e.* Cape Coast Castle, Dixcove, Seconde, Commendah, Tantumquerry, Winnebah, Accra, Whydah, and James Fort, also 8 factories on the Gambia. *Treasury Books*, 1742-45, p. 5. Feb. 2, 1742.

† No plan is preserved, but an "Explanation of the Fort" as follows:—

1. The Parade, which Runs down to the Beat of the Sea.
2. Fish Shambles for the Garison, 50 or 60 boats gese out Dayly. Excellent good Fish.
3. The Entrance into the Fort.
4. Roomes for the Garison, the Slaves and to lay up Provision.
5. A Tank or Well to hould a Twelve Months Water for ye Garison.
6. The Inward Fort for the Chiefe Agents, Warehouses under.
7. A Gallery Leeding from the Chambers to the Battlements.
8. Cook roome and the Stairs up the Battlements.
9. A Gallery overlooking the Garden and Country Rounde.
10. The Bastions from Angle to Angle One Hundred and Ninety Foott.
11. The Home or Kitchen Garden.
12. The Walke to the Great Garden, 300 Foott by 90. It has lately been planted rounde with Beautifull Hedges, as you see in the Draft.

‡ For their names, see *Treasury Books*, 1742-45, p. 451.

English to intercept your Commerce and under our very noses, in all I think they have Ten Forts besides our Settlements, but not so strong as Us, but the Wise States, to give Encouragement and Life to them, has settled upon the Company's Annual Assignments to the value of Twenty Five Thousand Pound Sterling, which makes them in some measure Contemn and Slight Us Poore English.

- (4) The Dutch sends most East Indey Goods, and Liquors, but The French in thier trade in my Opinion are most to be dreaded in thier Woollen Manufactures, as well as Silke. One Peice of Goods well disposed on upon this Coast gives them Encouragement to make two, and what may be the Inconvenience of that you may easely Comprehende, Especially if you consider the Cheapness of Labour and Provisions in that Country, and with what Parsimony they live, itts not long that a Company's Ship was fitted out at Cape Coast, with fifty or sixty Hands to drive of the Coast, three French vessells full of Goods, which they did, but now they are come on in Such Large Ships and so many they defie the Agents and tell them they will trade so long as their Guns and Amunition will protekt them. They are thought altogether so Sivill as Us upon the Gum Coast, to which they make pretensions, though they have onely one trifling Fort upon a Prodigious Trakt of Land. Nevertheless when they can overpower our Ships the Ship and Cargo is gone without redemption and our Poore Sailers very ill-used.
- (5) This Coast takes besides Woollen Goods &c., very great Quantiteys of Brandey from the French, as well as Geneva and Spiritts from the Dutch; it would tend vastly to the Landed Interest, to fix such a proportionate Drawback or Debenture upon the Englishe Spiritts from our own Corne, which sells for full as much as either of the other, and often preferred, and we in England know full as well how to prepare it, it would not onely be an Encouragement to ye Land, but it would helpe the Distillers, Copper Smiths, Coopers, and set at Worke and give Bread to abundance of Poor people. There is at least expensed in the whole two or three Thousand Tun; it would put a Stop to our Neybours, and product from what proceeded from our own Growth.
- (6) The Private Traders caryes on a Greate deale of Business upon the Coast from London, Leverpole, and Bristol, and are at no Exspence towards Forts and Garisons, but itts a Jest to say or imagine they could do without the Company's Settlements. They have places of Security where to retreat to upon any Emergency, where they Supply themselves with Wood,

Water and other necessareys, and are kindly received, and often beholden to them for their Laves (*sic*) and Fredoms, when they have been attack by the Natives or ill used by other European Ships.

- (7) The Government has been so Good to sende upon Coast this Yeaere Three men of Warr, the *Dimond*, *Grenwich* and *Spence Sloope* at an Exspence of Two Thousand Six Hundred Pound *p.* munth, the Compliment of the three being Six Hundred and Fifty Men, at *4l. p.* munth *p.* man, as given by the Parliament, computing the Voyage and Stay upon the Coast onely at Eight Munths, amounts to Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Pound, if computed at 13 munths itt so much the more.

If as an Englishman I may give my Free thoughts, and as I have the Hapiness of being in that Number, shall maintain that Invaluable Privilege.

I most humbly think that that Sum of money or Exspence might be much better layd out, from the following Reasons :

As it neyther conduces to the advantage of the Company, nor to the Private Traders, but on the Contrary, to the vast Damage and Loss of Boath, not but itt's absolutely necessary to be Coun . . . with one Man of War a yeaere, to be always stationed, but under Strikt and proper Regulations. My Resons in Respekt to the Company, the Stopidge of Trade, while they are upon the Coast in Common with the private Traders, the Vast Charge and Exspence they are put to, in Presents, Sallutes and Entertainments, to all the Gentlemen at the Out Forts, but more Esspecially at Cape Coast Castle, where they Generally Rendezvous, put on there their Sick &c., it must be a verey Great Exspence where Bad Mutton and Goats Flesh is never under Twelve Pence *p.* pound, and hapey are those that can purchase it, at *13d.* or *14d. p.* pound ; a Couple of Sixpeney Fowles in your Market would reach three or four Shillings, and every thing ells in proportion. My Second, the Damages they do the Private Traders as well as the Company, that instead of being a Protection and Incouridgment for the trade, thier Business is to finde out every little Creake and Corner, to se what Gould, Teeth, or Slaves they can purchase and what Goods they can Vende. Itts Imagined they have amongst them Twenty Five Thousand Pound worth of goods, though some says a great deale more, by this means they soon turne his Majesty's Men of Warr into Floating Warehouses, forgetting not to bring men with them to manage your Trade, People that has been Servants to the Company. No company or private Trade can pretende to vie with those whose Exspences are bore out by the Government ; they undersell and beat down the prises, and consequently while hear get all the Trade into their own Hands, and itt's known to all Traders, when once the Prices of Goods are lowered how difficult it is to raise them again

to their former Standard. The Royal Company are from these and divers other Considerations but in a Languid Condition (and well they may), if all things be considered, labouring under so many Disscouridgments.

But if they be lookt on in another Light, are a very Rich Company, and may yet be made with a little Indulgence one of the most flourishing in England, in respekt of taking of our manufactures. The Dutch or French would Skip to purchase these Eight Forts, at 200,000*l.*, though was they to dooble it, it would be no deere Bargain (doubtless the Charge of Building must have been immense in this distant part of the Worlde where materials are so Deare), but should they be obliged to part with them, to raise a Funde to carey on thier Trade upon the River of Gambia 300 *es.* would turne to exceeding Good Account well managed and imploy all that Stock, but what would be the Consequence? They in Effectt in such a Sale would convey over Jamaica, Barbadoes, Neviss, St. Christopher's and indeed all the Suger Islands, as well as the whole Continent, from which our Nation reaps yearly such fine advantages.

The Purchasers would soone refunde themselves of the advanc't money at our Cost, in the Prises they would put upon the Slaves, which they onely in a Short time would supply, and then Shortly would not suffer an English Ship or English effects to appear upon the Coast, or humble us to Intollerable Contributions, as now the Dutch practices towards the Portages [? Portuguese], from whom they purchast most of thier Forts.

Upon these Considerations the Company's Forts are of as much value to Our Settlements in America, as Gibraltar and Port Mahoon are to the Trade of the Mediteranian (though of not that Cost to the Nation), and therefore must not upon any account bee parted with.

But should the Government be indust to take them into thier own hands, instead of 10,000*l.* *per annum* now given, in a little time it would run them to an Exspence of ten times as much, and itt's two obvious that Trade Seldom Flourishes under a Milletary Government.

Upon the whole itt's my Humble Opinion that if the Parliment please to take this Affaire under thier serious Consideration, and bestow the two thirds of the Exspence they was at, in sending the Men or Warr, added to the Ten Thousand Pound annually given, or Fix upon them a Standing Funde, which would be a more Incouraging Seurity, as they in thier Wisdoms should think fit, that would set them upon the levell of, Mij'n Heer the Dutch, or any other nation, and raise the drooping Heads of the Brave English, and not suffer us to loose the Sale of Two or Three Hundred Thousand Pounds worth of our British manufacure (*sic*) pureserwant of a suitable Incouragement, to Carey the business on, the Charges would not be felt to the Nation, But London, Bristol,

Exeter, Norweech, Taunton, Coventree, Leeds, Manchester, Coulchester, Birmingham, Lynn, &c., would soone reape the Happy Effects, by having a great many People set to Worke in a Flourishing Business, which is the onely thing desirable, the African Company must receive a great Benefit by it, but the great Consequence is to the Trade of England.

Worthy Gentlemen, if what I have wrote receives your Approbation, shall think myselfe Hapey. I then beg youll please to represent it to your Worthy members, that the next Sitting of Parliament, they will make an Interest with the Best of the Manuacturing Cittys and Corporations and Friends, that a Bill may be brought in accordingly to the Purpose desired, and if your Members please to recomende me to the Right Honble. Sir Robert Walpole* or to the Governours and Directors of the Royall African Company it may be of great service. I shall be anxtious of knowing the reseption this may have. Youll do me a particuler Honour if youll be so kinde to wright to me, directed to Mrs. Elizabeth Parker in Lynn Bp. Norfolke. I wish you all Prosperity and Success, and am though a Stranger to your Greet Body, Gentlemen, Your most obedient Humble Servant, Robt. Parker.

All the use the natives has for the many Thousand pound worth of Cloaths of all Soarts that they buy up yearly, is onely to Weare Round their Wasts, having no other Close or uses for it except for Perpetts and Long Ells vast quantities of which gose up the Country a Thousand or fifteen Hundred Milde (*sic*), and thare taken to peices and Workt up again into Cloaths of a very great Price.

Irish Cloth.

L. 499. Exeter, March 31, 1739. Mr. Thomas Heath writes to Mr. John Score:—At a meeting of the Chamber, Citizens, Principall Inhabitants, Makers and buyers of Woollen Goods at the Guildhall on Tuesday Last to consider how the Trade of this Town and the adjacent Counties may be affected by the Resolutions lately formed in the House of Commons in the Woollen Committee, it was by every one thought highly proper to petition the Parliament that the Duty of *4d. per Stone* now payable on the Exportation of Wool out of Ireland might be taken off, and that the liberty of Importing Wool and Woollen Yarn in registered Ships from Ireland might be extended to the Southern and Eastern portions of this Kingdom and particularly to the port of Exeter. A petition in this sense has been prepared, which he forwards to Mr. John Score for presentation to the House. He is to consult with our two members [Sir Henry Northcote and John King of Ockham], who are now both in town, one or other of whom should

* He was First Lord of the Treasury and Chancellor of the Exchequer from June, 1727, to Feb. 11, 1742.

present it, or if they think it advisable it should be presented by Sir William Yonge [of Escott, M.P. for Honiton], who is the Chairman of the Committee. By the next post several other petitions will be sent up, from Manufacturing towns such as Crediton, Newton, Oakhampton, Totnes, Moreton and Ottery, Plymouth and Lyme, and it is hoped that the movement will extend to Yarmouth, Norwich and Hull. [For Act of 26 George II, c. 8 (1752), see Oliver, 271.]

In L. 500, London, April 10, 1739, John Score writes to the Mayor :—Sir, My last was of the 7th inst., since which I am not favoured with any from you. I was this morning at Sir H. [i.e. Sir Henry Northcote's], who was going to Mr. Balles [of Mamhead, late M.P. for Exeter] in order to present the Three Petitions from Crediton, Moreton and Ottery, and to talk with the Lyme, Totnes and Okehampton Members. You will See by the Inclosed Notes of the 6th [*Commons Journals*, xxiii, 320] that a Bill was Read a Second Time to encourage the Linnen Manufacture of Scotland, to allow the full Drawback on all Soap, Ashes, Starch &c., and in their Printed Case they Sett forth that England hath the full Drawback on Soap used in the Woollen Manufactories, which not being true, I have given the State of that affaire to be Printed, if Sir Harry and Mr. Balle think fitt, and praying the same favoure to us as Scotland; they intend with Mr. Carrew [? Thomas Carew of Crowcombe, M.P. for Minehead] &c., to wait upon the Speaker this morning, as the Bill is Committed for to-morrow, therefore no time is to be lost, but I think a Petition should be sent by next Post to desire a Change in the Scots Act.

1st Duty, *1d. p.* pound was (*sic*) to Queen Ann, one Third part is drawn back.

2nd Duty, $\frac{1}{2}d. p.$ pound to Queen Ann, the whole Drawn back, *8d. p.* doz. still remaining a Burthen, which on 800 Dozen in a year is *26l. 13s. 4d.* You'l be pleased communicate this with my service at all Commands, the City's and your most humble servant, John Score.

I send the Votes to the Mayor of Tiverton and Taunton this Post, please to write them and if you think fitt send Copy of this Letter.

In L. 501, London, April 17, 1739, John Score writes to the Mayor :—Sir, I am favoured with yours of ye 16th inst. Sir Henry and Mr. Balle have really Acted their utmost you'l See in the Votes Petition from Southampton and Poole ordered to lay on the Table.

The Wooll Bill will be brought in to-day.

The Scots Bill is put off for 5 Weakes, so I have Stopt the Presenting our Petition about Soap, as I have no answer from Plymouth, Taunton or Tiverton. Sir Harry desired me to Send you the Inclosed [not preserved]. I was with

Mr. Scroope [M.P. for Lyme] last Tuesday near an hour about ye Soap affair. He told me the drawbacks doe not exceed 11,000*l.* a year.

Fall of Walpole.

L. 504. Nov. 25, 1742.—The Chamber send instructions to Sir Henry Northcote, Baronet, and Humphrey Sydenham, Esquire, M.P.'s for Exeter [*i.e.* in Parliament of Jan. 25, 1741, to Jan. 18, 1747]:—We saw with the utmost pleasure in the Last Session, the Wisdom, Vertue and Steadiness of this House of Commons baffle all the Acts of Corruption and procure the removal at least from publick Employment of those Persons who had been the principal Instruments of bringing both our foreign and Domestic affairs into their present unhappy Situation. We most earnestly recommend to you the promoting with your utmost Vigour a Law for restoring Triennial Parliaments, a law the necessity of which is every day increased by the Growing Influence of Corruption, as it was obtained [*i.e.* in 1694] from our great Deliverer King William in the Heat of a most expencive and Dangerous French War, and we flatter our selves that you will not Suffer your selves to be misled by the Amusement of Annual Parliaments thrown out without the Least intention of being carried on to Effect.

We further recommend to it you that you use your utmost Endeavours by an Effectual and not a Nominal Place Bill to reduce the number of Placemen in your House to a Safe and Moderate Proportion, and we most earnestly recommend it to you to Deferr your Consent to the supplies for the Ensuing year, till Satisfaction hath been given the nation in those Constitutional Points, which we have already pointed out to you, even though “we are convinced of the Justice of the present Warr with Spain in Vindication of the Rights of our Navigation and Commerce and of the Necessity of Supporting the Queen of Hungary [*i.e.* Maria Theresa] against the Exorbitant Power of France, which threatens all Europe with Slavery,” and “are Desirous of Contributing our utmost Efforts to enable his Majesty to carry on the Warre he is engaged in with Vigour, to Discharge the Publick Faith Engaged to Our Allies and to take every Step which Shall be requisite to maintain the Ballance of Power and preserve the Libertys of Europe.”

In L. 505, Nov. 27, 1742, Sir Henry Northcote writes to Mr. Gandy, Attorney at Law in Exeter [*i.e.* Henry Gandy, Town Clerk] that he has received the instructions and will not scruple to obey them. By the next Post (according to Custom) they shall be printed, but Mr. Sydenham “seems extremely nettled at several passages in the Instructions, and declares if they are printed he will Complain to the House of a breach of priviledge against the

Printer. However that shall not deter me from Communicating them to the Publick, which I take to be the Desire and also the Intention of the Chamber.”

In L. 506, London, Nov. 30, 1742, Sir Henry Northcote writes to Mr. Gandy :—I beg leave to Acquaint you that I am advised by a great number of my Friends not to print the Exeter Instructions till we see the fate of Mr. Farley ; who I find Mr. Sydenham is determined to complain off to the House of Commons. His Friend Mr. Davy (haveing little else to doe) hath been with every Printer in Towne, to threaten them with the consequences so loudly talk'd off by my *Worthy Colleague*, in case they shall presume to print those representations ; so that in fact, no person, will undertake it without an Indemnification from me in writeing, which Mr. Fazakerley says will be a most Improper Instrument for me to sign.

I must desire you to Communicate the Contents of this Letter to the Mayor and Chamber, that they may not think me guilty of any neglect in this affair.

P.S.—I should be glad to know the Sentiments of the Chamber about printing these Instructions by the return of the Post.

The Young Pretender.

L. 507. Whitehall, Feb. 24, 1743(44).—Two Copies of a printed letter from the Lords of the Council to Robert, Lord Walpole, Custos Rotulorum for Devon [since May 9, 1733. Doyle, ii, 709, where this is wrongly supposed to be Robert Walpole's son], informing him that : “Whereas his Majesty hath received undoubted Intelligence of the Arrival of the Pretender's Eldest Son in France, and that Preparations are making at Dunkirk* for an Invasion of this Kingdom, in Concert with disaffected Persons here, which Invasion is to be supported by the French Squadron that has been for some time cruizing in the Channel.” He is therefore commanded to see that the laws against Papists are put in execution with the utmost diligence, specifying *Stat. 35, Eliz., cap. 2 ; 3 James I, cap. 415 ; 30 Charles II, cap. 1 ; 1 William and Mary, cap. 8. 9, 15 ;* and to suppress all Riots Tumults and unlawful Assemblies.

In L. 508, Whitehall, Aug. 1, 1745, is a printed proclamation by the Lords Justices : Whereas we have received Information that the Eldest Son of the said Pretender did lately embark in France in order to land in some Part of his Majesty's Kingdoms. They promise a reward of 30,000*l.* to anyone who shall seize and secure the said son of the said Pretender, so as that he be brought to Justice. [See also *Misc. Papers, Proclamations, 1744–1776 ; Horace Walpole's Letters* ii, 124 ; Aug. 7, 1745.]

* See Horace Walpole, *Letters*, ii, pp. 4, 11, Feb. 9, March 1, 5, 1744.

In L. 509, Kensington, Sept. 5, 1745, is a printed letter from the Lords of the Council to Lord Robert [Walpole], Earl of Oxford, Custos Rotulorum for the County of Devon :—Whereas the Eldest Son of the Pretender hath presumed in open violation of the Laws to land in the North-West Part of Scotland* and hath Assembled a considerable Number of traitorous and rebellious Persons in Arms who have set up a Standard in the Name of the Pretender and in an audacious manner have resisted and attacked some of His Majesty's Forces and are now advancing further in that part of His Majesty's Kingdom of Great Britain ; and there is the greatest Reason to apprehend that these wicked Attempts have been encouraged, and may be supported by a Foreign Force. They therefore desire him to enforce the laws against Papists, prevent tumults, assemblies, &c., &c., [as in L. 507].

In L. 510, Sept., 1745, the Mayor writes to the Duke of Dorset [*i.e.* Lionel Cranfield Sackville, President of the Council since Jan. 3, 1745] that in obedience to his Grace's letter of the 5th instant [L. 509] he has made search for Papists, recusants, arms, ammunition, &c., &c., and sends an account of the results of his enquiries, *viz.*, that 9 papists had been summoned and 6 others who were suspected to be non-jurors giving their names and occupations (*i.e.* fullers, upholsters taylors, whitebakers, joiners, victuallers); such as refused to take the oath were ordered not to remove more than 5 miles from their houses, which were searched by the Constables, but no arms, weapons, gunpowder, Ammunition or horses were found. They all Expressed the Strictest regard to the present Royal family upon the Throne, though their Religion would not give them leave to Subscribe the Declaration of the 30th of King Charles.

In L. 511 (1745) is a draft address from the Chamber to the King :—We your dutifull and obedient Subjects, under whose auspicious reign we have altogether enjoyed Blessings of the first Magnitude and doubt not to see you shortly arbitrate the Fate of the Western World," being "astonished at the mad and rash proceedings of the audacious Pretender, though no way apprehensive that Your Majesty's affairs will suffer or be retarded by his inconsiderable diversion." They assure His Majesty that "we are by duty and principle steadily inclined to sacrifice all that is ours to promote yours and the common cause and that no part of Your Majesty's Dominions shall ever manifest a more forward zeal to discountenance and oppose all your Adversarys than we of this your Loyall City.

May Your Majesty speedily see the hand of God displayed against all that would insult Your Coast or dare any way

* *i.e.* At Loughnamuagh on July 25 (O.S.), 1745, Mahon iii, 208 ; *i.e.* Aug. 2, 1745, D.N.B., x, 109.

countenance and assist Your cruell Invaders, that you may successfully go on to make Your name more and more glorious by humbling that haughty Tyrant who hath so long harrast and injured his Innocent neighbours.

South Sea Annuities.

L. 512. June 12, 1745.—Printed receipt to John Newcombe, Thomas Heath [Treasurer of St. John's Hospital] and Francis Brayne for transfer of 201*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* in the Joint Stock of South Sea Annuities, and a like receipt for 53*l.*, Sept. 3, 1754. [See *Treasury Papers*, 1742–1745, pp. 625, 635, 733, 817.]

In L. 536, London, May 6, 1760, Nathaniel Paice sends to Mr. Benjamin Heath [Town Clerk] a note of interest received on 431*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* South Sea Annuities, *i.e.* 51*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.* from Oct. 10, 1755, to Oct. 10, 1758, less his commission at 2*s.* 6*d.* = 1*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*

L. 537, 538. London, May 13, Dec. 30, 1760.—The same to the same in regard to the balance of the late Mr. Thomas, Hauth's account.*

In L. 523 (undated) are Proceedings at ye General meetings of the Exeter Second Annuitant Society.

Gaming Houses.

L. 517 (undated ?1750).—Draft of a Constable's Warrant for searching any Common house, alley, or place of Bowling Coyting, Cloysh, Cayle, half-Bowl, Tennis, Dicing Table or Carding of any other manner of game prohibited by Stat. of 3 Henry VIII.

Streets of Exeter.

L. 527. New Inn, Exeter, Nov. 27, 1754. Minutes of a meeting of the Citizens to consider an application to Parliament for a Bill for cleansing and lighting the Streets, of Exeter. [For Act of 1 George III, c. 28 (1760), see Oliver 271.]

In L. 571, Exeter, Jan. 2, 1769, is a handbill calling a meeting of the citizens to petition Parliament that the Turnpike Road be extended from the Bottom of St. David's Hill to the End of Paul's Street, or Waterbeer Lane or the Conduit as they shall think fit.

In Book 51, *f.* 22*b*, is an Acte of Parliament for paving, the Streetes yn the Citie of Excester [? 6 Edward IV, 1466–7. Oliver, 269]; also in Book 52, *f.* 229*b* (undated), where it begins: "Sheweth to your descrete wysdomes the Mayor,

* For the South Sea Company 1729, 1750, see Horace Walpole, *Letters*, iii, 20.

bayliffes and Commonaltie” . . . ends : “The pavement so by theym made or otherwyse by agreement.”

In D. 1813, Nov. 26, 1706, the Chamber authorises Samuel Izaacke, Gent. [Chamberlain], to demand, receive and take duties of wheelage of all wagons and carts coming into the City with wheels bound with iron towards the reparation of the streets of the City till Dec. 24, 1707.

In D. 1797, Oct. 10, 1698, the Chamber appoints Robert Newcombe to collect wheelage in the City.

In D. 1827, Feb. 2, 1724, is a similar appointment to Otho Channon of St. Sidwells, sergemaker.

For action (*Ward v. Hunt*) as to wheelage, see *Law Papers*, 1707.

For an Act for amending Roads and widening Exebridge, see *Law Papers*, 1773 [*i.e.* 13 George III, c. 109—Oliver, 272].

In D. 1826, Sept. 3, 1723, are agreements between the Mayor &c. and Henry Furzman of Exeter, husbandman, to carry away “the dirt and filth of the streets of Exeter as the Common Scavenger.”

For other agreements with the City Scavengers, see *Misc. Papers*, 1730, 1731, 1758, 1800.

Book 206 (A.D. 1794) is a Book of the Committee for Paving, Lighting and otherwise improving the streets of Exeter.

Book 207 contains proceedings of the same Committee (1794).

Impressed Men.

L. 530. Jan. 27, 1757.—Sworn Information of 4 constables that on Tuesday, Jan. 25th last, they did apprehend and impress 6 persons who were seamen and brought them before the Mayor and Justices the next morning, who deemed that they were proper persons to serve His Majesty as Sailors, and ordered the Constables to conduct them to a Tender lying off Exmouth and belonging to the *Sunderland* man-of-war. This the Constables did and tendered them to William Grant, a Lieutenant, who appeared to be the Commanding Officer on board the Tender. Grant refused to take any of them except two, and even for these he would not give a Receipt except as landsmen. The Constables describe them as “young and able” or “young and lusty Fellows,” and they complain that owing to Grant’s refusal they have been deprived of His Majesty’s Bounty, which they claimed from the Collector of Customs.

In L. 531, War Office, Feb. 22, 1757.—Viscount Barrington [Secretary at War, 1755–1760] writes to the Mayor :—Owing to a defect in the late Act for Recruiting His Majesty’s Land

Forces, your City has as yet been deprived of an opportunity of shewing their zeal for the King's service, but the new Act, which has lately received the Royal Assent, has Remedied the Defect. The Mayor is accordingly to summon the Justices to meet not later than March 2nd next. Col. Duroune, whose head quarters are at Exeter, will send a proper officer to attend you at all your Meetings to receive such Volunteers as shall present themselves and such Impressed Men as you shall deliver to him within the Description of the Act.

Endorsed, "Letter about the Pressing Act," with note, "Advertise for Volunteers. All Hallowes on the Walls."

In L. 532, War Office, April 1, 1757, Thomas Tyrwhitt writes to the Town Clerk, Benjamin Heath, Esq., acknowledging receipt of his letter March 30th, enclosing a return of Volunteers and pressed men raised for his Majesty's service.

In L. 534, Nov. 3, 1757, Benjamin Heath, Town Clerk, writes to Major Beckwith, as being the Commanding Officer here, informing him of the dates fixed between Nov. 22 and Jan. 19th next for the meetings of the Commissioners for the Execution of the Act for the more speedy Recruiting His Majesty's Land Forces and marines, and asking the name of the Officer who shall have been nominated to attend.

In L. 553, War Office, Sept. 28, 1765, the Secretary at War thanks the Mayor for Committing a deserter to gaol. For similar letters of thanks from the War Office to the Mayor, see L. 555 (Dec. 14, 1765) and L. 556 (Jan. 7, 1766); also from the Admiralty in L. 567 (Aug. 20, 1766).

Freedom of the City.

L. 533. Bell Yard, April 28, 1757.—W. Davy [see L. 575, where he forwards a document to the Chamber on July 3, 1771] writes to the Town Clerk:—Every one knows that it has been the constant infamous Practice of those whose Hearts are not English to recriminate the Charge of Disaffection upon their Accusers, and these very Gentlemen, Mr. Pitt and Mr. Legge, are upbraided for the Connections with those at the Cocoa Tree. May not then their Enemies upon this occasion frame the Complex Idea of *Royal Oak*, and so misinterpret the poore Intention of this Compliment? May not the Gentlemen under the apprehension of such Misrepresentation find themselves embarrassed? And is it fit that so wise and respectable a Body as the City of Exeter should do any Thing which may possibly admit of the least Cavil or Misrepresentation?

If I presume to present the Instruments [*i.e.* the freedom of the City] without any Boxes at all, that would not only be an express departing from my Orders, but would also be below the City's character. And as the City of Bath make

their Compliments in Gold Boxes, that also may be another Reason for altering your Measures.

To present Gold Boxes will occasion no Loss of Time ; for the method then would be (as was done in the City of London) to draw up 2 Orders of Chamber that the Freedom of the City be presented to Mr. Pitt* (and another to Mr. Legge†) as a public Testimonial &c. (as worded in the present Instruments), and that the same be presented in a Gold Box. These Orders I should wait on them with immediately, so that paying the Compliment would not be delayed a moment ; and when the Boxes are prepared (perhaps a fortnight afterwards), I should present the Act of Admission to their Freedom. For instance, the Boxes from London will not be completed this month yet, because of the great variety of work in them, but Mr. Pitt and Mr. Legge have been in full Possession of the Honour ever since the Order of Common Council was presented, though the Acts of Admission to their Freedom of the City are to be delivered hereafter in the Boxes.

I have enquired what price such Boxes would bear, and find that the Utmost (if made plain and only engraved with the City's Arms) would be 25*l.* each, and I suppose they may be made for much less.

[For the Shower of Gold Boxes, see *Horace Walpole's Letters*, iv, 71 ; Mahon, iv, 102.]

In L. 548, Lincoln's Inn Fields, March 1, 1764, C. Pratt [*i.e.* Sir Charles Pratt, Chief Justice of Common Pleas, who issued the warrant for the release of John Wilkes, May 6, 1763] sends to Mr. Benjamin Heath [Town Clerk] a letter of thanks for the freedom of the City, which had been presented to him. Adding : I feel an uncommon pleasure in this Testimony of Good Will from the City of Exeter, as it is the Capital of that County where my Father and All His Ancestors took their Birth, and where I myself heretofore received an encouragement in my practice far beyond my merits. [For freedom of the City of London granted to him, see *Horace Walpole's Letters*, vi, 21, Feb. 24, 1764. For his portrait in the Guildhall at Exeter, see Oliver, 214.]

In L. 588, Castle Hill, Sept. 25, 1778, Lord Fortescue [*i.e.* Matthew Lord Fortescue, Deputy Lieutenant for County Devon] thanks the Town Clerk for his letter informing him of the election of himself and his son to the freedom.

In L. 589 (same date), Mr. Hugh Fortescue [son of above] writes to the Town Clerk to the same effect.

In L. 590, Buckland Downs, Sept. 27, 1778, is a letter to the same effect from Sir William Lemon ; also in L. 591

* *i.e.* after his dismissal April 5, 1757.

† *i.e.* Henry Bilson Legge, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

(Bruton Street, March 19, 1782) from Sir Robert Palk [formerly Governor of Madras]; also in L. 593 (Walmer Castle, Oct. 6, 1782) from Lord North [*i.e.* Frederic Lord North, Prime Minister, 1770–1782], in which he refers to “that important Station, which I lately held in the service of the Crown.”

In L. 594 (undated) is a draft resolution of the Chamber to present the freedom of the City to Lord Cornwallis. They refer to him as one “whose unremitted Perseverance, good Conduct and consummate Bravery during a long and active service in America have sadly entitled him to every mark of Distinction and Respect and the Lustre of whose Character still remains undiminished although by the Events of War his zealous Endeavors in the Service of his Country have unfortunately proved ineffectual.” [He capitulated at Yorktown, Oct. 19, 1781, and arrived in London, March 19, 1782. *Cornwallis Correspondence*, i, 51, 52, 136.]

On the dorse :

Resolved that the Freedom of the City be presented to Lieut. Col. Simcoe for his very able and spirited Behaviour in America, and this Body have a peculiar Satisfaction in paying this Mark of their Respect to an Officer, who having spent the earlier part of his Life in this City has since proved himself an Ornament to his Profession.

L. 595 (undated) is a Copy of Lord Cornwallis' acceptance. He adds: “The severe blow which the British Arms have sustained in America, and which has so unfortunately fallen on my head impresses me with the deepest concern, although I am supported by a Consciousness of having exerted the utmost of my abilities to prevent it.”

In L. 596 (undated) is a pencilled draft of a resolution to present the freedom of the City to Sir George Augustus Elliott, K.B. [*i.e.* since April 23, 1783], Lieutenant General of his Majesty's Forces, “who, with a Firmness, Perseverance and Intrepidity unequalled in the History of this or any other Country for many years successfully resisted and at last by one great effort of Skill and Bravery totally defeated a great and powerful force sent by the united powers of France and Spain for the reduction of that important Fortress of Gibraltar.”*

In L. 597 (undated) is a pencilled draft of a speech on presenting the freedom of the City to Lord Hood [*i.e.* Samuel Baron Hood of Catherington, *cr.* May 28, 1782]: His Majesty having been pleased to call your Lordship into the more active line of your profession opened to you an occasion of displaying to the world those consummate abilities and that intrepidity of spirit to which the Companions of your service and the

* *i.e.* till Oct., 1782. He returned to England in 1787. Mohun vii., 196.

enemy to whom you have been opposed alike bear testimony. But I should ill perform the Commission I have received if I did not particularly and in ye most honourable terms on this occasion mention the ever memorable Action of ye 12 April (*sic*), 1782, in which ye Glory of ye British Navy shone forth with unexampled Lustre [*i.e.* the defeat of the French fleet off Dominica].

Also draft of a Resolution presenting the freedom to the Honourable Henry Hood as "a further Testimony of their gratitude to the noble Lord his father."

In L. 598, Mamhead, Wednesday morning, *s.a.*, James Lowther [*i.e.* Baron Lowther, *cr.* May 24, 1784] writes to the Town Clerk:—

He apologises for not having acknowledged receipt of his letter earlier, adding: With regard to the subject of it I must beg leave to observe that His Royal Highness* (*sic*) has never upon similiar occasions been call'd upon for those Fees that are necessarily and very properly exacted from a private Gentleman.

Considering *myself* as such, and highly sensible of the Honor I received, which however at Exeter, as at all other places was bestowed as an additional favour to that given to H.R.H., I submit myself to your Judgment upon it and beg to know what the Usual Fees are. I am, Sir, Your very obedient humble Servant,

Ja. Lowther.

In L. 600 (undated), James Holman applies to "the Sheriff Officer for the Citty and County of Exeter," for payment of his account, 2*l.* 17*s.* 0*d.* for going to Exmouth after the Recorder and three days' Express to Honiton to meet the Duke of Gloucester. "Alderman Moore Excepted the bill and promised to pay mee, But waiting ever since for my money, and at Last Refused to pay mee, Saying hee has paid money anuff for the Chamber alreday, tharefor should go to the man Iploid mee. I now Gentlemen ably to you for payment, which hope you will grant, from youre Humble Servant,

James Holman.

L. 599, June 9, 1784.—James Holman's receipt for 2*l.* 7*s.*

In L. 614, Colyton, Monday morning, *s.a.*, Sir John Pole sends a letter of thanks to the Town Clerk [Henry Ley, 1775–1814] "for the honour they have done him."

Election of 1761.

LL. 539–542*a.* Exeter, March 7–13, 1761.—Five printed election squibs, one of which recommends Mr. Praed as a

* *i.e.* William Henry, Duke of Gloucester, brother to George III.

Proper Person to represent us in Parliament [*i.e.* for the Parliament that sat from May 19, 1761, till March 11, 1768, to which John Tuckfield (*d* 1766) and John Walter of Bicton were re-elected on March 26, 1761. See Freeman, 223.]

In L. 557, Pall Mall, Jan. 23, 1766, John Walter* sends 50*l.* to the Mayor to be distributed by him among the necessitous poor of the City.

For action of the Chamber of Exeter *v.* Rioters in the Election, see *Law Papers*, 1761.

The Provost Court.

L. 544, 1763.—Directions for the Stewards respecting proceedings in the Provost Court.† *Inter alia* they are to take 3*d.* for the Town Clerk for every plaint for a debt under 40*s.* and for every debt of 40*s.* or upwards they are to take 1*s.* for themselves and 2*s.* 3½*d.* for the Plaintiff, and Duty to be paid to the Town Clerk when called for. The document contains a list of 19 plaintiffs and defendants, with the amount of their Claims and the names of their Attorneys. It is endorsed "Mr. Receiver Collins Plaintiff Book."

For the Provost Court Books, A.D. 1507–1881, see *Books* 114–135.

For Provost Court Rolls, A.D. 1328–1702 (with gaps), see Stuart Moore's *Calendar*, vol. ii.

For seal of the Court, "*S' prepositorum civitatis Exoniæ*" or "*Sigillum pretorii Exoniæ civitatis*," see D. 717, Jan. 17, 1298.

The Land Tax.

L. 530 dors. April 21, 1757.—The Commissioners of the Land Tax for the City of Exeter summon Joseph Bass to appear before them at the Guildhall on Wednesday, May 5th, to account for the money collected by him as Collector of the Reassessment of the Land Tax made in the year 1754 on the Parish of St. Mary Steps, which he had not yet returned to the Sheriff or the Receiver General, but had fraudulently converted to his own use.

L. 550. Office for Taxes, May 25, 1765.—John Trenchard and others write to the Mayor desiring him to call a meeting of the Commissioners of Land Tax in Exeter and enclosing 12 Acts of Parliament for appointing Commissioners under the Land Tax Act passed in 1765.‡

In L. 561, Office for Taxes, March 27, 1766, C. Rigby and others write to the Mayor concerning the Land Tax Com-

* see L. 582.

† *i.e.* *Curia Prætorii* or *Curia Provostricæ Domini Regis*. Freeman, p. 153.

‡ For Sir George Greville's promise to reduce the Land Tax before his fall on July 10, 1765, see Horace Walpole, *Letters*, vii., 87; *ibid.*, *Memoirs*, ii., 297.

missioners, that a General Meeting may be held for putting the same in Execution.

For Copies of Land Tax Rates, A.D. 1740–1751, see *Books* 161–167.

In D. 1853, June 7, 1799, is a certificate of redemption of Land Tax on four dwelling houses in Langbroke Street, with similar certificates with regard to land in Sowton belonging to Seldon's Charity in D. 1854 (June 13, 1800), and a tenement called "Hacombe Down" belonging to Lethbridge's Charity in D. 1855 (June 13, 1800).

Steward.

L. 554. Dec. 6, 1765.—Thomas Wilcocks writes to the Mayor desiring that his patient Mr. Gattey [? a relative of Edward Gattey, Chamberlain from Nov. 17, 1795, to Sept. 15, 1814; Town Clerk 1814 to Jan. 1, 1836] may not be fined for not accepting the office of Steward on account of his Indisposition. He is afflicted with so great dejection of Spirits as even to deprive Him of Reason. [For list of Stewards till 1722, see *Izacke Tables*.]

Bread Riots.

L. 558. Jan. 29, 1766.—A printed Order in Council for a return of the price of corn as the same stood in the month of December last and in the present month of January.*

In L. 559, Honiton, Feb. 3, 1766, Richard Lewis writes to Mr. Hayman at Benjamin Heath's, Esquire, desiring to know "what particular Idea may be fixed to white, wheaten and household bread; what is denominated household being a base mixture of fermented Bran ground down and bolted, to which is added the worst kind of meal not rang'd." He adds: "I am sorry to hear of Mr. Heath's Illness, but hope he is now better."

In L. 565, Escott [near Honiton], Aug. 2nd, 1766, Sir George Yonge [M.P. for Honiton in 1754, 1768, 1774] writes to the Mayor:—I am sorry to acquaint you that the Effects of the fury of the mob at Ottery have been as follows: viz., Several Farmers' Corn forcibly seized and carried to market and sold at 5s. per Bushell; one Mill, a Flour Mill at Ottery, totally destroyed, that is all the Tackling of It. At Tipton, another Mill, in like Manner destroy'd. In Sidbury Parish, another Mill, belonging to Mr. Westcott and Mr. Duke, in like manner destroyed, and it seem'd (*sic*) the mob at Collumpton rose again the Day before Yesterday and entirely destroy'd the Mills belonging to Mr. Sainthill at Bradninch. On Thursday according to our Resolution, I sent in a Paper to be published and affixed in Ottery Market Place, as Mr. Drewe did at

* For embargo on the exportation of corn, Sept. 24, 1766, see Horace Walpole, *Letters*, vii., 42; *ibid.*, *Memoirs*, ii., 260.

Collumpton. The mob gather'd insulted my Servant and intimidated the Cryer, so that he dared not do his duty ; however another was found, the Paper was cry'd and affixed. On reading, They declared : It would not do, the Gentlemen need not trouble themselves, for *They* would fix the Price at 4s. 9d. next Market Day : Upon this I rode into the Town yesterday, and told both the Common People and the better Sort, that if things were not quiet the Military must be sent for : I likewise directed the principal Inhabitants to call a Parish Meeting Sunday Evening to communicate to the Town the fatal Consequences of such Proceedings. I hope this will have the Desired Effect, especially if Honiton Market to-day should happily imitate *the Peace and good order* of Exeter, and I shall do myself the Honour of acquainting you with what happens to-day at Honiton if I learn it time enough to send by the Post this Evening. But if things should go Ill, I should be glad to know if there are any Troops at Exeter or near It (I understand there are some at Tiverton), though I hope in God there will be no need of such extreme measures. Mr. Drewe has sent in Corn to Collumpton Market, and Mr. Duke and myself have sent in some to Honiton Market. I have order'd mine to be sold at 5s. 3d. and 5s. 6d. *p.* Bushell to the Poorer Sort, as we have resolved to keep rather above the Price dictated by the Mob. I shall send to the Millers to know if they can part with any Flour, and I should be glad to know if any more *rice* can be had from Exeter at the Price you mention. [See Mahon, v, 166.]

In L. 566 (undated) the Mayor replies to Sir George Yonge (L. 565) : It is very disagreeable and alarming to us (*i.e.* the Magistrates) to hear of the outrages committed by the Populace in your part of the Country, their Behaviour here hath been attended with no ill consequences nor is it likely to be so. On Friday night some few poor people showed some uneasiness at the high price of wheat and went to the Corn Market telling the Farmers that they expected to have it at a more reasonable price, whereupon the Town was somewhat alarmed, but some of (*sic*) magistrates appearing there everything was quiet immediately the Farmers fell the price of their Corn, and what the poor people bought they paid for immediately and went off very contentedly without making any further riot of disturbance. The next day I desired the Gentlemen of the Town to meet me at the Guildhall to consider of some method of relief for the poor in respect of the Exorbitant price of wheat, when several Gentlemen declared that they had ordered for large quantities of wheat from the Eastern Market, which they expected in daily and which, when arrived, they would sell at prime Cost, *viz.*, about 5s. 6d. *p.* Bushell. This satisfied the people greatly, and for their present Relief we prevailed on the Bakers to part with some of their present Stock of Flour. This the Chamber bought of them to the (*sic*) of

about 90 Sacks, which we are selling to them at $1\frac{1}{2}d. p. lb.$, besides this many Barrells of Rice have been sold out for $2d. p. lb.$ This, Sir, hath entirely stopped the progress of the Flame, which first appeared to be kindled on this account, and the people here by these means together with the Consequences of any illegal or riotous proceeding having been strongly impressed upon them have since behaved very peaceably, and we are not under the least apprehensions of any future disturbances.

L. 576. April, 1772.—Whereas a most daring Robbery was committed on Tuesday last by a Multitude of Evil disposed Persons who assembled themselves in the parish of St. Sidwell and did stop a Waggon laden with Flour and with great Force and Violence did put to Flight the Drivers of the said Waggon and afterwards divided the Flour among themselves. The Magistrates therefore offer a reward of 10 guineas for the apprehension of either of the two men who first stopped the Waggon, and assure the Farmers of their determination to suppress all further disturbance by making a great number of additional Constables.

Endorsed : Cry about ye Riot and Robbery. April, 1772.

In L. 562, War Office, April 22, 1766, Lord Barrington [*i.e.* William Wildman, Secretary at War] writes to the Mayor that he has received from Lieutenant-Colonel Maddison a detail of some outrageous proceedings and acts of violence lately committed by a riotous mob at Exeter. [See L. 566.] He thanks the Mayor for his conduct in the matter and desires to be informed whether William Smith, an out pensioner of Chelsea Hospital, was a ringleader of the mob. If so, he will be struek off the pension.

In L. 604, March 27, 1801, is a printed notice of a resolution of certain Gentlemen and Housekeepers in Exeter pledging themselves to abstain from the use of butter for one month, which in the present very forward state of the grass must tend greatly to reduce the price of that article of luxury; with 56 signatures. [See Freeman, p. 227.]

For papers relating to a supply of herrings obtained by the Chamber for the relief of the distressed poor in 1801, see *Misc. Papers*.

The Cider Tax.

L. 560. London, Feb. 27, 1766.—J[ohn] Walter [M.P. for Exeter] writes to the Mayor:— Sir,—Yesterday by the appointment of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the petitions from the Cyder Countycs were presented to the House of Commons, and now lye upon the table in order by the direction of Chancellor to be taken up on next Wednesday to be Committed to the Committee of

Ways and Means, when a further progress will be done with them, and there is a great reason to expect we shall meet with that relief which will be agreeable to the City.*

The Window Tax.

L. 563. Office for Taxes, June 26, 1766.—Edward Younge writes to the Mayor enclosing 12 copies of the Act for repealing the several Duties upon Houses Windows and Lights, and requiring him to summon a General Meeting of the Commissioners for putting the same into Execution.†

Blundell's Charity.

L. 564. Tiverton, July 2, 1766.—George Davey writes to Benjamin Heath, Esq., desiring him to attend a meeting of the Trustees of Blundell's School on the 14th inst., to elect two Scholars on the foundation.

In D. 1690a, May 24, 1601, is the counterpart of a receipt for 900*l.* from the Mayor &c. to the Executors of the will of Peter Blundell‡ of Tiverton, bequeathed for charitable purposes where his will is recited.

For the administration of Blundell's Charity, A.D. 1601 to 1697, see *Books* 146–148, including a copy of his will.

For an account of Blundell's Charity, see *Book* 53, *f.* 137*b* ; *Book* 54, *f.* 12.

Private Letters.

L. 574 has two letters (Sherborne, March 30, April 28, 1771) from Mrs. E. Lacy to Mr. Hayman in Bedford, Exeter, asking for small quantities of drugs to be sent from Exeter and to ask Farmer Nix or his wife what the hogshead of Cider they sent her comes to.

Volunteers.

L. 592 (undated, probably 1782).—Draft of a letter from the Mayor to Lord Shelburn [*i.e.* Wm. Petty, Earl of Shelburne, Secretary of State, March 27, 1782 ; Prime Minister July 13, 1782]. Acknowledges receipt of his Lordship's letter of May 7 last, with a plan for raising Corps in the several principal Towns in Great Britain, which has been considered at several meetings of the Inhabitants of Exeter called for that purpose. Some Difference of Opinion having arisen, how far the people at large might be willing to adopt it, it was proposed, as the surest method of Trial, that a Copy of it should be left at the Guildhall to which such persons as were inclined to offer themselves for this service, were requested

* For the Cider Tax passed April, 1763, repealed 1766, see Horace Walpole, *Letters*, v., 450 ; *ibid.*, *Memoirs*, ii., 219 ; Mahon, v, 14, 146.

† Originated 1695, increased in 1747. Lecky v., 299. See Dowell, *History of Taxation*, ii., 188.

‡ *i.e.* Peter Blundell of Tiverton, who died April 18, 1601. For his will dated June 9, 1599, see *Report on Charities*, p. 170 ; *Endowed Charities*, pp. 341, 360.

to subscribe their names. I am sorry to say that after waiting many days, one name only was subscribed, and as Your Lordship hinted in Your Letter that each Town to whom the Application was made was at Liberty to suggest such Alterations in the Plan proposed as might make it more suitable to the particular Situation and Circumstances of the Place and the Disposition of the People, a Committee was appointed in order to prepare such a Plan to be laid before your Lordship as they think practicable in this City and which may be carried into Execution with Effect and without any great Expence to Government. He therefore encloses a paper containing observations on the Plan and also two separate proposals for raising Companies of independent Volunteers upon different Terms—but neither of these documents has been preserved.*

Daughters of George III.

L. 610 (undated, but=1766).—Address from the Chamber to the King (George III) on the birth of a Princess† “also on the marriage of the Princess your Royal Sister‡ with the King of Denmark,” and “the Personal Care wherewith your Majestie watched over the welfare of your People when by a late reasonable Execution of the Prerogative your Majesty rescued them from all the miseries of famine. In consequence of the late Embargo the Fruits of the Earth are restored to your People.”§

L. 611 (undated).—Draft of an address from the Mayor &c. to the Princess Amelia [youngest child of George III, *b.* Aug. 7, 1783, *d.* Nov. 2, 1810].

They beg leave to pay their most dutifull respects unto your Royal Highness and to return the most Humble Thanks for the Honor you have conferrd upon us in admitting us into your presence. Truly sensible of the many Blessings we have so long enjoyed under the Government of his Majestie's royal family whom God hath been pleased to make the Instruments of his Goodness towards us his Majestie's faithfull subjects retain the highest sense of Gratitude, and as they reflect on times that are past and those that are no more, so they rest upon a sure and certain Expectation that his Majestie's royal ffamily ever will be what they have (*sic*) ever have been the great supporters of the Throne and [*blank*] Protectors of his People.

A Wild Beast Show.

L. 615 (undated).—A handbill of a Grand Menagerie of Foreign Beasts and Birds now Exhibiting in a magnificent Caravan in

* For Lord Selburne's letter (*circ.* April, 1782), to towns suggesting enrolment of volunteers, see *Dict. Nat. Biogr.* xlv., 122.

† *i.e.* Charlotte Augusta Mathilda, *b.* Sept. 29, 1766.

‡ *i.e.* Caroline Mathilda, mar. Christian VII., King of Denmark, Nov. 8, 1766.

§ *i.e.* the embargo on the exportation of corn, Nov. 11, 1766.

the Market place of this Town, printed at Portsmouth by J. Breadhower. They include a Tyger, Lion and Lioness, an amazing animal called the Ethiopian Savage or wild man of the woods, a Porcupine, a Coarta Munda from the River Nile, 2 Coekatoos, and 2 beautiful Maccaws, all described in good showman fashion.

The New Market.

L. 616 (undated).—A paper entitled: "Annual Subscriptions, Dominicals and Surpliee Fees of St. Petrock's likely to be lost if ye scheme for a new Market takes place." The total amount, 13*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.*, with detailed items, including losses likely to be incurred by the Minister of St. Petrock and St. Kerrian should ye Scheme for taking down the herein mentioned Houses take place.

In L. 623 (undated) is a notice that no fish shall be sold in the Fish Market in the Fore Street after 2 p.m.

Copies.

L. 621.—A number of Copies of Royal Sign Manuals, Orders in Council, Letters from the Earl of Bath, Lord Lieutenant of Devon and Exeter [see *Comm.* LXIV, page 10; L. 142, p. 85], to the Mayor &c. relating to supplies, loans, subsidies, musters &c., from 1611 to 1628. They appear to have been copied from originals in the possession of the Corporation in a hand of the middle of the 18th century and are somewhat injured by damp.

Sec. V.—*INVENTORIES OF CHURCH GOODS.*

Seventy-six documents (*Nos.* 1–75) in connection with Commissions appointed in 1552 (6 Edward VI). The Commissioners appointed for Exeter were the Bishop (Miles Coverdale), the Mayor (William Hurst), Sir Thomas Dennys, Sir Peter Carew, Richard Chidley (*i.e.* Chudleigh) and two Aldermen (*viz.*, Thomas Prestwood and John Midwinter);* but the two Knights and Richard Chidley appear to have taken no part in the Exeter enquiry except as regards St. Sidwells, where they took the place of the Mayor and the two Aldermen. (*No.* 66, *Notes and Gleanings*, iv, 177.)

The Commission is dated May 16, 1552, and instructions† to the Commissioners, dated June 10, 1552, will be found in *Book* 55, f. 107*b* (printed in *Surrey Archæological Collections*, iv, 190).

For a letter dated Aug. 14, 1552, from the Council at Titchfield to the Exeter Commissioners, see *Acts of Privy Council*, iv, 112.

The returns were sent up to London to be controlled by a subsequent Commission which was appointed on Jan. 16, 1553.‡

* See Dep. Keep. 7th Rept. App. II., p. 311.

† For similar instructions in Northamptonshire see Fuller, *Church History*, p. 417 (edition 1655); *Alcuin Club*, vii., pp. xii–xiv.

‡ Dep. Keep. 7th Report, App. II., p. 312; *Surtees Society*, 97, p. xiv.

and nine of them still exist in the Public Record Office (*Exchequer K.R. Church Goods*, 8-2-16). These have reference to the goods found in the churches of All Hallows-on-the-Walls ($\frac{2}{4}$), St. John's Bow ($\frac{2}{17}$), St. Martin ($\frac{2}{11}$), St. Mary Arches ($\frac{2}{10}$), St. Olave ($\frac{2}{5}$), St. Pancras ($\frac{2}{5}$), St. Paul ($\frac{2}{3}$), St. Petrock's ($\frac{2}{8}$), Holy Trinity ($\frac{2}{13}$). See *Dep. Keep., 7th Rept., App. II, p. 317*. Each consists of one sheet only, and most of them are quite legible. All are signed by four of the Commissioners, and each is endorsed with the names of the two Churchwardens of the parish concerned. The goods are inventoried under the heads of (a) *Plate*, (b) *Vestments and other things*, with a schedule enumerating the articles "left for the necessary ministrations," the latter being usually one bell in the steeple (with its weight "by estimation"), a chalice (either silver gilt or parcell-gilt), a pall for the corpse (either of blue silk or black velvet or yellow velvet with a black cross), a few linen table cloths, (varying from 3 to 11 "good and badd"), font cloths (usually 3), a surplice of two, and in the case of St. Mary Arches a carpet of "bridges" [*i.e.* Bruges], satin for the Communion table. In the case of the Cathedral these articles are called "things reserved" (see *Nos. 59, 60; Notes and Gleanings*, iii, 61).

The inventories still existing at Exeter are bound in a volume marked *Book 60 H.* (called 60 G. in *Calendar*, II, p. 1117), containing 149ff., the documents being well mounted. The entries refer to goods found in the Cathedral and all the (19) parish churches in Exeter, *i.e.* in addition to those mentioned above, St. Mary Michel or Muchel (*i.e.* the More), All Hallows, Goldsmith Street, St. Sidwells, St. Kyrian (or Quyrine), St. Mary Steps, St. David's Downe, St. Edmunds, St. George's, St. Lawrence, and St. Stephen's. To each are attached the answers made by the Churchwardens to the interrogatories of the Commissioners, together with the inventories of the goods (both rough drafts and fair copies). Some extracts will be found in *Notes and Gleanings*, Vols. II, III, IV, V, but the whole of the contents of the volume have been recently transcribed for publication by Miss Beatrice Cresswell, to whom I am greatly indebted for permission to read through her transcript. Several of the entries make reference to previous inventories made in 28 Henry VIII (1537) or 3 Edward VI (1549): *e.g.*, "Commanded to make 3 years ago" (St. Paul's); or April 9, 1549 (St. Sidwell's); Sept. 24, 1550 (St. Petrock's); Dec. 7, 1550 (St. Mary Major).

At St. David's Down, "two pair of vestments, surples &c. have been stolen," also "at the Commosynge tyme (*i.e.* the Commotion in 1549, page 21) our Churche was robyed and toke all frome us and that ys now yn the churche whe bofft hit of anewe."

At St. Edmund's the plate had been shifted from house to house by the rebels "in the Comocyon tyme," a chalice being afterwards found under a man's bed.

At St. George's a silver cross gilt was delivered to the city of Exeter for the use of the haven. (*See page 27.*)

At St. John's Bow plate was "sold in ye Comocyon tyme for the releif of the poor when the citie was beseiged and for mending of ye clock," and the Churchwardens say that "aboute foure years past 4 sidesmen appeared before Sir Roger Blewett, Kt., Anthony Harvey, Esquire, and others of the King's Commissioners, and showed one of their accounts of which the Commissioners took a copy, telling them that the jewels and plate should be safely kept and to be forth coming at all time that the King required."

At St. Kyrian's plate had been sold "for the reparacion of the church, releif of the poor in the Comocion tyme, or given to the Mayor to be employed upon the haven of Exe."

At St. Mary Arches a candlestick was sold about 7 or years ago for reparation of the church.

At St. Mary Major is a reference to "ye plate yt ye Citie borowed to helpe towards ye bringing in of ye haven."

At St. Tolaves or St. Tooles (*i.e.* St. Olave's), Mr. William Paryam [father of John Periam], who had set a coffer with a chalice and a pair of vestments of red velvet in the church 5 or 6 years ago, took it home again with its contents "and will not render them."

At St. Pancras the Churchwardens had "delivered plate into the City's hands to ye use of the haven, as appeareth by the indenture made betwixte them." Also plate was "stolen at the comocyon tyme being hyd in a garden," or "sold at the late comocyon for the defence of the rebelles and ayde for our solders at that time bestowed."

At St. Sidwell's "at ye comocion tyme ye church was spoyled of all things movable in a manner save only a pyx a paten and 2 cruetts."

In *Act Book II, f. 117*, Dec. 15, 1551, it is agreed "that whereas the wardens with the assent of the parishes of St. George, St. Mary Arches, St. Mary the More, St. Stephyn's, St. Pancras, St. Tole's and St. Keryan's have gyvvyn to the use of the bryngyn upp of the Ryver of Exe such parcell of plate as particulerly apperith by the Indent's thereof made betwene the cetie and them amountyng yn the hole the sum of 741 $\frac{3}{4}$ ozs., which plate wee ffully agree and by this presens do clerely bargayne and sell unto John Bodlegh aftir the rate of 5s. 2d. the unce, which amonteth to the sum of 191l. 12s. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Also the wardens of St. Petrock have given for the use of the city a crosse of sylver al gilded, weighing 102 oz., and an Oylefate (or oilbox—*Book 60 H., f. 63*) of silver and a chales of sylver parcell gilt weighing 44 oz., which was sold (at 5s. *per oz.*) for 37l."

In *Inventories No. 3*, June 15, 1553, the Mayor and his brethren enter into a bond in 400 marks to make satisfaction when required for "certeyn plate and juelles lately belonginge to certeyne parishe churches of the said cittie of Exeter to the

nombre of 891 unces [called 900 oz. in Freeman, 101; or about 1,000 oz. in Izacke, p. 126], takyn and imploude by the maire of the said cittie and his brethren withoute the commaundement, commission or warrante of our seid sovreine lord or of his honourable counsell."

In *Act Book IV*, f. 31b, is a proclamation made to the Commons being called together by the bellman, Sept. 25, 1560, "agayn the pullinge downe and sellinge of belles or any ledde of any churche, &c."

Sec. VI.—DEEDS.

Nos. 1–589 relate to Corporation property, including that of the religious houses that came into the possession of the city after the Dissolution. For a Calendar of these in 4 volumes, see *Books 60 I, 60 K, 60 L, 60 M*. They were examined by Dr. Oliver in 1821 (see S. Moore, *Introduction*, p. 10), who published many extracts from them in his *Monasticon Diocesis Exoniensis* (1847), but with no better references than that they were taken "*ex archivis civitatis Exoniæ*."

(a) *The Magdalen Hospital.*

This house was variously called *Hospitalis Leprosorum* (Oliver, *Mon.*, 302), or *Fratrum Leprosorum* (*Coll. Top.*, i, 375), or *Infirmorum* (on seal, Oliver, *Mon.*, 401), *La Magdeleyne* (D. 72), *La Maudeleyne* (D. 49), the *Mawdlene* (D. 115, 116), *Mawdelyn* (D. 88, 101, 109, 124), or *Maudlin* (D. 523), *The Lazar-House* (Izacke, 11), *The Lepers Hospital* (Oliver, 154). It stood without the south gate in the Parish of Holy Trinity (D. 15, 90), and the chapel of it still remains (Oliver, *Mon.*, 401). For its seals, see Lloyd Perry, 26–29. For accounts of Geoffrey Lewis, Warden of the hospital *temp.* Henry VIII, showing the receipts and expenses of the hospital from 1520 to 1527, see *Misc. Rolls* 58, 59, 60.

In this collection there are 153 documents (.D.D 1–125), besides many counterparts, and it is to be noted that in several of the earlier ones where provosts (*præpositi*) appear as witnesses (e.g. D. 8, 10) their names do not correspond with those given in Izacke. In D. 1 is the undated grant to the Lepers of St. Mary Magdalene by Bishop Bartholomew (1161–1184) of rents from his gavel of Morchard (*i.e.* Morchard Bishop, near Crediton) and the bark of the wood of Chudleigh, with the confirmation (D. 3) by Pope Celestine III, dated May 26, 1192, both documents being printed in Oliver, *Mon.*, p. 402. In D. 81 is an *inspeximus* of the above by Archbishop Chichele, *temp.* Henry V or VI. There are extracts (D. II, v) from the Statutes made in 1245 [*i.e.* in the mayoralty of Martin Pott, 30 Henry III, not Henry IV, as Oliver, *Mon.*, 403], a year after the Hospital had been transferred by Bishop Brewer to the civic authorities (who are called the "founders" in D. 112, May 4, 1530) in the mayoralty of Adam Rifford [see Izacke, 10; Oliver, *Mon.*, 301, 302, 402, where 27 Henry III

should be 29 Henry III]. An English copy of these Statutes from Hooker's *MS.*, f. 502, is printed in Oliver, *Mon.*, 402, where the Latin original is referred to as *Ordo et Statuta Domus B. Marie Magdalene* (see D. II, *a.a.*, where reference is made to a Chartulary of the Magdalen).

The rest of the documents refer chiefly to leases, exchanges or gifts to the Hospital, such as rent-charges on 2 selions of land without the Southgate by Hugh son of Auger (or Fitz Auger) Lillapita* in D. 4, 13 (with his son); in "Doddehestrete" [or "Doddeheye" (D. 32), near the Castle—Oliver, *Mon.*, 302]; given by Richard de Biscipelega [or Bissopesleie (D. 46), *i.e.* Bishopsleigh] in D. 5; in St. John's Street next the Hospital (D. 6, 113, 114, 122) by John Borewine and Emma his wife; a house near the Hospital garden (D. 7) by Peter Wimand; a sexter (*i.e.* 25 gallons) of ale (D. 8); a tenement near their house (D. 31, 32) by Denise, widow of Henry Clark; a garden in St. Magdalene's Street [or Maudeleynestrete, D. 61; Mawdeleyn Street, D. 76] by John Fitzsimon (D. 48, 121a, 123); land adjoining the Courtyard of the Hospital (D. 22 k) by Adam de Leverkebeare [*i.e.* Larkbeare (D. 403) in the parish of St. Leonard's—*Endowed Charities*, p. 275; or Leuerkebeare—*Coll. Top.*, i, 377]; land against the City stank or fishpond [*contra piscariam civitatis Exonie*—"Mawdlyn Lake," D. 103] given by Jordan Bestelebise (D. 10, 13, 20 *f.*), or Beslebyse (D. 20a) or Bestallyse (D. 20c); a rent charge on a mill at Culm (D. 14, 2y, 15); land beyond St. David's Mount by Richeman le Fleming (D. 16); a ferling of land at Southwood in Dawlish by Philip de Furnell (or Furneaux) in D. 17, 18, 23 *f.*, 93, 101, 106, 120, 122b, 124b; 4 acres of land with saltmarsh at Chaldewell or Choldeville (in the manor of Clystwick or Clyst St. George—Oliver, *Mon.*, 401), and a house in the High Street given by Robert Sukespiche or Sukespic (D. 13, 20a, 20b, 20c, 20d, 20e, 20f, 20g, 24, 25, 58, 59); land in the High Street for which the Hospital paid a pair of gilt spurs or white gloves as an acknowledgment to Aimar le Brut (D. 33); two selds in the High Street given by Andrew Hemeric (D. 21); land and houses in South Street given by Maud, widow of Walter de Tours (D. 29, 30); a house in South Street by Walter Criket and his niece Gilda, daughter of Baldwin Ruffus (D. 22); a tenement in South Street by Walter Fitz Baldwin (D. 34); land in the demesne of "Boleworthi" by Thomas de Witeri [or Viteri], D. 23s, 23t; land and two tenements without the East Gate by Roger Taverner (D. 23, 2b) and the widow of Edward Smith, who becomes a sister of the Hospital (D. 44); 4 "dayvas" (*i.e.* dayworks or dargs) of land in "Sytebrokestrete" without the East Gate by Walter Hemeri or Hemeric (D. 47, 635b); tenements in Smythen Street by Henry Picot, Peter Herk, chaplain (D. 26, 35) and Robert le Espicer (D. 30, 2p); rent

* Possibly Luppitt, which is called Loveputta in Grandison, *Reg.* iii, 1710; Lovepita in Oliver, *Mon.* 360; la Putte, *ibid.*, 366.

charge on a tenement in Cartern Street by Geoffrey de Okestun [or Oxtun], D. 27; land in "Corvestret" (D. 28); rent and land at Sprydun in the parish of Broad Clyst by William de Clist (D. 36, 104, 115) and Roger de la Haye (D. 45); land near the Castle at Exeter (D. 39); land at Tale by Robert Beauchamp (D. 52, 63); land on the Schytebroke (D. 20*k*) [*al.* Shytebroke (D. 60); Shutebrok (D. 76); a lake called Shitbrooke (D. 123)] given by Olive Colebrook (D. 67) and Felicia widow of William de Criditon (D. 70); land in "la hetvella [*cf.* Hetfell—Heathfield: Oliver, *Mon.*, 259] de Holebrok" by William Gridgesham (D. 23*i*); and a toft and garden in Trinity Parish by Thomas Calwoodley in 1477 (D. 91).

The property also includes a house, toft, garden &c. in South Street (D. 79); land near South Street (D. 186), where "H. Glasserian, deceased" should be "H. Glasier *jam defuncto*"; two shops, tenement and garden or close or apple orchard (D. 109) containing 7 acres called the Mawdene Ground (D. 116, 121*c*) without the East gate in the parish of St. Sidwells (D. 71, 74, 85) at the end of Southbrook Lane next Parys Street (D. 86) [or Parres Street (D. 124*g*) or Paryestrete next Liverydole (D. 89, 94, 95, 111, 124*b*) or in St. Sidwell's Fee (D. 96, 97, 98, 99, 105, 110)]; a toft or garden and a close without the South gate (D. 72, 82, 83, 90, 92, 121); a house and garden in Magdalene Street (D. 70, 73,); two shops in the High Street opposite to the New Inn (D. 84); a garden next Holeway (D. 88); a meadow next their garden in the parish of Heavitree (D. 102, 121*b*, 124*d*); a close at Southinghay (D. 118); an "orcharde and hoppeyarde" in Magdalen Street (D. 123*a*,) and a tenement adjoining the Magdalen Gate (D. 124).

In D. 51 is a reference to a list [now lost] of decrepit persons received into the hospital from 1382 to 1390.

In D. 108, Nov. 12, 1512, Thomas Andrew, warden of the Magdalen, gives an acquittance for 16*s.* 3*d.* received for the use of the lepers.

For accounts of the Wardens of the Hospital from 1540 to 1689, with gaps for 9–10, 39–40 Elizabeth, 44 Elizabeth to 1 James I, 19–23 Charles I; 1649–51, 1652–53, 1654–55, 1657–58 to 15 Charles II; 7–8 William and Mary, see *Calendar*, Vol. II, p. 174; also 1656–1657 in *Miscellaneous Papers*.

For rental of the Hospital, 1419, see D.II *a.a.*; *Misc. Rolls*, 56; also 1520–24, 1522, 1550, *Misc. Rolls*, 57, 58, 59.

For a Chartulary of the Magdalen (*circ.* 1428) in which are copied several of the deeds and charters belonging to the Hospital together with an English translation of the Order and Statutes of the House, see D.II *a.a.*

For seals of the Hospital, 1334, 1342, see D. 58, 64; Lloyd Parry, *Seals*, 28.

In *Act Book X*, f. 172, Dec. 16, 1662, "it is agreeede that the Chappell att the hospitall, the Maudlyn, without the Southgate shalbe forthwith repaired."

(b) *St. John's Hospital.*

It was situated *ad*, or *infra*, or *juxta*, or *prope portam orientalem* (D. 137; Oliver, *Mon.*, 302, 303); withynne yest gate (D. 1648; Oliver, *Mon.*, 124) "at the Eastgate" in D. 127.

The collection contains 23 deeds (*Nos.* 126-147). In the earliest of them (D. 126) the Brethren and Sisters of the Hospital of St. John grant (in 1230) to Master William de Calne [not "le Calm" as Oliver, *Mon.*, 300] a house next the Chapel of St. Paul which had been given to them by S[er]lo Dean of Exeter [*i.e.* from Dec. 14, 1225, to July 21, 1231]. The documents, which extend to 1475, relate chiefly to rent-charges and leases of the hospital property in Exeter. One of them (D. 144) dated June 4, 1351, is given more at length in Oliver, *Mon.*, 301. The rest refer to tenements in St. Paul's Street (D. 131); North Street (D. 132, 133, 136, 141); Correstret [or Currestrete—*Coll. Top.*, i, 250; *i.e.* Correy Street, now Gandy Street, Oliver, *Mon.*, 114], (D. 134); within the Northgate (D. 138, 140, 142); Smezenstrete [*i.e.* Smith Street], (D. 139); High Street (D. 143); within the East gate (D. 144); or land in a certain waste moor called Wygamore [or Wigmore, (D. 883a)] without the East gate (D. 146, 147).

In 1540 the Hospital passed to Thomas Carew of Bickleigh, whose son John Carew conveyed the church to the Mayor &c. on Jan. 2nd, 1588 (D. 1648), and on Nov. 24, 1592, Humphrey Carew and his son Peter made a further conveyance of it to the Chamber (D. 1743). Some of the hospital property in Exeter was granted to John Haydon and Thomas Gibbes on April 2nd, 1545 (*see* L. 19, page 20) and passed into the hands of the Chamber on Oct. 7, 1555 (D. 1498). The hospital buildings fell into decay, and on Jan. 14, 1624, the church with the churchyard and other of its belongings was purchased by the trustees of Hugh Crossinge to be used as a hospital for setting the poor to work (D. 1740; *Report on Charities*, p. 1; Lloyd Parry, *Exeter School*, 61; *see* page 80).

In Aug. 1627 (D. 1743) the Chamber assigned the unexpired portion of their lease of the church to Thomas Crossinge and others, who at the same time (D. 1744) granted a 30 years' lease of it to the Chamber under whom it became the home of the Free Grammar and Free English Schools, which were the outcome of the education controversy in Exeter in the early portion of the 17th century. *See Report on Charities*, pp. 3, 7, 59; Lloyd Parry, *Exeter School*, pp. 15-78.

In D. 1769, April 14, 1657, the Chamber enter into a bond for 240*l.* with the Governors of St. John's Hospital for securing payment of 127*l.* 4*s.* on April 15, 1658.

In L. 497, May 13, 1734, Mr. Thomas Heath (*see* p. 59) is Treasurer of St. John's Hospital.

In L. 572, Sept. 10, 1769, James Crossing desires Mr. Gregory Jackson to summon the Trustees of St. John's Hospital to elect a president.

For nominations of inmates to the Hospital in 1768, 1770 and 1773, see L.L. 569, 573, 579.

For 3 bundles of papers relating to St. John's Hospital and the property of the Charity, see *Law Papers*, A.D. 1852.

For a dispute between the Hospital and the City in 1361 respecting the limits of Dodehay Street, which extends from the High Street to the City wall on the South, see D. 904, printed in Oliver, *Mon.*, 308.

For memoranda out of the Records of St. John's Hospital relating to an action in the Mayor's Court in "The Hospital v. the Archdeacon of Totnes" in regard to a tenement in St. Martin's Street in 1421, see *Miscell. Rolls*, 64 (1).

For seals of St. John's Hospital, see Oliver, *Mon.*, 408; R. M. Clay, *Mediæval Hospitals*, 102; Lloyd Parry, *Seals*, 3, 4.

In D. 1241a, Aug. 20, 1464, Mawte, widow of Hugh Courtenay, Knight, leaves 13*d.* to be paid to the poore chyldren of St. John's House next the East Gate, to pray for her soul.

For Bishop Grandisson's foundation in St. John's Hospital, Nov. 18, 1332, to which he appropriated the church of Ernescombe (*i.e.* Yarnscombe, near Barnstaple), *pro sustentacione pauperum scolarium gramaticam addiscentium*, see Oliver, *Mon.*, 306; John de Grandisson's *Register*, p. 666; Lloyd Parry, *Exeter School*, 4. The scholars were to live in a *hospicium competens* within the precincts, where they were to receive 5*d.* each *per week*, together with *stramina pro lectis faciendis et potagium sufficiens, focalia et vasa pro pane, carnibus et piscibus*. The document from which the above extract is taken was copied by Oliver from "*Registrum hospitalis S. Johannis inter Archivas Civitatis Exoniæ*," and was entered by Oliver in his *Calendar* (Vol. II, 151), showing that it was amongst the city archives in 1823. He made several extracts from it for his *Monasticon*, but it had disappeared when Mr. Stuart Moore drew up his *Calendar* some forty years later. Quite recently, however, it has again come into the possession of the Corporation, and though time did not allow of a full examination of it during my personal visit to Exeter, I was able to make a few notes as to its contents.

It is a well preserved bound volume of 99 *ff.*, written on vellum with the modern title "*Registrum Prioratus Sancti Johannis*" stamped on the cover.

It begins: In illo quat'no continent' possessiones terrar' et tenementor' reddituum hospitalis Sti. Johis. Baptistæ Exon., *ff.* 1-46, 51-57.

f. 47 has a note of the visit of Edward I to Exeter in 1285 at the request of Bishop Peter Quivil in regard to the murder of Walter de Lechlade. (*Latin.*) See Izacke, 22; Oliver, *Hist.*, 63.

f. 57*b*, 58, Fundacio hospitalis Sti. Johis. Exon, with confirmation charter of Henry III, printed in Oliver, *Mon.*, 302, 303.

f. 58–60. Suit of the Prior in the City Court in the Mayoralty of Adam Scut (*i.e.* 1410–11).

f. 61*b*. Resoluciones. Anno 1370.

f. 63. Rentale Pontis de Exe factum ibidem, Feb. 2nd, 2 Henry IV (1401).

f. 63*b*. Confirmacio privilegiorum civitatis Exon, Dec. 5, 2 Richard II (1378). See Charter XXII. (*page* 4).

f. 65. Pardonacio sup' omissis feodis militum et advocacionibus in comit. Devon, July 26; 20 R. II (1396).

f. 65, 66. Geneologia (*sic*) comitum Devon. a conquestu.

f. 67–76. Appropriacio Holne, Compositio Holne &c., printed in Oliver, *Mon.*, 304, 305.

f. 74*b*. Instrumentum sup' submissione Decani et Capituli de sepeliend' in hospit' Sti. Johis.

f. 74*b*. Dedicacio ecclie hospitalis Sancti Johis. Exon. Edmundus [Stafford] in manerio nostro de Clyst. July 29, 1418.

f. 75. Rentale civitatis Exon, anno 16 R. II (1392–93).

f. 75. Rentale de Dureyurde, de Pastura de Dureyurde, de la fleysfold, same year. John Pouton, Receiver.

f. 77*a*. Dedication of Church of St. Martin. Edmundus [Stafford] Episcopus. Crediton, July 13, 1409.

f. 78*b*. Littera migrationis. May 14, 1513, &c.

f. 80. Privilegia Sti. Johis. Jerl'mtan'.

f. 84. Will of John Talbot, citizen of Exeter, Sept. 21, 1420. (*Latin.*)

f. 85. Rentale Beate Marie de Maresco.

f. 86. Hæc transcripta fuerunt inventa in quodam libro deliberato Priori Rico. Hylle [1497–1524], by Roger Holande, Esquire, anno 1498, which book formerly belonged to Henry Lange, procurator sive collector redditum terrarum sive Tenementorum hospitalis Sti. Johannis, Exon.

f. 94. Nomina extraneorum sepultorum in hospitali Sti. Johannis from 1482 to 1520. [The right of sepulture was granted to the Hospital by Bishop Grandisson on March 31, 1354. Grandisson, *Reg.*, p. 1125.]

(c) *St. Nicholas' Priory.*

Seventy-four documents (D. 148–221).

The Priory was a cell to Battle Abbey and was situated within the city near the North Gate. The manor known as St. Nicholas Fee (D. 213, 215), or Harold's Fee (D. 1595; Oliver, *Mon.*, *Additional Supplement*, p. 14) extended over part of St. David's Hill and the Court Rolls from 1525 to 1608 (with gaps, see Calendar II, 184), together with an account of the manor in 1712 are preserved in the Guildhall—see also *Miscellaneous Papers*, 3 to 20 Elizabeth. The Priory was suppressed on

Sept. 18, 1536 (Oliver, *Mon.*, 115; called 1535 in Izaeke, 19) and as early as Oct. 20, 1538, the Chamber of Exeter sent a representative to the Privy Council in London to negotiate for the purchase of the whole of its lands and tenements (*Act Book I*, f. 152), but the property, together with the late Prior's rights of stallage &c. at the Lammas Fair, was ultimately sold to John Haydon and Thomas Gibbes (see page 21) on April 2, 1545 (D. 1449, 1452; Lysons, vi, 200), though afterwards conveyed to the Corporation on Oct. 7, 1555 (D. 1498; *Book 52*, f. 171*b*), who had previously acquired the monastic buildings in 1539, much of the stone of which was used for repairing the Exe Bridge and the City Walls. The site, together with the Hospital of St. Alexius in the rear of the Priory which had been granted to Sir Thomas Dennis of Holcombe Burnell in 1541 (Dugdale, *Mon.*, iii, 376) extended from Mint [or Minster] Lane at the back of St. Olave's Church to the street called "Britain" (D. 208, 209, 738, 858, 865, where it is a *via regia*), now Bartholomew Street (Oliver, *Mon.*, 330, 331). This site was purchased by the Chamber on May 20, 1549 (D. 1464; *Misc. Rolls*, 28), but disposed of by them in parcels before the end of the 17th century.

In D. 1233, March 25, 1460, Thomas Colewill, Warden of the Grey Friars without the South Gate, leases to the Mayor &c. for 99 years at a rental of 14*s. p.a.* a certain waste place called Frerenhay lying between the city wall and the highway called Britayne. See also D. 1260; Oliver, *Mon.*, 331.

In D. 1354–1357, Nov. 20, 30, 1507, Christopher Wollecott, Warden of the Grey Friars, conveys to the Mayor &c. the area called Frerenhay situate at the back of the house and church of St. Nicholas, "which land was formerly the dwelling place of the said brethren (*i.e.* the Grey Friars)." These deeds contain the seals of the Grey Friars which are described and figured in Oliver, *Mon.*, 332, 408.

In D. 221, Sept. 13, 1527, William collumpton, the last Prior of St. Nicholas, releases the Mayor &c. from all actions, suits, complaints, debts and demands arising before Aug. 10, 1527.

The earliest document in the collection (D. 148), a confirmation by Bishop Osbern (A.D. 1072–1107) of a grant of the Church of Pochelle (*i.e.* Poughill, near Crediton) made to the Priory by Baialandus Ladubed (not Ruelantius La Dubed, as *Coll. Top.*, i, 63) is printed in Oliver, *Mon.*, 119, who has also printed with many discrepancies the full text of many of the others; *e.g.* D. 150, relating to the 4 catch-polls and the Guildhall (see *Coll. Top.*, i, 189; Freeman, 166); D. 151, 155, 156, 156*a*, 167, 172, 177, relating to the Irish property of the Priory in Cork and Cloyne (see also *Misc. Rolls*, 53); D. 164 the grant of the manor of Clifford near

Tiverton, (*Coll. Top.*, i, 186); D. 168 do. of land in Exeter where "Semar le Kat" (not "le Rat") is the correct reading (called "Le Cath" in D. 191); D. 174, 211 also of land in Exeter, (see *Coll. Top.*, i, 378); D. 171 of land in Mathford, (so called in D. 169; *Coll. Top.*, i, 185, but Mateford in D. 178, i.e. Matford in Alphington, Lysons, vi, 8; Worthy, 182). D. 173 land in "Lyfthelehale," (variously called Lischelehale, Lechelhale, Listehale, or Loftokshole in Molland Botreaux near South Molton); D. 202 land in Thurfurton, (i.e. Thorverton) and D. 203 land at Tadyford beyond the North Gate of Exeter (see D. 179, 200, 207).

In D. 176 is a 40-days indulgence granted in May, 1247, to contributors to the fabric of the Priory by Godofridus de Prefectis, Bishop elect of Bethlehem (see Eubel, i, 138; Oliver, *Mon.*, 114); in D. 197 is the *obit* of Richard Newton, June 24, 1295 (Oliver, *Mon.*, 114; *Coll. Top.*, i, 386).

The rest of the documents (not printed in Oliver) include an undated grant (D. 149) by Odo Abbot of Battle [A.D. 1175–1199] to William Fitzralph of part of the land (or street—D. 738) called Irlsberi (i.e. Earlsbury, *alias* Friernhay or Frerenhay, D. 217, 218), which he afterwards granted to the Hospital of St. Nicholas, i.e. St. Alexius' Hospital, founded in 1170 and situated at the back of St. Nicholas Priory—D. 185, 599a (see Oliver, *Mon.*, 154; Dugdale, *Mon.*, vii, 697). For seal see Oliver, *Mon.*, 408; Lloyd Parry, p. 3; Clay, 107, 259; Birch, *Catalogue of Seals*, i, 550. There are also grants of land or houses in Exeter in "Prestestret" (D. 159; *Coll. Top.*, i, 259, called "prusten stret" in D. 198; *Coll. Top.*, i, 189), or "Poulestrete" (D. 206; *Coll. Top.*, i, 251); or near the Priory wall (D. 161, 183, 189, 190; *Coll. Top.*, i, 377); or in the Great Place (*magna placea*) (D. 163; *Coll. Top.*, i, 375); or near the North Gate (D. 165), or at the West Gate (D. 180); or in the High Street (*magno vico*) (D. 170, 188, 191; *Coll. Top.*, i, 251, 375); or without the North Gate (D. 165; *Coll. Top.*, i, 251); or on St. David's Mount (D. 181, 184; *Coll. Top.*, i, 379); or in St. Nicholas' Fee (D. 186, 213; *Coll. Top.*, i, 376); or below the House of the Grey Friars (D. 182, 187, 201; *Coll. Top.*, i, 378), which was about to be enlarged *circ.* 1262 (see Oliver, *Mon.*, 331; *Coll. Top.*, i, 378).

D. 193, 194 refer to a dispute between the City and the Priory which was to be decided by a jury of 12 in the Cathedral on St. Catherine's Day, 1261.

In D. 220 is an award delivered on Aug. 22, 1527, in a dispute between the Mayor and the Prior as to the boundaries of the jurisdiction of their respective courts and a piece of ground called "Launders plott" on the mill stream known as the North Exe,

In *Misc. Roll* 50, is the reply of Prior John Lewis (A.D. 1499—1522) to the answer of Walter Yorke, late Mayor of Exeter (1500—1501).

In *Misc. Roll* 51, dated June 20, 1442 (*i.e.* 20 Henry VI, but called 20 Henry VII (1505) in Oliver, *Mon.*, 117) is a copy of the *Inspeximus* of earlier Charters and privileges, with a small paper book containing 8 leaves.

For receipts of the Priory from June 11, 1476, to June 11, 1477, see *Misc. Rolls* 52.

For Letters Patent, July 28, 1359, to the Abbot of Battle, confirming previous charters granted at the request of the Prior of St. Nicholas, see D. 897a.

For a rental of the Priory, dated Jan. 1, 1415, see *Misc. Roll* 49, which has also an undated list of tenements belonging to the Priory, probably *temp.* Henry VIII.*

The above references to *Collectanea Topographica*, Vol. I, are transcripts made in 1834 from the *Ledger Book* of St. Nicholas Priory, *i.e.* a transcript made in 1589, and probably originally in the Guildhall at Exeter, which ultimately found its way to the Phillipps Collection at Middle Hill (see Oliver, *Mon.*, 113). This may be same as a volume entitled *Chronicon Abbatiae S. Nicolai de Exonia, Impensis Dni. T. Phillipps, Bart., ex Lithographia Medio-Montana*—extending from Adam to the year A.D. 1333, which was recently offered for sale in Exeter.

For a 17th century collection of charters relating to St. Nicholas Priory now among the records of the Bishop of Exeter, see *Hist. MSS., Rept. Var. Coll.*, iv, p. 16.

For Seals of the Priory, see D. 161, 179, 201, 205, 206, 217, 221; Oliver, *Mon.*, 115, 408; Lloyd Parry, 3.

For accounts of the Bailiff and Receiver of the manor of St. David's Down [distinct from St. Nicholas Fee] and of the lands, rents and profits of the City of Exeter lately belonging to the late monasteries and Priors of St. John's, Exeter, Polsloo, St. Nicholas, Exeter, Newenham, Launceston, and Plympton &c. from 1549 to 1722, with gaps, see *St. John's &c. Bailiff's Accounts*, in *Calendar* II, 175. The missing years being 6 Edward VI to 1 Mary; 4, 5 to 5, 6 Philip and Mary; 37—39 Elizabeth; 18—22 James I; 19—20 Charles I 1644—45 to 1649—50; 1658—59.

In *Act Book* IV, f. 80, Jan. 24, 1562, is "The order for the relieving of the poor people in the monastery of St. Nicholas, late dissolved," with account of the "Poore Mennes Parlour," printed in Oliver, *Mon.*, 116.

(d) *Plympton Priory.*

The Prior of Plympton owned houses in the High Street [now the Black Lion Inn, Oliver, *Mon.*, 131], and elsewhere in Exeter (see D. 579, 647, 915, 929, 937), and rent charges on

* This should be compared with the rental of 1476 in Oliver, 125.

his property in the city came into the hands of the Chamber in 1555 (see D. 1498). On June 1, 1523, the Prior and Convent of Plympton are "parsons and proprietarys of the church of St. John ys Bowe" in Exeter (D. 1396*a*; Oliver, *Mon.*, 149), and on Sept. 9th, 1546, a cell of Plympton (*viz.* St. Mary de Marisco or Marsh Barton, close to the suburbs of Exeter) was granted to James Coffyn and Thomas Godwin, who sold the timber to John Hooker on Dec. 10, 1562 (D. 1528; Oliver, *Mon.*, 134). For property in Exeter belonging to St. Mary de Marisco, see Worthy, *Suburbs*, 185.

The documents in this collection, 13 in number (D. 222-234) refer chiefly to grants made by Bishop Warelwast [A.D. 1155 to 1161] and others to the Canons of the Collegiate Church of Plympton [as it formerly was, *i.e.* from 1133 till 1352]. All of them are either printed in full or given in abstract in Oliver, *Mon.*, 129, 130, 131, 136, 138, 145.

(e) *Awliscombe.*

(Eighty documents—D. 235-306.)

This manor situated near Honiton was bequeathed to the Chamber under the will (dated Jan. 20, 1489, D. 267) of Thomas Calewodeley or Calwoodley (see page 44) in aid and relief of the poor inhabitants of Exeter who are burdened by the payment of fee-farms, tallages &c. (See Izacke, *Rights*, p. 20; Lysons, vi, 20.)

The earliest of the documents (D. 235, 237, 238, all undated) show that "Ewelcumb" or "Welcumb," called also "Haulscombe," "Aulescumb Giffard" (D. 242, 246, 247), or "Awliscombe in Marlecomb" (D. 284, for "Marlecomb in the parish of Awlescombe," see D. 293, 296, April 2nd, 1544, July 14, 1545) was in the hands of Alice Coffyn (? *circ.* 1250), who held it under Richard Tremenet (*de Tribus Minetis*). Thomas Calwoodley's name first occurs on Aug. 1, 1449 (D. 251, with a seal of the Staple of Exeter; see also D. 259; Lloyd Parry, p. 9); also in D. 252, 253, 254, 256, showing that he bought a moiety of the manor from Richard Crukern (or Crokehorne) of Childehay in Dorsetshire on Jan. 15, 1452.

In D. 265, April 23, 1488, are the names of several closes within the manor, such as "le Lynche," "le parke under the wode," "le Forlond" "le Newparke," "le Lenecroft," "le Northcroftys," "le Pyleshyld," with lands and meadows called "Menymede," "Luggersthorn" and "Holcomb." In D. 279, 281, two others are given as "Bowecourte" and "Pylysham" [*cf.* "Pyle is lond" (D. 287); or "Pyleslondes" (D. 292)].

In D. 278, July 17, 1494, Richard Unde [or Undy, Izacke, 96] the Receiver of Exeter (see *Receiver's Accounts*, 9, 10 Henry VII) appears as Surveyor of the Lords of the Manor, *i.e.* Calwodeley's

executors, who formally conveyed the manor to the Chamber in accordance with the trust on April 4, 1496 (D. 282, *Report on Charities*, p. 147), the transaction being confirmed by Letters Patent on Oct. 25, 1496, D. 283; *Book 52*, f. 203; *Report on Charities*, p. 146; Izacke, *Rights*, p. 20; Lysons, vi, 20.

In D. 284, Jan. 28, 1501, the Chamber are called Lords of the Manor, and in all subsequent documents granting leases &c. till 1623 (D. 302). The series closes with 4 documents (D. 303-306), showing that the manor was twice mortgaged by the Chamber *temp.* George 1, II.

In D. 1629, Aug. 20, 1585, is a reversionary lease of the manor house then in the hands of John Tucker, granted to George Smith, merchant, of Exeter.

In L. 581, Auliscombe, July 17, 1775, Thomas Prat writes to the Town Clerk respecting the repairs of his tenement at Awliscombe.

For Court Rolls of the manor at intervals from 1496 to 1586, see *Calendar II*, 179. For Bailiffs Accounts of the Manor from 1571 to 1722, see *ibid.* II, 173, with gaps for 6-7 James I; 21 Charles I to 11 Charles II; 6-7 William and Mary.

In *Act Book VII*, f. 215, May 19, 1621, it is agreed that the parishioners of Auliscombe shall have an estate for 99 years to begyn from the 4 of November last of the church-house of Aulscombe, accordynge to a covenante mencioued in a graunte made by the cytye unto their predecessors dated the 4th day of November in the 13th yere of Kynge Henry the viiith [1521], payinge 4*d.* rente yearly: See D. 289.

In *Act Book XIII*, f. 131, Oct. 17, 1699, it is ordered that a Publick Survey bee called and held for the sale of the manor of Auliscombe, and that the Committee named take care that the same bee done.

(f) *Borough's Charity.*

Thirty-five documents—D. 307-341.

Walter Borough or Burrough [Mayor in 1610, 1621] or Borowe (Oliver, 232), by deeds dated Oct. 28, 1625 (D. 326, 332; *Rept. on Charities*, p. 12) and Dec. 20, 1626 (D. 328, 333) gave three houses in Northgate Street to provide shirts and gowns for 8 poor men of Exeter, whom he wished to be maintained in the working house or City's Hospital then proposed to be started in the derelict buildings of St. John's Hospital, but this scheme was never carried out, though by a deed dated Aug. 18, 1629 (D. 326) he granted a further extension of 3 years for its possible fulfilment. By his will dated Aug. 18, 1632 (*Report on Charities*, p. 237) he gave an additional 100*l.* to be invested in land, the proceeds to be distributed in gifts to the poor.

He died in August, 1632 (Oliver, 219) and his portrait is in the Guildhall. See Cotton, *Guild*, p. 35.

All the documents in the series, which begins June 5, 1441, and extends to Aug. 24, 1731, refer to the 3 houses in Northgate Street, which were formally conveyed to the Chamber on Jan. 8, 1667 (D. 333).

(g) *Davie's Almshouses.*

Eighteen documents. D. 342-356.

John Davie [Mayor in 1584, 1594], by deed dated Feb. 10, 1600 (D. 351a; Izacke, 212; *Rept. on Charities*, 174) gave the reversion of two houses with adjoining gardens at the corner of St. Mary Arches Lane and other property in the same neighbourhood together with the rectory and tithes of Marleghe [*i.e.* Mariansleigh near South Molton], to found the almshouse fronting Parr Street (*Endowed Charities* p. 373) that still bears his name. See Cotton, *Guild*, 41.

The documents date from 1579 to 1687, and all refer to these houses and the rectory of Mariansleigh, of which the Chamber appear as the patrons in 1615, 1616 (L. 170; D. 352).

D. 350a (dated Feb. 10, 1600) contains the "Ordinances, Rules, and Constitutions" of the Almshouse with the signature of the founder "John Davye."

For Receivers' Books of Davies' (*sic*) Charity, 1785, see *Book* 154.

For a book containing a description of the various charities in Exeter, 1600 to 1622, see *Book* 149. For a catalogue of founders of charities, see *Book* 52, f. 450.

(h) *Flaye's Almshouses.*

One hundred and three documents (D. 357-459).

Thomas Flaye (*see p.* 97), apothecary [Mayor in 1630] by will dated June 26, 1634 (D. 404, 427; *Rept. on Charities*, 254; Izacke, 212) left lands and tenements in St. Paul's and St. Sidwell's parishes and a close in Northernhay in St. David's Parish, to found an almshouse in Goldsmith Street (D. 450, 451). He died on July 2, 1634 (Oliver, *Hist.*, 220). The bequest was increased by his widow Elizabeth [*d.* Nov. 20, 1673], who conveyed the property to the Chamber as trustees on May 21, 1663 (*Rept. on Charities*, p. 258; *see also* D. 450, Feb. 20, 1667). For signatures and seals of Thomas and Elizabeth Flaye, *see* D. 392, 395, 404, 409, 413, 450.

The documents refer chiefly to leases and titles relating to this property and extend from Oct. 28, 1481 (D. 357) to 1721 (D. 459). They mention the following place names which are of topographical interest, *viz.* the Langbroke (D. 357, 361); Serlyslane (D. 358); Pit Lane (D. 257); le Ruggeway (*i.e.* Ridgeway—D. 368, 199); Grenestoneway (D. 358); Noseworthie's Mead (D. 380) with the "shire of the grasse"

(D. 387); Rownd Pitts (D. 412, 424, 450); Fox Lane (D. 417); Ex Lane (D. 430); North Exe Lane (D. 446). In one of the gardens of the property the following fruit-trees are scheduled in 1637 (D. 425): *viz.* 1 Apricocke Tree, 1 Rennatt tree, a Paire maine tree, 1 peppir tree, 1 Green henning tree, 1 querindon tree, 1 stubbard tree and 2 cherrie trees.

The ordinances and rules of the almshouse drawn up by Mrs. Flaye are contained in D. 427, 451; and in D. 360 there is a copy of the will of William Soper of London, gentleman, dated July 12, 1508, with a broken seal of William Warham, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Other documents referring to Mrs. Flaye will be found in L. 396 (dated London, Dec. 7, 1647), in which John Levermore asks her to send him a bill of Exchange for 50*l.*, and in L. 408 (Feb. 17, 1650), in which she authorises her agents to acknowledge satisfaction of a judgment obtained by her against the Chamber in the Court of Common Pleas.

For the almshouses erected in St. Sidwell's Street in 1834, see *Endowed Charities, Exeter*, pp. 364, 373.

For a silver-gilt bason and ewer given by her to the Chamber, see Oliver, 220.

(i) *The Rectory of Hennock.*

Twenty-six documents. D. 460-484.*

The Rectory of Hennock, near Chudleigh, formerly belonged to the Abbey of Tor, but was leased to John Southcote of Bovey Tracey on Jan. 4, 1539 (D. 461) by the last Abbot Simon Rede, who surrendered the Abbey on Feb. 23, 1539. For his will, dated Sept. 23, 1554, see Oliver, *Mon.*, 171.

The Rectory was purchased by the Chamber of Exeter on April 6, 1631 (D. 466; not 1651, as *Rept. on Char.*, p. 252), from Thomas Southcote's son (D. 464), Fitzwilliams Southcote of Sowton, for 450*l.*, the money being chiefly taken from Lawrence Bodley's legacy [see page 99; *Rept. on Char.*, p. 252; Lysons, vi, 270].

The documents relate to various transactions in connection with the property from Southcote's lease in 1539 (D. 461; Oliver, *Mon.*, 172) down to March 4, 1699 (D. 484). For a suit as to the advowson, see *Law Papers*, 1621; *Calendar II*, p. 230.

The following extracts from the Chamber *Act Books* relate to Hennock during the time that the rectory was in the hands of the Corporation.

In *Act Book VII*, f. 381, Aug. 5, 1630, it is agreed that 40*l.* shalbe paid to Mr. Receiver for purchasing the patronage of

* Including an account (D. 460) rendered by John Penhale acting for the rector of "Shenyok," *i.e.* Sheviok near St. Germans in Cornwall. This document gives the receipts and outgoings of Sheviok for one year from Michaelmas 1411, but there is nothing in it showing any connection with Hennock. It may have found its way into the collection from the fact that the Rector of Sheviok (Richard Dunscombe) afterwards held the prebend of Cutton in St. Mary's, Exeter Castle, in 1411.

Hennick, together with the parsonage of the same, whereby the Maier, Bailiffs and Commonaltie may be patrons thereof.

In *Act Book VII*, f. 389, March 1, 1631, on which day there were delivered unto Mr. Walter White 6 severall obligeacons for the payment of 600*l.* of the guifte of Dr. Bodlie and Mr. Moggridge to be collected in for the satisfaccion of Sir Popham Southcott, son of Thomas Southcote (D. 468, 469).

Ibid., f. 359*b*, Nov. 22, 1631: Whereas the first day of March last past there were 6 severall obligeacons for 600*l.* of Dr. Bodlie's and Mr. Moggridge monie given to charitable uses as was then unpaid towarde the satisfying of the fyne for the purchase of the Rectorie of Hennock for the foresaid purposes this day Mr. White hath given an accompte of the said monies and alsoe of 40*l.* paid unto hym by Mr. [Adam] Bennett, late receiver of the said Cittie [*i.e.* in 1630–31] for the purchase of the patronage of Hennock beforesaid, which is approved of by this house and the saide Mr. White discharged of the foresaid obligeacons and monies and of 31*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* received of the obligeacons for the interest of the said monies &c. the account being *in toto* for 671 13*s.* 4*d.*

In *Act Book X*, f. 171, Nov. 25, 1662. This day it is agreede that the tenants of Hennocke be required to pay in the rent for the Tythes for this laste harveste into this Chamber to be disposed of as shalbe thought fitt by this house.

Ibid., f. 171*b*, Dec. 2, 1662, that Mr. fferdinando Nichollas Clark (*p.* 99), who hath for divers yeeres past performed the lecture heretofore founded by Doctor Bodlie, deceased, and others, and soe hath done untill the last harvest, shall receive the profitts of the Rectorie of Hennock given for that purpos for this last harvest.

In *Act Book XI*, f. 1*a*, July 21, 1663. This day the sheaf of Hennock is sett unto Mr. George Gale for the rent of 65*l.* for one year to be paid att Two dayes in the yere of equale porcions and the lessee to be freedde from all other rente, rates and taxes.

Ibid., f. 6, Oct. 20, 1663. Mr. William Sanford is desired to receive of Mr. Gale 31*l.* 19*s.* 06*d.*, being parte of the rent of the sheafe of the Rectory of Hennock.

Do., f. 12*b*, April 26, 1664. Whereas there is halfe a yeeres rent due from Mr. George Gale for the Rectorie of Hennock, being 32*l.* 10*s.* at Our Ladye Day last past, Mr. Sanford is desired to receive the same with the Account thereof and to pay the same to Mr. ffrancis Moore, the present lecturer (*page* 98).

Ibid., f. 44*b*, June 15, 1666, that Mr. ffrancis Moore, the present lecturer of Doctor Bodlye's lecture, shall have power to sett and lett the tithes of Hennock for one year from Midsomer day next commynge for the best benefitt, he discharging the duties enjoyed by the will and discharging the Cittie from all high rents, taxes and other impositions chargeable uppon the same during that tyme.

In *Act Book XI*, j. 63b, June 25, 1667, it is ordered that Mr. Francis Moore, the present lecturer of Doctor Bodleye's lecture, shall have libertie to dispose of the Rectorie of Henock for the present yere, he paying the high Rent and discharging all rates, taxes and other imposicons whereunto the same is lyable duringe the said tyme.

In *Act Book XIII*, f. 191, Feb. 6, 1704. That a grant of the next avoidance of the Vicaridge of Hennock bee made to Mr. Parr in consideration of 60 guineys.

(j) *Lethbridge's Charity.*

Thirty-seven documents. D. 485-522.

Christopher Lethbridge [Sheriff, 1655; Mayor, 1660], by will dated Nov. 17, 1669 (D. 509, 510; *Rept. on Charities*, 196) left money to the churchwardens of the church of St. Mary Arches for loaves of "a midle sort of bread" to be given to 14 poor people "that goe to ye church and stay there every lord's day during ye tyme of divine service and sermon (if any bee)"; also lands, tenements &c. in Exeter and Newton Abbot to the Chamber as an endowment for the almshouses that he had erected in the parish of Holy Trinity near the Southgate [*i.e.* in James Street (*Rept. on Char.*, p. 199,) adjoining Bonvile's Almshouses in the Combe Row (*see page 6*).] [Lethbridge's is now merged with Flaye's and Davie's Charity in Parr Street—*Endowed Charities*, p. 373,] and to the Governors of St. John's Hospital for the maintenance of one or more poor boys in the Hospital (*page 252*).

The documents, which range from 1576 to 1763, chiefly refer to tenure and leases of the property which includes "Hacombe Downs," a meadow called "Greenway" or "Greenwayhead," and "Exweeke Grounds" in the parish of St. Thomas' (*Rept. on Char.*, p. 199), purchased by Lethbridge in 1651 (D. 496, 510, 517).

(k) *Peryam's Charity.*

Three documents. D. 523-524a.

John Peryam [Sheriff, 1582; Mayor, 1587, 1598; a deputy Lieutenant for Exeter in 1609, Comm. LXXIV (p. 10)], by indenture dated Oct. 20, 1616 (*Rept. on Char.*, p. 228), gave 1,000*l.* to be used as loans in sums of 200*l.* each to 5 Merchant Adventurers [he was Governor of the Merchants' Guild, in 1587; Cotton, *Guild*, 43, 114] trafficking beyond the seas not being shopkeepers by Retail (*see page 41*) and especially unto such as are of the meaner sort and of indifferent abilities "subject to a bond for repayment in 3 years." Full details are given in D. 523.

In L. 157, Sept. 20, 1613, he prays the Chamber that he may not be elected Mayor at the ensuing election on account of his great age (72 years) and many infirmities.

In L. 176 he makes a similar request on Aug. 17, 1616.

For account of him, showing that he had a house in London, where he was living in 1585, see Cotton, *Guild*, 35, 114. For his portrait in the Mayor's Parlour at Exeter, see Oliver, 219; Cotton, *Guild*, p. 27. For his signature "Jo. Peryam," see D. 1647a, Jan., 1588.

(l) *Seldon's Charity.*

Forty-six documents. D. 525-568a.

Laurence Seldon [a bailiff in 1586] by his will dated May 8, 1598 (D. 561, 562; *Rept. on Char.*, p. 165) left property in the parish of Sowton [formerly called Clist Formison, near Exeter; Oliver, *Mon.*, 453, 456], the proceeds of which were to be distributed in bread and money doles among the poor of certain parishes and prisoners in the High Gaol, the Sheriff's Ward and the Counter in Exeter. The deeds relate to this property, which was known as the Moor of Rigdon in the Lordship of Ringswell. They date from *circ.* 1250 till it came into Lawrence Seldon's possession (in 1587, D. 525-540) and thenceforward till his death in May, 1598 (D. 541-561). These are followed by a group of documents relating to the administration of the estate till 1654 (D. 562-568a).

D. 564 (undated) shows that "Browcke the paynter" was to have painted a portrait of Seldon for the Chamber, but that in 1607 (*circa.*) "there is not any thinge donn therein nor licke to be."

(m) *Wynard's Almshouses.*

Seventeen documents. D. 573-789.

William Wynard (*al.* Wonard or Wenard—D. 578), Recorder of Exeter 1404-1442 [Radford, p. 9; not 1453, as Oliver, 235, quoting Hooker's *MS.*, f. 203] founded this "Godshouse" (D. 574, 583); or "almeshous," Shillingford, 85) in Magdalen Street for 12 infirm poor people on Jan. 20, 1436, which he placed under the supervision of the Mayor and 12 citizens. On Jan. 22, 1437, he purchased from the Chamber for 200*l.* the customs of fish in Exeter with the "trestalls" and tables for selling fish in the markets and fairs for 21 years (D. 1157).

Three of the earliest of the sedocuments (D. 573, 575, 579, Dec. 31, 1435; Jan. 20, 1436; May 20, 1437) contain the seal of John Shillingford, who was then one of the feoffees of a tenement near the "Carfoix" and the land adjoining the street called "Ydellond" and other property which formed part of the endowment of the charity. He was also one of the 12 citizens of Exeter to whom, together with the Mayor, the oversight of the Hospital was committed (D. 580).

D. 574, Jan. 20, 1436 [*i.e.* the ordination for the foundation of the Hospital] has been printed in full in Oliver, *Mon.*, 404; J. Gidley, *Statement relating to William Wynard's Charity*, pp. 5, 93, 107; with an abstract in English in *Rept. on Char.*, 284.

The founder's seal appears in D. 577, 578, (Jan. 31, 1436 ; April 5, 1437).

In D. 584, Sept. 4, 1438, (of which the text, both in Latin and English, appears in *Gidley*, 5, 107, 125, with abstracts in *Oliver, Mon.*, 404 ; and *Rept. on Char.*, p. 283) the remainder of the founder's property is granted after his death to John Bluet and others, including John Fortescue, sergeant-at-law, as trustees in the event of the failure of others (*Gidley*, 102, 134).

In this collection 12 early deeds (D. 573-584), dating from 1435 to 1438 are followed by 5 others (D. 585-589) ranging from 1656 to 1664 relating to orders issued by the Court of Chancery on Feb. 20, 1656 and April 9, 1657, requiring George Speke of White Lackington, near Chard, to rebuild the hospital, which had been pulled down and demolished during the late troubles [*Izacke*, 163, 211 ; *Gidley*, 11, 16].*

In L. 570, Oct. 8, 1768, reference is made to an offer by Lord North when Chancellor of the Exchequer, to whom the property had come through his marriage with Ann Speke (*Gidley*, p. 73 ; *Endowed Charities*, p. 383), to sell the Wynard Estate to Mr. Thomas Coffyn, goldsmith, of Exeter, for 800 guineas. Lord North afterwards conveyed the property to William Kennaway on Nov. 19, 1789. (*Ibid.*)

For the *Winard Minute Book*, see *Book 49*.

(n) *Miscellaneous Deeds.*

A vast collection of documents (D. 590-1860, with numerous intercalations), of which *Nos.* 590-888, extending from *temp.* William I to Sept. 29, 1355, appear in abstract in *Notes and Gleanings* [*i.e.* from S. Moore's *Calendar*], the rest are still only accessible through the *Calendar* itself which still remains unpublished. They relate chiefly to property in the City and suburbs, and comprise wills, leases, grants, quit-claims, conveyances, releases of debts, letters of attorney, covenants, licences for structural alterations, indentures, bonds and deeds of various kinds. Many of them bear the seal of the Mayoralty (*e.g.* D. 923, 924, 925, 927*a,b*, 928, 940, 943, 946, 953, 965, 985 and *passim*), or the City seal (*e.g.* D. 929, 954, 955, 961, 970), pointing to a connection of the documents as a whole with the Mayor's Court, *e.g.* D. 786*a* (Jan. 15, 1322) is endorsed "Inrotulatur in libro nigro" [*i.e.* the "Black Book," *Oliver, Hist.*, 309 ; or "Blacke Rolle" (*Bk.* 52, *f.* 223 ; see *Misc. Rolls No. 2*), or "Black Leiger" (*Book 51, f.* 155, *pages 85, 95*)].

* In 1656 these documents were stated to be "in the custody of the Mayor &c. of Exeter, in a box there for that purpose ordained"; and it was believed that they were first brought thither by Mr. Wynard himself or by his order," and that the Mayor &c. "had made search what other writings of and belonging to the said almshouses or lands were in their custody and could find 7 other small writings as letters of attorney and such like, of little value in the same box, and that they knew of no others." *Gidley*, p. 14.

D. 800 (Dec. 11, 1326) is endorsed: "Ind. of inrolment on City Court rolls." D. 805, Feb. 8, 1328, is an agreement made before the Mayor and others in full Court in regard to the will of Peter Soth, with the Mayoralty seal appended. D. 812*a* (Oct. 23, 1329) and D. 971*a* (1349) are extracts from the City Court Rolls. D. 904 (1361, printed in Oliver, *Mon.*, 308) is an extract from the Mayor's Court Roll; also D. 909 (1357-1367).

D. 1016, March 5, 1347, is endorsed: "Md. of the enrolment on the Mayor's Court Roll." D. 1031 (May 22, 1402) is a Final Concord made "in full court of the City of Exeter." D. 1524 (May 11, 1562) is a copy from the Court Roll of the Manor of Duryurd.

The earliest document in the collection is the undated grant by William I of the church of St. Olave's at Exeter to Battle Abbey (D. 590, printed in Oliver, *Mon.*, 116; Dugdale, *Mon.*, iii, 243), attested by Lanfranc, Archbishop of Canterbury, Osbern Bishop of Exeter and others. This is followed by a confirmation by Henry I (D. 591) of a grant to the Chapter of the Cathedral at Exeter of the churches of St. Petrock, St. Peran [? Perranzabuloe, Oliver, *Mon.*, 71], St. Doquin [*alias* Lannow or St. Kew—*Staff. Reg.* 318, called "Tohov" in confirmation by King Stephen, 1136—*Hist. MSS. Var. Coll.*, iv, 43], St. Probus and others (*see* Oliver, *Mon.*, p. 59).

In D. 592 (1155) the land in St. Martin's Street is granted by the Cathedral Chapter, subject to the payment of a gersom of half a mark and 3*s.* yearly. In D. 599 (*circ.* 1200) is a reference to land where Eswald the Leper dwells. In D. 614 (*circ.* 1225 ?) William de Mariscis refers to "my Isle of Lundi" and a "court of the Island." In D. 619*a* (*circ.* 1224; or *circ.* 1220 in Oliver, *Mon.*, 154) Henry Archdeacon of Exeter and William Prior of Cowick are deputed by Randolph the Papal Legate to arbitrate in a dispute between the Abbot of Buckfestre [*i.e.* Buckfastleigh] and the Hospital of St. Alexius; and in D. 624 (*circ.* 1240) the "virgata" [*i.e.* rod or pole] of land is defined as 18½*ft.* There are grants to the Exe Bridge in 1247 (D. 632) and 1256 (D. 661); a grant by the Abbot of Ford that Charmouth shall be a free borough (D. 663*b*—printed in Oliver, *Mon.*, 352), and a grant [? 1270] of a house in Exeter by Avelina Prioress of Polslo (D. 682*a*, with seal of the Priory—*see* Oliver, *Mon.*, 163, 408).

In D. 696 is an agreement between the City and Bishop Quivil for enclosing the churchyard of the Cathedral in 1286 (*see Misc. Rolls II*, No. 30; printed in Izacke, *pp.* 23-25). In D. 698 (*see* Oliver, *Mon.*, 330) is the grant of Friernhay to the Grey Friars by Edmund Earl of Cornwall on Feb. 2, 1287, with confirmation by Edward I on March 2, 1288 (D. 701; Oliver, *Mon.*, 330) and an injunction (D. 702;

Misc. Rolls 54, m. 3), dated March 3, 1288, at "Burgum Regine" [*i.e.* Blanquefort, near Bordeaux—*Bémont* iii, 33] forbidding the Mayor &c. to molest them in their close or place next the City wall. This was confirmed by Richard II on March 8, 1399 (D. 1023; *Misc. Rolls* 54, m. 8; Oliver, *Mon.*, 331, where it is called March 28, 1399). In D. 707, June 16, 1291 (*see* Oliver, *Mon.*, 335) is an agreement between the Mayor &c. and the Black Friars for quittance of a rent charge on "Crykenepet" Mill (*see p.* 71). In D. 737 (1240—*see* Oliver, *Mon.*, 224) is a quit-claim from the Prior of Leigh [*i.e.* Canonsleigh in Burlescombe]. In D. 743a is an indenture dated April 30, 1303, between the Mayor &c. and the four owners of a ship called *La Sauveye* (*sic*) of Exemouth to be used in the King's service for the Scottish wars, and similarly in D. 956 (Sept. 29, 1310), where the *St. Marie Cogde Exemuth* is engaged to serve for 40 days with a master (receiving 8*d.* per day) a "burser et conestable" (at 8*d.*) and 28 mariners (4*d.* each). In D. 786, Jan. 15, 1322 (printed in Brantyngham, *Reg.*, i, 272) is an agreement between the Bishop and the Mayor &c. as to right of access to the City walls (*see* Oliver, 72). In D. 791 (Feb. 23, 1324) the Mayor and others are about to appear before the Barons of the Exchequer to show cause why the King should not commit the custody of the City to whomsoever he will, In D. 801 (1291—Oliver, *Mon.*, 331) is a seal of the Grey Friars.

In D. 1111, Aug. 5, 1421, is a letter from Archbishop Chichele setting forth a complaint of the Grey Friars of Exeter concerning a profanation of their house, with "Sigillum ad Causas" of the Archbishop. (Printed in Oliver, *Mon.*, 333.)

For a subsequent letter on the same subject from Bishop Beaufort as Conservator of the Order of Friars Minors in England, to the Dean and Chancellor of the Cathedral of Exeter and others, *see* D. 1112 (Oct. 30, 1421) with a fragment of Bishop Beaufort's seal.

Early Wills.

The *Miscellaneous Deeds* include copies of several Wills of an earlier date than those which form a separate class among the records entered in the *Calendar*, vol. ii, which extend from March 3, 1555 to June 4, 1765. Those included in this collection are usually proved in the Mayor's Court, sometimes in the Archdeacon's office also.

In D. 802 is a copy of the will (April 3, 1327) of Peter Soth with the Mayoral seal, containing references to property in "Waterber Strete," a tenement in the High Street called "Marsheles Hous Bakere," "cum coffino quod vocatur wylye," lands &c. in "Tyghertehaye," rent of a "falaisia"; (cliff) without the Northgate next the bank of the Exe, a garden called "la Medehaye," a tenement called "La Cage"

opposite St. James' Church, and a place in South Street, which he recovered as Chief Lord for non-payment of rent by process of "Gavelack and Shorford" in the City Court. In D. 809 (March 6, 1329) is the will of Ralph Atte Lane or Atterlane, in which he names a garden in "Chollefelde" and 2 "sullines" (*i.e.* selions) of land in "Serlyshey" (or "Serlesheye" D. 159). D. 914, the will of Nicholaa Waterford, dated June 2, 1369, in which he leaves 12*d.* to the Rector of Trinity for forgotten tithes; the will of Nicholas de Alberton proved in the Mayor's Court in 1348 (D. 969) and recited in D. 971 (March 28, 1384); the will of Joan Wilde (D. 994), dated Sept. 3, 1391, showing her furniture, utensils &c.; the will of John Nymet (D. 994*a*), dated Oct. 27, 1391, containing some curious bequests; the will of Roger Hethman (D. 998), May, 1393, with a note of probate in the City Court. In D. 1002 (Feb. 16, 1395) is a reference to the executors of the will of Thomas Smythesheghes. In D. 1007 is the will of William Row, dated Aug. 31, 1395, proved Nov. 15, 1395, in which he leaves two "Sullones, Anglice Rygges" of land without the East Gate on this side "Maudelynhey," a close called "Averysland" and a "dayva" of land next the lane towards Polslo. For a half "dayva" of land lying byne the wey without the Eastgate, *see* D. 862 (July 20, 1347). In D. 1014 (Oct. 3, 1396) is the will of Andrew Poleworth, baker, in which he leaves his house in "Corrystrete" with a garden next "Pacyestrete." This will was proved both in the Archdeacon's Office on Nov. 24, 1396, and in the City Court on Feb. 19, 1397. In D. 1108*a* is the will of Philip Courtour, dated May 26, 1421. In D. 1150 (July 20, 1432) is the will of John Hethman, in which he leaves 1*s.* 8*d.* to the Curate of St. Paul's on account of forgotten tithes, also 16*d.* each to the monks of St. Nicholas, the Friars Preachers and the Friars Minor if they shall be present at his burying at St. Peter's. The will was proved before the officer of the Archdeacon of Exeter on Sept. 24, 1432. In D. 1241*a* (Aug. 20, 1464) is the will (in English) of Mawte, wife of Hugh Courtenay, knight, in which she leaves houses in "Prestonstrete" and "Tygherstrete" to pay 13*d.* to 13 poor men in Grendon's Almshouses [*i.e.* the Ten Cells in Preston Street founded by Simon Grendon in 1406—*Izacke*, 207; *Rept. on Char.*, 91; *Endowed Charities*, 331. Grendon, who was Mayor in 1395, 1398 and 1405, left his charity to be administered by the Chamber]. She also left 3*s.* to the Prior and 2*s.* to each of the monks of St. Nicholas' Priory, who after "complyn sayd or songe" daily for evermore shall sing an anthem of Our Lady there and say the psalme *De profundis* with *Pater Noster* and *Ave Maria*, "wyth preces and orysons thereto belonging at my tumber and buryell there for evermore for my soul, &c." In D. 1264 (Oct. 6 1472) is the will of Edward Benet, smith, in which he leaves his "toga de scarleto et mustardevelylics," and "lytell

poynthyng anvyld." The tools &c. in his shop are left to his wife if she chooses to carry on the business, and if not to his two servants. The seal of the Archdeacon is appended, and there is a memorandum of probate on March 16, 1474. In D. 1266 (July 20, 1473) is the will (in English) of William Duke, in which he directs his executors to find "mete, drynke and honest housherber" for his daughter Elizabeth and her issue if she have any according to their degree, "as they will aunswere for byfore God at the dredfull day of judgement."

In D. 1279, March 8, 1479, is the will of Joan Benet with the Archdeacon's seal, in which she leaves sundry articles of dress to her daughter Eleanor.

In D. 1312, 1314, Aug. 18, 1491, Master Robert Rydon as Executor of the Will of Richard Turner, enters into an indenture whereby the Mayor is bound to pay 3*d.* a week to a tailor for life and to keep an anniversary for the testator and his wife Margery in the chapel of St. George.

In D. 1361, May 5, 1510, is the will of William Doun, yeoman, in which he leaves his house in "Bochcrow," situate next to the tenement of Nicholas Wadham, knight, and land called "Chambernounsmerse," together with a tenement and garden in Cowykstrete, arranging for 6*s.* 8*d.* yearly to be paid for the maintenance and continuation of a mass of the name of Jesus to be celebrated every Friday in the church of St. George next the Guildhall (*see page 44*). In D. 1377 (Dec. 31, 1511) is the will (in English) of William Wilford, Esquire, in which he leaves his lands and tenements without Westgate to pay 13*s.* 4*d.* to the "pryste the whiche shall syng in Synt George ys Chapell withyn the Gyld Hall of the cite aforseyd over and above his olde wages, wherefore I will that the same priste dayly when he syngyth masse schalle say in the same masse for the soulys of me the seyd Willyam, and the seyd Annys [his wife] the colettes of *Deus cui proprium* and *Inclina Domine aurem tuam*, and in the ende of everye masse *De profundis*. Appended is the testator's seal "S. Willelmi Wyllford." Also in D. 1376 (Dec. 31, 1511).

Water Supply.

In D. 192 (undated ? 1260) the Prior and Convent of St. Nicholas in Exeter grant leave to Martin Durling (called Derling in *Coll. Top.* i, 376 ; or Dirling in Oliver, *Mon.*, 116) and his heirs to draw water "ab aqueductu que est in cemeterio nostro ce Occidentali parte ecclesie nostre per gardinum nostrum quod est in occidentali parte que ducit a magno vico usque ad Fratres Minores."

In D. 718, Jan. 16, 1299, is an agreement on the part of the Mayor and Commonalty of Exeter by consent of Edmund

Earl of Cornwall with Master Henry de Bolleg'*, Archdeacon of Totnes, concerning the building of a tower next the said Archdeacon's house *per quam communis aqua civitatis ingreditur*.

In D. 864, Nov. 2, 1347, King Edward III grants to the Warden and Convent of the Grey Friars of Exeter, quod ipsi duos modicos (*sic*) atque ortus se jungentes in profunditate fossati civitatis Exon inter orientalem et australem portas ejusdem civitatis profundius fodere et muro lapideo basso includere et aquam de orbitibus illis sive fonte inde facto exinde per fistulam subterraneam in fossato predicto et ultra stratam regiam usque ad domum sive habitationem fratrum predictorum, qua in loco sicco situatur et ad quam aque cursus non habetur, ponendam ducere ac caput fontis predicti dictamque fistulam quotiens reparacione et emandacione indigent reparare et emendare ac de novo construere et facere prout magis expedire viderint &c. (printed in Oliver, *Mon.*, 333, from *Pat. 21 Edward III*, 24; see *Cal. Pat. Edward III*, vol. vii, p. 424).

In D. 859 (May 3, 1346) is the settlement of a dispute between the Prior of St. Nicholas on the one side and the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral and the Mayor &c. on the other, in regard to the making and repairing of the common water "conduit," the water of which rises without the East Gate in St. Sidwell's parish. The Dean and Chapter are to bring the water from the spring to the churchyard of St. Peter's, where the water is divided into three channels, of which the Mayor and Citizens take one and the Prior and Convent of St. Nicholas one each paying 8s. yearly to the Dean and Chapter.

For references to the "Town will" (*i.e.* well, *fons villæ*), see D. 1024, D. 1066 (Oct. 24, 1413), D. 1124 (Sept. 21, 1425), D. 1141 (March 21, 1430). For the Head-well in St. Sidwells, see D. 1097 (May 3, 1420), where the Chamber acquire permission to dig a trench from it through two closes to the high road and bring the water in leaden pipes through the said trench.

In D. 761, Sept. 24, 1312, is a reference to a lane called "la Hevedwill" called the lane to "la Heavedwill" in D. 1028 (Dec. 15, 1400) or "Hedwille," D. 1105 (Sept. 8, 1420). In D. 1188, 1189 (May 1, 1444), the Chamber obtain licence to dig for water in a close of land without the East Gate in St. Sidwell's Fee next a lane called "Cakelane," and to carry away the water there found in leaden pipes to the new conduit.

In D. 1229, Sept. 8, 1458, is an agreement as to the abatement of a nuisance caused by rain water and other waters issuing

* Bollegha. *i.e.* Bolhay, Bolegh, Bollet. Oliver, *Mon.*, 49, 59, 60. Called Bolleys in Le Neve, 1, 402.

from St. John's Hospital and the intermediate places to the almshouse erected by John Steven, situated opposite St. Stephen's Bow (*i.e.* St. Katherine's Almshouse *extra portam clausi versus fratres ordinis prædicatorum Exon.* Oliver, *Mon.*, 407, from the will of the founder, John Stevens, M.D., Canon of the Cathedral, dated Feb. 3, 1457, proved Feb. 27, 1460), and descending to the head of the lane which leads to the city walls between the area of the Dominican Convent on the east and the houses of some of the Canons of the Cathedral on the west. The head of the lane was sometimes so obstructed by the waters as to form a great marsh and became a receptacle for filth and putrid carcasses, exposing the inhabitants to the immediate danger of infection. It was now agreed that the Mayor &c. should erect a new gate at the head of the said lane of 8*ft.* wide, by which hay and fuel might be brought to the houses of the Canons who had doors opening into the lane, *viz.*, the Archdeacon of Totnes, the Sub-Dean and Canon Martin Dyer and a stone pillar was to be made through the lane to convey the water into the Town Ditch.

In D. 1418 (A.D. 1534) is a small paper book of 14 leaves containing a note of the expenses of making the Great Conduit. "Mdm. that John Newton and John Gebcons beganne to make the grete condet of Exsetur the viij. day of Novembre, and here folowyth the costes and charges." The expenses are entered under weeks as "The Wyke of Saynte Marten." At the end, "Thys ys the hole boke, the sum thereof trewly caste as y can do—xxviij*li.* xjs. viij*d.*"

In D. 1690, Sept. 27, 1600, John Moore, plumber, of Exeter, contracts in consideration of 60*l.* to lay new leaden pipes to the two conduits from the Chamber's two chief cisterns in the parish of St. Sidwell.

In D. 1763, Jan. 1, 1649, John Canne, plumber, of Exeter, contracts for the repair of all lead pipes, cisterns &c. connected with the water works of the city for seven years. For a similar contract by Christopher Cann, plumber, *see* D. 1768 (Dec. 25, 1653).

In D. 1793*a*, Nov. 10, 1694, Jonathan Pyrke and Richard Lowbridge contract with the Mayor &c. concerning the water-works and the supplying of the City with water; and in D. 1794*a*, Feb. 12, 1695, the Mayor &c. make a grant to them of the water works of the city and several parcels of land for a term of 200 years. [*See* L. 456.]

John Shillingford.

In D. 1196, Aug. 8, 1447, is a bond in 500*l.* from the Bishop and Chapter of Exeter to the Mayor and Commonalty of Exeter to abide by the decision of Archbishop Stafford and other arbitrators in the dispute between Bishop Lacy and the city,

and to appear before the said arbitrators on the quinzaine of Michaelmas next—"whiche day we kepte," Shillingford, p. 2; cf. "to kepe the day of apparence atte xv. of Synt Michell as the city was bounde to as hit appereth by a bounde condycionell"—*Ibid.*, p. 5). The document is printed in Shillingford, p. 135; see also *Book 51, f. 97b*.

In D. 1198, 1199, Dec. 12, 1448, is the final settlement of the dispute with seals of Bishop Lacy and the Chapter. Printed in Shillingford, p. 136; see also *Book 51, f. 98b, 99*; *Misc. Rolls* 69. For Bishop Lacy's bond in 2,000*l.* (Dec. 12, 1448) to perform the covenants made, see D. 1200—printed in Shillingford, p. 140.

John Shillingford's name occurs as an owner of property in Exeter in D. 1179 (Sept. 28, 1441); D. 1210 (April 26, 1454); also that of several of his colleagues in the conflict with Bishop Lacy, e.g., Thomas Dowrish (D. 1105, 1107, 1138, 1158); William Speer (D. 1192); Richard Druell (D. 1268); John Coteler (D. 1164, 1177, 1181, 1184, 1203, 1225, 1226); Hugh Germyn (D. 1179, 1203, 1259, 1332, 1364—for property belonging to him in "Archelane" in the parish of St. Mary Arches as to which a dispute arose subsequently with the Prior of Launceston, see D. 1332, Sept. 30, 1499); John Germyn (D. 1114, 1210, 1222); Thomas Montagu (D. 1169, 1179, 1192, 1207); John Copleston (D. 1212); and Master Roger Kyes (D. 1259, or Keys, Treasurer of the Cathedral 1467-1477).

Sundries.

In D. 1202 is a bundle of copies and memoranda of writs (A.D. 1367 to 1449) with references to the Memoranda Rolls of the Exchequer relating to the scrutiny of gold and silver, the exportation of provisions &c., &c., contrary to statute and proclamation.

In D. 1235, June 20, 1461, is a letter of protection from Donald McKayard, Prince of Dece [? Decies, co. Waterford, or Dece, co. Meath] (see *Loch Cé*, i, 57; ii, 553), and Dermotius O'Sull[ivan], capitaneus sue nacionis to Vulialm Neil, master of a ship called *Maria Otresmuth* [i.e. Ottermouth] of protection and defence on land and sea so long as the said ship remains in their dominion (with seal much defaced).

City Gates.

In D. 918 (A.D. 1370) is a licence by the Chamber to John Nymet, citizen of Exeter, to make two doors, one in the east part of the tower over the North Gate and another in the east part of his garden next the city wall, provided that the keys of the said doors remain in the custody of the Chamber.

In D. 1248, Sept. 29, 1466, is a lease by the Mayor &c. for 87 years of a "chambour in oure towre over the Estgate

with le house thereto adjoinante being and lyinge immediately betwixte the said chamboure in the Est party and the chapel of Seynt Bartholomewe in the West party," subject to the condition that it shall not be sublet "to any Lord or Lady by the whiche the said city shulde be troubled or vexed, but only to priests beneficed above the sum of 20*l.* or to wymmen or dwellers within the city and suburbs."

In D. 1280, June 28, 1480, this chamber is described as being "ultra" the East Gate, though endorsed: "the towre over the yeate."

In D. 1315, Sept. 8, 1491, is a lease by the Mayor &c., to Henry Grymston, clerk, of a tenement with chambers and chapel annexed above the Eastgate.

In D. 1275, Sept. 25, 1477, is a grant from the Mayor and Commonalty of Exeter to Robert Russell of "our Tower above the Westgate."

In D. 1293, March 1, 1486, the wardens of the church of St. Mary Steps grant a licence to Robert Russell to fix a chimney upon a house belonging to the church of St. Mary Steps.

In D. 1334, Sept. 8, 1500, John Russell, son and heir of Robert Russell, gives a receipt to Edward Carswell of Plymouth for 64 dozen of white woollen cloths in full satisfaction of a sum of money owing to him for five tenements in Westgate with a small seal and signature "per me John Russell."

In D. 1352 (April 21, 1506) is a grant from Edward Carsewell and Alice his wife to John Orenge and others of all their property in the parish of St. Mary's Steps as well as a Chamber above the West gate.

Letters of Fraternity.

D. 1256*c* (A.D. 1468). Letters of fraternity issued by Friar Robert Munst, of Thelisford*, Vicar General of the Trinitarians, admitting Robert Yonge, Chaplain, and Ralph and his wife, Anastasia, into the brotherhood and granting to them *participacionem omnium bonorum spiritualium quæ fient et erunt in toto ordine nostro predicto.*

Endorsed: Ego absolvo te ab omnibus peccatis tuis per te contritus (*sic*) et michi vere confessus (*sic*) necnon et de oblitis quorum non recordaris de quibus velles confiteri ac plenariam absolucionem omnium peccatorum tuorum in quantum claves ecclesiæ se extendunt tibi do et concedo. Ita ut sis absolutus ante tribunal domini nostri Jhu Christi habeasque vitam eternam in secula seculorum.—Amen.

* *i.e.* the Priory of Thelesford near Charlcote in Warwickshire,

Connection with London.

In D. 1288, Sept. 28, 1482, Thomas Percy,* Prior of the Church of the Holy Trinity [in Aldgate], London, acknowledges receipt of 12*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.* paid to him by the Mayor out of the farm of the City of Exeter due to the Priory by the alms of the progenitors of the King [Edward IV—*i.e.* since the time of Queen Maud (wife of Henry I), who in 1108 granted to the Priory *duas partes redditus civitatis Exonie*—Dugd., *Mon.*, vi, 150, 153; or 25 *livres blanches*—*Ibid.*, 157; Stow, *London*, i, 140].

In D. 1345, May 26, 1502, is a memorandum that the Lord Chancellor has decreed that the citizens of London should return to the citizens of Exeter all such distress as they have taken from hem in times past for scavage [or "shewage," which was made illegal in the Parliament that met at Westminster on Jan. 25, 1504—*Stat.*, ii, 653. For this claim of the Mayor of London, see *Book* 51, *f.* 36; *Book* 52, *f.* 280; *Misc. Rolls*, 82].

In D. 1430*b* (28 Henry VIII, *i.e.* 1536–37) the Chamber petition that in their new Charter [*i.e.* Charter XXXIII, granted Aug. 23, 1537] the Mayor, Bailiffs and Commonalty may hold a Gilda Mercatoria cum Hansa, as the Mayor and citizens of London do, so that no one except those belonging to the Guild shall traffic in the city.

In D. 1623*b*, Jan. 29, 1584, are the London rates for woolles, the charges and duties at the King's beame in Leden Hall and the wages of the officers and ministers of the Staple at Westminster made in 18 Edward IV (1478–9) and ratified and confirmed in 1584.

Cowley Bridge.

In D. 1428, 1430*a*, Jan. 10, 1537, is a letter from Sir Thomas Denys, Kt., and other Justices of the Peace for the County of Devon to the Sheriff of Devon and all Mayors, Bailiffs, Constables &c., praying for aid to rebuild Cowley Bridge "and wheir by the greatt habundance and vyolence of the water of Exe a greytt parte of the brygge comynly callyd Cowlegh Brygge whiche of old tyme by the charytabyll actys of well disposed people wasse of olde tyme buylded and make over the Ryver of Exe betwene the citeie of Exceter and other parties necessarye to have recors to the said citeie and other parties abowte or ny the sayd citeie there laboring and travayling ys nowe lattely fallyn downe brokyn and decayd yn a greytt part theirof and nott lykely to be reedyfyed and made ageyn without grett cheryte and the cherytabyll ayde and helpe of the inhabitants of thys countie—and for as moche as the sayd brygge wasse the King's hygh waye and the comyn

* Appointed October 2, 1481. Dugd., *Mon.*, vi., 151.

passage of all the Kyng's subjects and people over the seid ryver of Exe and that the lake theirow wul not be only a greyt hurte and decay to the comyn welth but also many daungers thereby also ensue and chauns to the Kyng's subjects laboryng and travaylyng the countrey both by day and by nyght &c. Therefore they pray for charytabyll helpe and socour for the new buyldyng and amending of the seyde brygge after your habilities and good willes." "And thus ye schall deserve the rewarde of God and to be yn goode and godly reporte of and for the comyn welth." With four seals and the signatures of the justices.

Attached to this is a letter (D. 1429, 1430), dated Dec. 25, 1536, from John [Voysey] Bishop of Exeter [1519-1551] to all Abbots, Priors, Provosts &c., reciting the breaking of the bridge and the peril and inconvenience therefrom arising, requesting them to make aid to the rebuilding and offering 40 days of pardon to all who shall contribute. [For a voluntary contribution made by the inhabitants of the County in 1536, see Izacke, 118.]

In D. 215, Nov. 20, 1499, is a reference to the highway from Exeter to Cowley Bridge, which is called "the great bridge called Cowley Bridge in the manor of Duryurd" in D. 1477 (April 24, 1553).

Exmouth Ferry.

In D. 1437, April 28, 1542, is a lease from the Chamber to John Drake of Exmouth for 29 years at a rental of 26s. 8d. of "all that our Ferry and passage at Exmouth and our boat called "le passage bote" with all gear pertaining to the same, "together with a piece of land next the sea at Exmouth called "Prattishedd," measuring 110ft. by 80ft., with small seal and signature "by me John Drake the eldear of Exmouth."

In D. 1512, June 1, 1558, is a similar lease for 70 years to Gilbert Drake of Lytelham, gent., who covenants to repair and maintain the ferry.

For composition between the Abbot of Sherborne (Dorset) and the Mayor and Commonalty of Exeter in regard to this ferry in 1265-66, see *Misc. Rolls* II, 34.

Farming of Dues.

In D. 1442, Oct. 1, 1543, is a lease for 5 years at a rental of 11*l.* granted by the Mayor &c. to John Jonys of Exeter, capper, of "all that oure ferme of Baggavell [for "particulers of such duties as dothe appertaine to Bagavell," see *Book* 52, *f.* 244], Chepgavell and Brythyngavell [called "brethyngavell" in D. 1487; "brithingavel," *Misc. Rolls* II, 35; "bethugavel," Izacke, *Proem.*, 20; Oliver, 310], with the custome of apples, oyle and hony," also "all that oure ferme of weying

of yerne [called weyng and wyghtyng of yarn and woll in D. 1487], as well at the feer tymes as at every markett tyme"—the rates being set out in the document. For similar leases see D. 1487 (April 13, 1554) for 21 years at a rental of 12*l.*; D. 1626 (Sept. 28, 1584) where "there ferme of wool" is leased to Henry Wynnamm, weaver; D. 1671 (Sept. 12, 1595), where the "ferme of waighynge of yarne" is leased to Thomas Jurden, weaver; D. 1689 (Sept. 20, 1600), where their farm of weighing wool is leased to Richard Miller, glover.

In D. 1480, Jan. 20, 1554, is a lease of "the custome of wode and foyell called the wodhay" to John Hayward of Exiland, "flaccher."

In D. 1622, Sept. 18, 1583, is a lease for 17 years at a rental of 20*l.* *p.a.* to Nicholas Spicer, merchant, of "the Towne Custome due to the Mayor &c. for the entrye of all manner of shippes, barkes, boates and vessells whatsoever arryvynge within the Porte or Haven of the citeye of Exeter," and "of all manner of wares and merchandizes laden and brought in them," with all forfeitures and profits in terms of the yearly farm paid by the city into the Exchequer. For similar leases, see D. 1715 (Nov., 1610), for 20 years at 20*l.* rental; D. 1756 (Jan. 2, 1638), for 5 years at 32*l.* rental. See also pp. 72, 73, (*Topsham*).

In L. 351 (*circa.* 1630) is a reference to the Quay Lime Kilns belonging to the Chamber.

For the town custom or duties mortgaged for 500*l.* on June 11, 1700, see D. 1801, 1803, 1807, 1817, 1822, 1833, 1834, 1835, 1839; also for 1,000*l.*, see D. 1846 (Feb. 25, 1761).

The customs of Exeter (*consuetudines*, see Oliver, pp. 310–312) were collected "from all persons bringing goods into the markets to be sold" (D. 1818, Jan. 20, 1712; *Misc. Roll* II, 35). For Accounts of the Collectors of the Town Custom, Town Duties and Cellarage, 1701 to 1827 (with gaps), see *Books* 169–181. Also Books of the Rates of the Towne Custom from the reign of James I onwards, see *Books* 234–244, of which *Book* 239 contains: "A Table to know what goods or merchandize there is allowed to the ton and what every man is to pay for that which is not compted by tonnage," made in 1598.

For law-suits in connection with the Town Customs from *temp.* Elizabeth onwards see *Law Papers* in *Calendar* II, pp. 231–234.

For Customs Rolls, *i.e.* accounts of the Collectors of the Town Custom, Petty Custom or Town Duty levied in the Port of Exeter from *temp.* Edward I to 1610, with occasional gaps, see *Calendar* II, pp. 186–192.

In D. 1731, Sept. 29, 1615, is a lease from the Mayor &c. of the farm or custom commonly called "Barelbearing." For

similar leases *see* D. 1738*b* (Sept. 29, 1621), D. 1746 (Oct. 6, 1628), with schedules of rates attached. In D. 1632 (Sept. 16, 1585) is a reference to Edward Wagband, of Exeter, "barelberer."

Property of Religious Houses.

In D. 1465*a* is a paper book showing rents arising from the property in Exeter and the suburbs lately belonging to the religious houses, viz., St. John's Hospital, St. Nicholas Priory, the Nunnery of Polslo, the Abbeys of Ford, Dunkeswell, and Newenham, the Priors of Pilton, Plympton and Launceston and St. John's Hospital at Bridgwater. All this property was purchased for 899*l.* 1*s.* 11*d.* on April 2, 1545, by John Haydon and Thomas Gibbes (*see* L. 19, page 20), by whom they were surrendered on March 7, 1546, to Sir John Williams, knight, Treasurer of Augmentations, and Henry Norryce (or Norres), Esquire (D. 1452, with seals and initials of Harvey and Gibbes), of whom they were purchased by John Blackaller, John Mydwinter, William Hurst, William Buckenham, Thomas Prestwood and John Peryam for 1,460 *2s.* 3*d.* on May 20, 1549 (D. 1464, 1465; *Misc. Roll* 28), from whom they finally passed into the hands of the Corporation on Oct. 7, 1555, *see* D. 1498, (in which the details are again enumerated); D. 1499 (*i.e.* a letter-of-attorney from the Chamber to Edmund Wytcumbe and Humphrey Jewne to take over the property from John Blackaller and others); D. 1499*a*, 1499*b* (showing the rental); *Book* 52, *f.* 171*b*. Attached to D. 1449 is a slip of parchment showing "the charges of John Wyllams, Wyllam Huste, John Blackaller, Thomas Prestwood, John Mydwynter, Wyllam Bucknam and John Peryham for a write of *dedimus postestatem* for their fealties."

Some Leases.

In D. 1468, May 26, 1550, Alice Heth of Exeter, widow, grants a reversionary lease of a tenement at West Teignmouth near the sea-shore to the south to John Mugge and Joan his wife, with the following note: Item if the said Alice be disposed to come to the said John Mugge's house iiii. tymes in the yere the said John is contentyd to his cost and charges to fend hur mete, drynk and beddyng and as God schall send hym at every tyme a wyke."

In D. 1477, April 24, 1553, is the lease of a meadow called "Cowemarshe" for 90 years or terminable with 3 lives, the survivors paying a heriot or "farleve" at each decease with sundry other covenants.

In D. 1523, May 20, 1562, is the lease of a house in Racke Lane in the Parish of St. Mary Major, together with a "bruyng mantell" and a well.

The Gaol.

In D. 1500, March 10, 1566, Elizabeth Howell, widow, gives a bond for 50*l.* to the Chamber for the proper discharge of her duties as keeper of the gaol, which office she has by lease dated Sept. 24, 1547. In D. 1501, 1502, 1503 (same date) three other sureties (male) give bonds for her, each for 50*l.*

In D. 1721, April 4, 1613, are orders for the establishing, continuance and governance of a house of correction in the city of Exeter; also in D. 1776, July 10, 1665.

In D. 1761, March 23, 1646, the keepership of the gaol is granted to Gabriel Thomas of Rewe, yeoman.

In L. 480, April 2, 1722, is an order for appointing the Town Clerk Treasurer of the Gaol and Hospital money for 1722.

In 1833*a*, Aug. 4, 1729, is a table of fees to be taken by the gaolers of Insolvent Debtors at Exeter.

In D. 1838*a*, Dec. 21, 1741, the Governors of St. John's Hospital grant to the Mayor &c. a lease of two tenements in Paris Street to erect a Bridewell.

For a reference to the French prison, see D. 1840 (Feb. 9, 1750).

The Ten Cells.

In D. 1533, April 22, 1554, William Hurst [see Cotton, *Guild*, 36], as surviving feoffee of John Fulforde, clerk, under a deed dated Oct. 20, 1517, grants to the Mayor &c. the Ten Cells, with 10 gardens adjacent in Prestestrete [*i.e.* Simon Grendon's almshouses, with seal and signature "by me William Hurst." For Maud Courtenay's gift to these Almshouses, see D. 1241. For Alice Heyth's (see D. 1468, *p.* 291) gift to them by deed dated May 8, 1556, see *Rept. on Char.*, *p.* 91.

Duryurd Wood.

In D. 1556, Oct. 2, 1568, is a lease from the Mayor &c. of "a certeine rawde" in their wood of Duryurd for the taking of woodcockes and other byrdes in the same and also the mastage and pannage of the said wood.

In D. 1796, Aug. 11, 1698, the Chamber lets "all mynes of Led, Tyn, Copper or Iron and all mynes of Coale" in Duryard Wood for three lives, the Chamber to have the 5th part of all ores or coal found.

Felon's Goods.

In D. 1595*a* is the sale to Anthony Floyer [*d.* Nov. 28, 1608—Worthy, *Suburbs*, 162] of lands formerly belonging to

Charles Floyer, gentleman, which came into the possession of the Mayor &c. "by reason of a felonye by the said Charrelles commytted and done in killinge of one Walter Harris, and whereof he is outlawed and attainted" (see Charter XXVIII). For Floyer Hayes near the Snayl Tower, see Worthy, *Suburbs*, 161.

The Bonyfield Family.

In D. 1645, Sept. 6, 1587, is a lease of a tenement in Southgate Street now in the tenure of Lawrence Bonyfield, endorsed with a memorandum showing the history of the Bonyfield family.

In D. 1727, May 20, 1615, is a note concerning some furniture in a tenement at Southgate.

Licence to beg.

In D. 1733, Nov. 25, 1615, is a licence from the Admiralty to Mary, widow of Thomas Parker, mariner, late of Westminster, who was shipwrecked and lost over 500*l.*, to pass through the country unmolested to receive alms and benevolence of kindly disposed persons, with seal and signature of "Chas. Nottiggam" [Charles Howard, Earl of Nottingham, Lord High Admiral].

In D. 1734, May 1, 1616, is a similar licence signed "Charles Nottingham," the latter word having been previously written "Howarde" but altered.

Hele's Hospital.

D. 1777 (Oct. 21, 1669—*Rept. on Char.*, 77). Deed of settlement between the executors of Robert Snowe, clerk, of Exeter, who was executor of Dr. Robert Vilvayne (see page 12) and the Mayor and others of the brewhouse and malthouse in Exilond as Trustees for pious uses, chiefly for Hele's [*i.e.* the Blue Maids] Hospital (see Izacke, 176; *Rept. on Char.*, pp. 77, 85, 86).

In D. 1779, April 22, 1674, is a feoffment from Richard Crossinge and Christofer Clarke, surviving trustees of Hele's Charity, to John Butler, Nicholas Izacke and others, of the property belonging to Hele's Hospital.

In D. 1851, Sept. 22, 1789, is a lease from the Mayor &c. of a piece of ground adjoining the brewhouse with liberty to lay trees in the river for bringing water to the brewhouse &c.

Exeter and Crediton Navigation.

In D. 1856, 1857, April 21, 1819, are surrenders from the Company of Proprietors of the Exeter and Crediton Navigation to the Mayor &c. and to the Governors of St. John's Hospital.

Proper Names.

The *Miscellaneous Deeds* contain a large number of references to place names in Exeter and the suburbs, of which the following specimens may prove of service as a guide to local topography, as in many cases the original documents supply details as to boundaries &c. by means of which the localities may be exactly defined and identified.

(a) *Streets, Lanes &c.*

- Archelane, D. 957, 1332.
 Le Baly, 869, 975, 1091.
 The Barbican (at East Gate), 769a, 787c; the Barbigans, 1592, 1594; a piece of land called the Barbycan without Southgate, 1479, 1589, 1681.
 Barbicane Lane (in St. Paul's parish), 1560, 1634.
 The Bishop's Gate, 1094, 1128.
 The Bocherow, 1361; see *Smythenstrete*.
 The Bolehull, 790, 932; *i.e.* the site of Wynard's Hospital, see plan in Izacke.
 Bolehille stret, Bulhilstrete, Bulhylstrete (in St. Mary Major's parish), 900, 1080, 1372, 1369, 1373, 1444, 1466, 1640.
 Britayne, the street or via regia opposite the wall of St. Nicholas Priory, 858, 865, 875, 876, 1059.
 La Broadgate, 836, 870, 1403.
 Busselane, 760, 1208.
 Cakelane, Kaklane, 761, 844, 981; without Eastgate, 1190a; in St. Mary Major's parish, 1349.
 Carfoix, 879, 908, 1186, 1361.
 Carternstrete, Carterystrete, 706, 749, 1136.
 La Comba, 667.
 Combestret, 837a, 961.
 The Cookerewe, 1571, 1729.
 Correstrete, 794, 850a, 860; in the Parish of St. Stephen, D. 134; Oliver, *Mon.*, 303.
 The Cornmarket (in St. Olave's Parish), 1774.
 Covelegh Bridge, 697, 715, 750.
 Cowleybridge Road, 1667.
 Cowykstret, 703, 714, 780.
 Crolledych, 811.
 Culverlond Lane, 1067.
 Doddeheghstrete, 613a, 682a, 904—now Bedford Mews; Oliver, *Mon.*, 334.
 Few Lane, 1276.
 Le Fleshfold, la Fleyscheffolde, near Smithenstreet, 834, 840, 895; see *Shambles*. For making pentises for the fleisfolde adjoining the Guildhall, see Wright, 315, from Receivers' Accounts, 1387.
 Frerenstrete, 786—in vico fratrum minorum, 682a. 738.
 Le Fysshefoldegate, 854, 893.
 The Gaol, 1045, 1147; gaolo domini regis, 1193, 1256.

- Garstonswey (*al.* Voxlane), 1099 ; Garstoneweys, 707a.
 Gennestrete, 767, 1035, 1155.
 Goldsmithstrete, 1222.
 High Street, 607, 620, 634c.
 Idle Lane, L. 96.
 Langbrokestrete (without Eastgate), 913, 1270 ; Lange-
 brok, 634a, 795.
 The Littel Stile, 1598.
 Lyverdole, Luverdole, Leweredole (without Southgate),
 685, 710a, 774, 1007.
 Maudeleyn Street, 681, 807, 920.
 Northstreet, Northyetstret, 665, 666, 669b, 726, 802.
 Pacystrete, Pastrete (next St. John's Hospital), 685, 717a,
 850c, 888, 1012.
 Pancras Lane, 774a.
 Parrysstrete, 1553.
 Paulestrete, 624, 747.
 Prestonestrete, Prieststreet, Prustestret, Prustonstrete,
 159, 668, 763, 971, 1049, 1174, 1514.
 La Rigweye, or Ruggewaye, 766a, 883a, 990, 1007.
 St. Mary Lane (near Westgate), 719, 1808.
 St. Martin Street, 625.
 St. Nicholas Ditch, 680.
 Serells Lane, 1553.
 The Shambles (with entrance in St. Mary Arches), 1261,
 1440 ; Old Shambells, 1615 ; the Shamells—Wright, 319,
 from Receivers' Accts., 1594.
 Shetebrokstrete, Shitbroke Street, 765a, 776a, Seytebroc-
 strete, Sitabrokstrete, 683, 690 ; Scheotebrokstrete,
 748 ; Schitebrokestrete, 707a, 788.
 Shitebroke, Sytebrok, Schytebrok, 630, 661a, 765, 785,
 812 ; Shetbroke, 1498 ; Schutebrok, 689.
 Le Smalle lane, 802.
 Smythenstrete (*alias* le Bocherew), 604, 618, 668, 685,
 1422, 1423 ; at the back of the Shambles, 1770.
 Snayletour, 865, 1166.
 South Street, Southyetstret, 603, 634a, 657, 661e, 687,
 897, 955.
 Stonylane, 1028.
 Styppecotehyll, 675.
 Tythestrete, Tygherstrete, 806, 1241a.
 Le Vyntery, 1272.
 Waterberestret, 648, 697, 774a, 802.
 Wethypytlane, 1467.
 Wyggamoreslane, 1099.
 The Yarmmarket (or Wool and Yarmmarket, 1683), a
 house in Cookerewe adjoining the house of the Vicars
 Choral, 1571, 1729.

Houses, Tenements &c.

Barrowhill (a tenement), 1669.

- Le Barton of Polleslowe, 1720.
 Le Bertynhouse, le Bertynplace, or the Halle House of Duryurd, 1378.
 The Bulle (a hospice), 1525.
 La Cage (a house), 634, 760, 782, 798 ; la Coghe, 688.
 The Choristers' House (in South Street), 771, 1080, 1139, *Misc. Rolls*, 63.
 Communes latrinas (A.D. 1467), 1251.
 The Cornishe Choughe (a place), 1590.
 La Crofte, 707a, 951a.
 La Dupeseler, 932.
 Le Egle (in High Street), 1286, 1318, 1401.
 La Five Selers, 1254.
 The George (a tenement), 1436.
 Hegghalle, 951.
 Helle, 687, 710.
 Holehere, 733, 753.
 Holmes (a messuage), 1670.
 The Inne at Beare (in South Street), 1466.
 The King's Arms (inn) in High Street, 1804.
 Turlox (a tenement), 1513.
 The White Horse (a tenement), in St. Paul's, 1579, 1583.

Wells, Springs &c.

- Cakewylle, 981, 308.
 Crockernswylle, 1034.
 Duryurd well, 1604.
 Felwill, 1119 ; Fellewill (next Tadyforde), 845, 852 ; Velhwill, 850 ; in parco de Fellwell, 880.
 La Hevedwill, 761, 1028.
 Orwelle, 1092.
 Pacyeswill, 851.
 Le Town Will (*fons villæ*), 1124.
 Welwylle (without Northgte), 759, 795.
 Ywyll (beyond Eastgate), 1058.

Closes, Gardens, Hayes, Lands, Parks, &c.

- Asschelande, 710a.
 Averaislond, Avereyslond (a *cultura* without the East Gate), 776a, 804a, 927a, 928.
 Beldamehey, 748.
 Boghaye, 1010.
 Broadparks (in Exweek), 1656.
 Chaldefeldehay (a park), 947c.
 Chaldewellehay (land and garden), 748.
 Challefelde, Chaldefeld (without Eastgate), 789a, 806a.
 Chambernonsmershe, 1361.
 Clapermersshe, 1241.
 Cockworthy (a close), 1552, 1641.
 Colehay, 1278.
 Colemanneshei, 634a.

- Colleywood (in Exiland), 1690*b*.
 Collynsmarsh, 1614.
 Cowemarshe (in Duryurd, near Cowley Bridge), 1477,
 1628.
 Crykelepythaye, 860.
 Culverhay (a close), 1467.
 Culverpark (without Eastgate), 1135, 1242.
 Duryard, Duryerde, 680, 707.
 Le Estarcumbe, Starecumbe, Starcombe (a meadow in
 Duryurd), 759, 797, 1242, 1386, 1417.
 Foghaye, 1388; or Voggeheyes (a meadow in Duryurd),
 847, 1388.
 Frerynhay (in the parish of All Saints), 1427; (next the
 Snayle Tower), 1511, 1518.
 Furzepark, 1433.
 Gooseford (a close), 1450, 1456.
 Garlikparke, 1242.
 Heghys atter Esche, or att Esche in the manor of Heghys,
 1092, 1109.
 Holmismede, 1242.
 La Langacre, 749, 757.
 La Langeland (a *cultura*, without Eastgate), 676, 766*a*,
 773*a*, 779*a*, 788*a*, 796*a*.
 Langeparke and Marsh (in Duryurd), 1388.
 Marepolhed, 1574.
 Maudeleynhaye, 787, 1007.
 Milislond, 776*a*.
 La More, 776*a*.
 Morkeshillyshaye (without Eastgate), 769.
 The Mylhay, 1432, 1457.
 North Duryurd Downe, 1390.
 Northynghay, 1068.
 Paradys (a garden), 1084, 1119*c*, 1127.
 Pastellys Downe, 1475.
 Pitacre (a close), 1213.
 La Rededowne, 683.
 St. Leonard's Down, 1830.
 Le Schortelond (without Eastgate), 776*a*,*b*.
 Serlesheye, 683.
 Southynghaie, 678, 784, 843, 963.
 Stouteshills (in Exweck), 1658.
 Tadiesford, 686, 697, 796.
 Weare mead (a close next Calabear Wear), 1586.
 Wiggamore, Wigmore, 883*a*, 1069.
 Withybedd Medowe (in St. Sidwells), 1476, 1574.
 La Woodehaye, 872, 950, 1056, 1175.
 Wylpark (a close in Exwick), 1603, 1677.
 Wysdomshay, 704, 753*c*.

Women's Names.

The *Miscellaneous Deeds* contain a large number of women's names, of which the following are specimens:—

Acelina, Ascelin, 150, 612.
 Agatha, 684, 747.
 Amice, 663, 706, 816.
 Aumeye, *Misc. Rolls*, 56.
 Aveline, 682.
 Avice, 686.
 Blandeva, 1050.
 Cecilia, 669*b*.
 Clarice, 712, 759, 836.
 Cristyan, 1495.
 Dewnys, 1450 ; Dionysia, 658, 670, 682*e,f*, 730.
 Edevia, 661*a*.
 Elisoba, 1097, 1152*a*.
 Emmoba, 728, 1038.
 Felicia, 663, 958.
 Gesiana, 1047.
 Gilda, 625, 789.
 Giliana, 621.
 Gonilda, 797.
 Hawisia, 729.
 Helewisa, 744, 925.
 Heleynora, 736.
 Lyvena, 618*a*.
 Mariata, 670, 671*a*.
 Martyne, 1435.
 Mawyte, Mawde, 1450, 1451.
 Maysanda, Maisanta, 724, 1071, 1190*a*.
 Miralda, 908, 912, 997.
 Nicolaa, Nycoll, 915, 1480.
 Parva Rosa, 819*a*.
 Paschasia, 1406.
 Pauline, 658.
 Philpota, 1593.
 Rawlyn, 1627.
 Ricarda, Richawde, 930, 1387, 1520.
 Sabina, 806*b*.
 Savra, 726.
 Sibylla, 621.
 Sonotta, 726, 784.
 Thomasia, Thomasyn, 937*a*, 1474.
 Urith, 1595, 1631.
 Willa, Willelma, 1033, 1068*c*, 1327.
 Yllaria, 783.
 Ysolda, 709, 940.

Trades and Occupations.

The following trades and occupations are mentioned in the *Miscellaneous Deeds* :—

Barboure, 1207, 1008.
 Barelbearer, 1632, 1731.
 Basketmaker, 1659.

Bellmaker, 1215.
 Berebruer, 1378.
 Bocher, 941, 1154.
 Brasyer, 1669.
 Bruer, 1483.
 Candeler, 892.
 Capper, 1349, 1452.
 Carpenter, 721.
 Caryer, 1417.
 Clerk, 668.
 Clothworker, 1167.
 Cobbler, 734 ; Soutere, 822.
 Comber, L. 325.
 Copiner, 747.
 Cordwainer, Cordoner, 739, 788, 1264.
 Cotiler, Cutler, 663*a*, 828, 1432*a*.
 Deyher, 1085 ; Tincter, 762, 660.
 Dowere, 793.
 Espycer, 754, 763, 800.
 Felterer, Felter, 668, 1709.
 Feltmaker, 1668.
 Ferour, 911, 938 ; Verour, 700, 775.
 Fisherman, 1232 ; Vyssher, 762, 831.
 Flaccher, 1480.
 Fourbour, 804*a*, 857*a*.
 Glasyer, 1325.
 Glover, 836.
 Goldsmith, 1403.
 Gurdeler, 834.
 Gyngerer, 1216.
 Haberdasher, 1683.
 Hatmaker, 1400.
 Harpour, 623.
 Helyere, 683, 713, 734 ; Coopertor, 640, 732.
 Heyr, 708.
 Hopere, 664, 670, 658.
 Hosier, 743, 1444.
 Husbandman, 1515, 1617.
 Kalende Fratres, 655.
 Ledyntere, 762.
 Marchal, 842, 907.
 Masyhoun, 771, 832.
 Molendinarius, 624.
 Panter, 1046.
 Parcheminer, 910 ; Parcaminator, 752, 789.
 Pavyer, 1515.
 Perour, 722, 741, 756.
 Pistor, 665.
 Plumbur, 692, 705, 1677.
 Potecary, 1270 ; Apothecarius, 768.
 Poynnur, 682.

Roper, 794.
 Saddler, 1057.
 Saugere, 634, 680.
 Scherer, 753*d*, 887.
 Sergemaker, 1827.
 Sewer, 791.
 Skinner, 836*a*, 1120.
 Smith, 1156, 1219.
 Soper, 1106.
 Tailleur, 705.
 Tanour, 632, 719, 787*a*.
 Taverner, 663, 895.
 Teler, 666.
 Towker, Tooker, Tucker, 1106, 1519, 1685, 1712.
 Tynner, 1347.
 Vychelere, 623 ; Vytler, 1615.
 Wayte, 743*a*, 743*b*.
 Webbe, 806 ; Webster, 1222.

Seals.

There is also a valuable collection of seals, of which the following may be taken as samples :—

Edward I, 137.
 Edward VI, 1471.
 Protector Somerset, 1460.
 Elizabeth, 1649.
 Commonwealth, 501.
 Edmund Earl of Cornwall, 698.
 The Exchequer (A.D. 1495), 234.
 The Staple of Westminster (A.D. 1437), 1161.
 Baldwin, Archbishop of Canterbury, 226.
 Wareham (do. do.), 1413.
 Battle Abbey, 590.
 Canonsleigh Priory, 718.
 Cowick Priory, 847.

Exeter.

Archdeacon of, 1273.
 Bishop Bartholomew (1161–1184), 226.
 Bishop John (1185–1191), 229.
 Bishop Grandison, 233.
 Bishop Oldham, 1353, 1380.
 Bishop Osbern (A.D. 1073), 148.
 Bishop Quivil, 696.
 Bishop William Warelwast, 222.
 Chapter of, 223, 591, 598, 695, 696, 1353, 1397.
 Exeter City, 349, 719, 722, 753, 829, 848, 872, 885, 904,
 929, 961, 1116, 1129, 1189, 1233, 1234, 1237, 1255
 [see Oliver, p. 224].
 Exebridge, 671, 675, 705, 779.
 Grey Friars, 801, 968.

Mayoralty, 142, 261, 349, 762, 802, 805, 871, 912.
Merchant Adventurers, 1687.
Polslo Priory, 682*b*.
St. James' Priory, 771.
St. John's Hospital, 139, 141.
St. Nicholas Priory, 161, 179, 206, 217, 221.
Staple of, 251, 259.
Vicars Choral, 1782.
Bonville, William, 979.
Shillingford, John, 573, 575, 579.
Wynard, William, 577, 578.

PART II.

BOOKS.

The Act Books of the Chamber.

These Books contain entries of the meetings of the Council and the Orders and Minutes of that body. The descriptive headings are in each case taken from Mr. S. Moore's *Calendar*, which however gives little detailed information as to their contents.

Books 3 to 10 are indexed by Richard Izacke.

No. 1 *Act Book* of the Chamber from 20 December, 1508, to 20 October, 1538. A paper volume in quarto loosely bound in a single skin of vellum now a good deal eaten by vermin. It contains 194 folios, the last folio and the index being half destroyed. On *f.* 140*b* occurs an entry of a meeting of the Council on 26 October, 1542. The volume contains a record of the meetings and proceedings of the Council of the City and appears to have been the Town Clerk's Minute Book. It contains these entries down to *f.* 152*b*, and is contemporary with Book 2. This volume has been marked on the cover, "Duplicate of No. 1 (now called No. 2). It is, however, not a duplicate: a comparison of the two will be found in the next article under the description of No. 2. The following are a few samples of its contents:—

- f.* 17*b* (Dec. 11, 1510). It is agreed that the resseyver shall paye unto John Clyff Townclarke for his riding to London by the commaundement of the xxiiij—20*s*.
- f.* 18 (Dec. 18, 1510). That Estgate shalbe taken downe and to be newe bildyd again.
- f.* 19 (March 8, 1511). That Robert Poke of Thorverton shall bild and make Estgate of the Cite to finde all maner of stufte and he to have for his labor 128*l*. and to bild 6 votores.
- f.* 29*b* (March 20, 1512). That the Ressever shall sell 6 acres of Duryrde wode for the bildyng of Estgate.
- ff.* 35–40. A list of soldiers equipped by the city, their weapons and the contributions of the citizens towards their equipment, *i.e.* in 4 Henry VIII (1512–13), the Mayor being John Symons (not Richard as in Oliver, 231), where John is not Mayor till 1523). The soldiers are either Billmen or Bowmen. The weapons include

- swords (2s. each), daggers (3*d.*, 4*d.*, or 6*d.*), pollax (3s. 4*d.*) and halberds (16*d.*). The contributions are either in money or in kind. *e.g.*, a pere of bregyders or Bregyndelles, a standard, a pere of splynts, a bowe and a shefe of arowys, the setting of a pere of brigadyers, a salet, a pere of gussetts, the making of 6 cotys, a sawder, a shuld, a dagger, a gerdyll &c. The contributors include a pochemaker, a mason, a scolemayster (John Calwodeley, who contributes a pere of allemeyn-revetts), a curtholder, a schomaker and a tailor.
- f. 42. A note of the monies (118*l.* 14s. 6*d.*) paid by the various parishes of the city with the names of the collectors in each case, towards the King's subsidy, 5 Henry VIII [*i.e.* Jan. 23 to March 4, 1514. *Statutes* iii, 117].
- f. 67*b*. That the dorre in Estgate goyng into Seynt Bartholomewe is chapell shalbe opened this daye, whiche dorre John Speke, esquire, willed by his owne wille and none other and the dorre to be hongid uppe agayn as it was before.
- f. 84*b* (26 Feb., 1520). Whereas William Cruygge [or Crugge—Mayor in 1515, 1518] hath gevyn unto the Cite as sone as he is departed oute of this transitory lif his cloke of scarlet, 2 paier of brygandyns, 2 saletts, and 2 bills for which is graunted unto Anne the wife of the seid William Gruygge during her wydohode canon brede as olde maiers is wonte to have 8 canon lovys at Ester and 20*d.* in money and as moche at Cristmas.
- f. 86 (30 July, 1520). That Mr. Geoffraye Lewys nowe beyng Maire shall have the cloke of scarlet lyned with sarsenet which late Mr. John Bucknam [Mayor, 1509, 1516] gave unto the Cite for 40s.
- f. 93 (4 Nov., 1521). That Maister Mair schall have for hys pensyoun 40 marks and every Mair to have as moche heirafter.
- f. 93*b* (16 Dec., 1521). That my lady Cugg schal have suche brede at Crystmas and Ester as maistress froste hath [widow of William Frost, Mayor 1498, 1504].
- f. 95 (2 June, 1522). That Mary Mawdelyn feir schalbe kypte every yere heirafter and that the feir to begyne at Mary Mawdelyn Chapell and so to continue towardys the Southgayte and also this same ffeir to be a free ffeir for every mane that comyth to that feir for all maner of marchande gooddes cattells quycke or dede that they bryng.
- f. 135 (19 Sept., 1532). That William Burgeyn [town clerk] shall goo onto the president of the Chapter and certifye hym in name of the hole Chapter (*sic*) that the xxiiiij be holy agreyd that the payll lately seytt upp withyn the crosse betwene Seynt Martyn church and the subdeyns housse schalbe drawyn downe agayn

and requyryng them to cause hit to be so done before one of the cloke of this present daye accordinge to their appoyntement gave to the Maire and bretheryn estday at Seynt Peters.

- f.* 152 (20 October, 1538). That William Burgeyn schalle ryde to London and cause the new Charter concernyng the Citie to be asshured and alowyd within the Exchesser and also in the Kyngs huche, also that he be a suter to mylord Privy seell and to the counsell for the purchase of all the lands and tenements concernyng the Prior of Seynt Nycolas lying as well withyn the Citie as the parish of Seynt David without Northgaytt of the Citie of Exeter and also that the said William Burgeyn shall have dayly whyll he ys out to his costs 2s. 4d. to ffend him and his servant.
- ff.* 154 to 157. Entries relating to the equipment of soldiers to be at Hampton on 22 April (5 Henry VIII), 1513, their harness &c.
- f.* 158. A list of sureties for ale sellers and tiplers for their good behaviour.
- ff.* 159, 160. Fines of non-freemen, 5 Henry VIII [1513-14], *temp.* John Symonds, Mayor.
- f.* 161 (Oct 22, 1513). Harnyse delivered to Thomas, Provost to make clene &c., including pairs of splynts saletts, a Baver, aprons of mayle, pairs of gussetts of mayle, standards of mayle, 3 peces of mayle broken, 13 pairs of brigandyns, 7 shef of arowes, 11 bowes, 3 bills, a bukler, and 2 pairs of almayn revetts.
- f.* 161*b*, 6 Henry VIII [1514-15]. The confessions of sundry persons concerning an attempt to "sawdre and gild an olde noble which had no goolde."
- f.* 162 (Oct. 1, 1516). Assessment of a subsidy.
- ff.* 164-194*b*. Fines of non-freemen, 4 to 19 Henry VIII.

Book 2. The *Act Book* of the Chamber from 25 June, 1509 to 1 June, 1560 (*f.* 187). A paper volume in qto. bound in leather which is now somewhat decayed. The leaves appear to have been misplaced by the binder. *f.* 16 should be *f.* 1, *ff.* 1 to 4 should follow *f.* 24, *ff.* 5 to 15 are blank. On *f.* 4*b* is an entry belonging to the 24th year of Henry 8. The first 28 folios of this volume appear to contain the Acts or Perpetual Orders of the Council respecting things permanent. They appear to have been copied from *Book No. 1*; the Orders in that *Book* which relate merely to things present and temporary as the dismissal of officers, payments of money to the Mayor, orders for payments for receiving the freedom of the city, &c., &c., being omitted. Many more meetings of the Council are mentioned in *No. 1* than in this volume, because unless some special important or permanent order was made no notice was taken in *No. 2* of the meeting: for this reason there is often no entry for one or two consecutive years in this

volume [No. 2], whereas in No. 1 the succession of meetings is tolerably regular. No. 1, therefore, may be looked upon as the original and the more important Book of the two. On *page* 18 of No. 2, however, occurs an entry of a meeting and an Act which is not in No. 1. The same thing occurs on *f.* 18*b* and also on the same folio is an entry in No. 2 of a meeting which is noticed in No. 1, but in No. 2 there occurs an order not in No. 1. The entry under 5 October, 9 Henry 8 in No. 2 is much fuller than in No. 1, but there appear to be some leaves missing in the latter volume. From the examination of these two volumes it appears that No. 1 contains by far the greater number of entries; that No. 2 has many entries of orders copied from No. 1, but that it also has a few entries which do not occur in No. 1. Both the Books were no doubt kept at the same time and are contemporary with the proceedings they record. No. 1 may be looked upon as the Minute Book of the Council. No. 2 as the *Act Book*. This state of affairs however only continues down to the meeting of 16 March, 1520, which is the same in both books. After this, [*i.e.* from *f.* 29 onwards in Book 2], the entries are distinct in each book both as regards the dates and the proceedings of the meetings. On the fly leaf at the beginning is an inventory of the “yplementys and ornamentis off Saynt Georges Chapell” made on October 10, 1537 [*see page* 45]. At the end on *ff.* 188–192 are accounts of the payment of the subsidies of the Xth and XVth by the various parishes of the city from 7 Edward VI to 25 Elizabeth. Oliver in his *Calendar*, p. 353, notes that the volume contains no reference to the siege of Exeter in 1549.

The following are samples of the entries in Book 2 :—

- f.* 28 (16 March, 1520). The Chamber agree that John More and Bartholomew Fortescue, Esquires, shall build 3 almshouses at the end of Exe Bridge in the east partie of the Chapell stondyng upon the seid bridge where as the two almyshouses is nowe stondyng for whiche buyldyng they shall put in iij. power in the seid housis at all tymes duryng there lyves at there pleasure with the advice of the Maier and his brethern and after the death of the founders the 3 houses to be at the gift of the Mayer, Bailliffs and Cominaltie as they were in times past. A similar entry appears in *Act Book* I, *f.* 85.
- f.* 30 (4 Sept., 1528). Order that “The recever schall pay no more mony for the obytt of Quene Molde* to the parsons and curates of the Citie for as moche as they have nott keptte the same obytt in tymes past as the schuld have done.”
- f.* 39*b* (28 Feb., 1537). That ther schalbe gevyn unto Richard Pollard scheryff of Devon for his greytt

* *i.e.* Maud, foundress of the Trinity Priory in London. *See page* 4.

payn taken for the Citee and yn especiall because he had getyn a charter ffor William Hundaller a toune of Gaysconewyne.

- f. 40 (same date). That there schalle no Bruer send owte any ale of there howses withyn xxiiij. oures after that hit ys tunnyd upon payment of every Borell 12*d*.
- f. 42 (18 November, 1539). That the Mayor and 4 members of the Chamber shall go thorought with Mr. Thomas Carewe for the fee symplee of the church of Seynt John to the use of the Citee of Exeter for 40 marks.
- f. 49 (26 May, 1541). That the Maire schall make proclamation the next market day that all Rawe cloth and yerne which hereafter schall come to the citee the markt days that is to wite the Wenysdays and the frydays schall bryng it to the place thereto appoyntyd that is to wite at the newe byldyng in the Cokery (? Cookrew) over agens Seynt George is church.
- f. 55*b* (19 September, 1542). That whereas variance and strivis is nowe movyd by the wyfs of certayne of the members of the xxiiij. to the unquyetnys as well of ther husbands as of the resudue of the seid company of the seid xxiiij. that every wif of the members of the xxxiiij. shall take such order and folow the order and goyng one after other yn all places within the Cete accordyng to the order and awnsientie of there husbands and none of them to presume to go before other to the contrary of there husbands awncientie uppon payne that there (*sic*) husbands of them that shall make defaute to the contrary for every tyme 12*d*.
- f. 76 (27 September, 1546). Proclamation at the election of the Mayor.
- f. 91*b* (17 March, 1548). That Mr. John Drake beyng Recever of the Cete is bounde to have a gowne of Crymsyn and Grayne before the fest of Cristmas next after that he nowe was sworne yn his office and he not havyn the seid gowne accordyng to the olde order of the Cete that he shall paye for every tyme and day that he hath nott hadd nor wered his gowne accordyng to an acte thereof before made 3*s*. 4*d*.
- f. 92 (17 May, 1548). That the Mayor shall sett forth the ffenyshyng of Cowleyh bridge and get masons and other workmen for the same this Somer and that Mr. Resever shall ley forth all ye mony that the chardge of ye brydge shall come to.
- f. 95 (17 May, 1548). That whereas on Seynt Peter nyght accordyng to a olde ordynance theron gevyn yn bredd to a comyng dole at the Yldhall dore 20*s*. 2*d*., whereuppon there is yerly by reson of greit presse of people greit and ynsewen. Therefor it is thought most convenyent that the seid 20*s*. 2*d*. distribed to the

- poure by the dischression of iiij. persons yely (*sic*) appoynted by the Meyr for the tyme beyng.
- f. 121 (20 October, 1553). That for consyderacioun them movyng the Chamber have gyven unto the Right Honorable Lord Edward Courtenay Erle of Devonshere aue annuytie or annuall rent of 4*l.* by the yere for terme of hys lyeff [which was refused by the said Erle of Devon—added in a different hand].
- f. 136 (11 October, 1554). That ffrome hensforth the Sworde shalbe borne before the Mayor every markett day as it hath byn accostemyd.
- f. 139 (9 March, 1555). That Exbridge shalbe pavyd this yer and one of the peers plankyd.
- f. 145*b* (21 March, 1556). That the sale of Rawe cloath hereafter shalbe kypte in the Northgate Street from Watbury Street downewards towards Northgate and nott elsewhere.
- f. 147 [side note] (19 April, 1558). The Erle of Bedford bestowed some armes and weapons on the Citty. *See also f. 162* for the ammunition ye Erle of Bedford bestowed on the Citty, April 18 (*sic*), 1558.
- f. 150 (25 January, 1556). Order for the almshouse of Newton Bushell.
- f. 153*b* (12 July, 1556). That there shal be buylded in the back courte behinde the Guyldhall a house for the salf kipinge and emprysonyng of such as shall at any tyme be commended to the warde by the Mayor for the tyme beinge or otherwise by any other who hath lawffull autorite therein. [*See Introduction.*]
- f. 160 (3 February, 1557). That whereas the Citie walle near to Northgate and the seid Gayte of Northgate are myche in Ruyng and Decay it is ffully agreed by the hole assent of the xxiiij. that the Recevers with alle spede convenyent shall as well appoynt convenyent workmen for the repair of the seid walls and also to make and byld on the seid gate such defensible byldyng as shalbe thoght resonable.
- f. 163*b* (6 Oct., 1557). John Hurst having left 200 marks to the poor of Exeter the Chamber orders that 2*s.* weekly shall be given to the poor for the next 40 years.
- f. 173*b* (14 November, 1558). Contains a memorandum that Queen Mary died on Nov. 17th, 1558, about 5 of the clock in the morning on Thursday, and the same daie about 9 of the clock at the forenone the Ladie Elysabeth was proclaimed Quene of England. [*For the whole extract, see Oliver, p. 105.*]
- f. 174*b* (12 Dec., 1558). That the markett for the pultry, eggs, piggs, butter, chese, capons, ducks, hennys and other victuall of olde tyme accustomed to be sold at the Greyt Conduit and uppwarde accordyng as it hath byn usyd and that all other standyngs as Glovyers,

- Smythes, Tanners and others shall stond above the Yldhall upwards from Alhallows churche uppwarde alonge the Streyt boyth sides the side of the Streyt.
- f. 175 (28 Dec., 1558). Whereas Rychard Gyfforde and John Howell of this Cittie of Exon cytezens have undecently and after an uncomely (*sic*) manner behaved thymselfes in their parish church of St. John's bowe on St. Stephyns day last being the 26th of this moneth as namely that they both quareled, broyled and chydd in the same church as also the said Rychard Gyfforde contrary to all good order and lawe gave a blow to the foresaide John Howell it is ordered that Gyfforde shall pay 10s. and Howell 3s. 4d.
- f. 182b (26 March, 1560). Forasmuch as Peter Lake one one of the members of the xxiiij. hath by unsemely and undecent words mysused Richard Prestwode Shereffe of this Citie and one of the members of the xxiiij. calling him by the names of a dissemler and knave and a beast he is ordered to pay 40s. He is also to be imprisoned for 40 days and 40 nights for calling the Mayor a knave and other undecent words.
- ff. 192, 193 contain the confession of William Berryman made before the Mayor on the 12th February, 1538 (29 Henry VIII) concerning a disturbance in the streets.
- f. 194. Memoranda concerning the lease of the mille lot to Tokett on 11 January, 1551, who pays 5s. for one week. Also that Master Prestwode [M.P. for Exeter, Oct. 27, 1549] and Grefyn [*i.e.* Griffin Ameredith, M.P. for Exeter, 1549] rode to London on the 26th and 22nd of January, 1551 (*sic*) respectively. See L. 27, page 22, footnote.
- ff. 194 b, 195, 196. The names of the keepers of the keys of the Common Coffe.
- f. 195b. The ryatt (rate) of Barelberers, *i.e.* for seleryng wyne, oyle or every such lyke—1d. per hogshcad, 2d. per but or pype; for every hoggyshead of wyne fett frome one seller to another 3d., with similar rates for barreles of ale and other wares of little weight, also 1d. for hewing a dosyn of wode or for bearing of eny fardell boren bytwene two.

The volume has a fair Index Rerum made by Richard Izacke, Chamberlain of the City.

Book 3. *Act Book* of the Chamber from 8 June, 1560, to 26 October, 1581. A paper volume in small folio containing 471 ff. besides the Index, bound in tooled leather; the clasps are lost. The order of the leaves has been disturbed by the binder. In the binding is a mutilated slip (containing portions of Psalm lvi) cut from a grail noted, possibly from the Cathedral. See *Hist. MSS. Report, Var. Coll.* iv, 35.

The earliest entry in point of date is on *f.* 42 (8 June, 1560), from which the entries continue in chronological order to *f.* 469 (24 Nov., 1581). They then go back to *f.* 9 (24 Nov. 1580), and are continued to *f.* 37 (26 Dec., 1580). A great part of this volume is in the handwriting of John Vowell *alias* Hoker.

- f.* 1, 2. Contain some memoranda respecting the racks in Frerenhay, also without Westgate under the walls and the Millars Show.
- f.* 3 (22 Nov., 1570). Payments towards the edifying of Calabar Weare.
- f.* 5. Account of money received of the goods of the late Arnold Renolle of Exon given in white money, corante, angells, crownes, 3 doble ducats and 4 crusados (=3*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.*), 3 pistoletas (=42*s.*), halfe sovereignes, 29 olde Rialles (=21*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.*) and 3 Spanishe Rialles (=13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*).
- f.* 7 (30 Dec., 1579). A view of all the racks in Frerenhay including one racke conteyning ij. doss and one rack of one dosson.
- f.* 8 (25 Sept., 1781). A note of vestments &c. belonging to the Chamber, including 2 cushings of scarlett or silk, a table carpett, one silk cloth of whit and grene to cover the seate, a ryche comunyon clothe, a surplus and a comunyon Booke with a keye for the Desk, a certon organe, pipes and things therein.
- f.* 32. Rates for the Barelberers including 2*d.* for evere barell of ale.
- f.* 39. A copy of a commission of 5 May, 1585, for the enforcing of the Statute of 33 Henry VIII for the maintenance of Artillery and debarring of unlawful games (*see* Charter LXI). The Commission is addressed to our dere cosen and Chancellor Fraunces Earle of Bedford, William Earle of Bathe, John Bishop of Exeter, the Lord Edward Seymour, Sir Roger Manwoode, knight, Lord Treasurer, Baron of our Exchequer, William Peryam, one of the Justices of the Common Pleas, Sir William Courtneye, knight, Sir John St. Leger, knight, Sir Robert Dennys, knight, and others.
- f.* 68 (Nov., —). The Chamber do agree that Richard Swete for dyverse consyderacons which moveth them shalbe released of the punyshment of the Corte which he by order of this sholde susteyn for begeatying of Amy Bates, servant to Richard Prestwode, with childe, and for his punyshment he shalbe kept in straight pryson in the pytt of the Guildhall from this day forwarde untyll the ende of 40 dayes and ther to be fede every Wenesday and fryday with breade and water onely, except that Mr. Maior do yn the meane tyme perceive soo much repentence and amendement in hym as whereby he shall thinke good to abbrevyat any of the said punyshment.

- f. 129 (30 Nov., 1563). Forasmuch as the infection and disease of the pestylens dothe at this present tyme as well contynewe and remayne yn the Citie of London as also is entirely yn to other parts of the realme to the greate perell and daunger of the Quenes Majesty subietts and by bycause of the comon repaire and access of dyverse sortes of people to the comon and usuall faires in these so contagios and perylloss tymes the same sycknes may thereby rather be augmented and increased than dymyneshed and so by that means both the whole people and places now free and salfe from the said disease may be put in daunger to incur the perell thereof. Wherefor the Maior of this Citie of Excester, the Justices and Alderman of the same, with the assent, advise and consent of the Comon Counsel of this Citie of Exon do for the foresaide and other good consideracions thinke it good and expedyent to dysapoynt the faire usually kept in this Citie comonly called the S. Nycholas faire for this present tyme and therfor the said Maior, Justices and Aldermen do by this there present proclamation publysh and notyfy that the foresaide faire so usually kept within this Citie of Exon at S. Nycholas day for this tyme onely shalbe dyfferred and no faire at all for this tyme shalbe kepte.
- f. 469 (4 June, 1581). Note of the Collection (33*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.*) for the first payment of a tenth and fifteenth.

Book 4. Act Book of the Chamber from 7 Dec., 1581, to 6 July, 1588. A paper volume in small folio containing 291 folios besides the Index, bound in tooled leather. The volume consists of two books bound together. The first book (ff. 1—194) is a Memorandum Book. The second Book contains the Proceedings, Acts and Orders of the Council as in *No. 3*. The order of the leaves has been disturbed by the binder. The first entry is on ff. 290—291, upside down, the continuation being from ff. 195 to 289.

- f. 207*b* shows rates for the Merchants Hall. The goods scheduled include broadcloths, kerseys, tavistocks, dunsters, bridgwaters, totness, plain mosters, pole-davys, hollands, all reckoned by the dozen or the pece, wood cardes (1*d.* the doz.), bags of wool, maundes of curps (rushes), packs of iron or hardy ware, cases of glass, hatts (by the dozen), pytch, tarre and rasinn (by the barrel), cloves, maces, currans, dates, nuttmegs (by the hundred), Annis seed, lycorress (the bale), pepper, grains, gyngre, prunes (the hundred), paper (the reame), hoppes (by the bale), mather (the bale), fardels of dowlas and lockrams, dickers of hides, dozens of calves and spruse-skynnes, whyte leather (the hundred), with fixed charges for stowing of every fardel and plying of every tunne.

- f. 235b. A copy of an order dated Greenwich, 13 June, 1585, from the Lords of the Council to the Bishop and the Mayor desiring them to keep Mr. John Arundel* of Gwarnacke, Esquire, who attempted to escape out of the kingdom "with a good masse of money founde aboute hyme." The document has the imitated signatures of F. Bedford and Fra. Walsingham, and states that the Lords of the Council "have wylled us to give you ryght hartly thanke for your paynes and care taken theryn and for as much as there Lordships are at this present occupied with other affaires ther pleasure is that you should cause him to be kept in due and safe custody untill you shall heare farther from them without suffrynge any others in the meane tyme to have accesse or conference with hym and likewise to cause the money to be sequestered into the custody of such honest and suffycyent persons as you shall thynke meete where it may be always upon any warnynge forth comynge."
- f. 236b (14 July, 1585). Copy of a similar order for Mr. Arundel's release directed to the Sheryfe of Exeter. "After my hartly comendacions my L.L. of the Councell havynge perused the examynacon of Mr. Arundell of Gwarnock (*sic*) do fynde no cause of any further detencion, other of hym-selfe or of his money and therefore have delyvered unto hym his Bonde here as likewyse ther pleasure is that you should restore to hym or such as he shall appoynt to receyve yt the money that was stayed at Excester. And so I Byd you hartely from the Court at Grenewyche the xiiiijth of July, 1585.
Your lovyng frynde, Fra. Walsingham."
- Accompanied by a receipt for 3,800*l.* to William Martyn, Sheryfe of the Cytie of Exeter, July 28th. By me, Jo. Arundell of Gwarnacke.
- f. 244b (29 March, 1586). Copy of the City's receipt for the 200*l.* left by John Haydon,† late Sheriff and Alderman of London, to be lent to young men of Exeter.
- f. 281b (19 April, 1588). It was ordered that in consideracon of a Pynnas to be sett fourth by the Cite called the Gyfte of God for her Majesty's servyce the some of Two hundred marks shalbe paid unto the owners of the said Pynnas. And where the said owners do demaunde *vili. xiiis. iiiid.* over and above the said Two hundred marks They do also agree to paie the same or so much thereof unto the said owners as the same shalbe thought mete and reasonable.

* Called Thomas in *Acts, Privy Council XIV*, 323, Feb. 10, 1586.

† John Haydon, mercer, was elected Alderman of Aldgate ward, Sept. 27, 1582, and died Nov. 24, following, Beaven, *Aldermen of the City of London*, p. 11; but his name does not occur among the sheriffs of London and Middlesex in List of Sheriffs, P.R.O., p. 205.

And also they agree where a conclusion was made with the owners of a Shipp named the *Rose of Exeter* for the setting fourth of the same for her Majesty's service under Sir Fraunces Drake for celli. and now the said owners demaund a more some over and above the said celli. It is also agreed that the said celi. shalbe paid unto the said owners and the said demaunde of a more some shalbe examyned in particulers and shalbe reasonable agreed for with the said owners. And it is concluded that the said Shippe and barke shall departe from the Porte of Exon pleasing God this next mornings Tyde to Plymouth for the said service.

- f. 281^b (2 May, 1588). Att which daye it was agreed by Mr. Maior and the whole house assembled that Mr. John Sampford shalbe sent to London with letters to the Lordes of the Counsell for a suyte that the countrey may be contributorie to the one moytie for the charges for the settinge forth of the Shippinge. Also with the like letters to the Lord Treasurer. Also that Mr. Walker shall delyver unto Mr. Sampford in money ffyve poundes.

Also he hath letters unto Mr. Smyth and Mr. Howell for defrayinge of Tenne poundes unto Mr. Sampford yf nede do require and to assiste hym in his suyte and buisenes.

Also that Mr. Walker shall paye to the said Mr. Sampford iiiij. xvij. for two peeces of redd bestowed in waste clothes for the *Rose*.

- 4 May, 1588. . . . it is further agreed that Mr. Nicholas Spycer and William Brailie shall receyve more towards the victualinge and charge of the *Rose of Exceter* the some of Thirtie poundes of Mr. Walker.

And also that Mr. Thomas Spycer and Abraham Combe owners of the *Gyfte* of Exeter, shall receyue more towards the victualinge and charge of the said Barke called the *Gifte* of Mr Thomas Walker the some of Sixtene poundes.

Memorandum that yt was agreed that the maryners of the *Bartholomewe* of Exmouth should enter into waige the xxixth daye of Apryll laste and the maryners of the *Rose* and *Gifte* the xxxth of the said Aprill. And also that Mr. Walker shall paye Mr. William Martyn for a hundred and ffyve poundes waights of powder the some of ffyve poundes nine shillings and fflower pence.

- 3 June, 1588. . . . Who do agree about making a door between the College of Vicars and lands of the City . . . And they agree that the xls. allowed to the Maior for the Commissioners dynner about the contribucon for the Shippes shalbe paid and allowed by Mr. Walker out

of moneys remayninge in his handes collected for the settinge fourth of the said Shippes.

10 June, 1588. Agreed that Mr. Maior and the Three deputie Lieuutenants of this countie and citie or any three of them, whereof Mr. Maior to be one, shall make and sett downe a Rate upon all and euerie thinhabitannts of the same countie and citie what some and somes of money everie of them shalbe charged with, and paye towards the settinge fourth of the Two Shippes and Pynnace to the Seas for her Majesty's Seruyce. And that they shall do the same with such spede conveniently as they maye and take likewise for the collectinge and payement thereof.

17 June, 1588. It is agreed that there shalbe paid to John [? Dier] towards the payment of the waiges of the men of the *Bartholomewe xxiii li*. Also to Mr. Nicholas Spycer and William Brayley for the waiges of the men in the *Rose xvij li xs.*, and to Mr. Thomas Spycer for the waiges of the men of the *Pynnes vij li*. And further it is ordered that Mr. Thomas Spycer and Mr. Swete shall have the care and charge to provide for the new victualinge of the Two Shippes and pynnes and with them they have appointed Richard Dorchester to wyne (*sic*). Also that a letter shalbe sent to the lord Admyrall to the entention for new victualinge of the Shippes according to his letter, and also to request that by his meanes a Warrant may be procured from the lordes of the Counsell for the same. Also it is agreed that the foresaid severall somes amountinge in the whole to *xlviij li*. shalbe laide out by Mr. Walker.

1 July, 1588. It is ordered that the money of late laid out by Richard Dorchester at two severall tymes for victualinge of the Shippes at Plymouth shalbe paid unto hym. And also that the money due to Medland the cutler for certaine swordes shallbe likewise paid unto hym.

And it is further agreed that Mr. Receyver, Mr. Swete and Mr. Walker shalbe Auditors to take the accompt of Mr. Sampford (*see* L. 81, *page* 29) and others concernyng the settinge fourth of the shippinge and victualinge of the same.

The first portion of the *Book* (*ff.* 1–194) is a kind of common-place book of occurrences in the City. It is chronologically compiled and extends from 12 December, 1559, to 28 February, 1576. It contains entries of all kinds, the greater part of them in Hoker's handwriting. They are partially indexed in Izack's *Index Rerum* at the end of the volume. There are memoranda of persons whipped, imprisoned and banished the City for incontinency and divers offences, notes of forfeitures of goods for divers reasons; memoranda of prisoners' examinations and depositions of

witnesses &c. ; copy of a letter to the Justices of the Peace for the County of Devon respecting a confession of felony, and a note of a controversy about the repair of a wall.

f. 17b (3 Feb., 1556). The Confession of Nicholas Roughe, brewer, "of the gaynes he hath cleere at every brewing"—

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
<i>i.e.</i> at every brewing 6 quarters of olter malt amounting to 48 bushels at 13 <i>d.</i>			
the bushel	1	16	0
Also 8 bushels of barley malt at 2 <i>s.</i> the bushel	0	16	0
Also 6 bushels of roast malt at 4 <i>s.</i> the bushel	1	4	0
	3 16 0		
Of this he brews 20 bushels of the best at 6 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i> per bushel	6	13	4
Also he brews 11 bushels of the middell at 3 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> per bushel.. .. .	1	16	8
	8 10 0		
Total	8	10	0
Whereof he must be allowed for the malt as is aforesaid	3	16	0
Also for his wood	0	14	0
	4 10 0		

And he declares the remainder at 3*l.* over and above his small ale and graynes. [It will be seen that the above figures do not work out correctly, but the important item is the declaration in the last sentence.]

f. 31b (25 September, 1560). Note of a proclamation made to the comons beyng called together by the bellman agayne the defacinge of tholde auncient monumentes in churches of the nobilitie, as also agayn the pullinge downe and sellinge of belles or any ledde of any churche &c.

f. 32 (28 September, 1560). An other proclamacyon was made at the Guyldhall as concerning the decreeinge of the base and current monye, that is to saye the 1*d.* to current for $\frac{3}{4}$ *d.*, the 2*d.* for $1\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*, the teston for $4\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*, except all counterfeyts and false testons which are known by havynge graven in bothe sydes at the hedd in the superscription, one of these iiiij signes a lyon, a floure delys, a harpe or a rose, for all such testons are current but at $2\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*, at which proclamacion was present therle of bedeforde then present, who perswaded the people to a quietnes.

ff. 42, 45 (27 October, 1560). Articles of Agreement with William Strode for the conductinge of the River of Exe. [See page 27.]

f. 53b. Articles to be inquired by every Alderman in his ward and circuit. Whereas there be any inhabitant within his warde that lyveth suspiciously, any skolding, brawling woman or drunkard in his warde, any stranger or suspecte person, and to know how longe he had been there, from whence he came and whither he will, any vagabonds, upright men, guyler byrdes, myghty beggars, bawdes, whores or any myslyving people; how many journeymen every artificer keepeth, and whether he or they be in covenant with ther master for one whole quarter in one whole yere according to the Statute or elles do work by task or tale work; how many apprentyces every artyficer hath and whether they be bounde for vij yeres according to the custom, whether every journeyman and apprentys do ly every night in his master's house, whether they do refrayne from onlawful games and do use shetinge at tymes fitt and convenyent; whether they be seemely appparelled according to the Statute without any sylk great hests, ruffed sherts, and whether they do on the holy dayes go to there churches. [Whether such] as be hoxsters be of good name and fame or do kepe any bawdery or evil rule, or do use night-watching or unlawful games in their houses, do sell by lawfull measures mark'd and sealed, have ale or beer of sundry price as 1 for a 1*d.* the quart or a nother for a 0*b.* the quart, or do sell contrary to thorder of the Justices, do use any typlinge, comon eatyng and drynkyng or lodging within there houses, shote and make fast there dores at 10 of the cloke at night in the somer and at 9 in the wynter. Whether any huxstere be not admitted by the Justices and bounde by recognyssance, do regrate, forstall or engrosse any victuals, as namely any poultry or whyte meat, as butter, eggs, chese or the lyke, and by that means the prices are enhaunsed. Whether any buyer or seller do use any false weights or measures; whether the streets and lanes be clensted, voyded of ordure, donge, robb or any other fylthe which is or may be annoyaunce to the common welthe of this Citie; whether there be any ruynoss or decayed houses which stand dangeross for those that shall passe that way or which require to be pulled downe, and whether they kepe any jakehouse of offyl or dongehill in fylthe or any lyke thing to the annoyaunce of there neighbors or any other.

f. 103. A remembrance of certayn Articles relating to the Charter of Orphans for Mr. Thomas Williams and Mr. Geffrey Tothill, burgesses for the Citie, at this Parliament in January, 1562.*

* *i.e.*, from January 11, 1563, to January 2, 1567. See p. 50.

- f.* 139 (21 September, 1563). The whole order and processe of the covenants &c. had between the City and John Trew for and concernyng the River of Exe,* and conductyng the same with the rates (*f.* 141) for passing the work.
- f.* 143 (12 November, 1565). The forfeiture of certain leather by action of the serchers of lether apoynted for the same within the Citie of Exeter according to the Statute of November, 1 Elizabeth.
- ff.* 148 and 161*b* (29 December, 1569). Order with the Brewers which doo serve the Citty of Exeter and suburbes with Ale and Beer. Brewers are to sell their beste doble ale at 6*s.* the barrel or 3*s.* the half barrel, and tapsters at 1*d.* the ale quart or $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* the gill; also second or good comon ale to be sold by Brewers at 3*s.* the barrel, with a note that it was to be better than it was wonte to be; the tapsters are to sell it at $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* the ale quart or $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.* the gill. The Brewers are to sell their "Smallest Dronke" at 1*d.* the gallon.

Book 5.—Act Book of the Chamber from 9 November, (29 Elizabeth), 1587 (not 1588, as on cover and on *f.* 278) to 15 September, (43 Elizabeth), 1601. A paper Book in small folio, containing 277 leaves, besides the Index. Bound in plain vellum.

On three fly-leaves at the beginning of the volume there occur:—

- A Copy of the prayer to be used at the meeting of the Council.
- A Copy of a letter dated Exon, the xijth of Marche (*s.a.*, probably 1588) from the Chamber to the Mayors of Plymouth and Dartmouth undertaking to bear the 4th part of the charge of setting forth four ships for Her Majesty's service in Devonshire, as required in a letter from the Privy Council dated February 5th last past.
- A Memorandum, dated 24 April (30 Elizabeth), 1588 of sums of money as of Lonte (or Lente) by divers persons in Exeter towards furnishing and setting out of two ships and a pynnas by virtue of letters from the Lordes of the Counsell for the defence of her Majestie and the realme. The total amounts to 361*l.*+18*l.* in a supplementary note (31 July, 1588). There are also further untotaled lists dated 13th and 15th June, 1588, totalled in a modern hand as 19*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*, with a final note that "all the somes before specified are paid to Mr. Walker." Against several of the names is a side-note "paid back" or "back again paid." There is another list of loans towards setting out these ships on a flyleaf at the end of the volume. [*See page 63.*]

* *See p. 28. Archaeologia, XXVIII, 17; Oliver, 249, 257.*

- f. 61 (8 April, 1589). That the Erles of Huntingdon and Essex and Sir Ffrancys Knolles ar apoynted to come shortly to this Citie, and it is ordered that the dyet of the said Erles shalbe at Mr. Mayor's house and their Lodginge to be at Mr. Recorder's house at the chardges of the Citie, and further also that there shalbe certyn persons apoynted to ryde agaynst theym and to receive theym ynto the Citie, namely, Mr. Recever, Mr. Hooker and Mr. Nicholas Spicer.
- f. 67 (15 August, 1589). That Mr. Recever shalbe allowed of viij*li*. disbursed of gunnepowder spente at the cominge of the erle of Essex, also Twenty Poundes paid for the releave of the Souldiers returned from the fleete unto Portingall, also 43*s.* paid by him for fees of certaine Bucks geeven by the Erle of Essex, also that any of the xxiiij shalbe paid of ther money they disbursed to the settinge furthe of the shippinge for her Majestie's service agaynste the Spannerds shalbe repaid of 6*s.* 8*d.* of every pounce which they paid, and that fyfftye Poundes comyng to the Cittie for powder and other charges of the Cittie in the said Shippinge shalbe paid unto Mr. William Martyn for and towards the debt which the Cittie doth owe him.
- f. 90 (26 January, 1591). Ordered that the parishes of St. Laurens shall ringe ther greate bell for a Curffeu Bell in the morninge and eveninge, and that they towarde the same shall have and receive yerly 10*s.*, viz., of the said parisheners 2*s.*, of the parisheners of St. Stephens' 2*s.* 6*d.*, do. of Alhallows in Goldsmyth Strete 2*s.* 6*d.*, do. of St. John's Bowe 2*s.*, do. St. Pancras 12*d.* The parishe of St. Petroke shall ringe one other Bell as aforesaid, and for the same shall receive as follows, viz.: Of the parisheners of St. Petroke 6*s.* 8*d.*, do. of St. Paule 3*s.* 4*d.*, do. of St. Martyn 2*s.* 8*d.*, do. of St. George 3*s.* 4*d.*, being in the whole 16*s.* Also an other bell shall be rung at St. Mary Steppes at a cost of 20*s.*, to be paid by parisheners of St. Mary Steps, St. Mary Arches, St. Olaves, St. Edmunds and All Hallows [on the Walls]. Also an other bell at Trinity, 10*s.* for the parishes of Trinity and St. Mary the More, and that the Ringers of the said parishes shall have paymente accordingly.
- f. 108 (1 May, 1592). That Mr. Maier, Mr. Richard Martyn, Mr. John Periam, Mr. Sherife and Mr. Hooker shall ryde on Thursday next to Sir Robert Denys,* knyghte, now Recorder of this Citie, and shall in ther best manner intreat hym to resigne unto the Cittie his office of Recordershipp, to thende they may chuse suche a one in his place as may be able to execute

* See p. 55.

- the same place (*sic*). And that they shall in respect these promise him suche consideracion during his liefe as they shall thinke good, and that they shall carry with them as a gifte unto Sir Robert two suger lofes.
- f. 109 (20 May, 1592). Whereas Sir Robert Denys, knighte, late recorder of this cittie, hath willingly and freely yelded and delivered over unto the Cittie his office of Recordership and surrendered the same and made his release therof under his seale. The Chamber have elected and chosen Edward Drewe, Esquire, sergeaunte at Lawe, to be Recorder of the saide Cittie and Countie during his Liefe [with a pension of 20 marks. Oliver, *Cal.*, p. 280].
- f. 110 (29 June, 1592). Whereas Mr. Sergente Drewe, being of late chosen and sworn Recorder of Exeter, and sithens that as yt ys informed the said Mr. Sergent Drewe ys chosen and sworn Recorder of London, by meanes wherof Mr. Drewe cannot conveniently remaine Recorder of this Cittie, they chuse John Hill, esquire, to be Recorder of this Cittie.
- f. 114 (2 November, 1592). Whereas the foreparte of the Guihall ys ruinous and in decaye and ys to be reedified at the charge of the Cittie, 9 members of the Chamber, including the Mayor, are appointed to consider in what order and fashon the same shalbe edified and also what the charge therof will amounte unto.
- f. 122b (27 March, 1593). That from hensfurthe there shall not be licenced by the Maier for the tyme above the nomber of two persons of the Company of Butchers to sell or kill vitaille in the tyme of Lente, and he (*sic*) to sell the same only to suche as have licens to eate fleshe lawfully. [See D. 1665, page 90.]
- f. 123 (19 March, 1583). The rates for the Haven and Key of Exeter. Goods landed at the Key of Exon either brought in the Cityes Boates from Topsham or from any place within the port below Topsham, such as salt, whiteware and canvas, lead, Devonshire Tynne, Cornysse Tynne, small Boates with oysters, ffyshe, shilling stones, helliage and coal, cardes of cloth, also the rate of the carmen, *e.g.*, for every tonne caryed from the Kay to Combestreete and other places adjoynante, for every fower punchens of wool cardes, 10*d.* For caryage downe of every rake of wares conteyninge a horseloade unto Topsham 4*d.*; do. below Topsham 6*d.*; for every tonne of salte beyng caryed from Exeter to Topsham to serve for Newfoundland or otherwyse 16*d.*: boats to pay 12*d.* the tunne of wares for ther passage in the worke.
- f. 126b (31 May, 1593). That Mr. Herte, the Towneclerk, shall have the seller under the foreparte of the Guyldhall, which ys now buyldinge to hym and to his assignes

for tearme of 87 yeares for the yerely rent of 20s., with a proviso that no tenant or occupier of the said seller shall keepe any fagotwoode or any dangerose thinge whereby the same may be fyred.

- f.* 127*b* (21 June, 1593). That Mrs. Hill, deceased, did bequeth unto the poore of the Cittie the sum of fiftie poundes to be paid by Mr. George Cary, her executor longe sithens, and the same hitherto hathe not bene performed, that therefore the Maier, Mr. Recorder and Mr. Prowz shall conferr with Mr. Cary for the more spedy recovery of the same, and that they shall make and use the beste meanes they may for the recovery thereof. On a flyleaf at the end of the volume is a note of the will of Alice Hill, widow, of London, 12 July, 21 Elizabeth: in which she leaves 50*l.* to the poor of St. Albans and Exeter.
- f.* 128 (12 July, 21 Elizabeth, *i.e.* 1579). Extract from the will of Alice Hill: "Item I will there shalbe geeven and distributed to the poore people and moste nedy householders within the Towne of St. Albans in the Countie of Herts and the Cittie of Exon, where I was borne, to either the said Towne of St. Albanes and the said Cittie of Exon, the sum of fiftie Poundes to be imploied and bestowed to the releefe of the poore people of the said towne and cittie by the discrecion of my Executor and of certeine of the beste Cittizens and Townesmen of every the said Cittie and Towne. Repeated on *f.* 276*b*, where she is called *vid. Civitatis London*, dated 12 July, 21 Elizabeth, and the Executors are Sir William Cecill, knight, Master of the Rolls, and George Cary of Beckington, in the County of Devon, esquire. *See also f.* 169*b*, 4 October, 37 Elizabeth [1595].
- f.* 154 (29 March, 1595). That Mr. Recever [Babington] shall provide a Hoggyshead of good Sack or Canary wines and bestowe the same upon the newe Byshopp [Gervase Babington] as a gifte from the Cittie.
- f.* 216 (12 December, 1598). That Mr. Attwill's picture, which coste 20s., shall be paid for by Mr. Mayre and he to be allowed therof oute of the dett he owes the Cittie upon his accompte. [See Oliver, *p.* 219.]
- f.* 217*b* (19 December, 1598). Whereas they agre and thinke yt very acceptable to God Almightye and the comon welthe of this Cittie and to the prayse of God and the reforminge and abolishinge of divers disorders in the same, a lerned person shalbe procured with the consente of the Byshop to preche every Sabbathe daye in the afternone and to do other Godly exereises in St. Peter's Church and other parishe Churches, and that oute of the rewenwes of the said Cittie shalbe

- yerly paid to the said precher by the Recever of this Cittie yerly twenty Pounds.*
- f. 257*b* (27 September, 1600). That Mr. Serjant Hill, our Recorder, shall have given unto hime yerly everye yere duringe his life Eight Salmons of the river of Exe, which is the like number that is allowed to the Maior of the Cittie for the tyme beinge.
- f. 274*b* (25 June, 1601). That all the accompts of the Cittie shalbe from henssefurthe made and sett fourthe in Englishe.
- f. 275*b* (15 September, 1601). The Chamber have elected in the steade of John Hooker, Chamberlyn, decessed, William Tickell to be Chamberlyn of the said Cittie. [See Introduction.]

Book 6.—Act Book of the Chamber from 15 October, 43 Elizabeth (1601) to 21 September, 9 James I (1611).

A Paper Volume in small folio containing 231 folios, besides the Index and flyleaves. Bound in plain vellum.

- f. 40 (1 February 1603). Whereas the Bridge called Exebridge is in some parte in decaye, namely the Wester Peere of the same bridge, that the same peere shalbe this sommer in the beginning thereof repered and amended, so as the same may be made firme and stronge and continewe agaynst the fluddes and driftes of the greate waters.
- f. 62*b* (10 April, 1603). Whereas Mr. Howell† hath advertized this house of a mynte to be obtened in this Cittie by suite unto the King's Majestic that in respecte they finde not howe the same may be beneficiell unto the Chamber and are ignorant what the charge of the upteninge therof will amounte unto, That the said sute shall not be sett furthe at the charge of the Chamber.
- f. 86 (20 June, 1605). That Laurens Seldon's picture and his wiefs shalbe made to be sett upp in the Counsell Chamber at the costs of the Cittie. [See Oliver, p. 218.]
- f. 106*b* (12 May, 1606). Whereas one Mr. Stephens was late in the tyme of Mr. Richard Prouze his Maioraltie [*i.e.* 1578 or 1589] putt from the place of a Curat or Minister of the Mawdlyn, that the said Stephens shalbe restored to his former place and thereto contynew as a minister or Curat so long as he shall demeane himself in good sort and shew himself conformable to the lawes and ordinances of the Churche.
- f. 127 (28 January, 1608). Whereas the Key of Topsham by meanes of a tempest of late ys ruynated and the same muste necessarily be repered againe, so as it may be sufficient, That therefore the same Key shalbe

* Mr. Snape was appointed on June 23 following. Oliver, *Cal.*, p. 282.

† See L. 8, p. 16.

- repaired as a Committee thall thynke necessary by the discrecion of Mr. Recever and two others and the charge thereof to be defraid by Mr. Recever.
- f. 131 (16 April, 1608). Where Mr. John Prouz* hath bene attendaunte at the parliament house a greate longe tyme aboute the Citties busines to his greate labor and hinderans, That in regarde therof and for his good service therein Mr. Recever shall paye unto the said Mr. Prouze the sum of xxli. more beside that which is alreedy paid, which ys xxli. more than the allowans of iiij s. p. day in respecte he hathe served xiiij monethes at this parliament.
- f. 185 (18 September, 1609). That ffor as muche as a great inconveniens doth dayly falle oute to the comon welth of this Cittie and comon state of the same by meanes of the greate concourse and repere to this Cittie of many Plaiers, Tumlers and people of the leeke nature and disposition, who many tymes do disorder themselves and oftentymes doo oute of Season and in the nyght tymes make their Showes and plaies to the people to the hinderans of good Rule and order and to the meantenans of all disorder and losenes to the greate displeasure of God Almightye, That in consideration thereof and for the avoidinge of the said inconvenience any Company of suche persons before mentioned shalbe permitted or allowed at any tyme hereafter by any person having the place of the Maier of this Cittie to make any shewes or plaies within this City or County betwene the feastes of Thanuncia-tion of Our Lady and of St. Michaell, and but to end att the Hower of Sixe in the afternone nether betwene the feasts of St. Michaell and of Thannunciacion of Our Lady, but to ende att the Hower of fyve in the afternone of the same daye for any cause whatsoever.
- f. 196 (23 January, 1610). That in the behalfe of this Cittie the Burgesses of the parliament for this Cittie shall presente to the Speker of the parliament in token of their good will a hogshead of Malaga wyne or a hogshead of claret wyne which they thynke beste in ther discrecon together with one baked Salmon pye and Mr. Recever to paye the charge therof.
- f. 202b (22 May, 1610). That 2 sugar lofes shalbe geeven unto Mr. Canon Bodly [see p. 92] and two unto Mr. Canon Leach in token of ther good will for ther paines in the Lecture at St. Peter's at the morninge preinge by Mr. Ignatius Jurden, the charge to be defraid oute of the reste of the collection made for Mr. ffitz Geffry, and they agree that a letter shalbe writen to my lord Tresurer and one other unto my Lorde of Essex for ther favor towarde the bill preferred in the parliament house for the Cittie.

* He was M.P. for Exeter in the Parliament that sat from March 19, 1604 to Feb. 9, 1611. See p. 111.

- f. 227 (8 August, 1611). That Mr. Recever shall geve and bestowe upon Mr. Bodly and Mr. Leche, Canons of this Church, by this house in respecte of ther labor in prechings to ether of them ij suger lofes. [There is a similar entry in *Act Book VII*, f. 16, under date 28 July, 1612.]
- f. 230 (9 September, 1611). Where the laste Committees have auctoritee to compoude with the ffermors of Topsham for ther estate in the Crane, Key and Wharfe of Topsham yf they myghte, and the said Comittees doo nowe answeere this house that they offred the said ffermors for the said estate and to gevee them for the same *cccli.*, which Composition is now liked by this house and therfor they doo agree that the saide Comitties shall finishe with the said ffermors the same offer. [See D. 1707, p. 73.]

Book 7.—*Act Book* of the Chamber from 3 October, 1611, to 1 April, 1634. A paper volume in small folio, containing 436 folios besides the Index. Bound in plain vellum.

- f. 17b. That Mr. Recorder and every person of the number of the *xxiiijth*. of the Comon Councell of this Cittie and have borne thoffice of the Maieraltie of this Cittie, shall have yerly two salmons of the ffermor of the fishing, the same ffermor to be allowed for every such salmon *3s. 4d.*, and the ffermor to deliver no suche salmon either at the tymes of the assices or sessions to be holden in the said Cittie. [Repealed.]
- f. 20 (22 September, 1612). That every suche as shalbe chosen to be of the number of the *xxiiijth*. of this Cittie shall pay and gevee to this house *15s.* to be bestowed in a peece of plate and the some of *xxli.* to be lente for one whole yere. And Mr. Acland did deliver to Mr. Recorder the said *15s.*
- f. 34b (4 February, 1613). That Mr. Recorder and three others shall repere from this house unto my Lord Bishopp and to informe his Lordshipp that this house will willingly enterteine a precher for the lenctures of this Cittie for ffyve yeres for the morninge service and the afternoone lecture. Yf one man do performe bothe the same lectures they will gevee him Threescore and Tenne Poundes, and yf one man shall performe the aftnone lecture and one other man to performe the forenone lecture then they will gevee and paye for the forenone lecture *20l.*, and for the aftnone lecture fiftie pounds yerly by equal partes.
- f. 59b (14 April, 1614). Where Mr. Maier did invite to his house at the laste assices in this Cittie holden the Justices of the Assices at Dynner the Thursday in their retorne from Launceston Assices for the credite of this Cittie to his great charge, that in respecte

therof the Recever shall paye and deliver unto Mr. Maier towards the discharge of the said Dynner the some of ffyve Pounds.

- f.* 74*b* (15 November, 1614). Havyng vyewed the reckonings and accompts of Mr. William Hurst's lands geeven towards the maintenaunce of the poore in his almshouses without the East Gate of the said Citty do finde that the Citty ys not to be burdened with any payment towards the maintenaunce of the said poore people, and because some poore people within the same almshouses do nede more relief than they do now receive, therfor it is now ordered that the parish of St. Davyds, towards the maintenaunce of the said poore which do want reliefe, shall pay weekly xii*d.*, and yf any thinge do then want the residue of the said maintenaunce shalbe supplyde by other several parishes of the said Cytty and County.
- f.* 75*b* (26 November, 1614). At which day there was delivered into this house a certein acquitans for the receyte of 133*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for the free gette of this Cittie unto the King's Majestie as followeth: *viz.*, copy of a receipt dated Nov. 17, 1614, by the hands of Richard Martyn and Nicholas Ducke, Esquires. [See L. 163, page 85.]
- ff.* 80*b*, 81 (2 March, 1615). The Mayor and Council order that no person shall sell in the oapen streate or any oapen shoppe or at his stall uppon any Saboth day any flische, salt ffishe, fruits, roots or herbes whatsoever under penalty of 12*d.* for the first offence, rising to 2*s.* and forfeiture of the stuff for the benefit of the poor. That no barber shall pole, barbe or trim any person upon the Saboth day betwist the hower of one of the clock in the morning and one of the clock in the night of the same day under penalty of 3*s.* 4*d.* for each person so poled, barbed and trymmed. Also (*f.* 82*b*) any merchant, mercer, grocer, draper, retayler or haberdassher not to open any shop windows or sell any wares or merchandize except it be for murning or for shrouds on pain of forfeit of the goods. Also (*f.* 82) any vintner admitting any inhabitant to eat or drink in his house for money or selling any wine between 8 and 11 in the forenoon or between 2 and 5 in the afternoon. Also (*f.* 82*b*) any glover, shoemaker, or cutler shall not work in his shop to sell swords, daggers, gloves and shoes between 1 a.m. and 1 a.m. following.
- f.* 170*b* (17 September, 1619). Receyved from Sir John Acland, knyght, by the handes of Henry Shepcott, one wrytynge conteynynge a grant of an anuytye of iii*l.* xs. ysuenge out of certayne landes in Byckeley in the countye of Devon graunted to 12 of the Comon

Counsel of the Cytie of Exon and ther heires for ever, which wrytynge is also put into Sir John Acland's chest amongst his other wrytynges. [See Introduction.]

- f. 411b (16 October, 1632). Whereas one John Quick is now in his Majestie's prison within this Cittie for suspcion of Treason, it is this day agreede that there shalbe a commission forthwithe sued out for the triall of the said Quick, the said commission to be directed to the Maire, Recorder, Aldermen and unto Ellize Hill, esquire, and William Bastard, esquire.
- f. 435b (1 April, 1634). A note of the parishioners names of the parish of Marley, and what rate they pay for their tythes for this yere begynninge the xj of January, 1633. 26 names, with total payment=31*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.*

Book 8.—Act Book of the Chamber from 10 April, 1634, to 6 October, 1647. It has also (f. 213) two entries of 7–13 July, 1663. A paper volume in small folio, containing 214 folios besides the Index.

- f. 53 (7 February, 1636). This day Mr. Receiver and three others bee appoynted and intreated to vewe the place near the Key where Mr. John Colleton is desirous to make a paire of staires into — for which licence is granted on 21 February, 1636 (f. 53b).
- f. 89 (2 July, 1639). Agreed that Mr. Receiver shall repayre and amende the little bridge in the highway lying over Duryurd Mille near Cowley Bridge, and that the Justices of the Countie of Devon be acquainted att the next sessions of the necessitie of the repairing of that parte of Cowley Bridge that the Countie is to repaire.

The latter portion of this volume (*Act Book VIII*) covers the period of the Civil War, and many extracts of the highest interest have been made from it and from *Books ix* and *x* in Cotton, *Gleanings*, pp. 73–184. These include:

- f. 137b (31 July, 1642). The Chamber send petitions both to the King and the Parliament supplicating for a happie accomodacion.
- f. 138 (4 August, 1642). The expected arrival of the Earl of Bath.
- f. 140 (8 September, 1642). The Chamber agree to engage an ingeneer for the better defence of the City at a yearly salary of 30*l.* and expenses.
- f. 144b (10 January, 1643). They agree to pay 100*l.* to the Earl of Stamford, now lord generall appointed by the parliament.
- f. 147 (18 June, 1643). Also to borrow 2,000*l.* after the defeat at Stratton.
- f. 156b (14 March, 1644). Decide to displace disloyal members of the Chamber after receipt of a letter from the King.

- f.* 157*b* (2 May, 1644). Decide to present 200*l.* to the Queen "nowe in this Cittie."
- f.* 158 (30 July, 1644). To sell the City plate, which it "is conceived wilbe hereafter of little use."
- f.* 158*b* (31 July, 1644). To present 500*l.* to the King, who "is this day to make his accesse to this Cittie and 100*l.* more to the Prince his Highness, who comes with him. [Printed also in Oliver, *Hist.*, p. 116.]
- f.* 159 (30 July, 1644).—Gifts to the King to pay for 3,000 pairs of shoes provided for his army in Bristol.
- f.* 165 (20 May, 1645). Vote 10*l.* to pay for the dinner to the Lord Caple, the Lord Culpeper, Master of the Rolls, Sir Edward Hyde, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and divers other persons of honor then in this Cittie.
- f.* 166 (14 June, 1645). Pigs to be removed without the walls because the sickness or the plague is nowe raining in manie partes and such infectious diseases are much occasioned by nastie and beastlie smelles.
- f.* 167*b* (30 August, 1645). That 100*l.* shalbe presented to Prince Charles his highnes, who came to this Cittie the last night. The money to be taken from the Orphans money.
- f.* 169*b* (18 October, 1645). That 100*l.* be presented to Sir John Berkeley, kt., the present Governor of this Cittie.
- f.* 175 (31 March, 1646). As to a letter from the Governor "concerning the summons this day sent for the rendering of this Cittie," and naming representatives "in case a treatie shalbe concluded upon."
- f.* 175*b* (12 May, 1646). Revokes the last Election of Sir Peter Ball as Recorder and puts Edmund Prideaux in his place.
- f.* 176 (16 June, 1646). Presentation of an order of the Parliament, dated June 8, 1646, reinstating Richard Saunders and other displaced Aldermen and members of the Common Councell and Chamber.
- f.* 177*b* (16 June, 1646). Dismissal of Mr. John Colleton, Receiver General of this Cittie.
- ff.* 178–180. Other dismissals, including Sir Hugh Crooker, the Mayor (Sept. 1, 1646), an order having been previously made (*i.e.* June 23, 1646, *f.* 178), and Mr. Thomas fuller from the Bodley lectureship (June 17, 1646).
- f.* 179*b* (20 August, 1646). Regarding the lodging for the judges at the Assizes shortlie to be helde in this Cittie.
- f.* 191 (14 January, 1647). Invitation to Mr. Hurste, minister of God's Word at Plymouth, "That this Cittie may have the benefitt of his ministrie upon fitting consideracoun."
- f.* 193*b* (18 February, 1647). To use the Colledge hall of the Vicarrs Corall of the Cathedrall Church, bein

- adjoining to the yarne markt as a comon wooll hall.
- f. 196 (25 March, 1647). The valuation of the boats.
 - f. 196b (6 April, 1647). Appointing April 13th next as a day of thanksgiving for the last rendering of this Cittie.
 - f. 197b (13 April, 1647). Grants 10*l.* to Mr. John Bond, minister of God's Worde for his greate paynes this day.
 - f. 198 (15 April, 1647). Orders removal of the poor out of Bedford House.
 - f. 211b (6 October, 1647). To petition Parliament to allow a rate not exceeding 2*s.* in the £ on several houses towards the maintenance of the ministers here.

Book 9.—Act Book of the Chamber from 6 October, 1647, to 25 February, 1652. A paper volume containing 104 folios besides the Index. It contains the Acts of the Council, and at ff. 92–104 the proceedings of the Committee for the sale of Estates (5 March, 1654, to 23 October, 1660). It requires rebinding. Many interesting extracts from this volume will be found in Cotton, *Gleanings*, pp. 122–147.

- f. 26 (23 November, 1648). Order that the inscription in the wall of the new churchyard† purporting the consecration thereof to be defaced.
- f. 27 (30 November, 1648). 10*s.* paid to Josias the Keeper of the Great Clock at the Great Church, for cleansing the gutters by the walks in the Great Churchyard.
- f. 69 (21 January, 1651). That whereas in the years 1642 and 1643, when this City was held for the Parliament against the King's army, and all other ways of raising money to pay and fee the soldiers and make good the fortification and defence of the city failed, this Chamber was necessitated as the last and only remedy to propose the giving of the common seal for the repayment of such monies as should be lent thereon, and for such provisions as should be furnished for maintenance of the garrison, and where also this Chamber oweth several sums of money unto orphans and to several accounts of Trustees for the poor for which also their Common Seal is given, all which this Corporation stands engaged to pay, and for some of which first mentioned debts there are judgments obtained and extents already executed upon the Lands of this Corporation, the Chamber order that one half of all the money * * * And whereas the monies so taken up and employed in the public service in the said siege of the City may hereafter by the favour and justice of the Parliament upon a right representation thereof made be acknowledged a public debt and repaid, which is

† *i.e.*, the Churchyard near All Hallows on the Walls, consecrated on St. Bartholomew Day, August 24, 1637—For sermon preached by Bishop Hall on the occasion, see G. Lewis, *Life of Jos. Hall*, p. 308.

really intended effectually to be endeavoured with all convenient speed, that what shall be so recovered shall be to and for the only use and benefit of this Corporation until the said debts so discharged be repaid.

- f. 74 (18 March, 1651). This day a committee was appointed by the Chamber to prepare certain heads of the late grievances this Corporation and City have suffered in relation to the late troubles whereby a petition may be drawn up and presented to the States for some redress therein, and Mr. Town Clarke is desired to yield his best assistance thereunto, and any three of the aforesaid committee to take the assistance likewise of such persons of this Corporation as they shall think fit for the better effecting of this Business.
- f. 85 (16 December, 1651). That a Committee of the Chamber meet every Monday in the Council Chamber at two of the clock in the afternoon to sett and fill up estates in the City's lands not exceeding four lives or [blank] years for the raising of monies for payment of the Chamber's debts to the poor and otherwise, and it was further ordered that if any member of the Committee shall take or renew any estate that he shall not have any vote therein nor be present at the debate thereof in any other manner than those that are not of the Chamber.
- f. 85b (23 December, 1651). Mr. James Pearse, Sheriff, was intreated to disburse the sum of 100*l.* towards the present satisfying of the soldiers pay upon the Chamber's engagement to pay him the same sum again at the end of 14 days next; also that 66*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* be delivered to Mr. Maior out of the monies lying in the chest lately made out of the Citties lands to be by him disposed of and given to the poor of this citye that are in greatest want in these miserable times.

Book 10.—*Act Book* of the Chamber from 9 March, 1652, to 30 June, 1663. A paper volume in small folio, containing 180 folios, besides the Index. It is bound in plain vellum. Extracts from it will be found in Cotton, *Gleanings*, pp. 146–184.

- f. 1 (9 March, 1652). That there shalbe 500 timber trees felled and cutt down in Duryurd wood, and that the monies raised and made of the same shalbe employed for the settling the accounts belonging to the poore, and that whereas 9*l.* was found to be in arrears in Mr. Atwell's account due out of a tenement in St. Thomas' parish, which in the late troubles was demolished and burnt a deduction of 40*s.* is allowed to the tenants in consideration of the injury sustained.

- f. 8 (22 June, 1652). That the moiety of such sums of money or satisfaction in any other way as the Parliament shall be pleased to assign to the Chamber shall be for the benefit of the poor of this place *bona fide* without any sinister end or intention.
- f. 28^b (4 August, 1653). The same day these severall certificates were sealed with the Common Seal. Then follow the names of 19 persons for various amounts advanced aboute the reducinge of Ireland.
- f. 29 (13 August, 1653). Further long lists about monies adventured for Irish lands or monies advanced about the reducing of Ireland. Also on Aug. 16, 23, 31; Sept. 6, 12; October 13, 18; Nov. 1, 1653; March 14, 1654.
- f. 39 (3 December, 1653). Ordered that the following writing purporting the claime of monies &c. shalbe sealed with the Common Seale, *viz.*, Wee the Maior, Bayliffes and Comynaltie of the Cittie of Exeter doe hereby clayme as a debt owing and due to us from the Common Wealth the some of 14,020*l.* 2*s.* 1½*d.*, being lent by us uppon the publicke faith which was recieved and issued out by the order and appointment of the Deputye Liewtenants of the said Cittie att the several dayes and times mentioned in the account hereunto annexed and by them who were also impowered thereunto by severall orders and ordinances of parliament. [No account accompanys this.]
- f. 49^b (27 June, 1654). The same day a certificate of monies received by Mr. Walter White for Irish subscriptions was sealed with the Common Seal as followeth:—Guildhall, London, April 25, 1646. This may certifie whom it may concerne that the Treasurer appointed for the Irish subscriptions received of Walter White of the Cittie of Exon, Esquire, by the hands of several persons before the 29th of April, 1643 (*sic*), for several subscriptions subscribed by several persons in the Cittie of Exon, the somme of 15,728*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* as by the particular receipts in the hands of the said Walter White more plainely appeareth. *Signed*, John Warner, Thomas Andrewes.
- f. 50 (4 July, 1654). Mr. Henry Prigge is intreated by this house to write to a freind of his in London to gett downe an able and fitt person for a chimney sweeper to continue here; and it is agreed that a pension of 3*l.* *p. annum* shalbe paid unto him quarterly for his honest and carefull service within this Citty.
- f. 55 (28 November, 1654). The Mayor and 4 others are chosen and appointed a committee by this house to consider of some fitt person to undertake the keeping in worke and educating of 10 poore maides in the foreroome belonging to the newe Workhouse in

- St. Peter's Churchyarde, which is conceived to be usefull for that purpose, and the roome to be with all convenient speed fitted and prepared for that use.
- f. 56 (19 December, 1654). Johan Hernaman appointed Schoolemastris of the newe schoole and workhouse to be fitted and ordained in parte of the late Tresurer's house in Peter's Churchyard [see page 81], to the keeping to worke and educating of poore girles therein, and it is agreed that tenn poore maides shall for the present be received in and the house to be fitted and prepared for that purpose. She is to be paid 20*l.* *p.a.* for herself and a servant under her, the monies to bee disburst out of Mr. Attwill's money.
- f. 59 (5 March, 1655). To cause the two pitts of water without Southgate neere the drawbridge to bee forthwith filled upp with earth to prevent the future danger to people cumming in that way.
- f. 62. To pay the somme of 170*l.* out of Mr. Atwill's money to pay for such as hath been laid out about the newe hospitall building.
- f. 70 (15 January, 1656). Agreed to purchase from Mr. Embury the cloisters and such wast groundes and other appurtenances as is incident thereunto adjoining to Peter's Church for the most reasonable value it may bee had, 1,600*l.* being borrowed for the purpose at 5 % interest, with the names of the subscribers (f. 71*b*).
- f. 71 (11 March, 1656). The Mayor and 4 others are appointed to treat and conclude with Mr. Valentyne Greatrakes about the letting or selling of the Chamber's lands in Ireland. On the same day (f. 72*b*) the conveyance and purchase deeds of inheritance for the sale of the Chamber's lands in Ireland to Sir Ames Ameredeth, baronett, Colonell Hierom Sankey of Clonmell in Ireland and Valentyne Greatrakes of Cornworthy, co. Devon, Esquire, were sealed with the Common Seal of the Corporation. The lands are described as lying in the Barony of Middlethirds in the county of Tipperary in the province of Munster. They consist of 4,185 acres 29 poles of meadowe, arable land and profitable pasture, English measure, which being deducted into Irish measure is 2,583 acres 2 roods and 32 poles with all the woods &c., for the consideration of 1,500*l.* [A footnote by Dr. Oliver in his *Calendar* states that the Irish property was purchased by the Chamber on March 24, 1655, for 15,728*l.* 10*s.* and sold on March 19, 1656, for 3,360*l.*, referring to p. 336, but I have not traced this entry.]
- f. 72 (25 March, 1656). Whereas there lately fell to the ground an olde Almshouse appointed for the harboring of Two poore people which stode neere the Key gate,

which happened by the fall of some parte of the Towne Walle and the Chamber thinking that place not soe fitt for an Almshouse did lease away that plott of ground to Walter Stronge, hellier, and in Leive thereof have erected in Trinity parish just within the Mawdlyn Gate an Almshouse for Lodging of fower people, which is double the number the old house was to harbour. And wee do order the pay which the Warden of the poore was accustomed to pay weeklie and yerelie unto the two poor people which lived in the house whilst it stood by the Key gate shall be for ever weekly accordingly paid unto two of the most poorest of the fower that shall from time to time happen to bee placed by the Chamber and shall live in those 4 newe erected houses aforesaid nowe standing within the said Mawdlyn gate, the which what it is the Rental and Booke which is yerely made and delivered by the Towne Clarke unto the said Warden of the poore will shewe and direct.

- f. 78 (14 October, 1656). This day Mr. Maior brought into the Chamber the counterparte of the deeds for sale of Irish lands made by this Corporation to Sir Ames Ameredith, Colonell Sankey and others sealed and delivered by the said Colonell Sankey, the others having formerly sealed and delivered it, together with fower severall bonds for payment of the monies for the same with the interest thereof, which were putt into the boxes. Also a Receipt of Mr. Embrey's for 2,230*l.* for the purchase of the Cloysters; the priviledges of Peter's Churchyard and Archdeacon Cotton's house was likewise brought into the Chamber by Mr. Maior and putt into the boxe. [See Introduction.]
- f. 79*b* (28 November, 1656). The same day Mr. Gandy and Mr. Slade are desired by this house to be assisting to Mr. Receiver in the disposing and sale of the organs lying in the cloysters and to see the brasse halfe crownes seized on in Mr. Snowe's year of Mayoralty [*i.e.* Simon Snow, Mayor, 1653] to be melted.
- f. 80 (2 December, 1656). Upon reading of a letter lately received from Mr. Towne Clarke, nowe in London, touching the uniting of severall parish churches within this City to the late Cathedral church of Peters to be called Peters the East, and for an addition thereunto to be made, *viz.*, that his highnes the Lord Protector may have the presentation thereof, It is this day fully agreed and resolved on by this house that the agreement first drawne upp and approved of by the Chamber and Mr. Stukeley shall stand without any alteracon or other addicon whatsoever. And soe to bee againe recommended to Mr. Towne Clarke for the passing thereof in Parliament if it may bee.

f. 89b (11 August, 1657). Ordered and (*sic*) the respective Churwardens of the respective Churches of Trinitie, Mary Stepps, Alhallows on the Walls, Johns Bow, Kirrians, Pancras, Georges, Pauls, Alhallows in Goldsmith Streete, Laurence, Stephens and Martin and every of them be commaunded that within fower dayes after notice of this order to them to bee given they bring in to the Right Worshipfull the Maior of this Cittie a true particular in writinge of all the Bells, goods, utensills and implements whatsoever to the said respective churches belonging and appertayning. And alsoe to give upp unto the said Maior the possessions of the said respective churches by the delivery of the generall keyes of all the dores of the same to end order may bee farther had and taken in the premisses according to and in performance of an Act of this present Parliament, intituled an Act for the promoting and more frequent preaching of the Gospell and maintenance of ministers in the Cittie of Exeter and uniting of parishes and parish churches within the said Cittie of Exeter,* whereof the said respective Churchwardens may not faill att their perills, which order Mr. Towne Clarke is appointed to signe with his owne name in the name and by the order of the Common Councell, which was done accordingly And the parties therein concerned to be served therewith ; followed by the order for partitioning the Cathedral with a brick wall on the east part of the cross aisle. [Printed in Oliver, *Hist.*, 119 ; Cotton, *Gleanings*, 172.]

f. 94b (30 October, 1657). Whereas the markt commonly called the Searge Markt, held and kept weekely within this Citty hath heretofore byn severall tymes to severall places within the said Cittie for the better accomodacion thereof removed And whereas the place where the same is kept in Southgatestrete [see L. 409, p. 50] is found both in regard to the people there useing and frequenting the said Markt as alsoe in the stopping upp of the passage of the said streete in respect the same Markt place is overt and open to the Raine and Stormes, and for sundrye other reasons to be inconvenient, for remedye whereof and for that a convenient place is lately prepared by great labor and expenses for the better accomodacion of the said Markt to be held and kept in the newe buildings yard and plott of ground neere adjoyning to the late cathedral church there heretofore known by the name of the Cloysters, where all fitt accomodacion, as well for sale of the said serges and perpetuanaes, as also for the safe preserving and keeping of such of the said Merchandizes as shall not at the said Markt for the present be disposed of.

* See D. 770, Sep. 17, 1656 ; *Fouman*, 207.

- It is ordered that the said serge markt shall be removed from Southgate Street into the said yarde and newe buildings from the 6th day of November next, and that the Markt for the sale of ffish nowe kept in the High Streete bee removed thence into the said Southgate Streete. [*See Cotton, Gleanings, p. 175.*]
- f. 138 (28 August, 1660). It was this day ordered that a bond should bee given to Mr. Simon Snowe by the Chamber under their Common Seale for 609*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.*, payable on demand for soe much hee disburst for a present in plate to his Majestie by order of this Chamber. And Mr. Snowe is desired by this house to treat with the dean of the Cathedrall Church concerning the late order made about St. Peter's Church &c.
- f. 138*b* (28 August, 1660). 25*l.* of Sir Thomas White's money is agreed to be lent to John Rowse of this Cittie, woollen draper, for tenn years upon the security of Mr. Nicholas Brendy and Mr. William Penny.
- f. 142 (17 November, 1660). The same day it was further ordered that where the serge markt shall be removed from the late Cloyster of the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, where for some tyme past it hath byn usually kept, that the same bee removed into St. John's Hospitall within the East gate of this Cittie, in which place Mr. Receiver Pym is desired to provide boards to make upstandings for the said market in conveyent tyme. This order was repealed on Dec. 11, 1660 (*f. 142b*), on which day it was agreed that the market be kept in South street from Friday next the fourteenth, on the petition of the inhabitants of South Street, who desired the retourne of the said searge markt into that streete. It is further ordered that those stalls and standings which now are in the said Cloysters bee removed thence and ymployed to and for the use of the said markt to bee erected in the middle of the said Southgatestrete from the conduitt there upwards, and the benefitt and advantage thereof solely to accrue unto the maydes hospital for their better mainteynce and livelihood.
- f. 144 (19 February, 1661). Ordered that the benefitt of 25*l.* of Sir Thomas White's money formerly intended and lent out for Walter Kerslake, bee divided betweene him and Thomas Nash, who is to stand principall in the bond and to have 4*l.* thereof for his parte.
- f. 144*b* (19 February, 1661). That the summe of 50*l.* of lawful money bee conferred on Mr. Samuel Izacke, Town clarke of this Cittie, in liewe of his severall yeres penceon behinde and unpaid.
- f. 144*b* (26 February, 1661). Mr. Snowe and four others are appointed and desired to treat with the Dean

and Cannons about the affairs of the Hospitall, Chambre and Cittie. Also (*f. 146b*) on May 7, 1661, to treat and conclude with them for those lands that the Cittie hath purchased. Also that 20s. be paid to Class for keeping the seats in St. Peter's Church.

- f. 149b* (20 August, 1661). Whereas the Commissioners for raysinge mony out of Mr. Ellis Hele's Lands by appointment of Sir John Maynard, Baronett, and Mr. Ellis Sterte have raised the summe of 500*l.* for the stockinge and maintayning of a workehouse for and in the Cittie of Exon to bee ordered by the Major and Aldermen of the said Cittie, and are ready to paye in the same as security shalbee given them for their indemnity and for the discharge of the said truste it is ordered that the said 500*l.* bee paid in to the Receiver.
- f. 152b* (22 October, 1661). Mr. Alderman Snowe or Mr. Deeble are desired by this Chamber to bringe in the lowest price and value of an house in Alhalows in Goldsmythstreet, who intend to purchase ye same for a Bridewell or house of Correection, being the very use the said house was designed unto formerly, 539*l.* 10s. being paid for it on Dec. 17, 1661 (*f. 154b*). It is called a Bridewell or working-house for the keeping of the poore att worke in *f. 153* (6 November, 1661), where it is proposed to purchase one out of money of the gifte of Mr. Laurence Atwill, and if it shalbe found not warrantable by Mr. Atwill's will that the monie shalbe made good againe by the lands of this Cittie.

Book 11.—Act Book of the Chamber from 7 July, 1663, to 4 March, 1684. A paper volume in small folio containing 244 folios. It contains the Acts of the Council only and has no Index.

- f. 3* (1 September, 1663). Whereas heretofore an agreement was made betweene Doctour Peterson, late deane of the Cathedrall Church, and the Chapter of the said Church, with divers members of this house touching the yielding upp of such right as this Cittie had unto or of their possessions and the payment of certaine monies &c. from the said deane and Chapter, which hath byn performed on the Cittie's parte, but not on the deane and Chapters parte. Mr. Alderman Gandie and 2 others are desired by this house to repaire on Saturday next to the Chapter House to treat with the said Chapter touching the premises. On Sept. 8th, 1663 (*f. 3b*) they report that they had a friendlie treatie with them about the particulars given therein, but those of the Chapter then present being not a complete number, and expecting the Bishop here verie shortlie, desired respite given untill his return. Whereuppon it is

- further this day ordered that if answeare satisfactorie be not given by the said Chapter within two weeks that the Committee wait again upon the Chapter to knowe their positive answeare therein.
- f. 13 (25 April, 1664). This day it is fullie agreeede and resolved that a peticon shalbe forthwith presented to his Ma^{tie} representing the manie wrongs offered to this Cittie by the Deane and Chapter of Exeter in not performing the Agreement made betweene them.
- f. 44 (28 May, 1666). The liberties and priveledges of this Cittie beinge att present questioned, and Mr. Recorder having written from London to send upp some of the said Charters,* It is this day agreeede that severall Charters shalbe sent upp accordingly and that the Chamberlaine of this Cittie shalbe intrusted with the carrying of them to London in the speediest way he may with safetie. Then follows: The particular of the Charters and writings sent by the order above mentioned: 1. The Charter of 29 Henry VIII, 3 Edward VI, 3 Elizabeth, the Acte of Parliament of 5 Elizabeth (see Oliver, p. 268), the Charter of 3 Charles I, 28 Edward I, 2 olde Charters of King John, the Charter of 16 Henry VI, A Certificate of 39 Edward III. The Coppie of an Inquisition of Edward I. The Cittie's Armes under the Kinge of Armes his hande and seale. All of them putt into a little trunk lockt and delivered to Richard Izacke, Chamberlain, at the day above-menconed.—On April 30, 1667 (f. 60), three Charters were likewise sent to London by Mr. Tounclarke, *sci.* 29 Henry VIII, Edward VI (*sic*) and 3 Caroli. A side note records: "Brought back again into the Chamber."
- f. 46b (31 July, 1666). One acquittance for the receipt of 280*l.* of Mr. Symon Snowe for soe much received by hym of Mr. William Sanforde from Mr. Valentyne Gratrix, being parte of the debt due by the said Mr. Gratrix for the purchase of the Irish lands from this Cittie.
- f. 46b (same date). One other acquittance for the receipt of 20*l.* of the said Mr. Snowe for a peece of plate heretofore bought by this Cittie to be used in St. Peter Church and since solde to the Deane and Chapter of that Church to be still used there as at their request.
- f. 47 (7 August, 1666). This day the Townclarke presented to this house a note of particular summes given to charitable uses by Mr. Perryam and others, which being in severall hands is desired to be entered for the better continuance of the accompte thereof hereafter, viz.: John Perryam, 1,000*l.*; Thomas Walker, 200*l.*; Mrs. Elizabeth Dowrish, 50*l.*; Sir Richard Lawdye, 100*l.*; Mr. James Tucker,

* See p. 2.

100*l.*; Mr. Thomas fford, 250*l.*; Mr. Richard Evans, 500*l.*; Mr. Ralph Herman, 400*l.*; Total—2,600*l.*, which is thus disposed of. Here follow particulars.

- f.* 83 (5 January, 1669). I doe acknowledge to have received these Charters followinge out of ye Councell Chamber, vizt., 3 Edward VI, 29 Henry VIII, 3 Elizabeth, and 3 Caroli, and also ye exemplification of an Actt of Parliament made 5 Elizabeth to be conveyed to London for the present use and to bee returned again by me, Ri. Izacke. All which were accordingly retourned and putt in one of ye boxes in ye Councell Chamber. [*See Introduction.*]
- f.* 88 (25 May, 1669). Mr. Maior is desired to proclayme horse markt weekly on ffridayes to bee kept in ffruernhay.
- f.* 101*b* (8 November, 1670). Mr. William Sanford is desired to receive from Mr. Snowe's executors ye severall Bonds entered into by Sir Ames Amerideth and Mr. Valentine Gratrix unto this Chamber, and uppon the said Mr. Sanford's reporte thereof to this howse to transmitt ye said bonds to Mr. Samuel Crockford of Mynehead, and in the name of this Chamber to desire ye said Crockford to use his best endeavour for ye speedy recovery of ye said debte.
- f.* 105*b*. Whereas there is a greate somme of monie still due from severall persons uppon the sale of the Irishe lands of this Cittie and the bonds entered into for the payment thereof being mislaid whereby it is not certenlie known who were bound for the payment thereof or that remayneth thereof yet unsatisfyed, the members of this Societie are all desired to informe themselves thereon the best that they may and likewise to examyne who hath any of the said bonds or any other writings touching the same soe soone as possblie they may, and to give this house an accounte thereof that course may be speedilie taken for the recovery thereof.
- f.* 120 (27 August, 1672). A Letter of Attornye to be written to Mr. Chamberlain to demand an account and to receive the monie due from Mr. Gratrix in Ireland and a release to the said Mr. Gratrix uppon payment &c.
- f.* 132*b* (3 May, 1673). Alderman Sanford havinge received letters of late from the Cittie's agents in Ireland for the recoverie of monies due from Mr. Gratrix and others there for lands sold unto them expressinge some mistake in the accounts of that affair, and that one Mr. Osborne is now owner of the said lands, who makes some proposalls herein for the determyning of all differences touching the same, Mr. Sanford is desired to write speedilie to the said with directouns

to conclude the [*sic*] in such manner as he thinke fitting, and there being an offer made of the payment of 200*l.*, it is conceived by this house fitter to accepte of the same then to contest in Law for the recovery of more upon uncertentie.

- f. 134 (12 August, 1673). Whereas there are monies due from Mr. Gratrix and others for the lands of the Cittie in Ireland and noe certaine sommes can be agreede on by reason of differences in the accounts of severall persons touching the same for the avoyding of further troubles and expence touching the same, Mr. Alderman Sanford is desired by this house to use his best indeavour therein againe and to give order to accepte of one hundred pounds if more cannott be gotten.
- f. 138*b* (16 December, 1673). A letter latelie sent from the Citties agent for the recording of monies due to the Cittie for their lands in Ireland, and ther being an offer of [*blank*] to be paid for the same upon a release to all the parties interested therein, It is this day agreede that a release be prepared for the same accordingly to avoide further trouble.
- f. 139 (6 January, 1674). This day a release under the Common Seale was sealed to Sir Ames Amerideth, Colonell Jeremy Sankie and Valentyne Gratrix, Esq., of all debts and monies due for the Citties lands in Ireland upon the engagement to pay 105*l.* to the Citties agent there upon the receipt of their release.
- f. 141*b* (5 May, 1674). A letter, beinge this day reade from the Citties agent in Ireland that the persons there who are to paye monies for the lands there heretofore purchased from this Cittie will not paye but 150*l.* att present upon the delivery of the Citties release, and the residue at some short tyme thereafter, It is this day agreede that it shalbe soe accepted to avoide further disputes therein. Ald. Sanford is desired by this house to give order to the said agent in Ireland to effect it accordingly, taking some caution for later payment that an end may be of that long and trowblesome business.
- f. 157*b* (31 August, 1675). Whereas there are 55*l.* paid of late unto Ald. Sanford for the Citties lands solde in Ireland, for which hee is accomptable to this house, orders are given for the disposal of the money.
- f. 161 (14 December, 1675). Ordered that all liquid goods brought upp to the Key by water for lighterage and cranage, shall pay 2*s.* 6*d.*, and all other goods 2*s.* by the Tunne, also for lighterage of all goods downwards except pack goods 2*s.* 6*d.* p. tunn; do. for every packe of serges of 20 pieces 4*d.*, and soe for other goods according to ye bignes; for a quarter of coale 12*d.*; for salt accounting 40 bushells to ye tunn 20*d.* per

Tunne; for every hoggeshead of tobacco *8d.* All coasters to pay as formerly.

- f.* 196*b* (5 September, 1679). This day it is ordered that ye Common Brewhouse in Exiland [*see p.* 104] and ye pesthouse in the parish of St. Sydwell's be forthwith by ye comon cryer of this City proclaymed to bee sett and ye day for ye disposall of ye same is appointed to bee Tuesday come sen'ight, 16th inst., here at ye Counsell Chamber, where ye best Chapman is to bee preferred. Mr. Receiver is likewise ordered to repaire that part of Cowley bridge which fitly belongs to this Chamber to doe.

Book 12.—Act Book of the Chamber from 22 April, 1684, to 4 September, 1684. A folio volume bound in leather, containing 7 leaves of Acts at one end and at the other the following entries:—

- f.* 1. The Charter of Incorporation of the Joyners of Exeter, 20 March, 1685. [*See Deed 1637.*]
- f.* 3. Acts and Ordinances for the governance of the same Company, 25 March, 1685.
- f.* 7. The Charter of Incorporation of the Freemasons, Masons, Bricklayers, Glasiers and Painters of Exeter, 20 March, 1685. [*See Deed 1637.*]
- f.* 9. Acts and Ordinances for the governance for the same Company, 1 James II (1685).
- f.* 13. The Charter of Incorporation of the Butchers of Exeter, 20 March, 1685. [*See Letter 520, page 53.*]
- f.* 18. The Incorporation of the Whitetawers, glovers, skinners (incorporated 1462—Izacke, 62), grey tawers, poynters and parchment-makers, 1 December, 1685. [*See p.* 54.]
- f.* 24. The Incorporation of the Hellyars and plaisterers of Exeter, 14 December, 1686. [*See Letter 76, page 53.*]
- f.* 28. The Incorporation of the Bakers of Exeter, 1 March, 1687. [*For previous incorporations, 1482, 1554, see Izacke, 63.*]
- f.* 30. Acts and Ordinances of the Company of white tallow chandlers and white soape boylers of Exeter. [*See Deed 1786.*]

Book 13.—Act Book of the Chamber from 10 November, 1684, to 20 September, 1731. A folio volume bound in leather containing 333 written folios. Two leaves (*ff.* 51, 52) are left blank, *see L.* 443.

- f.* 31*b* (26 April, 1687) has regulations for the duties of Pilotts over the Barr of the Port of Exon, of whom there are 12. All masters of ships or Barks drawing above five foot water were to be obliged to take on a pilot according to a fixed scale of charges varying with the draught, and the rules were to be hung up in a frame at Topsham.

- f. 99*b* (21 July, 1696). Mr. Receiver is to pay George White ye painter 30*s.* for drawing of a map of the Castle ditches.
- f. 111 (July 16, 1698). That the Statute Bookes whom (*sic*) to this tyme for the publick use of the City and a seale for sealing of all processe of the Court be provided by the receiver att the Citty's charge.*
- f. 123*b* (9 May, 1699). A commission of three are desired to view and measure out the plott of ground near Mawdlyn Gallows in order that the same may be graunted to Mr. Jennings for 3 Lives under the rent of 1*s.* and repairing of the Causeway before it.
- f. 162 (23 June, 1702). That the manor of Exe Island shall be exposed to Sale at a Publick Survey by parcells, and that the Committee appointed for the sale of the manor of Duryard doe discourse Mr. Ffownes and other Trustees of Mr. Kellend, deceased, to whom the manor of Exe Island is mortgaged about it, and that the survey be held.
- f. 183*b* (11 August, 1704). That upon Mr. Oliver's producing the purchase deeds from Trosse and others relating to the Barton of Exewecke, parte of which belongs to this house, and on a mappe being made thereof for the use of this house, ordered to adjust which parte of ye said Barton belongs to this house.
- f. 216 (14 September, 1708). Be it remembered that it is mutually agreed by and between the right reverend ffather in God, Ofspring [Blackall] Lord Bishop of Exeter and the Venerable the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedrall Church of St. Peter in Exeter and the right worshipfull the Mayor, Bayliffs and Comynalty of the city of Exeter, for the preventing all doubts and questions which might hereafter arise touching the wearing the Cap of maintainance and bearing the Sword before the said Mayor and his successors into (*sic*) Choir of the said Cathedrall Church that the said Mayor &c. coming to the said Choir in time of divine service do cause the sword to be drope and Cap of Maintainance taken off at the entrance or door of the said Choir. But at other times that the said sword be carried erect and the Cap of Maintainance worn before the said Mayor &c. into and coming out of the said choir, as hath been used for some time past, and that there bee convenient places appointed and made for placing the said sword and Cap of Maintainance before the said Mayor &c., or as near on his and their right hands as may or can bee contrived, and it is likewise agreed that nothing herein contained shall affect or influence any liberty or authority which the said Parties may

* The existing common seals bear date 12th century, 1531 and 1672, called City Seals in Lloyd Parry, *pp.* 1, 22.

lawfully claim or in the Fee of St. Stephens within the said City. The agreement to be entered in the several Registries of the Lord Bishop and the Dean and Chapter and in the Book of Acts and Ordinances of the said Mayor, Bailiffs and Comonalty, this 16th day of July, 1708. *Signed*, Ofsp., Exon.

- f. 271 (14 June, 1720). A contract made with Mr. Emanuel Hole and Mr. William Stabcock for the granting of liberty to bring stone for the making of Lyme onely in Boates or Vessells through the works at all times when and as often as any ships or vessells shall pass through the works. [*See D. 1824, p. 32.*]
- f. 271b (15 September, 1720). Ordered that the Key, Custome house, Cellars and other buildings thereon, together with the Canal Sluices and everything thereunto belonging with all the Tolls and Duties arising therefrom, except the Town dues be sold, a Committee being appointed to consider the Terms of sale and other things in order thereunto.

Book 14.—Act Book of the Chamber from 4 October, 1731, to 17 November, 1766. A folio volume containing 293 folios.

Book 15. A volume containing an Abridgement to the Chamber Act Book from 28 June, 1752, for the more ready finding any Act of Chamber from that time. It contains only 8 pages of entries, which end with July 31, 1753.

Book 16, entitled “Copy of the Chamber Minute Books, from 11 December, 1766, to 22 November, 1808.” A folio volume bound in leather without pagination or Index.

Book 17. “Copy of the Chamber Minute Book from 7 February, 1809, to 12 February, 1823.” A folio volume bound in leather without pagination or Index. Similar to *No. 16.*

Minute Books.

These volumes contain the Minutes of the meetings, which are afterwards copied into the Act Books.

Books 18 to 30. Chamber Minute Books from 5 February, 1688, to 23 April, 1831. (*See Act Books 13 to 17.*)

Book 18 is called on the cover “Act Book from February 5, 1688, unto Sept. 12, 1698,” with a note, “of no use being fair copied in *No. XI,*” *i.e.* Act Book XIII.

Book 19. Chamber Act Book from 14 August, 1722, to June 27, 1727. Copied in *No. XI, i.e.* Act Book XIII.

Book 20. Do, do, from July 18, 1727, to Oct. 4, 1731. Copied in *No. XI, i.e.* Act Book XIII.

Book 21. *No. XII.* Minute Book of the Chamber from Oct. 1731, to February, 1735. Adding (in later hand

- of Oliver's time) Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16. All copied in No. XII., *i.e.* Act Book XIV.
- Book 22. No. XIII.* Minute Book of the Chamber, 1735 (*i.e.* from Feb. 21, 1735, to July 5, 1743).
- Book 23. No. XIV.* Do, do, 1743 (*i.e.* from Aug. 27, 1743, to Dec. 17, 1751).
- Book 24. No. XV.* Do, do, 1752 (*i.e.* from Jan. 28, 1752, to May 28, 1763).
- Book 25. No. XVI.* Do, do, 1763 (*i.e.* from July 26, 1763, to April 16, 1776).

The remainder of these Minute Books are kept at the Town Clerk's office in a separate building, and time did not allow of my inspecting them, but I ascertained that a volume which was missing, which Mr. Stuart Moore reported, has recently been recovered (1909), and is now marked *Book 30A*. Other volumes still missing are from Sept. 12, 1698, where No. 18 ends, and Aug. 14, 1722, where No. 19 begins. Also between 1831 and Dec. 31, 1835.

Books 31 to 37 contain Minutes of the Council from Dec. 31, 1835, to Sept. 10, 1873. *Books 38 to 48* are blank.

Book 49. Wynard's Minute Book, 1864. See Deeds 573 &c.

Book 50. Northernhay Minute Book, 1844, to [blank].

John Hooker's Books.

Book 51. The Common-place Book of John Vowell *alias* Hoker, Chamberlain of the City of Exeter. A large folio volume of paper neatly bound in brown morocco, but greatly in need of rebinding. It was evidently rebound in its present form before Izacke's time, for he notices the misplacing of the pages in the middle portion. It appears to be the same as the Black Ledger, to which Hooker makes frequent reference in *Book 52* (see page 89). Prefixed in Izacke's handwriting is: "A Catalogue of the particulars menconed in this booke written most by the industrious laboues (*sic*) of John Vowell *alias* Hooker, the first Chamberlaine of this Cittie." This table of contents ends with *f.* 194: "The Rentalls of the lands of and belonging to the Cittie."

f. 224 has a list of toll-free places drawn up by Hooker and dated 1592. The Annals at the end stop abruptly at 32 Elizabeth (1590), which year contains nothing but the names of William Martyn, mayer, John Chaple, vic', and Richard Swete (recever), William Newcome, Walter burroghe, Thomas Baskerville, bayliffs. On the same page (*f.* 364b) is written:

I am content that thre copies of this boke be printed.

Jo. Cantuar [*i.e.* Archbishop Whitgift, 1583-1604].

Also: Int.—Mayor Bal et Civitat' Civit' Exon., Quer.

William Bond, Deft.

In Scacc. This Manuscript Booke was produced by

Samuell Isaacke, Gent., at the time of his Examinacion before us.

Robt. Walker,
 Nich. Webbe,
 Robt. Wolcom (partly hidden in binding),

Jno. Cholwick.

The xxvith daie of Aprill, 1658.

This booke was shewne to Edward Portbury, Gent., att the tyme of his Examynacion before us.

Thos. Gibbon,
 John Darke,
 Han. Ratcliffe.

The following account of its contents is taken from Mr. Stuart Moore's Calendar, corrected and expanded by comparison with the original:—

- ff.* 1-16 (30 January, 2 Henry VIII, 1511). Carta de Winton. The Charter of the Byshopp of Winchester and of the Prior of Monkes there. For an extract, see *Book* 52, *f.* 208.
- ff.* 17, 18. The description of Dodneys (Totnes) and of the Charters and lyberties of the same.
- f.* 19. The Composicion for the lyberties of the towne of Dartmouth, A.D. 1304, between Nicholas of Teukesbury, Lord of Hewes and William La Zouche, Lord of Totnes and Dartmouth.
- f.* 20. Apud Turrim, London, 14 April, 15 Edward III (1341). The Charter of Dartmouthe.
- f.* 21*b.* Dated Totnes, 6 July, 32 Edward I (1304). The Composition between William La Zouche, Lord of Totness and the Burgesses of the same Towne.
- f.* 22*b.* An Acte of Parliament for paving the streetes yn the Citie of Excester. [Also in *Book* 52, *f.* 229*b.*]
- f.* 23*b.* A copy of the Act of 23 Elizabeth [1580-81, *i.e.* 23 Eliz., c. 17, Statutes iv, 702], that Gavelkinde lands within the Countie of the Citie of Exeter may be inheritable as landes at the Common Law. This is a printed broadside imprinted at London by Christopher Barker, Printer to the Queenes most Excelent Maestie.
- f.* 24*b.* "Certeyn olde and auncient orders and customes of the Citie of Excester to be observed and kept." They relate to the freedom of the City, the tenure of land, &c., &c.
- f.* 27. "The first and Originall Chartor of the Boroughe or Towne of Bradneys *alias* Bradnynch." It is a Charter of Henry filius Comitris Reginaldi, Earl of Cornwall [*i.e.* 1217-1222].
- Ibid.* "An Inquisition taken at Excester concerninge the Freedome and lyberties of the boroughe of Bradneys yn the time of Kinge Edward the first and the xvijth yere of his reigne. Anno 1290."

- f. 27b. 21 December, 1 Elizabeth (1558). Letters Patent certifying that the inhabitants of our Towne of "Limedrye"* (*sic*), as parcell of the saide Dukedome of Lancaster, are free of toll and custom by the liberty of the Duchy of Lancaster.
- f. 28. The Letters Patent of the Duchie of Cornewall and of the lyberties of the same, 22 June, 13 Elizabeth (1571).
- f. 30b. The Charter of the Duchie of Lancaster, 29 January, 1 Elizabeth (1559).† Also in *Book* 52, f. 129. At the end is a List of places which are toll free by the liberty of the Duchy.
- f. 32 (23 July, 20 Elizabeth, 1578). The Charter of the Cittie of London.‡
- f. 34b. A note or an abstracte of certeyn and sundrie Articles of pryveleges conteyned yn others the Chartors of London and not inserted nor mentioned yn the former Chartors.
- f. 36. "Here folowethe the tytyle and the gronde wherebye the Mayor and Shiriffes of the Citie of London do clayme to have the custome and Scavage *alias* Savage of the Inhabitants of the Citie of Excester," *temp.* Henry VII. See also *Miscellaneous Rolls*, No. 82. It is preceded and succeeded by a short historical notice of the matter by Hoker, who calls it: "a certayne taxe, custome or imposition named Scavage (or Schavage, f. 37) or Savage, which was that all maner of wares and merchandises beinge brought to London by any foryner, the same before any sale to be made sholde be (*sic*) opened and shewed unto the Shiriffes of London, and who upon the sight thereof dyd demaunde, take and levie a certeyn custome accordynge to such rates as they had sett downe and lymeted."
- f. 39b. 25 November, 13 Elizabeth (1570). Exemplification of Queen's Bench Judgment Roll, Michaelmas, 7-8 Elizabeth, roll 1729, of a Suit about the Scavage in a shop in the ward of Bredstreete in London, *i.e.* 30 pieces panni linei vocat' Hollande clothe, 20 pieces de panno fustian, 1½ virgat panni lanei vocat' redd clothe, duos pannos vocat' kerseys, to the value of 110*l.* William Hurste [Mayor, 1551, 1561] *v.* The City of London, whose goods had been seized—not that he was Mayor at the time.
- f. 41b. Copy Queen's Bench Judgment Roll, Michaelmas, 10-11 Elizabeth. Similar Suit by John Peryam [Mayor, 1563] (*f.* 41b).

* ? Same as Lyney or Langbree, both of which are in the list of toll-free places in *Book* 52, f. 134, where they are parts of the "auncient demeane," or Lymbiry in the parish of Broad Clyst. W. Pole, *Devonshire*, p. 175.

† Not in W. Hardy, *Charters of the Duchy of Lancaster*.

‡ Not in Birch, *Historical Charters of the City of London*.

- ff.* 43–45. A dissertation by Hoker upon the Haven and Ryver Exe.* He gives copies of two Inquisitions held at Exeter respecting it dated on the day of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist. 18 Edward I (1290), translations of which are printed by Izacke, *p.* 27.† also two petitions to Henry VI and Edward IV (see *infra*). [See also *Miscellaneous Rolls, No. 3, XVII, ii, 90.*]
- f.* 46.‡ “The Kinges write upon the foresaide petitions made unto him, sent to the Shiriff of the Countie of Devon for an Inquisition to be hade of the premises,” Apud Claryndone, 20 March, 10 (*sic*) Edward [II], 1317.§ The Inquisition held at Exeter dated Tuesday in the Feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross (3 May), 10 (*sic*) Edward [II], 1317.|| This Inquisition Hoker says was “never certyfyed to the Kinge, wherefor upon a new petition the Kinge sent out his seconde wryt and requireth an awnsweres (*sic*) as may by the same appeare.” He gives a copy of another writ, 12 June, 10 Edward [II], 1317, with the return dated Tuesday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 10 Edward II (1317).
- f.* 47. Copy of an Inquisition dated Tuesday next before Saint Matthew [blank] Richard II,¶ concerning the damage done by weirs in the Exe.
- f.* 48b. “The sundry and many injuries and wronges wherwith the Countysse and Erles of Devon have from tyme to tyme injured and oppressed the Citie of Excester” [see D. 770]—a translation of *Miscellaneous Rolls, No. 3, membrane 5*. Hoker carries his notice down to the Composition respecting Topsham Quay in 22 Elizabeth, 1579–80.
- f.* 53b. 3 February, 39 Edward III (1365). Copy of Exemplification of Domesday &c. [See *Charter No. XXI, p. 4.*] *In a foot-note*: Everye hyde of lande conteyneth the xvi ferlynges or ferthinges of grounde. Everye ferlynge or ferthinge of grounde conteyneth generally thirtie-two acres, but yn some perticular places systene acres.
- f.* 54. The Orders or Customes to be observed at the Key, Crane or Wharffe of Toppesham, and rates for the same [see *p.* 73] with the like for the Key of Exeter (*f.* 55).

* See *Archæologia*, xxviii, *p.* 9.

† *Coram Malcolm* (*not* “Malculino,” as Izacke, *p.* 27) de Harleighe, *Escheatore domini Regis citra Trentam*.

‡ For an Acte for the mendyng of the River of Exeter, 1539, see *Stat. iii, 720, 31 Henry VIII, c. 4.*

§ *Not 18 Ed. I. i.e. 1290* as Izacke 27 who has inserted the year 1290 in the margin, thereby causing much confusion.

|| *Coram Matheo de Clivedon vic’ Devon* who was Sheriff of Devon in 1317, see *Misc. Roll 3 (1)*.

¶ The regnal year is blank in Hooker but given as 2 Richard II (*i.e.* 1375) in *Archæologia* xxviii. 10.

- f. 56 (4 Edward I). Extract from the Hundred Rolls as to the liberties of the City. Begins: Memorandum that the fayre called Croidiche fayre kept yerely ad Gulas Augusti yn Southynghay was before and after the conquest pertheyninge to the Commonaltie of the Citie of Excestre, as dothe appere yn the booke of Domesedaye remayninge yn the Exchequer at Westminstre and Exemplified under the broade seale yn the (*sic*) tyme of kyng Edwarde the third and bearing date tertio februarii, anno Regni xxxix (*see Charter XXI, p. 4*), &c. (1365). [*See also Transcripts Nos. 2010-12.*]
- ff. 57-59. "The varyaunce and controversie of the Erle of Devon and the Prior of Saint Nicholas agaynst the Mayor and Commonaltie of the Citie of Excester for Croidyche or Lammass Faire"; with a copy of the Record, *Common Pleas Roll*, Easter, 16 Edward II, *Rolls 23 and 37*.
- f. 59. 5 July, 30 Edward II. Exemplification of a verdict respecting the suburb without Westgate. Called in Index: An Assize int' Comitum Devon et civitatem for lands in Exiland.
- f. 60b. Apud Nov' Sarum 2 November, 2 Edward III (1328). The Charter of Melcombe Regis. *With a footnote*: The seale appendant to this Charter is a broade seale in olde greene wax, on the one syde three lyons, beinge the armes of England, and on the other syde a ship topped and two scogeons, every of theym quartered the (1, 2) a lyon ramp., the 3, 4 a shipp.
- f. 62. 29 August, 2-3 Philip and Mary (1555). The Charter of the Tailors of Exeter. [*See Izacke, 63.*]
- ff. 63, 64. The Decree and Order of King Edward IV—the xxij of ffeverer, the xvj yere of his rayne (*i.e.* 1477)—in the controversy between the Tailors and the City—printed with other documents relating to this Guild in Mr. Toulmin Smith's *Book of Guilds* for the Early English Text Society, 1869.
- ff. 64-67. A memorandum concerning the Corporation of the Merchants and their Charter, 17 June, 2 Elizabeth, 1560 (full text). [Indexed as "The Charter ffrench Marchants in Exeter and orders thereuppon," *i.e.* the Merchant Adventurers, *see p. 40.*]
- ff. 67b, 68. The Corporation of the Cappers and Haberdashers. Indexed "The Charter of Cappers and Haberdashers in Exon." [*See page 54; also Izacke, 65.*]
- ff. 69, 70. The Corporation of the Cordewayeners. [Indexed as The Charter of c. Cordwyners and ordinances thereuppon. *See page 54.*]
- f. 71. The Corporation of the Tuckers and Weavers. [Indexed as The Charter of Weavers and Tuckers, &c.; called Weavers and Fullers in Izacke, 54.]

- f. 71b. The Corporation of the Skynners and Gloviers; continued on f. 157, dated April 30, 3 Elizabeth, 1561.
- ff. 156-161 have been misplaced and should follow here.
- f. 72. The last leaf of a Charter, 9 May, 5 Elizabeth, to the City of London. [See *post* f. 88.]
- ff. 73-75. Three leaves of the Charter to the Bishop and the Dean and Chapter misplaced by the binder. [Called: "The Charter (parte) of the Bishopp of Exeter Kirton to Exeter," begins: Ego Rogerus Coventrensis Episcopus confirmo, &c., ends: Ego Radulphus dux. Ego, continued on f. 95. At this point there is much confusion in the paging, and several leaves have been misplaced by the binder. The true order of the documents appears to be the following: *folios* 80, 73, 74, 75, 95, 96, 97, 98, 76, 77, 78, 79. The whole of these pages refer to the Grande Charter of the Cathedral Church of St. Peter's of Exeter, which is dated May 12, 2 Henry VIII (*i.e.* 1510), and the order of the documents may be reconstructed by comparing them with *Book* 52, ff. 41-61, where the documents occur again and in the Cathedral MS., 3520. See Reynolds, p. 1.]
- f. 76. The Composition for inclosing of the Churcheyarde and buyldinge up of gates in the same, 1286. Printed in Izacke, p. 23.
- f. 76b. The Grant of the Mayor and Citizens to the Dean and Chapter for inclosing of the Churchyarde. Printed in Izacke, p. 22.
- f. 77. Articles of dispute between the City and the Church.
- f. 78. Composition between the same parties concerning certeyn walles and dores buylded upon the Cities walles and for the Muralie Walke [indexed as: "touching the dores uppon the walles, 16 foote"], A.D. 1330, but Friday next after the Feast of St. Hillary, anno Regni Regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi quinto decimo, 1320 (*sic*) in document; but this would be 1322 if 15 Edward II; or 1342, if 15 Edward III.
- f. 78b. 8 September, 37 Henry VI [*i.e.* 1458 but 1457 added by Izacke both in document and Index]. Composition for building of a gate yn a Lane yn Styckestreete betwene St. Katherens Almehouse and certeyn canons howses yn the one syde and the soyle of the late dissolved house of the freers preachers now the Erles of Beddford on the other syde.
- f. 79b. Friday after Hilary, 1299 (*i.e.* 27 Edward I, though called 1392 in the document). Agreement by the Mayor and Commonalty with the Archdeacon of Totness of a tower upon the walls of the City.
- f. 80. The Charter of the liberties apperteyninge to the Cathedral Church of the Citie of Exon.
- f. 81. Hoker's *Lives of the Bishops of Exeter*. It begins abruptly in the middle of the life of Bishop Bartholomew

- Iscanus (1159–1174), *i.e.* “for his contempte and disobedience agaynst the Kinge” (*p.* 111 of Edition 1765). The leaves of the Manuscript have been misplaced: from *f.* 87*b* it goes to *f.* 103. It ends (*f.* 104) in the beginning of the life of Bishop John Wolton. “He was prefferred thereunto by the earnest suite and mediation of ffraunceys Earle of Bedfford.” A subsequent addition being: He dyed the xiiij of Marche, 1593, the xxxvi yere of the Rayne of Quene Elizabeth.
- f.* 88. The Charter of the City of London and of the Lyberties of the same, and liberties and sutes in lawe betweene Exeter and London (Contents Table), 9 May, 5 Elizabeth (1563). The last leaf has been bound as *f.* 72, marked as “worth the reading” in Index.
- f.* 97*b*. A memorandum concerning the settlement of the dispute between the Church and City in 1448.
- f.* 98*b*. 12 December, 27 Henry VI (1448). Copy of the Bishop, Dean and Chapter’s Bond to stand to the Award. [See Shillingford’s *Letters and Deeds*, No. XXXVIII.] *App.*, *p.* 136.
- f.* 99. 12 December. Copy of the Composition, 12 December, 27 Henry VI (1448). [See *Deeds No.* 1198 and Shillingford’s *Letters*, where it is printed, *p.* 136.]
- f.* 100*b*. The Copy of the Act of Parliament for Bounding Saint Sidwell’s Fee, May 4, 15 Henry VI, 1437 (*Latin*). [See Oliver, *p.* 269, with English translation in Reynolds, *p.* 2.]
- f.* 104 (undated). The Extentes of lands belonging to the Bishopric of Exeter, the total amounting to 5,578*l.* 7*s.* 7½*d.* For rent roll in 1308, see Oliver, *Mon.*, 427.
- f.* 106. Simply headed: “Episcopi Bathon’ et Wellens,” but “The Charter of the Cittie of Bathe &c.,” in Table of Contents. *Inspeximus* of Charters of Henry VI, V, IV, III (Feb. 4, 11, 1224), Edward (?) and John [*apud* Gaydunton (*i.e.* Geddington), March 3rd, 1207], also Henry II, with confirmation by Richard I (Canterbury, Nov. 26, 1189).
- ff.* 106–110. The Charter of the Bishop of Bath and Wells, 22 April, 23 Elizabeth (1581), refers to advowsons of Aysbeare, [*i.e.* Aylesbeare,] Crystymelford, [*i.e.* Christian Malford,] Kington, Bokeland and Camerlarton, the manor of Cedder, Axebridge, the hundred of Winterstoke and Cedder &c.
- f.* 111. Copy of Royal Charter [No. XXX, *p.* 5]. Headed: To the King our Sovereigne Lorde. Please yt your Hignes of your most noble and abundant grace to graunte unto your trewe subiectes and inhabitaunts of your Citie of Excester your moste

graciose letters hereafter ensueinge accordinge to ordinaunce graunted by the most noble and mighty prince your dere father, whose soul Jesu pardon. Then follows the text: Henry by the grace of God. . . . Geven under our privy seale at our mannor of Greenewiche the Xth daye of July, the first yere of our reyne, 1 Henry 8, with the name of the Mayor John Lympyn [called Lympany in Oliver, 231], and 22 of the xxiiij. The text corresponds with the Document in Izacke, 99-102, who dated it July 10, 13 Henry VII (*i.e.* 1498), supposing it to be contained in "the two Rolles of the records of the Courte (*Book* 51, *f.* 329), that are missing for the year 1497 (Izacke, *p.* 98). With this may be compared a passage in Hooker, *Book* 52, *f.* 398 [406], who after referring to the gift of the sword and the cap of maintenance to the city by Henry VII in 1497, adds: But he dyd not sett downe this order in writinge. Wherefore the Mayor and Magestrates thinkinge it necessarie for a further quietnes the same shoulde be Regestred made suet to King Henry the VIII, the first yere of his Raigne that it maye please him to establishe the order before appointed. And he lykenge well his father's doinges dyd accordingly Ratefie and establish the same, whiche is as followeth, worde by worde. Then follows the text verbatim (dated July 10, 1 Henry VIII), including the names of John Lympyn, Mayor, and 22 others.

- ff.* 112, 113. Examination of witnesses touching the bounds of the Churchyard of the Cathedral taken in the 4th year of the reign of Queen Mary; and concerning the liberties claimed there.
- f.* 114. 24 February, 3 Edward VI (1549). The Grand Charter of the Cittie of Excester. A Copy of Charter XXXIV [*see p.* 5].
- ff.* 123*b*, 124, 125. The Act of Parliament for bounding the Countie of the Citie of Exeter and for the confirmation of the lyberties of the same, 2 Edward VI. [*See* Charter XXXV, *p.* 5.]
- f.* 126. "The Charter of Exilond," dated Dec. 2nd (*sic*), 1550, which should be Dec. 22nd, as in original. A Copy of Charter No. XXXVI. At the end is a note of "The pryveleges and fraunchises of the saide Manor."
- ff.* 129*b*-131. The Charter for Orphanes and a Chamberlayne and other lyberties within the Citie of Excester. 21 February, 3 Elizabeth (1561). *See* Charter XXXVII.
- f.* 132. Act of Parliament for the confirmation of the Charter for Orphanes and other the Cities lyberties, dated May 3rd, 5 Elizabeth, 1563. Charter XXXIX.
- f.* 133*b*. "The Statutes, Orders and Ordynaunces made and decreed by the Mayor, Bailiffs and xxiiij of the Common counsell of the Citie of Excester for and

concerninge the ordringe of Orphanes and all suche goodes, chattells and other thynges to theym apperteyninge within the Citie of Excester and the lyberties of the same. Begins: "First it is ordred that what so ever benefite dothe growe to the childe of any ffreeman" . . . ends with charges for funerals. [See pp. 6, 82.] It differs considerably in wording from *Book 52, f. 190*.

f. 140b. Copy of Charter, Nov. 8, 1562, [*No. XXXVIII, pp. 6, 73*] with a Memorandum at the end concerning Bonville's Almshouses.

f. 141. An Abstracte of all the orders and ordynaunces extante, made, enacted and ordeyned by the Mayres and Common Counsell of the Citie of Excester for the tyme beyng for the good government of the sayde Citie and common welthe of the same, collected by John Vowell *alias* Hoker [*blank*]* and Chamberleyn of the same. They are arranged under the following heads:—

Accomptes and Accomptantes. Actes. Almshouses and Almesfolke. Apparell and Skarlett gownes. Apprentysses. Attendaunce to the Mayer and Common Counsell. Bakers. Banquettes, feastes and dynners. Banyshed persones. Barelbearers or porters. Boochers. Boothes and Standinges yn the fayres or marketts. Brewers. Burgesses. Canon breade. Chamberleyn. Candlelight and lanterne. Chaplayne. Clothe Hall. Clerke of the Cloth or Merchants Hall. Conyes. Conduytes. Counsells or Secrettes. Contempe. Corporations, Coverage. Dyscoveringe of Secretes. Dyfraunchasynges, Dynners, Dogges, Election, Exmouthe. Fyer. Forfeitures or penalties. Foryners. Free menne. Here it breaks off abruptly. See post volume 52, *f. 458*.

f. 155 is misplaced; it should precede *f. 162*.

ff. 156–161 should succeed *f. 71b*. They contain the ordinances &c. of the Corporation of Bakers. April 1, 1, 2 Philip and Mary, 1554. [See *p. 54*.]

f. 157. Continuation of Skinners and Gloviers (*see f. 71b*), also Tailors.

f. 157b, Smiths and Cutlers. April 20, 3 Elizabeth, 1561. [See *p. 54*.]

f. 158b. Cowpers and helyers. Feb. 3, 9 Elizabeth, 1567.

f. 159b. Boochers. Sept. 9, 17 Elizabeth, 1575.

f. 161, Brewers. Sept. 20, 21 Elizabeth, 1579. [See *p. 54*.]

ff. 155, 162–193. The order and manner of the Government of the Citie of Excester and of the officers of the same, *i.e.* Hoker's Pamphlet of the Offices and Duties of everie particular sworne Officer of the Citie of Exeter. [Printed in 1584.]

* The same blank space occurs in the duplicate copy in *Book 52, f. 458*.

The Manuscript differs very greatly from the printed book. The Introduction is altogether different and the text is much fuller in the Manuscript—indeed it supplies the deficiencies referred to in the printed book as “The residue is contained in the Black Leiger” &c. It has also a description of the manner of the election of the various officers and copies of their respective oaths.

- ff.* 194–212. The pertyculer Rentalls of all the Lordeshyppes, Manors, Landes, Rentes, Revenewes and issues which do yeerly growe apperteyninge and belonginge to the Citie of Excester.
- f.* 212. The description and rates of the Towne Custome. A full list of articles in alphabetical order, with the amount of rate, beginning with Allome the C at 33s. 4d. ($\frac{1}{2}$) ending Wolle curdes the ponchion 4d., with the ferme of the garne market, the fishmarket, Bagavell, Brethengavell and Chepengavell. Sept. 10, 24 Elizabeth.
- f.* 219*b.* The Ferme of barel bearinge.
- f.* 220. The Profits of the Merchants' Hall.
- f.* 221. Direceons touchinge the Corne Markett.
- f.* 222. The Receptes and profitts of the Haven Watercourse and Crane at the Citie of Exon.
- f.* 222*b.* The rates dew for toll and coverages at the fayres kept within this Citie.
- f.* 223. “Citties, Townes and villages which ar custome free within the Cittie of Excester accordinge as it is recorded yn an olde anciente roll of the Cittie named the Blacke Rolle.” Ends: The tenants inhabitantes resyents within the Duchie of Lancastre ar ffree of custome, pannage, panage, cartage, tollage, tallage, caridge, pesage and coverage or terrage by act of parliament. See *Misc. Roll* 2 (51), page 158.
- ff.* 224, 225. A Calendar of places which are custom free in the fairs and markets of Exeter, collected by John Hoker *alias* Vowell, Gent., 1592.
- ff.* 227–230. The Order for making proclamations for the Queen, for the Mayor at his entry into office, for fairs, for Lammas or Crulditch Fair. The liberties, privileges and rates and profits of the same fair.
- ff.* 231, 232. The Office of Clerke of the Market.
- ff.* 236–364. Hoker's Annals of the City with Extracts from the Mayor's Court Rolls showing the names of the Mayors, Receivers and Bailiffs of the City in each year, the deeds, wills &c. enrolled upon each roll; and “further, yn the ende of everye partyculer Mayers yere, there is subnected and written a brieffe abstracte of some such things as were donne yn that yere and especially yn these west parties.” These annals are very remarkable and interesting; the accounts of Bishops and Mayors are very carefully compiled and a

great number of them are taken from the writer's personal knowledge. His notices of Bishop Miles Coverdale (*f.* 350, Anno 1553) and of Hugh Latimer's preaching (*f.* 342, Anno 1533, *nil* in Izacke) in the City are specially noticeable. There is, too, a great deal of curious historical information in them. The whole volume with slight exceptions is in Hoker's own handwriting. It commences with the first year of Henry III, 1216, and is continued to the year 1590.

f. 236. Anno 1216. The first yere of Kinge Henrye the third.

Walter Turbert, Mayor.

In the beginynninge of this yere Kinge John dyed at Newarke and was brought to Worcester and there buried. Of the maner and kynde of his dethe there ar sundry opinions, but the most common and received reporte that he was poysoned.

After the dethe of Kinge John his sonne Henry was by the nobilitie of the realme brought to the Citie of Gloucester and there proclaymed and crowned Kinge by the name of Kinge Henry the iijth.

In this tyme the cheaff and next officers under the mayor for the government of this Citie were accordinge to thelde and usages in the tymes of the Saxones and danes before the conquest and yn the reignes of the normande Kinges after the Conquest, were named Prepositi withyn the Saxon tounge, or the Portagreves, named yn Englyshe portereves, who were officers yn those dayes of greate credyte and authoritie, as may appere by the common Lawes of the realme collected and publyshed by Kinge Canutue, as also by the Etymologie of the worde, which signifieth the Lordes or auncientes of any Citie or Towne.

This opening may be compared with Izacke, *pp.* 1, 5, who has added a few side notes and other indications opposite to the portions that he extracted, and who based his memorials on this portion of Book 51; but it will only be possible to estimate the full extent of his indebtedness when the full text of *Book* 51 has been published. He has been freely charged with "plundering."

The book contains abundant extracts from the Mayors' Court Rolls, which he calls "The Great Rolls" (*f.* 266, Izacke, *p.* 45). I expect it will be found that the references to public events are traceable to Holinshead and the Bout.

A very cursory examination proves that there are a vast number of entries in this book that do not appear in Izacke, and (at least in opening portion) many entries in Izacke that do not appear in this Book, including the story of the 7 children at a birth on *p.* 17, the particulars as to the Lammas Fair (*pp.* 19, 20), and the twins on *p.* 42, the figures of the two crusaders in the Cathedral (*p.* 44), This noble's daughter Helen

(*p.* 51). The Latin document on *p.* 56, the note on Bishop Grandison (*p.* 57), do. on the completion of the cathedral (*p.* 58), do. Hugh Courtney's monument (*p.* 59), on the buildings of the Vicars Choral (*p.* 64), the flying man of Budleigh (*p.* 66), the election of James Cary as Bishop, Anno 1419 (*f.* 71), the Clock bell and the Silke Chambers (*p.* 93), the Charter of Nov. 7, 4 Elizabeth (*p.* 138), the notice of Gawen and Peter Carew (*p.* 134).

f. 236. Here folowe the names of all and everie of the Kinges of England from the tyme of Kynge John, who died yn October, Anno 1216, untyll the tyme of the reigne of Quene Elizabeth, and of her yeres and the names of the Mayres and hedd officers in everie of the sayde severall Kinges tymes, together with a copie of all the Recordes of the Citie for and duringe those Kinges Reynes as be extant and remayninge. And here understande ye that from the tyme of the conqueste untyll the (1285-6) xiiijth yere of Kinge Edward the first there is extant one Roll of Recorde makinge a short mencion of the three yeres yn the tyme of Kinge Henry the third, viz., the (=1263, 1264, 1265) scviiijth, xlixth and lth yeres of his Rayne, that is to say for (1066 + 217=1283) ccxvii yeres no Recordes remayninge but onely one, which whether it by the iniquitye of the tyme, the uncertentie of the goverment, cyvill warres intestine, Rebellyons or neglygence of officers, I reffer yt to others to thynke what they lyst. further yn the ende of everye partyculer mayers yere there is subnected and wrytten a brieffe abstracte of some suche things as were donne yn that yere and especially yn these west parties.

The following taken from the reign of Henry V will show the kind of interest taken by Hoker in the public events of the past, and these usually come in as a Memorandum at the end of the other entries for each year. None of which appear in Izacke.

In *Book* 51, *f.* 298*b*, 1412-13, upon Trinite Sondag then folowenge the Henry the fourth was buried at Canterbury.

f. 299. In this Mayers yere (Peter Shorte, 1413), yn the yere 1413, the ii yeare of this Kinges reigne, yn Aprill was called a highe courte of parliament at Leicester Towne, there were iij billes putt yn. The first that the Temporall Landes geven to the Church and by the Churchemen and very disorderly — might be seased yn to the Kinges handes for the increasing of nobilitie and meantinance of the Kinges honor and common welthe. The seconde was the Kinge havinge a just tittle to the Crowne of france shold make clayme thereunto. The third was that the Kinge sholde make an entrey yn to Scotlande and by conquest

unyte the same to the Crowne of England. The Duke of Excester takinge yn hande to speke unto the seconde byll, did so pithyllye and wyselye handle and discourse the same that he prevayled and his judgement was allowed, and not longe after warres were proclaymed betwene England and ffrance. The first byll was thought to be put yn by Sir John Oldcastle, then Lord Cobham, who was a folower of Wytcleff and an earnest professor of the Gosple and altogether enemye to the pope and all popishe Religion. For which cause the bishops and clergie did so maligne at him that they never cessed untill they had gotten the mastrey of hym and condemned hym both of Treason and of heresy, for the one he was hanged and for the other burned yn St. Giles ffeld the xiiijth of december, 1517 (*sic*).

- f. 299b, 1414. In this Mayers yere (Thomas Eston) the dolphyn of ffrance sent an Embassade to the Kinge, who presented unto him yn scoff a Tunne of Tenys balls to play withall, which was taken yn greffe, and whereof folowed the warres yn ffrance.
- f. 299b, 1415. This yere (Peter Strutt's) the Kinge passed over yn to ffrance and took harfleur Towne yn normandie, where he apoynted the duke of Excester to remayn and be capteyn, and unto him he dyd ioyn and associate yn comyssion Thomas baron of Carew, a gentleman for his gravitie, wysdome and valyantnes myche commended. The foresaide Thomas Beauford, Erle of Dorsett, at a parliament holden at Westmynstere yn the iiijth (?) yere of the Kinges reign was made or created Duke of Excestre, who had assigned unto him yerely out of the Exchequer one thousandes poundes and xli. of the ferme of the Citie.
- f. 300, 1416. Md. that one John Roke, a greye ffrear, was accused for the carienge away of the wyff of one John paret and his gooddes and for his unchast lyff with her. Quoted from *Rot.*, xxiii.
- f. 300, 1417. Md. that this yere upon the xiiijth yere (*sic*) of december, Sir John Oldcastle, Lord Cobham was by the tyranye of the Pope and his clergie hanged and burned in St. Giles ffeldes at London.
- f. 301, 1420. The duke of Excester yn the ende of this Mayers yere (John Batyn) layed siege to the greate Towne of Meaux yn ffrance.

For an extract, *ff.* 240, 241, relating to the transfer of the Magdalen Hospital to the city authorities by Bishop Brewer in 1244, see Lloyd Parry, *p.* 27.

Book 52. A large folio volume bound in tooled leather with brass bosses and one clasp, the second being missing. The book has a double pagination, but the older one, which

numbers by folios, being near the margin of each leaf has been in many places cut away in the process of binding, the result being that the references to the pages given in S. Moore's *Calendar* are not always consistent, some being based on the earlier and some on the later numbering.

Portions of the contents have been long since published. *Eg.*

ff. 1-36. "The Description of the City of Exeter" was published in Hooker's lifetime, *circ.* 1583, and again by A. Brice in 1765.

ff. 37-39. "The Antiquitie, foundacion and building of the Cathedral Church of St. Peter in Excester" is in A. Brice, *pp.* 99-113, though not identical with it.

ff. 41-55. The Grande Charter of the Cathedral Church of St. Peter's in Exon, May 12, 2 Henry VIII (1510). Harte, *pp.* 102-153.

ff. 89-96. "Lives of the Bishops of Exeter," printed in ——. The printed copy ends with John Wolton, "now living," who was Bishop from July 2nd, 1579, to March 13, 1594, but the copy in this volume includes Gervase Babington (Feb. 4, 1595, to Sept. 15, 1597), and Bishop William Coton, who "came to the Citie the 16th of May, 1599" (*f.* 96).

ff. 234-235. "The formes and manner of the parliaments of England." A short notice. Ending: "The order manner and form of the true keeping of the High Courte of Parliament is already sett forth by the author hereof in his Irishe Cronycles, Anno 1571," *i.e.* in Holinshead, ii, 121-129. It had been previously issued separately in 1572; and was republished in Turner's *Tracts*, i, 175-183. It is a translation of the "Modus Tenendi Parliamentum," the Latin text of which was published by Sir Thos. D. Hardy in 1846 and there is another English translation in Somers' *Tracts*, i, *pp.* 7-15. An altogether different version occurs in *Book* 60h *ff.* 12-19. Copies of both versions, *i.e.* from *Book* 52 and *Book* 60h in Hooker's handwriting, will be found also in a MS. in the College of Heralds (classed H.D.N., No. 41), described by Mr. C. Worthy in the *Transactions of the Devon Association*, July, 1882.

ff. 406b to 422. "The order and manner of the government of the Citie of Excester and of the officers of the same" is substantially on the same lines as the "Pamphlet of the Offices and Duties of every particular sworn officer of the Citie of Excester," originally printed in 1584, forming *pp.* 159 to 192 in Part III of the "Antique Description and Account of the City of Exeter," published by A. Brice in 1765, in which Hooker frequently refers to the "Great Lieger Book" (*p.* 163), "the Black Lieger" (*p.* 165), "the Black Book or Lieger" (*p.* 168), "the Black Book" (*pp.* 176, 179, 181, 183). See *Book* 51, *ff.* 155-193.

Other extracts have been recently published by Rev. H. E. Reynolds, including the remarkable "Prefatory Epistle" addressed to "the right worshipfull grave and prudent the Mayor, Senators and Cominaltie of the auncient and honorable Citie of Excester," to whom "John Vowell *alias* Hooker, gentleman Chamberlain of the same Citie, wisheth a prosperous goverment and happye successe in all felicitie." He wrote the volume, or as he says "reduced all into this lyeger booke" in his extreme old age, when "my sight waxeth Dymme, my hyringe very thicke, my speache imperfecte and my memory very feeble" (Harte, p. 4). This Preface with the Table of Contents is evidently prefixed to the body of the book as an addendum, and is not included in the pagination; neither is it in the edition of 1765. In it he miscalculates a little in saying that he was "first Chosen to be your Chamberlaine about xlvij yeres past, Mr. John Mydwinter then beinge Mayor" (*i.e.* 1554-5), for we know that he was appointed Chamberlain on Sept. 21, 1555 (Oliver, 242), 48 years from which date would bring him to A.D. 1603, whereas he was certainly dead by Sept. 15, 1601, on which day he was spoken of as "deceased." (Introduction, p. 1.)

On the front page is a picture of Queen Elizabeth, "Eliza Triumphans," with the royal arms, those of Exeter City and diocese and of Vowel *alias* Hoker, with his motto "Postmortem vita."* On the reverse side of this frontispiece is an engraving of Queen Elizabeth, "Eliza Triumphans," signed Gulielmus Rogerus, sculp., Anno 1592(?).

On f. 40 is a coloured picture of the arms of the Cathedral dignitaries, *i.e.* the Bishop, Dean, Chancellor, Chaunter and Treasurer, the quartering of the Bishop being left blank, but filled in the Cathedral MS. 3,530 (printed by Reynolds), with the arms of Gervase Babington, who was Bishop from Feb. 4, 1595, to Sept. 15, 1597.

The contents of the volume are indicated in S. Moore's *Calendar* with unusual fulness, but these headings need not now be reproduced, as the full text of the volume is now being printed in extenso. The first instalment (ff. 1-89) was published by Professor W. J. Harte in 1911, and the work is being continued by the Devon and Cornwall Record Society, Parts VI-XI, &c.

Book 53. Izaeke's Memorials of the City of Exeter. A large folio volume of paper bound in morocco, the binding being similar to that of *Book 51*. This is the MS. of the volume printed in 1677, described by T. N. Brushfield, *Richard Izaeke and his Antiquities of Exeter*, p. 100 in *Transactions of the Devonshire Association*, 1893. It is entitled: A Memoryall of sundry of the Chiefest Officers within the

* This motto occurs in Holinshead, ii, 108, 183, also as that of William Bradbridge, who was Bishop of Exeter from March 1, 1571, to June 27, 1578, in Izaeke *Catalogue*.

Cittie of Exeter in a continued series or succession of tyme from the 2nd yeare of the Raigne of Kinge John, *Anno Dom.* 1200, to the 17th yeare of the Raigne of Kinge Charles the 2nd, *Anno Dom.* 1665. It has same emblazonments of the arms of the City as in Frontispiece to the printed edition, with description of the details, also arms of the Bishops and Charitable Benefactors of the City. It begins with a quotation from Cicero: *Historia est lux veritatis, testis temporis, vitæ magistra aut memoria ac nuncia vetustatis.* The Dedication, dated January 23rd, 1665, is addressed to the right worshipfull Nicholas Izacke, Esquire (his brother, who died in 1678), Maior of the Auncyent and famous Citty of Exeter, the Aldermen his brethren and the rest of the Comon Councill of the said Cittie, and is signed: Yo most humble servant and Chamberlayne, Richard Izacke. In this Dedication he says: "Well consideringe with myselfe of those fayre precedentes that still lye before me, chiefly the indefatigable labours of my primifide [? primited] predecessor in this place and office, the learned Mr. John Hooker, whose workes bespeake him famous within our Gates." On the front page is an incomplete list of the names of the several streets and lanes within the said City, arranged under East, West, North and South.

The Introduction (3 ff.) begins: "This Citty is pleasantly seated," and ends: "And ye God of peace bee evermore with us and blesse us," differing very considerably from the Proœmium in the edition of 1724.

ff. 1-60. Memorials of the said City from *A.D.* 1200 (Henry Rifford, Mayor) to *A.D.* 1676 (William Glyde, Mayor), ending with the consecration of Bishop Thomas Lamplugh, Oct. 3, 1676, "by Gilbert, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, consecrated thereunto."

f. 71. Extracts from Inquisitions 4 Edward VI.

ff. 71b-75. Composition betweene the Byschoppe, Dean and Chapter and the Citty for inclosinge of the churchyard and buildinge upp of gates in the same, *A.D.* 1286, with the grant of the Mayor, the composition of 14 Edward III (1340), the Letters Patent of Nov. 7th (*sic*) 4 Elizabeth (=Charter XXXVIII). The composition with John Abbot of Sherburne *de passagio aquæ de Cheekston*, 52 Henry III, 1267.

ff. 71-80. A Catalogue of the Sheriffs of the Countie of Devon, "with their severall Coates of Armory described," from 1 Henry II to 2 William and Mary.

f. 82. The Petition of the City, dated 10 July, 1 Henry VIII, with the names of the Mayor, John Lympeny (*sic*) and 23 (*sic*) of the Council. (*See* Charter XXX.)

ff. 84-107. Lists of Recorders, Shereeves, Receivers, Chamberlayns, Swordbearers and Byschoppes of Exeter,

- ff.* 110, 111. The Tyttles of the severall Corporations within the said Citty [as in Edition 1724, *pp.* 64–68].
- ff.* 114–119. A perfect Catalogue of all the Byshopps of this church . . . respective buryalls [as in Edition 1724], preceded by arms of the see of Exeter impaled with those of Bishop Anthony Sparrow, with whom the Catalogue closes though the names of Thomas Lamplugh and Jonathan Trelawny are added without any dates or further particulars.
- ff.* 122–157. A perfect Catalogue of the names and giftes of all such worthy benefactors as by their last Willes and Testaments or otherwise have given lands, rents, annuities or monies for and towardes the reliefe of the poor within the Citty and County of Exeter [very full—113 names with an account of each]. Begins: “William Fitzralph, an Inhabitant and a good member of this Citty.” Ends with Stephen Olivean (will dated 2nd May, 20 Charles II, 1668).
- ff.* 176–179. Certayne orders for the reforminge of divers abuses in reference to the Tenn Cellcs, the Almshouses without the East Gate founded by Mr. William Hurst. Ends with: “A Table or Index of the most remarkable things containyd in this booke,” both of subjects and persons (with their arms), adding: “*Jucunda est præteritorum laborum memoria.* An Index is a necessary implement and not inexpedient of a Booke except in the same sence wherein ye carriages of an Army are termed impedimenta. Without this a large Author is but a Labarynth without a clue to direct ye Reader therein. fuller’s *Worthies of England*, fol. 256.”
- ff.* 245, 246. Ordinance for the King’s Beam used for the true and just weighing of wares and merchandizes in Exeter. 12 Charles I (1636)
- ff.* 246b–249. Orders for the regulatunge of the Common Hall, commonly called the Merchants Hall, and for the goods to be brought to the same to bee bought or solde, 22 Charles I, 1646, with a table of rates for tallage. See *page* 84 [30].
- The last note=Δόξα μόνω τώ Θεῷ.

Book 54. Richard Crossing’s *History of Exeter*, A.D. 1681. A long folio volume bound in calf. Mr. Stuart Moore adds that “it contains principally the History of Charitable Benefactions to the City and appears to be an abbreviation of Izacke’s History. Whether it contains any information not to be found in Hoker or Izacke has not been ascertained.” It is entitled: A Catalogue or particular of the Antiquities &c. Special Remarkes of the Cittie and Chamber of the Cittie of Exon by Richard Crossing, sometime a member of the sayd Chamber, 1681. [He was a bailiff in 1632, Receiver in 1646,

Sheriff in 1647, and was elected Mayor in 1649.] The book has never been published. It contains:—

ff. 1–26. A Catalogue of Benefactors similar to *Book 53*, ff. 122–157, but not so full.

ff. 31–45. A Table or Catalogue of all the Mayors from 1216. Similar to Izacke's *Annals*, f. 83, but much condensed, and to some extent independent. Under 1648–9 (f. 44) he enters: "A most sadd time. The King was cruelly putt to death." Under 1649 (f. 44): "In regard that Richard Crossinge, who was elected Maior, refused to serve in the sayd office because the Kingly Government was then by armed violence obstructed."

ff. 53–61. The names of the worthy Benefactors also ff. 71, 72.

ff. 87–126. Observations and Collections taken out of a booke att first written by John Vowell, gent., *alias* Hoker, and since transcribed and now kept in the Chamber of the Cittie of Exon. Hereunto are added certain other observations and Collections from other Authors and Manuscripts by Richard Crossinge, a member of the said Chamber. It includes (f. 96) Ordinances under the Charter of Orphants (*sic*), for 1 February 3 Elizabeth, the revenues of the Bishop of Exeter=638*l.* 16*s.* 1*¾d.* (*sic*) [which seems to indicate a reference to *Book 52*, f. 98, where the figures are 2,638*l.* 16*s.* 1*½d.*], and the rents of the Cathedral=1,887*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*

f. 45, *s.a.* [1666]. The 2nd Septemb., 1666, neere the expiration of Nicholas Isaac's maioralty, 5 partes of the Cittie of London within the Walles were destroyed by a most dreadfull fire and more was burned without the walls of London then was left standing within. Of 97 churches, only 11 stood unburnt, the fire did eate into stones and devoured Iron barrs. The ashes were blown above 20 miles. Never was the hand of God more visible. The losse was inestimable and incomprehensible.

Anno 1667, Thomas Walker, Mayor. He was knighted by the King upon the presentinge an Adresse.

Anno 1670, Benjamin Oliver, Mayor. Do. do. by the King, who came to this Cittie the 23rd of July from Dartmouth, and parted very early the next morning.

Anno 1676 (*sic*), John Parre, Mayor. In his yeare att least 600 houses were burned in London and Southwark, the suburbes of London, and the new Channel was cutt to bring up vessels neerer to Exon.

Book 54 (a). Risdon's *Devon* (pencilled). This volume is not entered in the *Calendar*. It is entitled "The Cirographically discription or decines of the County of Devon

with the City and County of Exeter, containyng matter of History, Antiquitie, Cronologie, The Nature of the County, Comodities and Government thereof, with sundry other things worthy observation collected by the Travell of T.R. of Wincott, gent., for the love of his country and countrymen in that Province." A paper volume of 194 pp., vellum covers, with flap.

Book 55. The Freeman's Book. A large folio book of 238 leaves of paper finely bound in pigskin, with brass bosses. It contains (ff. 1-37) a repertory of deeds enrolled in the Mayor's Court Rolls, from 50 Henry III (1265) to 11 Richard II (1387). The rest of the volume is filled with Miscellaneous Memoranda in various hands and of various dates from Edward IV to Charles I. There are copies of documents, enrolments of orders of the Council, Freeman's lists &c., Copies of Royal Letters, deeds, compositions, with many notes of passing events by Hooker. This volume might be named "The Freeman's Book." It contains chiefly lists of persons admitted to the freedom of the City from 5 Henry V (12 names) running on with broken intervals throughout the volume till 1696 or to 13 Elizabeth (f. 131), ending with a long list of apprentices (ff. 220-222) in a later hand.

In D. 947b, Feb. 7, 1379, is a notification that the Mayor, Bailiffs and Commonalty of Exeter have admitted John Bonde to the freedom of the said City, that he may enjoy and use the liberties granted to them in these words, reciting Letters Patent of Dec. 5, 1378 [*i.e.* Charter No. XXII].

The following are some samples of the contents of this volume :—

ff. 1-37. Repertorium testamentorum, finium et omn' Aliorum memorandor' in Rotulis Civitatis Exon. inventor'—In a 15th century hand, begins: Dc. Anno Regis Henrici t'cii 1 [not 5, as in *Calendar*]. Et md. quod ab isto anno quinquagesimo regis Henrici t'cii usq' Annū. quinto decimo. Regis E fil' Regis Henrici nichil invent' ad effectum neg' in dco. anno quinto decimo. D° anno XV Regis E fil Regis h. (1321 added in a 16th century hand.)

R°. xiiii°. Testamentum Walti de Padeslo in quo continet' &c.

R°. xxii°. Testamentum Rici atte Stapele in quo continet' &c.

R°. xxx°. final' Concordia Int. Walt'um Godwyne, quer et Ricum le Spicer et Elenam ux' ejus deforc'.

R°. xxxvi°. final' Concordia Int.' Mariotam que fuit ux' Johis de Bristowe quer et Robertum de Galmetm. et Mariota. ux' ejus deforc'.

R°. xxxvi°. final' Concordia Int' Willm. de Venella et Juliam ux' ejus quer' et Willm. Crodell et xpiam ux' ejus deforc'. In isto Rotulo Anuali continent' xlix. Rotuli.

Similar entries succeed each other, recording similar extracts in the same hand till 11 Richard II, when it finishes abruptly with the usual entry: In isto Rotulo anuali continentur lvi. rotuli; thus forming a valuable though very inadequate key to some of the contents of the Mayors' Court Rolls from 1321 to 1387, all of which with a few exceptions are still preserved in full in the Guildhall.

f. 1. Anno 17 Ed. I. M^d. qd. in cur' tent die lune px. post fm. sci. Gregorii p'pe a^o. supradicto Wills' de Harecomb Balls. dni Epi. Exon' de feodo Sci. Stephi et Magr. Werman lib homo ejus Epi. de feodo p'dcto. cur' p'dcti. Epi. de Rico de lenne tanquam de libo. tenente eiusdem Epi. de feodo p'dcto sp'ere deb'. Et fuit ad sectam &c.

f. 39. A description of Henry VI's coming to the City [*i.e.* in 1452], in Hooker's handwriting. It begins: Henry the syxthe, the sone of Harry the fyvethe and quene Katheren his wyffe, daughter to the ffrenshe kyng, and borne at Wyndsore aboute the feaste of Saynt Nycholas, succeeded his father in this Realme, dyinge in Normandy the last day of August, and after in the feaste of S. Leonarde the yere of our Lord 1429 and the viijth yere of his Raynge and the viij yere and one moneth of his age, was crowned at Westmynster. And after about the feaste of the Conception of our Ladye in the yere of God 1431, and the 10th yere of his raynge, he was crowned Kinge of fraunce at parys. And in the moneth of february folowinge he returned into engelande and further in the 24th yere of his raynge he married Lady Margaret, daughter of the Duke of Andioye, who by tyle was called Kyng of Cicilie and Jherusalem, but not in possessyon for the (?) in the (?). After the feaste of S. Trinitie, Anno 1445, was crowned quene of England at Westmynster After that tyme the saide Kyng Henry the VIth, perusing and searching diverse parts of the Realme, came into Devon and lay the fyrst nighte at the Abbey of fforde, and from thenst came to S. Mary Otre, and lay there ij nights, and from thence to this Cittie of Exester. The passage then follows generally the account in *Book 52, f. 308b*, corresponding with *Izacke, p. 81*, and ends: This was fownde wryten in the Latyn tonge on a olde parchement book and translated and wryten into this booke by John Vowel *alias* Hoker, Chamberlyne of this Citie, mense Octobris, Anno 1558.

ff. 44, 45. The copie of the blacke rolle by which the Bysshop claymith his ffee to be in the Citie of Exon and the suburbes of the same called St. Stephens fee, and made in the 13th yere of Henry the 4th or rather Edward the 4th.

ff. 49–55. The names of the freemen of Exeter drawn up 13 Edward IV (1472). Richard Clark mayor= Noia liber' hom' civitat' Exon p'squentia (=in presentia. see *f.* 52*b*). Rici Clerk, maiore, facta, Anno. regis E. iiij^{ti}. xiiij., mostly with side note "mort'" continued with subsequent additions to 3 Richard III, nuper regis Angliæ.

f. 55*b*. Bond for 2,000*l.* by the Bishop and Chapter, Dec. 12, 27 Henry VI.

f. 56*b*. Acta hit'. et fact'. tepe. Hugd. Germa'. hic maior, anno R. E. iiij^{ti}. xiiij (1473), *i.e.* Oath of the Comyn Clerke. Begins: Ye shell suer thath (*sic*) ye shalbe trew to the Kyng E. (with Henry written above), Kyng of England, &c. Ends: Item al olde poynts and articles tochyng the office of the comyn clerke of thes (*sic*) said Cite after the olde custumes of this said Cite ye shall kepe and fullfyll yn your behalfe, so God you helpe and your holidame and by thath (*sic*) boke.

Also the oath of the common attorney, includes: Also all suche evydences, charters, escripts and munyments as heirafter schall come to yowr hands ye schall see them savely and secretly kepte and to redelyu' (=redeliver) them agayn &c. So gode yow helpe and the holly contents of this boke.

f. 57. The oath of the sward berer.

ff. 57*b*–70. Acta habita tempore J. Attwyll, tunc majoris, Anno. 1, R. III (1479), *i.e.* names of 13 admiss' in libertate, with payments varying from 20*s.* to 26*s.* 8*d.* Also 1 Henry VII, when Robert Russell is mayor, 2 Henry VII (Robert Newton), 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 Henry VII (including three final Concords and the will of Thomas Calwodley), 9, 10 Henry VII (with one final concord and the will of John Bonvyle de —armig'), with corrections in Hooker's handwriting pointing to the beginning of his method of keeping his Annals.

Also 11–20 Henry VII (with here folowith the titill and the ground whereby the Mayor and Sherevys of London clayme to have the custum and Scavage, *al.* Savagage, of the Inhabitants of Exceter (*f.* 68), see *Book* 51, *f.* 36.

ff. 71*b*, 72. Indenture 12 December, 27 Henry VI, betwene Edmund Lucy, Bishop of Excet' and the Mayor &c. Witnesseth that whereas debates contra &c. . . . and discordes &c. . . . by meane and mediacion of Thomas Courtenay, Erle of Devonshir, and of William Bonvile &c. [Printed in Shillingford, *pp.* 136–140.]

f. 73. Here folowith the Copy of the fee of Seynt Sidwyll, with note (*sic*) Est yeate of the Citie of Excester *sepalt* from the Citie forsaid, and also from the manor of

- Dureyurd. Copia parliament de Concordia int. decanu. et capitulum et maiorem et conbatem. Exon. Begins: Also prayn the Cives. that forasmoche as of long time past &c. 4 May, 14 Henry [? VI].
- f. 75. Omnibus Xti. fidelibus Peter [Quivill], Bishop of Exeter and the Dean and Chapter. Whereas the Citizens of Exeter, with assent of Edward [I], King of England, Edmund, Earl of Cornwall, have granted to us &c. Monday next after Feast of Annunciation, 1286.
- f. 75b. Walter [Stapleton], Bishop of Exeter. Friday after Feast of St. Hilary, 15 Edw. fil. regis Edwardi [*i.e.* 15 Edward II, 1322].
- f. 78. The copy of the Quo Waranto. 3 February, 39 Edward [III], *i.e.* 1366.
- f. 79. Transcriptio carte de fontibus fact' fratribus p'dicatoribus Exon, by Peter Warner and Isabella his wife (super donacione trium foncium). Witnesseth by a notary, 1303.
- f. 79b. Carta fact' petro Sturto et Johanni Lake et civibus c^{its}. Exon' de octo seldis jac' in vico voc' pruststret. 1 December, 6 Henry V (1418).
- f. 80. Cart' int' Civitatem et monachos de Cowyk.
- f. 81 (24 September, 22 Henry VII (1506)). Seventeen names of freemen, including Richard Huet, maior, John Lympynd, hoc anno Receptor.
- f. 82. 14 August, 22 Henry VII (1507). Names of soldiers nominat' p'. John Carewe, knight=20 bowes and 15 Billes, also 6 Bowes and 23 Billes.
- ff. 83-92. Names of freemen. 21 Henry VII; 2, 3 Henry VIII to 31 Henry VIII; 5, 6 Edward VI; 1 Mary.
- f. 89. Md. that this present yere (23 Henry VIII, 1531-32) a lytell before Cristmasse their wasse one Thomas Benet y^t dwellyd yn the bocherow wasse arestyd by Mr. Mayor for heryse, and he wasse boren at Cambryge and he wasse condemnyd by the Clargey to be burnyd for his oppynyons the xv day of December, the yere abow writtyn [*i.e.* 1531], and so he remanyd yn the byschopp prison untill the 10th day of January [1532], that he wasse delyv'yd by Chaunsell of the Church to S. Thomas Denys, knyth, then sheryff of Deuonscher, and he wold have burnyd the same herytycke yn Southynghay, and they had brogth wode and put uppe a poste, but he wasse compellyd by Mr. Maior and others to remove away the post and wode and so burnyd the herytycke at Lyv'doll, where the place of execucion for the seryff is accustomed to be had. [*See Izacke, p. 116.*]
- f. 89. The will of Robert Hoker, father of John Hooker the Chamberlain. The will is in English and is dated August, 1534. Extracted from *Rot. v*, 30 Henry VIII

- (1538-9). The paper, which is very stout, shows a unicorn's head as a watermark.
- f. 101. A Copy of the Rate of Blackwyll Hall [*i.e.*, Blackwellhall in London] uppon lynnyng cloyth and wollen cloyth.
- f. 102. The Copy of the Will and testment of John Hurst, Citizen and Merchaunt of Exeter. In English, dated 16 November, 1552.
- f. 104. A Copie of the entries made in the Councell booke touchyng the Mayor and Comynaltie of Exet'. Att Hampton Courte, 16 May, 1555.
- f. 105. This yere (1552-53) died King Edward the syxthe, being the yere of our Lorde 1553, about the xxth of July, and forthwith was one Lady Jane, wyffe to the Lorde Guylforde Dudley and daughter to the Duke of Suffolk, proclaimed Quene of Englande, but being verie shortly after deposed the trewe and right inheritor, Lady Mary, daughter to King Henrye the VIII, was proclaimed quene of Englande. [Izacke, p. 126.]
- f. 106. M^d. that in this yere one the xxiiij of July, 1554, Kyng Philip, prynce of Spayne, and sone to the most famos Emperor Charell the Vth, he landed at Hampton, and being there honorablie receved by the Erle of penbroke, who then presented unto him the golden garter and conveyed him from thenst to Wynchester, where the Quenes Majestie dyd abyde his comyng and one the morow being the xxiiijth of July the (*sic*) were bothe openly and solemply married in S. Swythens Church of Wynchester.
- f. 106. A Copie of the purchase of the Chauntery upon Exbridge. 1 June, 7 Edward VI [1553].
- f. 106b. William Staplehill and Griffyn Ameredith's charges upon the suite of Church plate. Also two letters, proclamation of Queen Mary, &c. :—
- Chargis payd yn Londen and att the Courte before the Kyng and Quenes Majesties Councell ffor the Ceties affayrs by Walter Staplehill and Griffyn Ameredyth att Ester Terme uppon the suyte of churche plate, A^{no}. regnor Philip et Marie, Regis and Regine, p^{mo}. and scdo.
- In p^{mis}. payd to my lord Tresorers secretary to p^{ferr} the suyte xxs.
- Itm. to his porter for lettyng us yn and other his paynys iis.
- Itm. to Sir John Pollerd, knyght, for the optaynyng of oure Request wrought by my lord of Penbroke xxli.
- Itm. to my lord of Penbroke's servaunts nyest aboute hym to by every of them a gyldyng by Sir John Pollards assigment viiili.

- Itm. to the iii Clerks of the Councell att the begynnynge of our sute to have us yn Remembrance, And to helpe us yn the same *vili.*
- Itm. to my lord Chauncellours secretorye to be a meene to his M. ffor the optaynyng his good will yn our sute *iiii- .*
- Itm. to Mr. Secretary Peters, clerke for Remembryng ther M., and p'ferryng our suyte *xxs.*
- Itm. to my lord Admyrell's Secretorie for the lyke to his M. *xxs.*
- Itm. to one of M. Bassetts servaints for the optaynyng of his master's good wille yn oure suyte *xs.*
- Itm. to a man for himself and his horse to Ride to M. Cotton beside hampton for our obligacion *iiii- .*
- Itm. to the keps. of the Councel Chamber dore *vs.*
- Itm. to M. Peckam is clerks for searchynge his office for oure obligacion *xxs.*
- Itm. to the Clerks of th exchequer and ther servaints to searche ther office for oure obligacion *xliis.*
- Itm. to M. Marde for his paynes to come to london and to searche his office yn the Tower for oure obligacion *xxs.*
- Itm. to M. Wye of the Temple for drawynge oure supplycacion and twyse engrossynge the same to the Councell and also to my lord of penbroke *xxs.*
- Itm. to the 111 Clerks of the Councell att the det'mynacion of our suyt for the entryng our decree and for a copie of the same *xls.*
- *Itm. for oure owne charges and expens. for xxxiii days, that is to say ffrome the xxvith day of Aprell unto the xxixth of May last past att vis. viii*d.* the day for oure selffs, our s'vnts and oure horses duryng that tyme *xxiii- .*
- Itm. yn mony gevyn us for our paynes yn the p'mysses by M. Mayor and his Brethern *iiii- .*
- Marginal note (a).*—Nota this xxvili. is alloyd to the seid Griffyn upon his buoke of Chargs and expensis uppon his accompt for the Cetie.
- Sm^a. To^b. expens.=xl*ix*li. *iiis.* The Accompt apperith in the next side.

f. 107*b*, 16 May, 6 Edward VI (1552). The Commission for the survey of the Church goods within the Countie of the Cetie of Exeter, with Instructions dated 10 June, 6 Edward VI (1552). Printed in *Surrey Archæological Collections*, vol. iv, p. 190 (1869).

f. 109. Copy of a letter frome the Counsell to the Byshops Custos Rotulorum and the under officers for the delyv'e of suche ynvtories as they have of Churche

* This and the following paragraph are struck through with the pen and marginal note (a) inserted.

goods to be delyv'ed to the Comyssoners before-named :—

After oure hartye comendacion. Where as the Kyng's Maiestie uppon dyvers complaynts made of the greate waste, imbesylyngs and allenatyngs of the belles, plate, Jeweles and ornaments belongyng to the parishe churches and chapells of all parts of the realme hath for stay and remedy therof addressed ffourth hys Majesties commissions unto all parts of thys Realme . . . for as myche as the Invitories heretofore made by order frome hys Maiestie of all the said plate, jeweles, bells and ornaments within that hys heignes Cctie of Exeter wear appoynted to Remayn with you, the syght of whyche Invitories shalbe very necessarie for the Execution of suche order as ys nowe appoynted to be taken for a more sewer stay of the said goods. Hys Maiesties said pleasure ys that Immedyately uppon the sight of these oure letters you shall delyver or cause to be delyvered to hys maiesties' said comyssoners presently appoynted for thys mater in the said countie all such Invitories touchyng the p'mysses as remayne in your custodye or that you may by any goode meanes combe by. And beside that hys maiesties further pleasure ys that in case any of the said Invitories hertofore remaynyng with you or in the custody of any others before you in that office have ben by any meanes delyvered frome you or them or any others that in that case you shall sygnyfie to the said Comyssoners to whome or for what cause your said Invitories have ben so delyvered, and besyde geve suche further Instrucon as you knowe and may p've to the knowlege of the trouth. And the good ffurtherance of thys hys maiesties Comysson in all thyngs to be Requyred of you whereof wee requyre you not to fayle.—From Westminster, the laste of Aprell.

Your lovyng ffrendes,

(Blank).

Wynchyster.

Bedford.

T. Desdy (? Darcsey).

John Bat.

The names of the Counsell	{	William Peter.
		William Dessell.
		Robert Downs.
		Richard Cotton.

A letter from the Counsell to the Comysshioners before named as well sertyfying the Cathedrall Churche to be within the countie of the Cctie of Exeter, as any other churche within the same Cctie and other maters twechyng one person as therin apperith. After oure very hartye comendacions, We have Receved your letter addressed unto me, Secretarye Cecill, whereby we do perceive as well your staye frome procydyng to the survey of the Cathedrall Churche ther of Exeter, because the same ys not expressly named yn your comysshion, as also the lewde behavvyour of Water Hele, vycar of Erpylpyn (? Epplepyn), whos unquyet sorte of p'echyng wee have at good length sene by the arteyles sent within your letters. And for as myche as the said helys doing tendith not only to the dyturbence of trewe Relegion, but tweccith also as we take yt the Kyng's maiesties estate and policie of hys Realm wee pray you the bysshopp of Exeter for the furste poynt to cause thys vycar to be throughly examyned, and when ye shall finde hym to have swerved in matters of Religion from the Kyng's Maiestie p'cidyns in that behalfe establsed, ye shall cause hym either openly to Recante the same in the places where he hath before so preched or taught or ells yf he Refuse so to do then take order for his ponyshement in suche ordynarie sorte as in leke cases by the ecclesiastycall lawes is ordered and provided. As for that parte of hys lewde dealyns that tweccith the Kyng's Maiesties estate and pollice of hys Realme, We pray you calleng to you suche other gentylnen therabouts beyng Justices of peace as ye shall thynke moste metest for thys purpose to consider and way the mater substancially and singnyfie unto us your oppinyons therin what waight and Importaunce ye shall thynke the same to be of, to thende we maye geve suche order for the punnysshement of the defaulte as to justice shall apptayne Twacchyng the estate of your survey of the Cathedrall Churche the leke as we knowe that the [blank] of your Comysshion doyth sufficiently beer you to procide with the same Churche as ye have don with other within your circuyt. So do we pray you withoute any longer staye to goo throughly with the survey of the said Cathedrall Churche as appartayneth whereunto (*sic*) albeit the Kyng's maieste taketh hys comysshion to be sufficient enowgh and so ment of his maiestie yet hath hys maiestie wylled us to syngnyfie unto you that hys pleasure ys notwith-

standyng any scruple moved in your Commyssion that you shall proceide therin as in all other churches ye be p'scribed. And so we pray you to do and bed you hartely fayerwell, frome tichefeld, the xiiijth of Auguste.

Your loving frends (*blank*).

The names of the Counsell—

Wynchester.	Bedford.	Suffolk.
T. Darsey.	Chayne.	W. Cecill.

Side note.—Directed our very good lords and ffrendes the Bishopp of Exeter and the rest of the Comyssoners for the Survey of Church goods withyn that Cctie. This lettre was received by me, Myles, byshop, 27 Aug., Anno. 6 Ed. 6 [1553].

A copy of a letter directed to the Mayore of Exeter and Aldermen and all other the Quenes Majesties subiects of her Cctie of Exeter :—

After oure harty comendacons. Whereas thoppportunitytie of so good a tyme as nowe is offerid unto us by Reson of certayne difculties and letts wherewith all we were forcyd to bere for a season was no Rather mynystred unto us to proclayme oure Souvrayne lady and maystres Quene Mary Quene of this Realme of France and Ireland &c., you shall understand that by the helpe of god the worker and brynger forth of all good purposes in ther due tyme, We dyd yesterday here yn london with thyncredible joye of all her majesties subiects here proclayme her hyghnes Quene of England and Ireland in such forme as by the proclamacion sent to you herewith maye appeare unto you the which proclamacion lyke as wee have dispeched with oure letters to be proclaimed in all thother partes of the Realme so have wee also sent the same to you, praying and charging you in her majesties name nott only to cause the same ymmediately after the receypt herof to be proclaimed in all the accustomed places withyn that Countie, but also to see her majesties peace, good order and quyet to be observyd in those parts and her highnes subiects ther to be conteynyd in office in ther due obedience to her majestic. And thus fare you hartely well, frome the Quenes majesties Cctie of London, the xxth of July, 1553, 1551, (*q.v.*)

Your assurid lovyng ffrends,

T. Cant., T. Ely.

J. Bedford, F. Shrewesbury, Penbroke.

Richard Cotton, W. Sevell, Jo. Bakere.

Edward North, Jo. Mason, Robt. Bayne.

f. 110. Mary the Quene. The Copy of the letter seynt by the Quene majestic Mary to Sir Thomas Denys and

Peter Carewe and Gawen Carewe and John of Sellynger, Artor. Champonn Knyghts, Antony Harvy, John Chechister, John Rydgeway, John P'diaieux, Esquers :—

By the Quene. Trusty and Right Welbelovyd, Wee gryt you well and your letter addressid hether perceve your delygens, your ffaythfulnys and true harts Reddy to serve and to have defendid us ayenst our Traytors and Rebels, who nowe God be thankid are under ffete and the chiff therof as the Duke of Northumblond and others admyttid to Warde yn oure Toure of london and other prisons. Wherefore as ye have well deservyd wee geve you and all our good subiects yn your company oure Right thanks, myndyng to consider the same to your comferte, Requeryng and praying you all this troble now beyng overlayde to desire oure seid subiects yn God's peace and oure to repayre home to ther dwellyng places and ther to remayne till We shall nyde ther ffurther servys wth contynall prayer to God for his grace to preserve us and the commyng (*sic*) Welth to his glory. Yevyn under oure Synett (*sic*) att oure Towne of Colchester, the ffyrst yer of oure Reigne.

- f. 112. The Cope of the graunte for the manor of Topsham to Peter Smyth, gent., 8 December, 6 Edward VI.
- f. 113b. *s.a.* 1557–8. John Peter, Mayor. *Mem.* that one the xxviith of September, 1559, in the first yere of the raynge of our sovereing Quene Elysabethe, the Citie of Exon was measured rownd about the walls without syde and it conteineth in compasse xvi^c passes, everie passe conteynge fyve foote which in the whoale after 1 M. passes at a myle conteyngneth a myle and halfe and 1^c. passes.
- f. 113. A Cope of the Quenes Majesties wryte and proclamation [dated 21 September, 2 Elizabeth], directed to the Mayor and Shrefe of the Citie of Exeter, and received the 26 daye of September, Anno dni. 1560, and proclamed the 28th day of the same moneth, being Saterdag, betwene (*sic*) the howers of ix and x of the same day before nowne, for reform of the currency and for the reformation of such abuses as be thought hurtfull to the common weall of this her Realm. Nothing is so grevous as the sufferaunce of the Base Monyes being of dyvers Standers and myxtures to be so abundantly currante within this Realme, which have ben coyned in the same before her Majesties Raygne and no parte synce.
- ff. 131b–135. The description of the Citie of Exon made, collected and done by John Vowell *alias* Hoker, Chamberlayn of the said Citie, 1 Elizabeth, 1559,

Begins : Excester or Excetre is a famous Citie, being the metropole or cheffe in the West partes of Englande. Ends : Unfayned care of the comon welthe. So be it. Per me, Johan Vowell *alias* Hoker, camerarium civitatis Exon.

These verses folowinge ar appoynted to be imprinted in the plate and historie of this Citie above saide :

Of my fyrst ground the certeyntie
Is worn out through antyquytie.
Caernn the brytones called me,
Monketon, Saxons dyd me name.
But last of the ryver Esse,
Esseter to name was given me.
Syxe tymes beseged mightily,
Myn enemyes estes I put to shame.

- f. 135b. Exylond. A note of the reparacyons done uppon Calluberr and propere weaves and the mylle leatte. Anno 5 Edward VI ; 13 Elizabeth.
- f. 137. An Acte of parlament for the pavinge of the streetes within the Citie of Excester yn the tyme of Kyng Edward the iiij.
- ff. 142-155. The Othe of xxiiij for the election of the Mayor. Aso Oath of Mayor, Sheriff, Common Counciller, Warden of the Magdallyn &c.
- f. 146. Testamentum Walteri filii Nichi Gervas. (*Latin.*) 1257.
- ff. 156-159. A note of all the articlis conteyned in all the Charters of this Citie of Exon from the tyme of Kyng Henrye the First (*sic*) untill the tyme of Kyng Edward the Vith.
- f. 173. Crata Decani et Comon' de Wynchester. 10 April, 7 H—.
- f. 179b. Coastes Shippes servinge for the Cittie of Excester in Anno 1588, viz :—

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
For the waiges of 70 men seruinge in the <i>Bartholomew</i> of Apsam bye the space of ii moneths begune the xvith of Julie, 1588, and ended the ixth of September folowinge, after the rate of xiiiiis. every mann <i>p.</i> mensem dietts share and rewardes in the same accompted ..	98	0	0
For the sea victualls of the same men by licke tyme after the same rate of xiiiiis. per mensem. Summa	98	0	0
For the Tonnage of the same Shippe bye licke tyme being cxxx. ton after the rate of iis. every tonne <i>p.</i> mensem, the some of	26	0	0
Summa	222	0	0

For the wages of 50 men seruinge in the <i>Rose</i> of Apsham by licke tyme of 2 monthes begune and ended as afore- sayde after the same rate. Summa ..	70	0	0
For the sea victualls of the same men bye the licke tyme after the same rate, the some of	70	0	0
For the Tonnage of the same Shippe, beinge 110 ton after the licke rate as aforsaide	22	0	0
Summa	162	0	0

For the waiges of 21 men seruinge in the <i>Guyfte</i> of Apha bye licke tyme, begune and ended as aforesaide after the rate about sayde, the some of	29	8	0
For the sea victualls of the same men bye licke tyme after the same rate as about sayde. Summa	29	8	0
For the Tonnage of the same shippe, being 25 tonne for licke tyme after the licke rate	5	0	0
Summa	63	0	0

<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
222	0	0
162	0	0
63	0	0

Totalis .. 447 16 0

Received by us the Mayor, Bailiffs and Comynaltye of the Cittie of Excester the xxvith daye of Maye, 1589, of Sir John Hawkins, knighte, Treasurer of her Maiestyes Maryne causes the some of Fower hundred Fourtie seaven poundes sixtene shillings of lawfull money of England in full payment and satisfaccon for so muche received from her Maiestye for the service of the iii shippes within written, viz., the *Bartholomew*, the *Rose* and the *Guyfte* of Apsam, seruinge her highnes againste the Spanyardes as Coste Shippes for the Cittie of Excester by the space of twoo monthes in Anno 1588, begune the 16 of Julie, 1588, and ended the ixth of September followinge, whereof and of every parte and parcell thereof wee the Maior, Bailiffes and Cominaltye aforesayde doe covenaunte herebye for us and our Successors to discharge and saue harmles bothe her Majestie

and the saide Sir John Haukins (*sic*), Knighte, his heires, executores and assignes agaynste bothe the Owners, victulers and maryners or Company of the saide Shipps for that tyme of there seruyce for euer. In witnes whereof wee haue to this presentes sett the Seale of the Office of the Maioraltie of the Cittie of Excester the daye and yere firste aboue written . . . ccccxlviii. xvis.

f. 180. Petition of the town of Staynes (Middlesex) with replies from the Council at Whitehall, 26 May, 1589, for post towards Plymouth.

f. 187. The Copye of the Queen's Majesties letters for the deliuerie of Phillipp Harte, a condemned prisoner remayninge in the Gayle of the City of Exon.

By the Queene.

Elizabethe Regina.

Trusty and welbeloued, We greeete you well. Whereas there ys remeninge in the Gaole of that our Cittye of Exceter, Prysoner under your charge and custody one Phillipp Harte, a condemned person and so restinge at our mercye Whome in respecte that the parties greued desyer to be recommended to our grace for the Releefe of the poore Women whose husbandes were slayne as also for that there ys good Assurans geeven us of his sufficiencie to do us good Service in our Warres Wee arre pleased to extende our clemencie thus farr unto him as to staye him from execucon by our Lawes, And to imploye him in our warres, And therefore wee will and comande youe upon the Receipte of this our Letters to deliver the bodye of the said Phillipp Harte to the berer herof, George Carye, esquier, to be by him conveied to Capteyne John Dowdall, unto whome wee have comitted a Bande of footemen to serve us in our Realme of Irland, under whome our pleasure ys to make triall of the said Hert's Service and good behavior and farther our expresse pleasure and comandemente ys that the said Harte shall not at any tyme hereafter retorne unto our Realme of England, but remayne still in our said Service in Irland withoute our expresse Licence under our owne Hande obtained upon payne of the extremytie of our Lawes to be layed upon him. And this our Letters shalbe to youe and every of youe to whome yt dothe or maye apperteyne sufficiente warrante and discharge in this behalfe. Geeven under our signet at our Mann. of Greenewyche the Syxte of Maye, 1590, in the xxxiith yere of our reigne.

Wyndebanck.

To our trusty and welbeloved the
Maier, Recorder and Sheryffs of

Exceter and to all other our
Officers and Mynysters to
whome yt dothe or shall apper-
teyne.

- f. 196. Refers to Queen Elizabeth's proclamation that certayne wayghtes as well the Troy wayghtes as of Avoirs de Poyz newly made and corrected shoulde bee dispersed and sente unto all and everye of the good Citties of England, there to remayne, wherebye all other wayghtes of these natures shalbe fined, corrected and amended. This Bille Indented made 21 June, 30 Elizabeth (1588). The Town Clerk acknowledges to have received from the Court of Exchequer of avoir de Poyz, the halfe hundrede weights containing 5*l.*, 2*l.*, 1*l.*, 7*l.*, 2*l.*, and 1*l.*; also 1 Pille of Troy wayghtes containing 14 peeces and 1 paper with penny-weights and 5 parcells graynes containing 14 peeces, paying for them 9*l.* 8*s.* 11*d.*
- f. 203. The note of the number of all the Charters of this cittie of Exon. Collected 23 October, 1560.
- f. 207. Anno xxij, Henry VII (1506-7). Deliberaco. clavum ciste cvis. existent' in domo cvis. consil' p'tn., showing 7 Keys, 1 in the hands of the Mayor, Richard Huet, and 6 more with the names of the holders.

Md. est quedam vacua clavis p. sexta sera reman in cista repoc.

Book 55a.—A list of Freemen, 1621 to 1818 (not paged) entitled "A Catalogue or Register of the names of all the persons that have been made free in or since the year 1621." This book is not noticed in the *Calendar*. It consists of an alphabetical list of names and forms a very serviceable guide to personal names, trades &c., since 1621. Appended to each name is a note "p. appr'" (*i.e.* by apprenticeship), "p. her'" (by heirship), "p. red'" (by redemption), "by priviledge," or "p. ord'" (*i.e.* admitted by order). It includes such names as Christopher, Lord Duke of Albemarle, Frederick Kepple, Lord Bishop of Exeter, to the Tripemakers, Hot-pressmen, Velmongers, Combemakers.

Book 56.—A vellum book, foolscap folio, the cover of which has been torn off. It contains copies of documents in a hand of the time of Elizabeth, and appears to have belonged to Hooker. (It might be called "Hooker's Charter Book".) *Eg.*, an extract from *Carta Monasterii de Syon, Henricus* [? VII], recites privileges and exemptions granted January 26th last past to Elizabeth the Abbess, *infra manerium de Istalworthe*. The description of Exeter by Hooker as in *Book 55, f. 131b*.

It begins: "Excester or Exeter ys a famouse Cytie."

Ends: "The Lord kepe and preserve them alwaies."

Five opening paragraphs of "The Antiquitie and foundacioun of the Cathedrall Church of Saint Peters, Exon."

Begins: "Of the fundacion," &c.

Breaks off with; "the which he ys a baron or lorde of the parliament" (in paragraph beginning: "And in this tyme of Kinge Henry the fyrst").

The Charter of Exilond, 22 December, 4 Edward VI (1550) (full text). See Charters No. XXXVI.

The Charter of the Bishop of Winchester, 30 January, 2 Henry VIII (1511) (full text).

The Charter of the Bishop and Church of Exeter, 12 May, 2 Henry VI (1424) (full text).

The Charter of Kenton, 14 May, 16 Edward [? III. See page 122, i.e. 1342.] It recites Charter of Stephen, and refers to *homines mei de lystona et Chentona* (i.e. Kenton ferry near Star Cross).

The Charter of Bonville's Almshouses, 8 November, 4 Elizabeth (1562) (full text). See Charters, No. XXXVIII.

Charter of 21 February, 3 Elizabeth (1561). *Cart' p. orphan et al' libt' Concess'*. See Charters, No. XXXVII.

The Act for the Limits of the City. A Confirmation of the Cete libt' and Charters by Acte of parliament for the bonds (*sic*) and lymytts how fferr the Countie of the Ceteie shall extend. 18 March, 3 Edward VI (1549) (full text). See Charters, No. XXXV.

The Charter of 24 February, 3 Edward VI (1549) (full text). Latin, with footnote: *Veram copiam Carte Civitatis Exon et concord' cum Iris' patent' Regis Ed. vi^{ti}. supiar specificat' et exam. p. Waltherm Stapelhill, Johem. Peter, Richm. p'twod, Richm. Hert et Johem Hoker.* See Charters, No. XXXIV.

The Act of Parliament for confirmation of Charters, 3 May, 5 Elizabeth (1563). See Charters, No. XXXIX.

The Charter for the Election of the Mayor, 10 July, 1 Henry VIII (1509), headed "The Copey of the Charter for the Eleccion of the Mayor and officers made by Henry the vijth (*sic*), after the Comosion he then in ppr' person cum. to Exon." See Charters, No. XXX.

A Commission for a Gaile deliverie for the Admiraltie, 17 October, 6 Elizabeth (1564).

Two folios of extracts from Domesday Book with note: The which all Churches, houses, londis and Tentis being of or holdinge as well as righte many moo other and divers wth all passeth the number of lx. and moo beinge rente or yeilding eustome as all appeareth of recorde in the said Booke, none which said except the xlviij. houses (i.e. in the holding of the Bishop of Exeter) above said, now late the which the Maier and Commonaltie seyn that all beith parcell of the said Cetye in and of and annexed to the same. And they seyn

that all the rentis aforesaid ben parcell of the fee ferme of the said Citey. And that rentis and customes p'veth (proveth) a fee ferme by prescripcion at that tyme. And the Cittie not in the Kinges handes as it is in there seconde Article of prys (? proofs) supposed. Part of a Rental of the City. (7 folios.)

Book 56a.—A paper volume, not paged. Some of the sheets have been folded down to fit the size of the ordinary pages. The binding consists of an indenture on vellum, dated 30 January, 29 Elizabeth (1587). The headings are partly cut away in binding.

This book, which is not noticed in the *Calendar*, may be regarded as a supplement to *Book 56*, being a collection of Charters and other similar documents mostly repeated elsewhere.

The earliest page (*i.e.* an extract) begins: And albeit from the tyme of Kinge Athelstanc the first founder, A.D. 932.

Ends: And this muche concernynge the antiquitie, fundation and buildinge of this Cathedrall Church (see *Book 56*).

This extract occupie half a page only. It is followed by: The ancient Rentes and Revenewes belonging and apperteyninge to the cathedrall church of S. Peter of Exon, and the extent thereof; total 1,941*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.*

Copy of the Grand Charter of the Citie of Exeter [*see* Charters, No. XXXIV], the last sheet bearing the date 24 February, 3 Edward VI (1549), has been misplaced and bound towards the end of the volume.

A Charter beginning Henricus, dated 4 May, *anno regni nostri quinto decimo*.

A Charter beginning Henricus, dated 11 December, *anno regni nostri [blank]*, probably Henry V or Henry VI, as the Clerk is "Wymbysshe."

The Composition betwene the Bisshop &c. and the Citie for enclosing of the churcheyarde and buyldinge up of gates in the same, 1286.

The Graunte of the Mayer &c. to the Bishop &c. for enclosing the Churcheyarde.

The Composition between the Mayor &c. and the Bishop &c., concerning certeyn walles and dores &c., 1320.

The Composition for the building of a gate in a lane in Stykestreete, 8 September, 37 Henry VI (1459).

A Grant from the Mayor &c. to the Archdeacon of Totnes of a tower upon the walls of the Citie, 1392.

A Catologe of all the Bisshops &c. (16 folios.)

Begins: Havinge heretofore sett downe the Antiquities.

Ends with: John Wolton—the mediation ffraunceys Erle of Bedfforde.

Carta Episcopi Bathon et Wellens. Ten lines only; incomplete.

- Carta, 29 January, 1 Elizabeth (1559). Note at end—
Concordat cum originali p' me Robtm. Denys.
- "Wyndsore" Charter of Henricus . . . 10 April, *anno* 7,
Folded down to fit size of book.
- Charter of Elizabeth. Headed: This ys indeed . . .
incomplete. (2 *folios*.)
- Statutes for the ordering of Orphans &c. Ends: To be
fullie satisfied and paid. (6 *folios*.)
- The manner and forme of a recognysaunce to be taken
for the assuraunce of an Orphanes parte or portion.
(4 *folios*.)
- The Charter for the appointinge and nomynatinge of the
poore in the hospitall of the Comeroye. 13 November,
4 Elizabeth (1562). See Charter XXXVIII.
- An Acte of Parlyement for the bounding and lymetinge
of the Countie of the Citie of Excester, 18 March,
3 Edward VI (1549). Full text: English. See
Charter XXXV.
- The Charter of Exilonde, 2 (*sic*) December, 4 Edward VI
(1550). See Charter XXXVI.
- The Charter for Orphanes and a Chamberlayne,
21 February, 3 Elizabeth (1561). See Charter XXXVII.
- An Acte of Parliament for the Confirmation of the Charter
of Orphanes, 3 May, 5 Elizabeth (1563). (English.)
See Charter XXXIX.
- Misplaced leaf ends: Soma of the whole Rents of the
parcellis aforesayd as above is specified, xs. iiij*d*. (=part
of Bishops Rents).
- The last page is blank, but headed: A second clayme
which the Bishop maketh for his fee.

Book 57.—A paper book without cover, foolscap folio. It is a memorandum or Waste Book of John Hoker, and contains miscellaneous memoranda relating to the various offices he held.

The front page shows the perticulers of f'me (*i.e.* ferme) dewties as doth apperteyne to the ferme of Bagavell' and brethingavell. Begins: First the farmoure thereof ought to have of every person dwellinge within the liberties of the Cittie beinge no free—that selleth breade alle and other things by the yere 2*s.* 6*d*. The writing is not very legible, but the whole would be well worth transcribing in full.

Note that the Charter of Kenton was first graunted by King Stephen and goothe in these words: *i.e.* short extracts from the Charter of Stephen, with additions by Edward III (May 14, 1342).

The Inventory of all the goodds and Chattells of John Geffrey, of Exilond, bootcher, attached by me, John Hoker, bailiff there, upon severall playnts entred yn the Court there against the said J.G. immediatly after his fleeing and avoydinge, 1564. The following is the

list of goods which are arranged under headings: The forechamber, the Servants Chamber, the Talow Chamber, the forechamber next to the street and the Hall:—

The Inventory of all the goods and chattells of John Geffrey, &c.

The forechamber.—A ioyned beddsteed, a trokle bedstead, a flocke bedd with a bolster of fethers, a trokle [*blank*], toe paier of sheets, a pylose, three blancketts, a mantell, a stityned tester and other hangyns paynted, a bowe (? boroe), too chayres.

The s'unts (=servants) chamber.—A beddsteed, a mattresse, a flocke bolster, a payer of sheets, iii coverletts of shaydes.

The talow chamber.—A strydinge borde, Talow, by estymacon vc. (=cwt.).

The forechamber next to the street on the south syde.—A bedsteed, a great chest, a padd of yarne by estimacon iiiib., a trokle bedsteed, too tubbes, yn the galerey.

The hall.—A ioyned table bord, a ioyned forme, the stelyngs with a clost bench, a cubberd, a ioyned seate before the fyre, a cobberd, a greate caldron, a ketell, too caldrons, a lytle panne, too croks, a skyllett, vii platters, too potengers, too sawcers, a tynney salteseller, too treadells.

The disposicion and guyftess of my pamphelletes of the Citie and Catalogue of the Bishopp imprinted and geven for New Yeres Guyftes, 1583, with names of 72 recipients, including the Bishop, Mr. William Martyn, the Wardens of the Shamells, and the Constable, with 3 copies to the bookbinders.

The entreys of the towne custome for the porte of Exon from Michaelmas, 1556, to 1564-5—*i.e.* Hoker's account (57 folios) as "Collector Minutar' Cust' portus civitatis" or "Collector Minute seu parve Custume." The vessels scheduled hail from Exmouth, Kenton, Rye, Dartmouth, Salcomb, Gurnesay, Harlame, Plymouth, Lympton, Poole, Falmouth, Morbgan, Longesands, Kynswere, Colchester, Torreby, St. Malow, Mylbroke, Dawlish, Topsham, London, Penmareke, Morlaise and Stonehurst.

The ordynance and artyllerye of the Lord Fraunces, Erle of Bedford, delyvered to the custody of the Cittie of Exeter by Mr. Giles Gefry, surveyor to the saide Lorde, 22 Sept., 1556.

Do. apperteininge to the Citie of Exon and lying within Seynt Johns at the East Gate of the Citic and delyvered by me, John Hoker, to thandes or custodie of William Knolle Cuttler the younger, 24 February, 1559.

The mony which Roger Hoker owethe to me.

The accompte of the xth and xvth receved and gathered by me, John Vowell, *alias* Hoker, collector, 1 Elizabeth, October, November, 1559. Four *folios* from October, 1559, to 1576. The amounts are entered under parishes.

Memorandum that April 5th, 1566, I, John Vowell, *alias* Hoker, dyd enter ynto thoffice to be judge of Admyraltie yn the Countie of Devon at the request of Sir Arthur Champnowne, vyce-admirall, who by his letters offred the same unto me with all the comodities and proffytts thereto belonginge. Opposite is a copy of "The Certyfficate for the buylding of a ship of one hundrethe and upwardes":—

To the right honorable the Lord Clynton, Lord Highe Admyrall of England.

Right honorable, forasmiche as it hathe playseed the Quenes Majesty of her abundante munyfyence for the better mayntenance of the navy of this her hyghnes realme to enlarge to all those which buylde any ship of one hundrethe tonnes and upwardes so many crownes: Therfor I, Arthur Champernowne, knight, viceadmyrall of the countie of Devon, do by these presents geve notice to your honorable Lordship and to all others whom the same yn any respecte toochethe that one J.W. of the citie of Exceter, merchaunte, hathe at these presents buylded and fynished within the Haven of Bidefford yn the countie of Devon, one ship of the portage and bourden of two hundrethe fyfthe tonnes. And for the more treuthe hereof I have sett the seale of th'offyc of my viceadmyraltie to these presents geven.

Then follows Hooker's record of the Admiralty Court of Devon summoned to meet at Sidmouth on August 12th 1566, and other places, headed: "Thorder of the Circuite which I kept this yere and thapparauce and place of the Courte" (18 *folios*).

Book 58.—A large volume of Maps of the property of the Chamber, on vellum, compiled in the year 1759. It is a most elaborate work, and is kept at the Town Clerk's office.

Book 59.—The Index or Reference Book to the Maps, with Notes respecting the properties in a later hand down to 1820; kept at the Town Clerk's office.

Books 60 to 60f.—Seven volumes of Letters and Papers. See Part I.

Book 60g.—Inventories of Church goods. See Part I.

Book 60h.—A small folio paper volume of 46 *folios*, very much injured, but well mounted in a bound book.

ff. 1-9.—A Journal of the Parliament of 1571 by John Vowell, *alias* Hoker, then M.P. for Exeter (*autograph*). Ends: This parliament beganne on Monedaye being the ijth of Aprell, 1572 (*sic*),* and ended the Wenesday, beinge the xxxth of May folowinge, which ar yn thwhole lix.ty daies. Also there is to be allowed unto me for my travells towards and from the parliament viiiij.t daies, so this yn thwhole amounts to lxxvij. daies, which at iiij.s. the daye amounts to xiiijl. viijs.

The following specimen is taken from *fol. 7*:—On Saturday the six of May, a byll for bringnyng of foreyn wares prohibited, a byll for tryall of felonyes yn Wales, a byll for vagabonds (past) the lords have overthrowen it. Also xi. bylls from the lords whereof v. were such as were before sent unto theyme and by them yn certeyn poynts amended. An Act for Rodney in Somers' shere past.

At the end is a list of Acts of this parliament, finishing with An Act of the Quenes pardon. See *Stat. iv.*, 582—13 Elizabeth, cap. 28.

ff. 12-19.—The order of kepinge of a Parliament in these dayes," by John Vowell, *alias* Hoker. (*Autograph*.) For a transcript of this treatise I am indebted to Prof. W. Harte, of Exeter, who has compared his transcript with MS. (H.D.N., No. 41) at the Heralds' College. Some of the headings correspond with those in *Book 52*, *ff. 234-235*, but the general treatment and subject matter are altogether different. There is duplicate of it in Hooker's handwriting in MS. (H.D.N., No. 41) in the Heralds' College in London.

ff. 21-46.—A History of the manor of Exilond with copies and translations of Records relating thereto, and a discourse upon the jurisdiction of the Bailiff of the Manor and the customs of the same—also by John Hoker, *alias* Vowell.

Books 60i to 60m.—The old Calendar of the Archives in 4 small folio paper books, compiled by Dr. Oliver and his colleagues in the year 1821. See *S.M. Introduction*, p. 10.

On the cover is a rough note [*blank*] 19, 1821, G.O. (*i.e.* George Oliver) and P.J. (*i.e.* Pitman Jones) to the Chamber, stating they have arranged ye records in pursuance of Order of Nov., 1820, and recommend that these volumes be transcribed. See File of General Purposes Committee, 1821. This recommendation appears not to have been carried out, as these 4 volumes are in various original hands, one of them being apparently a woman's. The Summary shows that

* Should be 1571, *i.e.* 13 Elizabeth. See *Return of Members I, App.* p. xxxv.

111 days were occupied over the work, which began on [*blank*] and ended on December 18, 1821.

Vol. I. (60*i*) relates to Awliscombe, River Exe, Davy's Almshouses, Magdalen Hospital and St. John's Hospital.

Vol. II (60*k*) to Attwell's and Lethbridge's Charities, St. Nicholas, Disputes with Bishops and the Parish of Hennock.

Vol. III (60*l*). Other Charities, also Charters, Commissions and Pardons, and Miscellaneous Deeds.

Vol. IV (60*m*). Act Books &c., with a note (*p.* 362): We were directed to interrupt the order of the Act Books in order to make out the History of the Irish Party. The progress of the work was periodically checked by a member of the Council, whose signature appears with those of the Dr. Oliver and his colleague at frequent intervals.

[From this point onwards I have relied almost entirely upon Mr. S. Moore's *Calendar* for the material of this report, it having been impossible to consult all the original documents referred to in it within the time at my disposal during my personal visit to Exeter. Such additions or corrections as I have made will be found included in square brackets.]

Books 61 to 79.—Minute Books of the Sessions of the Peace from 16 James I to 1826, with detailed dates in the *Calendar*, to which is added a pencil note that large quantities of sessions papers are in a cupboard in the centre of the room.

Books 80 to 99.—Mayors' Court Books, from 1533 to 1861, the dates of each separate volume appear in the *Calendar*.

These volumes contain the pleadings in the Mayor's Court, and are in fact the Minute Books from which the Rolls were made up.

Books 100–102.—Presentments of Nuisances &c. at the Sessions of the Peace, A.D. 1550 to 1668, with details of dates of each volume in the *Calendar*.

Books 103 to 112.—Memorandum Books of the Mayor's Court (A.D. 1716 to 1794) containing the entries of freemen, notes of Fines, of oaths of allegiance taken, and the price of wheat week by week. At one end they have the notes of the Mayor's Court, at the other those of the Provost Court.

Book 113.—A volume of the prices of wheat, A.D. 1759 to 1796.

Books 114–140.—Provost Court Books, A.D. 1507 to 1881, with separate dates supplied in *Calendar*. These volumes, of which the last five are blank, are of a similar nature to the Mayors' Court Books.

141-145.—Book-proceedings of the Orphans' Court, 1561-1697.

146.—A large folio volume relating to the administration of Blundell's Charity. It begins with a copy of his will, 1601 to 1681.

147.—Smaller volume, small folio, 1681 to 1697.

148.—A Book containing entries of the application of Blundell's and other Charity monies in 1669.

149.—A Book containing a description of the various Charities in Exeter, 1600 to 1622.

150.—Copies of Curators Accounts of Charity monies, 1792 to 1823.

151.—The Account of Timber on Halberton tenement, belonging to Spicer's Charity, 1769.

152.—Accounts of Lethbridge's Charity, 1754 to 1806. See *Report on Charities*, p. 195.

153.—Account of Atwill's Charity, 1780-1. See *Report on Charities*, p. 151.

154.—Receivers' Books of Davies' Charity, 1785.

155.—Accounts of Atwill's Charity, 1754 to 1786.

156.—A Folio containing two torn Books of Musters in the City in the time of Henry VIII.

157.—A Book of the Accounts of the poor, 1563 to 14 Eliz. (1572).

158.—A folio containing fragments of Assessments of Subsidies and Books of Musters, *temp.* Eliz. and James I.

159.—A Book containing the assessment of Royal Aid in 1689, and Assessments of Poor's Rates in the City, 1706-1732.

160.—Assessments of Poor's Rates, 1752-1755.

161-167.—Copies of the Land Tax rates, 1740-1751.

168.—Particulars of Land Tax redeemed in the City of Exeter, October, 1798.

169-171.—The Cash Book, Exon Key, being the Accounts of the Collectors of the Town Duty, 1701-1724.

172.—The Account of the Key, 1715 to 1724.

173.—An Account of Town Duty, 1716 to 1724.

174.—Entry Book of Town Duty and Cellarage, 1715 to 1739.

175.—Ditto, 1746.

176.—Book of Entries of Town Custom, 1715 to 1725.

177.—Book of Entries and Waste Book, 1750 to 1751.

178 to 180.—Journals of Town Custom, 1816 to 1821.

181.—Account of Town Duty, Exon Key, 1825 to 1827.

182.—Book of Court Rolls of Duryurd Manor, 1620 to 1697.

183.—John Hooker's Book of Accounts as Bailiff of Exilond, Saint John's and Saint Nicholas, 1556, to 1585.

184.—Court Roll of Exilond, 1620 to 1647.

185.—Merchant Adventurers' Papers, A.D. 1558 to 1559.

1-5. 28 Jan., 1 Eliz., 1558. Copies of the Charter of the Merchant Adventurers, with translations. See *Letter* 48.

6. The Corporation of Tailors *v.* the Merchant Adventurers. Bill of the Tailors.

7. Tailors *v.* Merchant Adventurers. Draft Answer of the Merchants.
 8. Ditto. Replication of the Tailors.
 9. Ditto. Another Copy of the same.
 10. 14, 15 April, 7 Elizabeth, 1565. Examination of Witnesses.
 - 11 to 15. 28 February, 2 Elizabeth, 1560. Ditto.
 16. Draft Petitions of the Merchant Adventurers to the Council (3 copies).
 17. Another Petition of the Merchant Adventurers to the Council.
 18. 28 February, 2 Elizabeth, 1560. Copy Bond of Robert Hellier to appear before the Council.
 19. "The offers made unto the Taylors and other Artifycers of the Cctie by the Merchants of the same Citie."
 20. "Remembrances and notes that the Company of the Taylores or cheffely some of theyme have procured all the troble betwene the Citizens aboute the Corporacions and that they ar sedycious."
 21. "A note of an Article of the Quenes Majesties graunt to the Merchants of the Citie of Exon, sklaunderouslye and untrewlie interpreted of the taylores and other theire complyces with an answeare unto the same."
 22. "The articles of the untrew surmises conteigned in the byll of Complaynt made by the Taylores against the Merchants."
 23. "The cheffe article of the Corporation of the Merchants of the Cctie of Exon which Taylores and others by false suggestions have reported to be the breache of the liberties of the Citie."
 24. The Accompte of me, John Hoker, for money receved and paid at London in the suete of the Corporacion, 1559.
- N.B.*—Nearly all these documents are in Hooker's handwriting. They contain some curious matter.
- 186.—A Rental or Survey of the City's Estates, *temp.* Elizabeth.
- 187.—Ditto, A.D. 1585.
- 188.—A Rental or Survey of the City's Estates made by Samuel Izacke, Town Clerk, *circa.* 1650.
- 189–205.—Similar Surveys made by Samuel Izacke, 1652, 1671 and *circa.* 1675. Also by Richard Izacke in 1688, with others in 1700, 1725, (?) 1730, *circa.* 1760.
- 205*a.*—Book of Estreats of the Sessions, 7–17 James I.
- 206, 207.—Committee Book of the Committee for Paving, Lighting and otherwise improving the streets of this City, A.D. 1794.
- 208.—Account of letting the Butchers' Stalls, 1828 to 1833.
- 209.—Copy of the Bill of the late Adam Pierce, Solicitor, for the charges in conducting the City's legal business, 1761 to 1799.

210.—An Account of the Sale of Estates and a Rental, 1812.
 211.—A Particular of all the property belonging to the City of Exeter, A.D. 1839.

212.—A bundle of six copies of a Schedule of certain property belonging to the Town Council of the City of Exeter, A.D. 1848.

213.—A.D. 1833. Report of the Committee appointed to examine into the state of the City property and its debts (in Mr. Gidley's handwriting).

214.—City of Exeter. Register of Charitable Donations—a vellum book of entries of Charities with the Clerk of the Peace, A.D. 1815–17.

215.—Lists of Constables, A.D. 1760–1831.

216.—Council Letter Book, A.D. 1836 to 1839.

217.—Common Seal Book.

218.—A List of the land owners and occupiers on the proposed public Devonshire Canal, A.D. 1793. Paper 4to.

219.—A Book of the form of Oaths, deputations &c. of various officers of the City. Paper 4to.

220 to 226.—A Bundle of seven Books—Wharfinger's Journal or Collection Books of the Town Duty, 1750 to 1751. They are his private Memorandum Books of the entries of vessels, their cargo and the amounts paid. Paper, small 8vo.

227.—Book of the names of Apprentices rejected as freemen for misbehaviour and other causes. Paper 4to.

228.—Book of Convictions for selling Bread by short weight, 1807 to 1816.

229.—John Hooker's account of "the monye received and paid for the grayne bought at Plymouth the xxvjth of December, 1562. Paper 8vo.

230.—Rules, Orders, Bye Laws, and Regulations for the good government of the Exeter Canal. Printed Book, 8vo. 1850.

231.—John Hooker's Account of the Salmons taken yn the ryver of Exe within the Manor of Exylonde, A.D. 1580 to 1582. Paper, small 8vo.

232.—Similar Account, 1582–3. Paper, small 8vo.

Both these are in Hooker's handwriting.

233.—Memorials of Merchants and Traders about the making a double Lock at the bottom of the Canal, A.D. 1820.

234–243.—Books of the rates of the Towne Custom. Small 4to. paper. *Temp.* James I, Charles I, and *circ.* 1700, 1750 and 1786.

239.—Book of Rates of Town Custom. No date, ? *circa* 1750. It has the rates for Town Duty and for passage of the Haven. At the end of the Book is "a Table to know what goods or merchandize there is allowed to the ton, and what every man is to pay for that which is not compted by tonnage"; made in 1598, paper 4to.

244.—A Table of the Petty Customs or Town Dues payable to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the City of Exeter, &c. Printed Book, Exeter, 1844. Paper small 12mo.

251 to 295.—Forty-five volumes of Books belonging to the late Gaol of Exeter.

296 to 309.—Fourteen Calendars of the Mayors Court Books from 1652 to 1754. They are Indexes of names occurring on the books.

310 to 313.—Four large Ledgers of the City Accounts from 1722 to 1724.

314.—Index to the Ledgers.

315.—Lower Market Agreements. Book of printed forms of conditions for letting stalls &c.

316.—Higher Market Agreements (not used).

317-318.—Ledgers of the City Accounts, 1830 to 1836.

319-322.—Cash Books, 1836, 1841, 1846.

323-324.—Exeter Markets Cash Accounts, 1834 to 1856.

325, 326.—Declaration Book of Mayors, Sheriffs &c., 1828 to 1852.

330-342.—Declaration Books of Town Councillors, Aldermen &c., &c., 1835-1875.

351-400.—Lists of Voters, 1843 to 1889 [50 volumes].

380 to 400.—Lists of Voters, 1869 to 1889.

These lists are continued on Shelves Q.Q. (over fireplace).

401 to 432.—Ward Lists, 1836 to 1868.

437-460.—Poll Books commencing in 1835.

PART III.

MISCELLANEOUS—INTRODUCTION.

Miscellaneous Rolls.

[These Rolls are not arranged in a chronological order.]

1. The Account of the Executors of Thomas Bitton, Bishop of Exeter, *d. Sept. 21, 1307*, (Ellacombe, *pp.* 4, 25). This curious document has been printed in Camden Society, vol. x, N.S. 1874.

2. A parchment roll consisting of three membranes. *It contains entries of divers matters written in hands of various dates between the times of Henry III and Henry VI. The Roll is endorsed by Hooker, "An Auncient Court roll of E. primi of dyverse good Costoms and Usages worth the weying." The following is a description of its contents; each article is numbered in the margin of the roll in pencil.

The first membrane is entitled:—"Rotulus Recogniciorum factorum in Curia Civitatis Exonie de placitis terre tempore Regis Edwardi filii Regis Henrici annis et subsequentibus."

Nos. 1 to 21.—Entries of Agreements and final concords between party and party as to houses, lands &c. in Exeter.

Nos. 22 to 26 (on a rider in hand of the time of (?) Henry IV).

Four orders of the Mayor and Council.

(22)—Whereas divers late Receivers of the City have taken pledges and sureties for the payment of the Customs due from divers ships coming to Topsham, "ubi portus salutis Civitatis predicte existit," and the said pledges have refused to pay the said Customs whereby the City is at great loss; it is ordered by the Mayor and Commonalty that in future the Receivers shall take no one for surety except those for whom they themselves will answer, and that they shall not be allowed for any customs lost in their account.

(23)—Also whereas divers late Mayors and Bailiffs have been negligent in Auditing the accounts of the Receivers

* This is believed to be the "Black Roll" which was supposed to have disappeared since *temp.* Edward VI. See Izacke, 95; Oliver, *Hist.*, 309; *Introduction*, p. 11; Shillingford, *pp.* 8, 17 (*q.v.*). It is quoted as "An olde anciente Roll of the Cittie" round the Black Roll in *Book* 51, *f.* 223; see *pp.* 86, 137. The supposed identification appears to be based on the presence of Sec. 32 on Membrane 2. The Roll itself is not black in colour.

and the Wardens of Exbridge ; it is agreed that the Mayor and Bailiffs shall audit the accounts on the day of the election of the new Mayor on pain of losing their pensions.

(24)—Also whereas the late Serjeants of the Court of the City have been negligent in levying the ameracements of the Estreats of the said Court and the Receivers have not audited their accounts of the same ; it is agreed that the Receiver shall take account of the said Ameracements at the end of every quarter.

(25)—Also whereas the servants of men of divers arts dwelling in Exeter “*de eorum arte alterum sprevisissent,*” whereby many envyings, riots, contentions and debates have arisen between them and their masters to the great disturbance of the peace ; it is ordered that offenders in this behalf shall be imprisoned for 40 days, in no wise to be liberated, “*nec prece nec pretio,*” without the King’s special mandate, and that if any master of any art shall presume to maintain such servant against the orders and statutes aforesaid, he shall be fined 100s. and in default 40 days imprisonment.

(26)—Also whereas divers fishermen frequenting the market sell many loads of their best fish in gross before the hour due and accustomed to divers fishermen (who are strangers) [*i.e.* dwelling out of ye City], contrary to the custom of the City, and expose the residue of the said fish for sale and sell it at a great price, “to the no small shame of the said Mayor and Bailiffs, who are bound to govern and oversee the said market ; it is ordered that the Bailiffs shall in future arrest all such offenders, and put them and their fish in the Guildhall [in Gihuldum Civitatis predictae ponent], there to remain until they shall be delivered by the Mayor and the Common Council.

No. 27.—Copy of a Decree in favour of a Citizen of Exeter, who had been charged toll and passage on the River Tamer, and who claims to be free by virtue of his freedom of the City of Exeter.

No. 28.—Rental of the City of Exeter made in Michaelmas Term, 31 Edward I (1303). One item is :—“*De una shopa juxta pretorium, Gialde, xiiis.* (*i.e.* the Provosts Court held in the Guildhall—Freeman, 153), in parte occidentali, xijs.”

Nos. 29 to 31.—Copy and Transcript of the Titles and Compositions between Peter (Peter Quivil, 1280–1291), formerly Bishop of Exeter and the Chapter on the one part and the Mayor and Commonalty concerning the enclosure of the Cemetery.

(29)—No date. The Commonalty to the Bishop &c. Licence to enclose the Cemetery and to erect gates to be closed at Curfew &c. *See p. 575.*

(30)—Monday after Annunciation, A.D. 1286. The Bishop to the City. Agreement respecting the gates and posterns of the Close. (?) Printed by Izaacke, p. 23. See *Deeds*, No. 696, p. 282.

(31)—Friday after Saint Hillary, 15 Edward II, A.D. 1322. Further Agreement respecting the said gates and posterns.

No. 32—Divers Ordinances relating to the City made on Monday after Saint Denis (=Oct. 9th), 19 Edward III, 1346, which seem to show the origin and first institution of the Common Council and the curtailing of the Mayor's authority.

(I) On the day of the election of the Mayor, Twelve Citizens, "de melioribus et discretioribus," shall be elected without whose consent no fines or ameracements shall be pardoned.

(II) Whereas divers late Mayors and "Senescalli" have admitted persons to the liberty of the City "pro vili pretio," it is ordered that no one be admitted to the said liberty without the consent of the majority of the said Twelve men, and that no obligations, letters of pensions, acquittances &c. touching the City be sealed, nor any "ardua negotia" settled, without their assent and consent.

(III) The Mayor to stay in office only one year, and not to be re-elected "ut eo celerius ejusdem civitatis incolis justitia fiet"; and on the day of election the electors shall be charged on oath to return the more fit man ("idioneorem hominem") of the said City to be Mayor.

(IV) The Mayor's pension to be 60s. The Chief Bailiff 60s., the Receiver 20s., and the three other "senescalli" each a mark.

(V) In Inquisitions, pleas of land &c., thirty-six jurors to be returned on the panel.

(VI) The increment of rent of Duryurd above 2*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*, together with the arrears of the account of Exbridge and of other ministers to be put in a box under the care of four citizens, each of whom is to have a key: the money to be disposed of according to the will of the Commonalty.

(VII) The Wardens of Exbridge and the Receiver to render their final accounts within three months after the day of the election of the Mayor.

(VIII) All purprestures made in the City and suburbs to be removed—especially those made within the last twelve years.

(IX) Whosoever does anything against these ordinances shall be accounted a rebel and an enemy of the City—shall be expelled the liberty—and shall never hold office in the said City again.

At the foot occur the names of the twelve men of the Common Council by whom these orders were made.

- No. 33.—Easter, 33 Henry III (1249). Copy of a Composition between the Dean and Chapter and the Mayor and Citizens of Exeter concerning the taxing of the tenants of the church's fees and tenements.
- No. 34.—50 Henry III (1265–66). Composition between John (=John de Saunde, Oct. 28, 1261–1281—*Dugd. Mon.*, i, 334) the Abbot and the Convent of Sherborne and the Mayor and Commonalty of Exeter concerning the passage of the Water of Checkston (? Chickstowe—Lysons, vi, 820) and the selling of sea-fish there. The Abbot releases all claim in the said Passage; and the Mayor grants that the said Abbot and his successors, the monks of Sherborne and all men of their “familia” with their horses and harness loads, carriages, goods and things shall pass free. The said Abbot and Convent and their successors and their men may sell and buy fish at the shore of the Manor of Littleham (? Exmouth), and may fish and take fish as well within the port of Checston as without and sell or give it at the shore of the said Manor. And the said Mayor and Commonalty claim nothing in the said Manor except the said passage. And the said Abbot and Convent give up their part of a cirograph of a fine levied in 47 Henry III (1262–63) concerning the said passage and the selling of sea-fish and also the toll which the same Mayor and Commonalty levy on goods and merchandize coming into the Manor of Litelham, and agree that the said fine shall be annulled.
- No. 35.—Directions as to the order of making up the Receivers Accounts. The Accountant is to render account of—I. Rent of Assize. II. Sale of pasture in the City and Suburbs. III. Of Baggabel and Brithingavel. IV. Of Custom of fish. V. Custom of flesh. VI. Customs of cloth and other small customs. VII. Issues of the box. VIII. Customs arising from the toll of ships (Town duties). IX. Perquisites of Courts. X. Issues of murage, when murage is granted. XI. Fines for entering the liberty of the City. XII. “Custuma Ollarum.” XIII. Custom of measuring corn and flour. XIV. Chattells of felons and fugitives. XV. Rent of the common well. XVI. Increment of rents.
- No. 37.—Michaelmas, 4 Edward I (1276). Memoranda of a lease of the Manor of Duryurd, Coueleghe (Cowley) and Goscford to Alured de la Porte for 10 years. Rent 20*l*.
- No. 38.—Memoranda of payment of 100*s*. by Edward le Mercer to Walter de Balkheye for the purchase money of a house in Paul Street.

- No. 39 (on a rider).—49 Edward III (1375). Coroner's Inquisition on the death of Cecilia Sampford. (*See* I. 87.)
- No. 40.—Memoranda of admissions of three persons to the liberty of the City.
- No. 41.—Monday after Michaelmas, 24 Edward I (1296). Claricia daughter of John de Fenton, who was the wife of William le Engleys, to Stephen de London, Citizen of Exeter. Grant of a tenement in High Street next the entrance to the Church of Saint Nicholas on the east.
- No. 42.—Monday after Saint Luke, 8 Edward II (1314). Robert de Bodman, son and heir of Stephen de Bodman to Thomas Soor and Alice, mother of said Robert. Grant of a cellar in High Street opposite the Pillory.
- No. 43.—14 April, 15 Edward III (1341). Copy of Charter of Liberties to the men of Dartmouth.
- No. 44.—10 Edward I (1381–82). Extract from the Iter of Salomon de Roffa—concerning the fee-farm.
- No. 45.—Fragment of a table of rates of Customs levied in the Fair (?). It is written in a hand of the time of Henry III.
- No. 46.—Names of towns which are custom free. [*See* Book 51, f. 223, page 86.]
- No. 47.—Verdict that it is lawful for foreigners to sell "alea (*sic*) et cepe" in houses and outside.
- No. 48.—Order that free butchers being partners with foreign butchers are to pay custom.
- No. 49.—Memoranda of divers rents due from divers houses.
- No. 50.—10 Edward I (1282).—Memoranda of a recovery by the Wardens of Exbridge of three houses in Northgate Street.
- No. 51.—Laws and Customs of the City written in Norman French in a hand of the time of Henry III. The first is that no stranger shall make cloth in the Town. *Inter alia* occurs :—
 "Cheskune Chapele ou paroche ad deit aver de la provoste un dener a la Saint Martin e un autre a la Hoke-day."
- N.B.*—Called an Early French Custumal for Exeter (M. Bateson, *Borough Customs* I, xxvi), when it is said that "its interest as a record of borough customs appears to have been overlooked." Miss Bateson gives a note (*p.* xxvii) of the contents under 47 paragraphs, together with several extracts in the original French.
- No. 52.—"Compositio articulorum quorundam inter priorem beati Nicholai Exonie et Majorem et comunitatem ejusdem, libertatem civitatis tangentium."
 It consists of a number of Articles of complaints and the answers thereto.
 It appears to be of the time of Edward I.

No. 53.—Monday after the Assumption, 13 Edward I (1285). John le Ken and Sarra his wife to William de Cridyton, Citizen of Exeter.

Grant of a house in Smythen Street in exchange for a tenement and curtilage in the prebend of Hayes.

No. 54.—Orders of the Mayor made on Monday after Michaelmas, 14 Edward III (1340).

I. Order of the Mayor that no one is to be admitted to the freedom of the City on the day of the election of the Mayor, because on that day in the absence of the 36 "*per impetuosum clamorem plurimorum hominum utilitatem et honorem dicte civitatis minime considerantes,*" a "*multitudo hominum onerosa*" had been admitted and sworn.

II. Also the Mayor and his "*locum tenens*" are not to meddle with the administration of the goods of the City but the Receiver only.

III. Also whereas divers liberties have been granted to the City by King Edward III and his predecessors that the Citizens may the better pursue their business and sustain the burdens incumbent on the City and as the Merchants and Workmen of the City do sustain the said burdens; it is but reasonable that the said City should be governed by them and not by others, as is the custom in London and other Cities; it is therefore ordered by the Mayor and Commonalty of the said City that no Clerk of the Consistory (*nullus clericus de Consistorio*) shall in future be elected Mayor or Seneschal of the said City nor shall in anywise meddle with the election of the Mayor and Bailiffs "*quia no (sic) officium eorum minime pertinet,*" nor shall any other person who is not continually resident in the said City be elected Mayor.

IV. Also it is ordered that no one shall be elected Mayor unless he shall previously have served the office of Seneschal for one year, "*et gradatim ad officium Majoratus attingerit,*" as was formerly accustomed; and no person who shall have served the said office of Seneschal for a year, and who have been continually resident in the City, and have a 100s. worth of lands, tenements and rents there, and are fit persons, shall in anywise be excluded from the said office except the Clerks of the Consistory aforesaid.

V. Also the Receiver is bound to render account immediately after his year is ended.

N.B.—All these Orders are noted as affirmed in the morrow of the Election of the Mayor, 3 Richard II (1379).

No. 56.—Saint John Ante portam Latinam, 14 Edward I (May 6th, 1286). Ralph Sleghe to William Meylclonde and Aumeye his wife.

Grant of a piece of land within the Northgate adjoining the said gate. To hold of the Chief Lords of the fee by the service of finding a brass horn and blowing it yearly on Monday after the feast of Saint Michael at the election of the Mayor, Seneschal and Bailiffs of the City and whenever their election happens.

3. A Roll of thirteen membranes containing documents of various dates relating to disputes between the City and the Earls of Devon respecting the River Exe &c.

I. Tuesday (not Thursday, as in *Cal.*, p. 1158; *dic martis in festo Inventionis Sancte concis*—*Book 51, f. 46*) after the Invention, 10 Edward II (?), 5 May, 1317. Inquisition taken at Exeter before Matthew de Clivedon, Sheriff of Devon, concerning the rights of the King infringed &c. The Jurors say that the City of Exeter from time out of mind was wholly seized of all pleas and gelds [guldīs] which arise in the City of Exeter beyond the Westgate as in bloodshed, hue and cry, amends of ale and bread, and other pleas whatsoever, in aid of paying the King his fee-farm, and ought to assess the tallage on that suburb by the Mayor and Bailiffs, and not otherwise, as appears by records of the Exchequer. Now of late Lord Hugh de Courtenay interferes with these rights by force and usurps them to himself as part of his Barony of Oakhampton. And they say also that “whereas the Water of Exe was and ought to be common to any fishing or wishing to fish the said Hugh puts it in defense and rents it on hard terms to the hurt of the King and the City. And they say that the Island of Exe was common and served the City, and the sand there deposited by overflowing of the water was and ought to be common to any of the Citizens and others of the City for the repair of their houses and other buildings. The said Lord Hugh has now newly put it in defense, reserving and appropriating to himself the Lordship thereof.”

II. 20 March, 10 Edward II (1317). Contemporary copy of the Writ to the Sheriff of Devon commanding the foregoing Inquisition to be taken and returned into the Chancery in Trinity Term.

III. Rough Draft of part of an Inquisition relating to the weir raised by the Countess de Aumerle called Countess Wear in which there was a lock of 30 feet for the passage of Ships to Exeter, which same lock was stopped up by Hugh Courtenay, Earl of Devon, *temp.* Henry III, maintained by his son Hugh, and by his heir, Edward de Courtenay, now Earl of Devon, and that by the stopping of the said wear the sea

comes not to Exeter as it used and the lands are overflowed by the freshwater and the salmon cannot come up the river &c., &c.

IV. A fair copy of No. 3 in a hand of (say) 1550.

V. No date, handwriting *temp.* Edward II(?) "Hec sunt gravamina et injurie que et quas Dominus Hugo de Courtenay et ballivi sui Majori et Communitati Civitatis Exonie continue faciunt et facere non desistunt."

Fifteen Articles setting out injuries done to the City by the Earl of Devon. They are copied by Hooker in his MS. (p. 1096). They relate to the same subjects as are spoken of by the Inquisition last mentioned.

VI. Henry VI. Petition of John Shillingford, Mayor of Exeter, to John Kemp, Archbishop of York, (from April 8, 1426 to April 10, 1451) Executor of Cardinal Beaufort, (d. April 11, 1447) praying for assistance towards the rebuilding of Exbridge, which had fallen down.

VII. (?) 1-2 Edward IV, A.D. 1461-2. Petition of the Mayor, Bailiffs and Commonalty of Exeter to the King praying for restitution of their rights and jurisdiction in the suburb without the Westgate which had been withheld from them by the Earls of Devon, "And whereas the Water of the Exe from Exmouth to Cowley Bridge ought to be common to the inhabitants of the said City to fish in and to have course and recourse with their boates, vessells, shyppes and marchandisez," the said Earls have raised wears and impediments in the said river and compel all ships to unlade their goods at Topsham and have put the fishing of the river in defence. "Wherefore, most dred Sovereigne lord, inasmuch as all the Erledome of Devonshire is now comyn to and in your hands and your supplyants have pleyn mater evidens and dyvers records to prove their right and petition in the premisses, please it your highness to cause your discreet counsel tenderly and diligently to examen and overse the evidences, writynges and records towching and provyng the ryght and title of your supliants in the premisses, and therupon to order and direct thaim accordyng to thair ryght and your lawez with good conscience."

VIII. (?) 10 Edward II (1316-17). Contemporary Draft of an Inquisition concerning the encroachments of Hugh de Courtenay upon the liberties of the City without Westgate—of his preventing the Citizens from taking sand in Exe Island and raising a market in the suburb without Westgate.

IX. 12 June, 10 Edward II (1317). Contemporary Copy of a Writ close addressed to the Sheriff of Devon, reminding him of his Oath, which binds him to make

inquisition concerning injuries to the rights of the Crown &c., and stating that he had not made any return to the King's writ addressed to him thereupon :— that on behalf of the Mayor and Commonalty of Exeter it is shewn that although the inquisitions were taken in pursuance of the writ they have not been returned, and commanding him to return them forthwith. Witnessed by the King—Westminster, 12 June, 10 Edward II.

X. A Copy of No. V, in a hand of the time of Richard II. XI, XII, XIII. *Temp.* Richard II. Copies of proceedings in a Case Exeter *v.* Edward Courtenay, Earl of Devon, concerning the raising of wears and stopping of the Water-course of Exe. They are written in a hand of the time of Richard II(?), and are much torn.

XIV. 20 March, 10 Edward II (1317). A Copy (*temp.* Elizabeth) of the Writ of inquiry referred to in No. IX above.

XV. A similar copy of the Inquisition of 10 Edward II referred to as No. VIII above.

XVI. A similar copy of No. IX.

XVII. (?) 1 Henry VI, A.D. 1422. Copy of a Petition of the Mayor, Bailiffs and Commonalty of Exeter to the King—setting forth that Whereas the Mayor, Bailiffs and Commonalty hold and have held time out of mind the City and suburbs of Exeter and the Water of Exe in fee farm by a fee farm rent of 45*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* and “over that sustaine, repaire and maintaine a brigge called Exbrigge a commune way for all your liege pepell without Westgate containyng xij arches, which cost to your suppliants yerely xx*li.* and more, and your suppliants have no aiede ne succour towards the reparacion of the same which in tymes past the revenuz of the Water of Exe and of Westgate hulpe towards— And so the predecessors of your suppliants were seased in to tyme a Maire of your said Citie offendid in kyllyng of a percevaunt for the which the liberteez of Citie were seased in the Kynges hondes, and so continued into that tyme on quene Maute, on whos saule God take mercy, instantly labored the Kynges grace and gate the liberteez of your citie to the Maire, balifs and Communaltie agayne : for that goode dede your suppliants kepe a obbite yerely for the said quene. In the meane tyme, or the liberteez were graunted agayne, on Hugh Courtenay, then Earl of Devonscher, entred into Westgate and the Water of Exe and take hit to his owne use by reason of iij or iiij tenements and certaine rentes sek that he had without the said gate and so kept hit with force for the which hath ben grete variance by twext,” the said Mayor &c. and the said Hugh, as appears by records remaining at Westminster

and elsewhere. And the said Earl turned the Water of Exe out of its course and made wears and put grete tymber into the water of Exe of his malicious mynd that no barges or boats should come to a gate called Boatgate—"Which Water your said suppliants and their predecessors had used and inioied fro a ston called Orcheston now named Chikston anon to Cowley Brigg." And also he took from your suppliants a fair called Cruldich fair and made a wharf at Topsham "into the myddes of the streme, where by he stopped the water from your cite, and caused all schippes, barges and botes there to abide, to the gret hurt of your cite and derogation of your Duchie." And he caused merchants to put their dry goods in cellars at Topsham instead of Exeter. And your father the late King, "the last year save one," made proclamation that merchants were not to put their goods in cellars at Topsham, but this is disregarded. Your suppliants pray you to appoint counsel to examine their records and writings shewing their title to the premisses.

4. A roll of eight membranés, two of which are paper, containing :—

- M. 1. Easter, 26 Henry VI (1448). Copy in a proceeding for a malicious prosecution for rape.
- M. 2. Easter, 25 Henry VI (1447). William Bustard of Netherex *v.* William Summayster :—Copy of proceedings in a suit as to the title of a house in Netherex.
- M. 3. Hillary, 14 Henry IV (1413). Copy of Common Pleas Roll :—Proceedings in a case Edward Courtenay, Knight, son and heir of Edward Courtenay, Earl of Devon, against William Bray, Vicar of the Church of Saint Kieran, Exeter, on a plea of debt.
- M. 3. Michaelmas, 1433. A curious list of the goods, ornaments and relicts of the Church of Saint Giles of Sidmouth and of the rents of old pertaining to the same Church.
- M. 4. 47 (?) Henry VI (1468). Copy of part of the pleadings in the suit about the Bishop's fee.
- M. 5. The Master of Saint John's Hospital *v.* John Whityng and others :—Draft proceedings in the Mayor's Court by the custom of Gavelak and Shortford to recover a house "in vico fratrum praedicatorum."
- M. 6. 8 Henry V (1420–21). John Prior of Plymton *v.* John Hull. Similar proceeding as to a toft next Saint Mary Arches Church.
- M. 7. Robert Prior of Plymton *v.* John Bloyon. Assize of novel disseizin.
- M. 8. Hillary, 14 Richard II (1391). Proceedings upon a writ of right respecting a piece of land in the City.

5. A Parchment Roll of 68 membranes, slightly torn on the left-hand edges, containing:—

“Placita de Juratis et Assisis apud Exoniam in Comitatu Devonie coram Salomone de Roffa et sociis suis Justiciariis ibidem Itinerantibus in Octabis Sancti Martini, anno regni Regis Edwardi nono, incipiente decimo (1281).—Rotulus Regis. Rex, Rex.”

It contains the Pleas of “Quo Warranto,” printed by the Record Commission, *folio* 18. There seems to be more in this Roll than in the printed text. The Roll is an original Public Record. How it came into the possession of the City does not appear, but a label on it shows that it has been among the Archives for at least two Centuries.

6. A Roll of 34 membranes containing divers accounts of expenses of the City as follows:—

M. 1, 2, 3. The account of the making of a weir.
1 Richard II (1377–78).

M. 4, 5. Expenses of building the Northgate.

M. 6. The Account of a boat for the Manor of Duryurd.

M. 7. Account of the repairs of Cowley Bridge.

M. 9, 10, 12. The Account for turning a water course at Duryurd.

M. 11. Account of the rebuilding of Duryurd Mill.
1 Richard II (1377–78).

M. 13, 14, 15, 16, 20. Accounts of the Murage of the City, 15–34, 41–44 and 46 Edward III.

M. 17. Account of the City barge, 49 Edward III (1375–76).

M. 18. Expenses of the Justices of Assizes, 39 Edward III (1365–66).

M. 19, 20, 21. The Mayor’s Expenses to and from London.

M. 23, 24. Account of the repair of roads.

M. 25, 26, 27, 28. Account of the new wall next the Westgate, 11–12 Richard II (1387–89).

M. 32, 33. Expenses of rebuilding Exbridge, “de novo, de maeremio fact in occidentali parte ejusdem pontis,”
12 Richard II (1388–89).

M. 34. Expenses of the ditches and gates of the City,
8 Richard II (1384–5).

7. 19–20 Henry VI. The Account of the making of the new Water Conduit.

8. 30 Henry VIII (1538–39). A Bundle of papers relating to a dispute between the City and one John Norbroke,* “a lawyer and a crafty man,” concerning his dishonest and evil dealings. *See also* Hooker’s MS., *folio* 344b.

9. 12 November, 14 Edward II (1320). Copy of the Royal Charter of this date. *See* Charters No. XVIII.

* *See* Deeds 1419–1420 September 24, 1535, where John Norbrooke, wax-chandler, is adjudged to pay 40s. for costs, and to meddle no more in the Courts, where he had been very troublesome, accusing the Mayor, the Recorder and other the King’s officers of malpractices.

It is rolled in a wooden roller with a piece of silk, and has a fragment of the great seal attached to it. Inside it a Copy of the Disgavelling Act of the City of Exeter has been stitched.

10. Henry VI. Fragment of a Provost Court Roll—much decayed by damp.

11. 16–19 Henry VI (1437–1441). A roll of 7 small membranes containing proceedings headed: “Exon. Curia Legalis ibidem tenta,” &c.

12. 1–7 Henry V (1413–1420). A similar roll.

13. 28–31 Henry VI (1449–1453). “Rotulus Curie Stapuli Civitatis Exonie.”

14. 34 Henry VI (1455) to 2 Edward IV (1462). Similar roll.

15. 12 Henry VIII to 11 Elizabeth. A decayed paper book of entries of Recognizances of the staple. (Incomplete in regard to the later years.)

16. 12–20 Henry VIII. A roll of similar entries.

17. 5 Charles I—27 Charles II. A roll of entries of Recognizances taken under the Statute Merchants.

18. 3 Charles I. A coll of Recognizances of Ale Sellers.

19. Elizabeth and James I. Miscellaneous Rolls of Recognizances taken at the Sessions &c.

20. 3–44 Elizabeth. Rolls of the Sessions of the Peace and Gaol Delivery—proceedings at full.

21. 1–15 James I. Similar roll.

22. 28 Henry VIII to 3 Edward VI. Large roll of Inrolments of Deeds of Bargain and Sale.

23. 30 Elizabeth—21 James I. Similar roll.

24. 1 Charles I—33 Charles II. Similar roll.

25. 31–32 Henry VIII, 3 James I, 34 Charles II, 36 Charles II, 1 James II, 11 William III. Roll of Estreats and forfeited Recognizances.

26. 2–4 Anne. Similar roll.

27. George I. Similar roll.

28. 20 May, 3 Edward VI (1549). Paper Roll containing a copy of the Indenture described in Deeds No. 1464.

29. 35 Henry VIII, 1544, to 25 Nov., 1 Mary, 1553. Papers in a suit in the Court of Requests between Richard Wainell, Clerk, parson of St. Keran's, and the Chamber. Concerning the possession of a house next Saint Keran's Church commonly called the Parsonage or Parson's house.

a. Petition of Richard Wannell, Plaintiff.

b. Replication of same.

c. 1 October, 35 Henry VIII (1543). Depositions of witnesses on behalf of Plaintiff.

d. 21 January, 35 Henry VIII (1544). Depositions on behalf of Defendant.

e, f. Two papers relating to the Depositions.

g, h. 14 February, 36 Henry VIII (1545). Two Copies of Decree.

i, k. Articles between the parties.

- l. 25 November, 1 Mary (1553). Michaelmas Term. Copy Order of the Court for the Mayor to bring in evidence in discharge of said Decree: the parson meanwhile quietly to enjoy the house.
- m. 15 November, 1 Mary (1553). Privy Seal. Confirming the Decree in favour of the parson.
30. 19 October, 26 Elizabeth, 1584. The Articles of an Association for the preservation of her Majesty's person. A very interesting document. Appended to it are the signatures and seals of 160 Exeter men. This document sadly needs repair.*
31. 1602. Acts, Orders, tables of rates &c., &c., respecting the Merchants' Cloth Hall.
32. May, 1724. Papers relating to a murder committed on the Honiton Road.
33. 1755. Rental of the Lands of Nicholas Smyth, Esquire.
34. 37 Elizabeth (1594-5). A large sheet of vellum, on which is written a full statement of the table relating to Assize of bread—specifying what the weight of the penny loaf ought to be according to the current price of wheat. Rolled up with it is a mutilated printed copy of a similar table.
35. 19 December, 3 Charles I (1627). Commission for the Execution of Martial Law in his Majesty's Army; with printed Instructions. This is contained in a round box, and has the great seal attached to it.
36. A.D. 1433. A Paper Roll containing a copy of a curious History of Totness and a collection of papers relating to it and the Water of Dartmouth. It is rolled up in two leaves of a fine 14th Century copy of Higden's "Polichronicon."
37. 11-14 Edward III (1337-41). Court Roll of Saint Sidwell's Fee.
38. 15 Edward III (1341-42). Similar Roll.
39. 10-11 Anne (1711-13). Saint Nicholas, Account of the Manor.
40. 3 Henry V (1415-16). Cruldych Court Roll of the Fair.
41. Henry VIII(?). Rough copy of a receiver's Account, entitled "A rental of the City of Exeter."
42. Henry VIII(?). A Draft rental of the Manor of Duryurd. Paper.
43. 12-13 Edward IV (1472-74). Court Roll of the Manor of "Ferdell."
44. 10 James I. Court Roll of the Manor of Clyst Saint Lawrence.
45. 12-13 Elizabeth. Court Roll of the Hundred of Staryge.

* The full text with modernised spelling is printed in *State Trials*, 1, pp. 1161-1163, whence it was abbreviated by Froude, xii, 43-45. For a short abstract see *Cal. Dom.*, 1581-90, pp. 210-212, from Vol. CLXXIV in Public Record Office, which contains 18 copies with signatures from various counties and cities in England and 5 counties in Wales, together with a modern transcript made in 1825. I understand that the full text of the copy at Exeter is being transcribed by Miss B. F. Cresswell for publication.

46. 32 Henry VIII, 3-4 Edward VI, 31-32 Elizabeth.
Court Rolls of the Manor of Kenne.

47. 10 Henry VII (1494-5). Chalvelegh, Westbudlegh,
Vyelston, and Newton Popilford—Ministers Accounts.

48. A roll of one membrane containing :—

I. 9-10 Henry VII (1493-4). The Account of Lawrence
Drewe, Reeve of the Manor of Sampford Courtenay,
from Michaelmas, 9 Henry VII, to the Michaelmas
following.

II. Same date. Account of John Bearde, Bailiff of the
Manor of Exilond.

III. Same date. Account of John Cole, Bailiff of the
Hundred of Est Budlegh.

49. 1 January, 2 Henry V (1415). Rental of the Priory of
Saint Nicholas. Rolled up with it is a paper List of tenements
belonging to the Priory, without date, but which appear to
be of the time of Henry VIII.

50. 22-30 Henry VIII (1530-39). Long paper roll con-
taining :—

I. Extract of Fines and ameracements of the tenants of
Saint Nicholas before the Mayor of Exeter, 22-30
Henry VIII.

II. The replication of John Lewys, (1499-1522: Oliver,
Mon., 115), Priour of Saint Nicholas, to the answer of
Wat. Yorke, late Mayor of Exeter (1501: Oliver, 231);
with two papers containing memoranda relating
thereto.

51. 20 June, 20 Henry VI (1442). The King Henry VI to
Saint Nicholas Priory.

A Copy of the "Inspeximus" Charter of earlier Charters
and privileges.

A small paper book, eight leaves, 4to.

52. Saint Barnabas, 16 Edward IV, 11 June, 1476. Book
of receipts of John Underdon, Receiver of the House or Priory
of Saint Nicholas, Exeter, from Saint Barnabas, 16 Edward IV,
to the same day next following.

53. Mutilated Roll containing copies of Charters and Grants
to the Church of Saint Nicholas, principally relating to their
property in Ireland. The Grantors are King Henry II,
Prince John, Robert fitz Stephen, Milo de Cogan, Richard de
Cogan, Philip de Barry, Walter de Barry, William Not, Geoffrey
de Argenton, Stephen fitz Robert, Thomas Landry, Roger de
Caunceton, Walter fitz Robert, John fitz William, John fitz
Roger, Roger fitz Christopher, Robert Smyth, Robert fitz
Richard, Adam de Rupe. The handwriting is of the time of
Edward I.

54. Roll containing copies of ordinations by various Bishops.

19 December, 1349. John Bishop of Exeter—Ordination
of Henry de Lodeswill Sub-Deacon.

20 February, 1349. John Bishop of Exeter—Ordination
of Henry de Lodeswill Deacon.

- 13 March, 1349. John Bishop of Exeter—Ordination of Henry de Lodeswill Priest.
- 9 March, 1380. John Bishop of Bath and Wells—Ordination of John Gryndell Sub-Deacon.
- 30 March, 1381. Thomas Bishop of Exeter—Ordination of John Gryndell Deacon.
- 8 June, 1381. The same—Ordination of John Gryndel, Priest.
- M. 2 contains Copies of Deeds relating to Frerenhay.
- 3 March, 16 Edward I (1288). Copy of a Writ of Edward I for the Friars Minors. *See* Deeds No. 702 (*p.* 361).
- 2 March, 16 Edward I (1288). Copy of another writ for the same. *See* Deeds No. 701 (*p.* 161).
- 8 March, 22 Richard II (1399). Copy of Richard II's writ for the same. *See* Deeds No. 1023 (*p.* 107).
- Saint Luke (October 18), 1336. Prior &c. of Saint Nicholas to Warden of the Friars Minors. Copy of Deed relating to Frerenhay. *See* Deeds No. 201 (*p.* 99).
55. Paper Roll of nine membranes, containing copies of documents relating to the Lammas Fair and the liberties of the Priory of Saint Nicholas.
- I. *Temp.* Henry V (?). Articles and Answers between the Prior and the Mayor &c. concerning infractions of the liberties of Saint Nicholas Fee.
- II. Translation of the agreement to stand to an Award, 46 Henry III (1261–62).
- III. (Top of roll.) Copy of Record, Common Pleas Roll, York, before William de Bereford, Easter, 16 Edward II (1322–23), concerning Lammas Fair. Hugh de Courtenay and the Prior of Saint Nicholas *v.* Robert de Wotton, Mayor of Exeter. (1323–24, Oliver, 229.)
- IV. Same case, Easter, 16 Edward II, roll 23.
- V. Decollation of Saint John, 45 Henry III (Aug. 29th, 1261). “Here folowyth the Gremment be twext the Mayre, Bayleffys and Commons and the Pryour off Seynt Nycholas.”
- VI. Composition of certain articles between the Prior of Saint Nicholas, Exeter, and the Mayor &c. of the same City.
- Injuries done to the Prior of Saint Nicholas.
Twenty-one articles and answers.
On the back—
- VII. 10 May, 32 Edward I (1304). Charter of King Edward I granting to the Citizens of Exeter similar liberties to those of London. (*Copy.*)
- VIII. A.D. 1189. Copy of Composition between the Prior of Saint Nicholas and the City.
- IX. “Here folowyth the Charters off the Pryour of Seynt Nicholas.”
- 8 May, 18 Edward I (1290). Copy of Inspeximus Charter to the Priory.

X. Tuesday after Holy Trinity, 26 Edward III, June 5 (1352). "Here folowyth the later composicion betwyne the Priour of Seynt Nicholas of Exeter and the Maier baillives and Comynalte of the same."

56. Tuesday before Exaltation, 7 Henry V, 12 September, 1419. Rough paper draft of a rental of the Magdalen, drawn up by Peter Sturte, Warden. In very bad condition. (Not mentioned in Oliver, *Mon.*, 197.)

57. Saint Michael, 4 Edward VI, 29 September, 1550. "The Rentall of Mary Mawdelyn withowte the Southgate of the Cetye of Exeter, made by Mr. John Blackaller, Warden and generall Receiver of the Hospitall of Mary Mawdelen aforesaid"; begun in the feast of Saint Michael, 4 Edward VI.

A roll of parchment: inclosed in it is a sheet of paper containing rough notes of former receivers' Accounts.

58. 14 Henry VIII, 1522. A roll of one membrane, containing:—

"The Rentall of Synt Marye Maudelyn made by Master Geffere Lewys (not in Oliver, *Mon.*, 197), Wardyn of the same place, the reigne of Kyng Henry the VIIIth, the xiiij yere" (1522).

59. 18–19 Henry VIII (1526–7). Small paper book of 9 leaves, 8°, containing:—

The Account of Geoffrey Lewis, Warden of the Magdalene, 18–19 Henry VIII (1526, 1527).

It has been bound up in a leaf from a copy of an old English life of Saint Edmund the King of East Anglia (? Lydgate's). It contains the end of *Book I*, and commencement of *Book II*, which is "sometyme in Denmark there was a paynym Kyng." "As I fynd Lothebrotus was his name."

60. A paper book containing a rental of the Magdalen Hospital, dated 12–15 Henry VIII (1520–1524). It contains also entries of expenses of the Hospital, and belonged to Mr. Geffere Lewys.

61. A Roll of seven membranes containing Collectors' Accounts of the Magdalen Hospital, viz., the Accounts of:—

I. Richard Moulis, 1370–1371.

II. John Durrant, 39–40 Edward III (1365–6).

III. John Durrant, 1378–1379.

IV. Richard Moulis, 1371–2.

V. John Durrant, 37–38 Edward III, 1363–4.

VI. Richard Moulis, 1370–1371.

VII. John Durrant, 30–31 Edward III, 1356–7.

62. ? *circa* 1500. Paper Roll containing:—

"The answer of Geffrey Lewys, Wardyn of the Mawdeleyn, to the complaynte layde ageyn him to Master Mayre of the Citie of Exeter and his brederne of the poure people broder and systers of the same."

It relates to alledged misappropriation of the revenue. Attached to it are:—

I. Memoranda of the rents withdrawn from the Hospital.

II. "The Costes payde for the sute of Sir John Bele"; to which bill other items are added as below.

In primis payd to Mr. Faux for seyng of the Evydens of Saynt Mary Mawdelyn .. vjd.

Item payd to Antony Peynter for payntyng of Seynt Mary Mowdlyn and the hey auter .. viijs.

Item payd the same Antony for mendyng of Synt Kateryn xvjd.

Item payd the same Antony for payntyng of Synt Luke yn our lady chappyll .. iijs. vjd.

III. A remembrance of the wrong done to the poor people of Saint Mary Magdalene by the Warden, etc.

IV. A rental of the Magdalen, ? *circa*. 1500.

V. A slip of parchment and two pieces of paper containing rough notes of deeds &c. relating to the Hospital property.

63. Small roll of the time of Henry VI, containing copies of deeds relating to tenements in South Street.

I. No date. John de Gery, Prior of Saint James to Alexander de Wydecumb and his heirs. Grant of a house and garden in South Street (bounds set out). Adam de Rifford, Mayor.

II. Thursday after Saint Nicholas (December 12, 1258). Convention between William de Syden and the Prior of Saint James—That said William will pay said Prior 30s. in three following years for the house in South Street, which Alexander, who was "Serviens de Durerde" held of the said Prior. Nicholas de Ivelchestre Mayor [*i.e.* 1259].

III. No date. Thomas de Sanda to Henry Smith (Faber). Grant in free marriage with Matilda his wife of the house in South Street in which Maugerus Agnus dwelt. Hillary, Mayor [? Hilary Blund (Mayor, 1227, 1233) or White (1261)].

IV. Memorandum, that it is contained in the "Charta puerorum" (Charter of the chorister boys?) that William Baghel, son of Walter Baghel, gave (to the Hospital?) two cellars (duas celdas cum solario superedificato) in South Street, next the tenement of Alexander de Durerde.

V. Memorandum that it is contained in the Charter of the Dean and Chapter, that they released to the Hospital of Saint Mary Magdalene a yearly rent of 2*d.* which they received from the house belonging to the choir boys, which Nicholas Blakeenave formerly held in South Street.

64. Monday after Circumcision, 8 Henry V (1421). A roll of six membranes put together in 1869 by Mr. Moore.

M. 1 contains Memoranda out of the Records of Saint John's Hospital relating to an action in the Mayor's Court—"The Hospital *versus* the Archdeacon of

Totness"—to recover a tenement which the said Archdeacon holds of the Hospital in Saint Martin's Street, the rent of 40s. reserved thereon being in arrear. The tenement is described as being in Saint Martin's Street between the tenement of the Archdeacon of Barnstaple and the tenement of the Abbot of Bucfast and the garden of the Archdeacon of Cornwall on the East, the tenement of the Dean and Chapter on the West; and it extends in length from the said street on the South to the lane lying between the dwellings of the Canons and the Friars Preachers on the North. The result of the trial does not appear.

M. 2 contains Copies of deeds relating to the house of the Archdeacon of Barnstaple in Saint Martin's Street, which was held of Saint John's Hospital.

I. No date. Ralph Archdeacon of Barnstaple to The Brethren of the Hospital of Saint John. Bond to pay them a yearly rent of 16s. for the tenement he holds of them in Saint Martin's Street. Witnesses: Hillary Blund or White (Albus), "Prepositus Exonie," and others.

II. No date. William Produm to The Hospital of Saint John. Grant in frank almoign of the houses in which he lived in Saint Martin's Street.

III. 24 May, 1357. Inspeximus by John Bishop of Exeter of three deeds brought to him to be perpetuated by his inspeximus by John de Bolehulle (1349-1384, Oliver, *Mon.*, 301), Prior or Master of the Hospital of Saint John, viz.:

(a) Grant by the Brethren and Sisters of Saint John's by assent of W. Bishop of Exeter and B. Archdeacon of Exeter, their Warden, and the Dean and Chapter, and the Mayor and Commonalty, to John Archdeacon of Cornwall, of their house in Saint Martin's Street, in which Lord Roger de Lymesy, Canon of Exeter, formerly dwelt. To hold to the said Archdeacon for his life or as long as he shall remain Archdeacon, and to his successors Archdeacons of Cornwall for ever, at a yearly rent of 40s., and a relief to the said Hospital at the death or resignation of each Archdeacon.

(b) Saint Margaret, 1284. Composition between Master Henry de Bolleg, Archdeacon of Cornwall, and Master Thomas de Bodeham, Archdeacon of Totnes. The said Henry grants to said Thomas his house in Saint Martin's Street, appropriated to the Archdeaconry of Cornwall to hold so long as he pleases personally to dwell therein, paying rent of 40s. to Saint John's Hospital and giving up the same to said Henry when he wishes to return.

(c) Copy of Deed No. 1 on this roll.

IV. 16 April, 12 Henry VI (1434). Award of William Wonard in a dispute between John Master of Saint John's Hospital and Master John Waryn, Archdeacon of Barnstaple, concerning the title to a yearly rent of 16s. arising from the tenement in Saint Martin's Street, now within the close of the cemetery of Saint Peter's, of which the said Archdeacon is seized by reason of his Archdeaconry. The said William Wonard states that the said house was formerly two houses and is held of the said Hospital by the yearly rent of 16s.; and awards that the said Archdeacon is to pay the same, and reliefs when they shall happen.

On the back of the roll is a memorandum in later hands of the payments by several Archdeacons. Master Robert Barforth, who died 8 October, 1485, William Elyott, John Voysy, Richard Norton, John Yonge (Master of the Rolls), John Tyack, Richard Tollette, 14 May, 1518, and Thomas Brerewod.

The other membranes contain copies of deeds, all relating to the Hospital.

65. Monday after Saint George, 25 Edward III. Extracts from the City Court Rolls, showing the steps taken by the Prior of the Hospital of Saint John to recover, by the custom of "Gavelak and Shortford," a piece of land which Henry de la Pomeray, Senior, held of him in High Street near the East-gate, and another piece of land held by Philip Durneford in Pacie Stret.

66. Small roll containing copies of deeds relating to the Friars Preachers as follows:—

I. Monday after Corpus Christi, 36 Edward III. The Mayor and Commonalty of Exeter to The Prior and Convent of Friars Preachers. Licence to make a gate in the north part of the lane opposite the lane called Saint Stephen's Bow; which same lane lies on the west part of the close of the said Brethren.

II. Monday after Saint Peter ad Vincula, 25 Edward I. 4 August, 1297. Edmund Earl of Cornwall to The Friars Preachers of Exeter. Inspeximus de Confirmation of an agreement between Robert de Ottery, Prior of the Friars Preachers and William Taunterfer, Mayor of Exeter, concerning a gate in "Stykestret."

III. No date. The Mayor &c. to The Friars Preachers. Licence to make a drain through the City wall to carry away the rain water from their buildings.

67. 29–30 Edward I. A Roll containing Articles of a controversy between the Dean and Chapter of Exeter and the Friars Preachers of Exeter respecting the right of burial in the Church of the Friars, and the contention with respect to the bodies of Sir Henry de Raleigh and Henry de la Pomeray. *See also* Mayor's Court Roll, 29–30 Edward I, roll I.

68. 4 May, 15 Henry VI (?) 1437. Roll containing 2 Copies of Act of Parliament settling the disputes concerning the bounds of Saint Sidwell's fee, which are set out very fully, and sundry liberties of the Dean and Chapter.

69. 12 December, 27 Henry VI (1448). Copy of the Composition between the Bishop, Dean and Chapter and the City respecting their liberties. See Deeds No. 1198. This is rolled on a piece of wood.

70. 1599. A large paper roll containing Copies of Charters, Compositions and other documents relating to disputes between the City and the Bishop, Dean and Chapter, collected together and noted in the margins in Hooker's handwriting.

There is also a large quantity of papers of this description among the Law papers on Shelf C.6. See page 1401 of the *Calendar*.

71. A mutilated paper roll containing Extracts from the Mayor's Court Rolls.

72. (?) Edward III. Roll containing the Returns of the Collectors of the first Taxation for the Murage of the City:— "Taxatio prima levata pro reparacione portarum, murorum et fossatorum." It contains the names of all the citizens in each quarter who were taxed, with the amount of their taxing.

The East Quarter, paid 4*l.* 17*s.* 7*d.*

The South Quarter, 7*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.*

The West Quarter, 3*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.*

The North Quarter, 6*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.*

73. A Roll of 2 membranes containing:—

M. 1. 1569. A roll of presentments of men and their weapons in the City of Exeter.

M. 2. 30 Elizabeth (1587-88). A roll of the names of 120 men furnished to her Majesty by the City.

74. 1673-4. Three Lists of Hearths and Stoves in the City of Exeter. Two are in paper books and the third on a parchment roll.

75. 1626-7. "A liste of the several persons and sums of money within the Cittie and Countie of Exon that have advanced monies to his Majestie by way of Loan," &c.

76. 5 September, 28 Elizabeth, 1586. Subsidy Roll. Particulars of the subsidy granted in the 27 Elizabeth. Signed: "John Exon, Nycholas Martyn, Maior, Thomas Brereton." Three membranes.

77. 20 April, 7 James I, 1609. Subsidy Roll: Assessment of aid towards making Prince Henry a Knight.

Two membranes.

Signatures and seals with crests of the Commissioners:— John Prouse, Mayor, George Smyth, Geoffrey Waltham, William Martyn, Recorder, Thomas Walker, and Nicholas Ducke.

78. Monday after Assumption, 10 Edward III, 19 August, 1336. Roll containing Copy of Plea concerning the

disturbance of Crulledych Fair and the rescue of certain thieves at Ayschperton.

79. Easter, 16 Edward II, 1323. Hugh Courtenay *v.* The Mayor, Bailiffs and Commonalty of Exeter.

Copy of Plea concerning Crulledych Fair.

80. Henry VII. A large sheet of vellum intitled: "Syon.— Here below follow the Articles of the liberties and privileges specified in the Letters Patent granted and confirmed by King Henry VII to the Monastery of Syon." The articles set out are as follows:—

I. Discharge of all Tenths, fifteenths and other Subsidies.

II. Discharge of all manner Tolls and Customs.

III. Discharge of all manner Aids &c.

IV. Grant of View of Frankpledge, Assize of bread and ale, wreck of the sea &c.

V. Fines, issues and forfeitures of their tenants.

VI. Free Warren.

VII. To hold court in all places from three weeks to three weeks, by plaint of all manner actions to what sums soever they attain.

VIII. Conizance of all pleas.

IX. Ward and Custody of all lands held by Knight's service.

X. Correction of all trespasses except "Mayhem."

XI. Return of writs &c.

XII. No Sheriff or other Officer to arrest any tenants of said Monastery.

XIII. The King's purveyors to take no cattle of the Abbess or her tenants.

XIV. No Escheator, Sheriff &c. to enter the Lordship &c.

XV. Power to collect fines, amercements &c. "per se vel per ballivos."

XVI. Licence to resist King's Officers acting contrary to this Charter.

XVII. Power to hold all their lands &c. freely and in peace.

The Clauses of the Charter are copied in each Article.

81. *Temp.* Henry VI. Copy of an Exemplification of *Domesday Book* for the City of Exeter—the Charter of Richard King of the Romans, 7 November, 1259, (Charter XII) and that of 21 Henry III (Charter X) &c.

82. 18 Henry VII (1502–3). A Roll entitled: "Here folowyth the title and grounde whereby the Mayor and Sherovys of London clayme to have the custome and scavage *alias* sanevage of the Inhabitants of Exeter." *French.*

83. Easter, 21 Edward III (1347). A Copy of the enrolment on the Memoranda Roll of the Exchequer, Easter, 21 Edward III, roll 9, respecting the Lastage and Stallage of the Fair of Exeter.

Printed in Madox's *Firma Burgi*.

84. Michaelmas, 18 Richard II (1394). Copy of a further proceeding in the same matter. Memoranda Roll Exchequer,

Michaelmas, 18 Richard II, *rot.* 35, Madox's *Firma Burgi*, pp. 263-269.

85. Another Copy.

86. Michaelmas, 12 Henry IV (1410). Copy of a further proceeding in the same case. Memoranda Roll Exchequer. Michaelmas, 12 Henry IV.

87. Another Copy. Imperfect.

88. A Roll of paper, fragments of copies and drafts of the same proceedings.

89. 20 Henry III to 14 Edward III. Extracts from the Pipe Rolls relating to the same.

90. A curious Memorandum in French respecting the same suit, with a copy on paper attached to it.

91. A Roll of paper containing:—

4 November, 24 Henry 6 (1445). Copy Grant of the Conservancy of the River Exe to Thomas, Earl of Devon: with a note at the end setting forth the attainders of the Courtenays, and showing the grant to be void.

18 December, 6 Edward VI, 1552. Copy Grant to Peter Smyth of an Annuity out of the Manor of Topsham.

1 May, Petition of Edward Courtenay, Knight, for restoration in blood.

3 February, 3 Henry VIII (1512). Grant to Katharine wife of William Courtenay, Earl of Devon (*inter alia*) of a free fishery "in aqua et rivulo de Exe" and three mills in Exilond.

11 October, 3 Henry VIII (1511). Inquisition after the death of the Earl of Devon. He had a Water Court from Exmouth to Exbridge.

92. A somewhat decayed paper book written in a hand of Henry VIII's time, entitled:—

A Remembrance of certayne maters consernyng the Porte of Exeter, the stoppyn of the Rever of Exe that shippes and vessells coyd not resort to the Cetie.

93. 23 July, 20 Elizabeth (1578). A paper roll containing a contemporary copy of the Charter of the City of London of this date.

94. Another similar paper roll containing a copy of the same Charter.

95. A Bundle of odd leaves of ancient books, illuminated missals &c. These were originally covers of some of the Rolls. They shew the terrible destruction that was made of old MSS. in the reigns of Henry VIII, Edward VI and Elizabeth. There are fragments of six or seven very fine missals, a leaf of a copy of the Gospels of the early part of the XIIIth Century—a leaf from an early copy of Higden's *Polichronicon*, &c.

96. 42-46 Edward III (1368-1373). Copy of the entries on the Mayor's Court Roll of the custom of "Gavelak and Shortford" for the recovery of a house and a piece of land

near the Castle of Exeter by the Master of Saint John's Hospital from Isabella de Hughton—at the end there is a full recitation of the nature of the custom.

97. 16–17 Henry VI (1437–39). Copy of similar entries respecting a tenement “in Vico Fratrum Prædicatorum” recovered by the Master of Saint John's Hospital from John Whityng and others.

98. Parchment Roll of five membranes, containing copies of portions of the proceedings relating to the Lastage and Stallage of the Fair of Exeter, above described under Nos. 83 to 89 (*pp.* 1196–7); and also an early copy of the document No. 90 above.

99. Imperfect drafts of some of the City's Charters—of no use; with a small fragment of a Mayor's Court Roll.

100 and 101. Two card-board boxes containing the originals of the *Shillingford Letters and Papers* printed for the Camden Society. The letters proper are in a bundle by themselves; the paper in the suit to which the letters refer are the residue. Some of the papers are confused and are drafts and portions of drafts of the documents printed. The whole have been carefully examined and all the matter which could be recovered from the MSS. will be found in the printed volume.

102. A roll of five membranes containing the Articles of disputes between the Dean and Chapter and the City in 33 Henry III (1248–49), and later concerning their respective jurisdictions, with copies of Charters &c.

103. A bundle of papers formerly rolls relating to disputes between the City and the Bishop, Dean and Chapter from 1599 to 1709.

104. Monday after S. Dunstan, 13 Edward II, 19 May, 1320. Extract from the City Court Roll setting forth the Customs of “Gavelak” and “Shortford.”

It appears that if any Lord has a free tenant who ought to pay Rent to the Chief Lord for his tenement and does not do so and has nothing in the said tenement which can be distrained, the Lord shall carry away a stone or any other distress, “nullius quasi manentis existentis,” for the arrears of Rent, and so shall continue to do for seven terms following, and shall carry away seven stones as is aforesaid, which seven are called “Glebe.” In which seventh term by the consideration of the Court he shall have the said Tenement for a year and a day by delivery of the Bailiff of the City, which is commonly called “Gavelak.” This is publicly proclaimed, so that any claimant of the tenement may put in his claim or answer for the rent and arrears within the year. And if no one comes or will not or cannot satisfy for the Rent &c. within that time the Lord goes to the Court and claims according to the Custom of the City to be adjudged in fee and demesne. And this custom is commonly called in our mother tongue “Shortford,” which in French is called “Forelot.” By this Custom the Prior of S. Nicholas recovers

a Tenement without Northgate which formerly belonged to William le Mol, Glover.

Fragment of the Mayoralty Seal attached.

The Mayors' Court Rolls.

These Rolls are the records of the Court called the Guildhall, the Mayor's or the City Court, which was a Court of Record, wherein real and personal actions were tried, fines passed, wills proved, deeds inrolled, and almost anything done that is now done in the Courts at Westminster. There is one of these rolls to each year, and each roll contains usually 52 membranes, one membrane containing the record of one week. On the first membrane of each roll is entered the election of the Mayor, Receiver, and other officers of the City.

The "intus" or front face of the membranes contain the entries of all the suits and proceedings in the Court itself. When a suit was commenced it was entered every week with a note of what was done in it until it was abandoned or adjudicated on. Some of these suits are very remarkable, and will be found to be of great interest to the student of the history of the people in ancient times.

The title of the earliest roll (48 Henry III, 1263-64) is as follows:—"Rotulus placitorum Curie et Pretorii Exonie ab incrastino Sancti Michaelis anno regni Regis Henrici Anglie, xl. octavo usque" (*sic*). In the roll of 1 Edward I the title is simply "Exonie Curia Civitatis," with the date, and this heading is continued in all the subsequent rolls.

Besides the usual business of the Mayor's or City Court, these rolls, down to the reign of Edward III, contain the following matters:—

The records of the Provost Court, or "Curia Pretorii Civitatis," which are fully described at *page* 1228. Records of the Mayor's tourn described at *page* 1235; the entries of the Assize of Bread; entries of fines paid by persons entering the liberty of the City; fines for trespasses against the customs of the City &c., entries of chattels waived; felon's goods; fines paid by Masters of Ships for permission to discharge their cargoes before the ships came up to Topsham; monies collected at Fairs and all the casual receipts of the City. There are also enrolments of deeds between party and party relating to property both in the City and elsewhere; a great many wills; full memoranda of occurrences affecting the City's jurisdiction and liberties. Orders and bye-laws made by the Council for the government of the City. Rules and regulations of the various crafts or companies. The entries of the Assize of Bread are the monthly or weekly orders fixing the price to be paid for the various kinds of bread in the City according to the price of wheat: from them the variations in the price of wheat

from the reign of Edward I downwards might be ascertained.

These rolls are very fully and carefully kept down to 5-6 Edward IV (1465-67), after which they become very much smaller in size, and the entries on them are confined almost exclusively to the business of the Court and the entry of fines and the profits of fairs. The handwriting and style of making up the rolls also is very bad. Fewer deeds and wills are enrolled; and after the end of Edward IV's reign the custom of enrolling Orders of the Council &c. appears to be discontinued. Probably about this time *Act Books* were commenced—the earliest we now have begins in 9 Henry VIII. [See II, 1, page 1077.]

In the reign of Henry VIII these rolls become very meagre. Books of the Courts having been instituted, the rolls were merely filled up in a formal manner from the books, and so they continue to the end. Few if any deeds appear to be enrolled after the reign of Henry VII. In the reign of Henry VIII, Elizabeth and James, special rolls were kept for the enrolling of deeds pursuant to the Statute of 27 Henry VIII (1535-36). [*Miscellaneous Rolls, Nos. 22-24.*]

48 Henry III to 2 Edward I. [2 Rolls.]

14 Edward I to 13 William and Mary [399 Rolls].

[Missing—20 to 23 Edward I, 14 to 15 Edward II, 24 Henry VII to 1 Henry VIII, 27 Henry VIII to 30 Henry VIII, 2 to 3 Elizabeth, 37 to 38 Elizabeth, 4 to 5 James I, 10 to 11 James I, 14 to 16 James I, 24 Charles I to 1 Charles II, and not counted in the above.]

The above is Mr. S. Moore's account as given in his *Calendar*.

The Rolls were largely used by Hooker in compiling his *Annals* (II., 32) in *Book 51, ff. 236-364*, in which he gives abundant extracts, as: Testamentum, Finalis Concordia, breve de recto, breve de Corpus (*sic*), assisa Capta, irrotulata earta; all of purely local and personal interest. These, however, form but a very small proportion indeed of the immense number of entries on the original rolls. Besides these, Hooker has copied a considerable number of Extracts beginning with the words *Consuetudo est*, a few of which have found their way into Izacke. In his view and survey written in January, 1601, Hooker makes no mention of the Roll 48-50, Henry III (1263-1266), and in *Book 51, f. 247*, he says that the first records begin in 13 Edward I (1284-5).

In *f. 343* (1535, 27 Henry VIII), he says "the Recordes of this yere cannot be founde." Also *f. 343b* (1536, 28 Henry VIII, "the whole recordes of this yere ar lost"; *ibid.* (1537, 29 Henry VIII), "the roll of the recordes of this yere are lacking." Izacke, *p. 118* (*s.a.* 1535), says: "The *Court Rolls* of this year are all wanting."

For a short abstract of the contents of these rolls from 15 Edward I (1321) to 11 Richard II (1387), see *Book 55, ff. 1-38*.

For Extracts from 30 Edward I (1302), see T. Wright, 307, who was "not aware if there are any earlier rolls of the same class," though he thought it probable (*p.* 310). For abstract of 26, 27 Edward III (135-54), see Oliver, *pp.* 312-319.

Miss M. Bateson (*Borough Customs*, I, 132) thought that these rolls "treat largely of suits arising out of partible inheritance," and suggested (*Ibid.*, I, xxvii) that "a systematic search through this splendid series would doubtless yield many further points" in regard to Borough Customs; but such a task is quite beyond the limitations of the present report.

For Mayors' Court Books, see II, 50.

For Extracts, Edward I, Henry VII, see II, 264.

Provost Court Rolls.

The Provost Court was held in a room in the front [? at the side] of the Guildhall, now part of the Police Station. [See *Miscellaneous Rolls*, No. 2.] It is sometimes called "Curia Pretorii," but usually "Curia Provostrie Domini Regis." These rolls contain the record of the proceedings of the Provost Court—the pleadings do not occur at length as in the Mayors' Court Rolls. The fines imposed are set in the margin and the total at the end of each membrane:—these are numerous, and must have furnished a considerable revenue to the City. The Court was held sometimes as often as four and five days in the week. The cases tried appear to be pleas of debt, assault and trespass, actions for detention of goods, ejections, &c. In the reigns of Henry V and VI the rolls are fuller and the pleadings of the cases sometimes occur. After 3-4 Edward IV (1464-66), the handwriting changes, and, like the Mayor's Court Rolls, these rolls are less carefully kept.

In the time of Elizabeth and James I the pleadings are again entered at full. Previous to the reign of Edward III the proceedings of the Provost Court were entered on the Mayor's Court Roll. There was a Seal of the Provost, an impression of which is attached to Deed No. 717, *p.* 163, the legend is "Sigillum Pretorii Civitatis Exon."

2 Edward III (1328-9) to 3 Richard III.

2 to 5 Henry VII.

11 ,, 22 Henry VII.

4 ,, 14 Elizabeth.

35 ,, 37 Elizabeth.

4 ,, 8 James I.

10 James I to 13 William and Mary.

[121 Rolls. Missing 2 and 3, 7 and 8 Edward IV.]

The Rolls of the Mayor's Tourn.

These Rolls contain the proceedings of the Mayor's Tourn. Before 11 Edward III (1337-8) (like the Provost Court) these proceedings appear to have been recorded on the Mayor's

Court Roll. They consist of presentments made by the juries in each quarter of the City, of nuisances, offences against the Customs of the City, such as selling by bad measure, out of due season, forestalling the markets &c.

Much interesting matter may be gleaned from them.

11 to 50 Edward III.

2 ,, 12 Richard II.

21 ,, 22 Ditto.

1 ,, 9 Henry V.

2 Henry VI.

5 Ditto (one membrane only, which was formerly part of a roll).

7 Ditto.

9 Henry VI.

10 ,, 11 Ditto.

12 ,, 13 Ditto.

15 Ditto.

19 ,, 20 Ditto.

25 ,, 27 Ditto.

Receivers' Accounts.

These are the yearly accounts of the Receivers-General of the City, and contain particular entries of all receipts and payments made by the Receiver. Independently of their great importance in a legal point of view, they will be found to contain a vast amount of most valuable and interesting information for the historian and archæologist.

These small rolls are tied in bundles. They are written on both sides and run from Michaelmas to Michaelmas. The amount of the expenditure is totalled at the foot. The earliest is dated 34 Edward I (1305-6), after which there is a gap. The next in order being 5, 6 Edward III (1331-32), after which they follow with almost unbroken regularity to 7-8 George I (1721-22).

The series abounds in details of first-hand personal interest and would form a highly interesting volume if printed in full.

Specimen extracts will be found printed in T. Wright, *e.g.* 38, 39 Edward III (1364-5), which he considered to be the earliest of the series (*p.* 311); 42, 43 Edward III (1368-69), *p.* 312; also Oliver, 319; 1, 2 Richard II (1378-79), Wright, *p.* 313; 11, 12 Richard II, 1388-89 (*p.* 314); 19, 20 Richard II, 1396-97 (*p.* 319); 35, 36 Elizabeth, 1593-94 (*p.* 319); 8, 9 Charles I, 1633-34 (*p.* 319).

Large extracts from 22-28 Henry VI (1444-1450) are printed also in Shillingford, *pp.* 143-152.

The few gaps in the series are indicated in S. Moore's *Calendar*, which gives also a valuable list of the Receivers' names under their respective years of office.

For Books of Receivers' Accounts, see *page* 291.

N.B.—The Receivers' Accounts of later date were kept in books, and will be found described under the head of Books of the Receivers' Accounts at *p.* 1385.

*Ministers' Accounts.**The Accounts of the Wardens of Exbridge.*

These are the yearly Accounts of the Wardens of Exbridge of all their receipts and payments.

17 Edward III (1343-44) to 10 Anne (1711-12).

[Missing—20-21 Edward III, 21-22 Richard II, 12-16 Henry VI, 2-3 Edward IV, 15-16 Edward IV, 20-21 Edward IV, 2-3 Henry VII, 20-21 Henry VII 7-8 Henry VIII, 35-36 Henry VIII, 4-5 Elizabeth, 20-24 Charles I, Commonwealth, 1649-52, 1653-58, 4-5 Anne.]

Three undated Accounts, *temp.* Anne. One roll.

1. Comp. Expens. pontis [French], 24 Edward III (1350-51).

2. Comp. Receptoris denariorum ad opus pontis, 26, 27 Edward III (1352-54).

3. Comp. Collector. Taxationis factæ ad opus pontis, 44 Edward III. (1370-71).

N.B.—There are rentals and surveys of Exebridge lands amongst the Miscellaneous Papers in Press C. 2. See *page* 1416.

The Accounts of the Manor of Exe Island.

These are the yearly Accounts of the Bailiffs of the Manor rendered to the Receiver of the City year by year of the profits and outgoings of the Manor.

N.B.—For the Court Rolls of Exe Island look under Division "Court Rolls."

5 Edward VI to 2-3 Philip and Mary. [Paper Transcript.]

4 Elizabeth to 10 George I.

[Missing—20-22 James I, 19-24 Charles I, 1649-50, 1657-58, Commonwealth, 21-22 Charles II, 6-7 George I.]

N.B.—Papers relating to Exiland—*see also* Miscellaneous Papers on Press C. 2. See *page* 1416.

The Accounts of the Manor of Duriurd.

These are the yearly Accounts of the Bailiffs of the profits and outgoings of the Manor rendered to the Receiver of the City.

N.B.—For the Court Rolls of Duriurd, look under Division "Court Rolls."

42 Edward III (1368) to 10 George I (1723-4).

[Missing—6-7 Richard II, 8-9 Henry V, 13-17 Henry VI, 22-23 Henry VI, 30-32 Henry VI, 4-5 Edward IV, 7-8 Edward IV, 9-10 Edward IV, 15-16 Edward IV, 20-21 Edward IV, 18-19 Henry VII, 20-23 Henry VII, 1-6 Henry VIII, 7-9 Henry VIII, 10-13 Henry VIII, 23-24 Henry VIII, 26-27 Henry VIII, 35-36 Henry VIII, 4-5 to 5-6 Philip and Mary, 4-5 Elizabeth, 21-22 Elizabeth, 34-35 Elizabeth, 3-4 James I, 4-5 Charles I, 20 Charles I to 11 Charles II.]

The Accounts of the Manor of Awliscombe.

These are the yearly Accounts of the Bailiffs of the profits and outgoings of the Manor rendered to the Receiver of the City.

N.B.—For Awliscombe Court Rolls, look under Division “Court Rolls.”

14 Elizabeth to 9 George I.

[Missing—6-7 James I, 21 Charles I to 11 Charles II, 6-7 William and Mary.]

*The Magdalen Hospital.**The Wardens' Accounts.*

These are the yearly Accounts of the Wardens of the income and expenditure of the Hospital, rendered to the Receiver of the City.

32 Henry VIII (1540-41) to 10(?) William and Mary (1698-9).

[Missing—9-10, 39-40 Elizabeth, 44 Elizabeth to 1 James I, 19-23 Charles I, 1649-50, 1650-51, 1652-53, 1654-55, 1657-58 to 15 Charles II, 7-8 William and Mary.]

N.B.—Some Accounts between 1656 (? 1650) and 1657 are among the Miscellaneous Papers in Press C. 2. See page 240.

Saint John's &c. Bailiffs' Accounts.

The titles of the Accounts are in the form following:—
“The Account of A.B. Bailiff and Receiver of all and singular the Manor of Saint David's Down and of the lands, rents and profits of the City of Exeter lately belonging to the late Monasteries and Priors of Saint John's, Exeter, Polsloo, Saint Nicholas, Exeter, Newenham, Launceston, and Pympton &c. They are the Accounts of the Bailiffs of the Monastic possessions which the City purchased in the reign of King Edward VI. See Deeds &c., p. 892.

The Rolls are sometimes headed St. Nicholas, but have all been arranged under one head to distinguish them from the Fee of Saint Nicholas or Harold's Fee.

3 Edward VI to 9 George I.

[Missing—6 Edward VI to 1 Mary, 4-5 to 5-6 Philip and Mary, 37-38, 38-9 Elizabeth, 18-19, 20-21, 21-22 James I, 19-20 Charles I to 1649-50, 1658-59.]

The Ten Cells &c. Receiver's Accounts.

The title of these Rolls is in the following form:—

“The Account of A. B. Receiver of the rents and profits of the Poor of the Ten Cells and also of the poor maintained by the gifts of William Hurst, John Hurste, John Palmer, John Buckenham, Elizabeth Buckenham, William Heron, or Herne (*Report on Charities*, p. 91), John Gilbert, Griffin Ameridith, and Joan Tuckfield, &c.”

They contain the account of the receipts and payments of all the Charity properties of the City. Sometimes the Rolls are entitled "The Account of the Wardens of the Poor."

[Comp. Guardian Pauperum,] &c.

16 Elizabeth (1573-74) to 12 Anne.

[Missing—17-18, 25-26, 30-31, 33-34, 40-41, 41-42 Elizabeth, 6-7, 12-13, 13-14, 16-17, 17-18, 19-20, 20-21, 21-22 James I, 1-2, 10-11, 11-12, 16-17 to 19-20 Charles I, 21-22 Charles I to Commonwealth, 1659, 4-5, 5-6 William and Mary.]

Three Accounts without names or dates.

There are seven bundles of rolls of Account of Périam's Charity, Walker's Charity, and other properties left to charitable uses. The rolls are 129 in number, and extend from James I to 1700. They are not separately labelled, but each bundle is ticketted "Charity Monies."

Court Rolls of the Manor of Awliscombe.

12 Richard III, with Extracts of the time of Edward IV.
One roll.

8 to 17 Henry VII.

9 ,, 12 Edward IV. One roll.

13 ,, 19 Henry VII. One roll.

24 ,, 25 Ditto. One roll.

12 ,, 13 Ditto.

13 ,, 14 Elizabeth.

16 ,, 18 Ditto.

19 ,, 20 Ditto.

23 ,, 26 Ditto.

27 ,, 28 Ditto.

Court Rolls of the Manor of Duriurd.

From 1368 to 1606, 40 Rolls, with many gaps. For dates of existing rolls, see S. Moore's *Calendar*.

For a book of Court Rolls of the Manor from 1620-1697, see *Book* 182, p. 131.

Court Rolls of the Manor of Exiland.

Twenty-seven Rolls from 1472 to 1608 with gaps. The dates of each roll are given in S. Moore's *Calendar*.

N.B.—Some Court Rolls of Exiland, 30 to 34 Elizabeth and 5 to 10 James I, are among the Miscellaneous Papers on Press C. 2.

Court Rolls of the Manor of Saint Nicholas or Harold's Fee.

Eighteen Rolls, 1526-1609, with gaps, the first two being Bailiff's Accounts. For dates see S. Moore's *Calendar* of the series.

10 to 11 Anne. An Account of the Manor.

N.B.—Some Court Rolls of Harold's Fee, 3–20 Elizabeth, are among the Miscellaneous Papers in Press C. 2.

Customs Rolls.

These are the Accounts of the Collectors of the Town Custom, Petty Custom, or Town Duty levied in the Port of the City of Exeter.

One hundred and seventeen Rolls, the earliest, *temp.* Edward I, II, containing 31 membranes confusedly arranged, the rest from 1327–1603, also two paper books, 1608–1610. For dates of the series *see* S. Moore's *Calendar*.

Sessions Papers.

1557 to 1720.

[Gaps 6, 8, 11, 13, 14, 18, 30, 31, 33, 39 Elizabeth, 1 James I, 1701, 1702, 1710, 1711, 1712, 1714–1719.]

Miscellaneous, William III and George II. One bundle.

Convictions, 26–7 George II. One bundle.

Presentments of the Grand Jury, 10 George I, 11 George I, 1–2 George II. Three bundles.

Pleadings.

Files of parchment containing the declarations, pleadings &c. in cases in the Mayor's Court and Provost Court. Returns of the Bailiffs, and other papers connected with the business of the Court.

Eighty-five files from 1595–1825; for dates *see* S. Moore's *Calendar*.

Mayor's Court Papers.

These are files of writs of *venire facias* &c. addressed to the Sergeants at Mace with the panels of juries &c.

Six files (1638–1699) and one roll (A.D. 1711). For dates of the series *see* S. Moore's *Calendar*.

N.B.—Many of these papers are to be found in the two sacks of fragments on the top of the presses.

Provost Court Papers.

These are files of slips of parchment containing writs of *venire facias* addressed by the Bailiffs to the Serjeant at Mace with the panels of the juries &c.

Ten files (1639–1696) with gaps. Also a bundle with old Bills of Costs. For dates *see* S. Moore's *Calendar*.

Inventories.

These are Inventories of the goods and chattels, leases and effects of citizens who died leaving orphans whose custody was granted to the Chamber by the Charter of Elizabeth. Some of them are remarkable, and show the status of the

different people in an interesting manner. Many of them are in the handwriting of John Hooker; and rolled up with them there are often memoranda relating to the disposition of the property &c.

Two hundred and sixteen Inventories. A full list, with names and dates running from April 7, 1560—October 7, 1721, appears in S. Moore's *Calendar*.

Wills.

A bundle of 75 wills ranging from March 3, 1555, to June 4, 1765. Each will is numbered. The following full list is taken from S. Moore's *Calendar*.

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|------------------|-------------------|----|--|
| 1. | 3 March, 1555 | .. | Thomas Lambert of Exeter.
(Original.) |
| 2. | 29 March, 1558 | .. | Thomas Grege of the parish of
Saint Kieran's, Baker. (Copy.) |
| 3. | 19 August, 1559 | .. | Henry Harrys of Exeter. |
| 4. | 20 October, 1559 | .. | John Parret of Lyme Regis. |
| 5. | 19 April, 1560 | .. | Thomas Lambartt of Exeter. |
| 6. | 23 March, 1561 | .. | Nicholas Reve of Exeter, Brewer.
(Extracts.) |
| 7. | 20 November, 1561 | .. | Stephen Vilvayne of Exeter,
Baker. |
| 8. | 1 June, 1562 | .. | John Thomas, Senior, of Exeter. |
| 9. | 30 October, 1563 | .. | Ellerye Westcott. |
| 10. | 28 March, 1564 | .. | Robert Mathewe. |
| 11. | 27 July, 1564 | .. | Edmund Whetecombe of Exeter,
Merchant. |
| 12. | 21 October, 1566 | .. | John Bedecombe of Exeter. |
| 13. | 13 December, 1566 | .. | Thomas Prestwode of Exeter. |
| 14. | 30 October, 1569 | .. | Elizabeth Brickenall of Exeter,
Widow. |
| 15
and
16. | 8 August, 1570 | .. | Arnold Reynold of Exeter, Shoe-
maker. (Two Copies.) |
| 17
and
18. | 20 December, 1575 | .. | Richard Mogrige of Exeter, Cutler.
(Two Copies.) |
| 19
and
20. | 17 June, 1577 | .. | Thomas Byrde of Exeter, Tailor.
(Two Copies.) |
| 21. | 15 June, 1578 | .. | Julean Gunstone of the parish of
Saint Paul's, Exeter, Widow. |
| 22. | 22 June, 1582 | .. | John Hutchins of Exeter, Mer-
chant. |
| 23. | 13 December, 1582 | .. | Roger Courtise of the parish of
the Holy Trinity. |
| 24. | 17 January, 1583 | .. | Nicholas Grenowe of Exeter,
Barber. |

25. 25 June, 1583 .. Nicholas Glandfilde of the parish
of the Holy Trinity, Baker.
26. 3 January, 1587 .. John Fallett of Exeter.
27. 18 May, 1587 .. Joane Redwoode of Exeter, Widow.
28. 12 July, 1588 .. John Younge of the parish of
Saint Stephen's, Exeter.
29. 11 December, 1590.. Luce Hussey of the parish of
Saint Lawrence, Exeter, Widow.
30. 9 April, 1597 .. Thomas Martyn of Exeter, fuller.
31. 15 August, 1601 .. Thomas Withecombe of Exeter,
Merchant.
32. 7 February, 1603 .. John Hill of the Parish of Saint
Lawrence, Exeter.
33. 15 April, 1603 .. Joan Heyfilde of Exeter, Widow.
34. 19 February, 1604 .. Peter Taylder of the Parish of
All Hallow's, blacksmith.
35. 4 June, 1604 .. Alice Peeter of Exeter, Widow.
36. 15 January, 1606 .. Nicholas Moore.
37. 10 April, 1606 .. Edmund Clarke, of the Parish of
Holy Trinity.
38. 22 September, 1607 . Robert Prowse.
39. 2 March, 1611 .. Katherine Paule of Exeter, Widow.
40. 23 March, 1612 .. John Saunders of the Parish of
Holy Trinity, Innholder.
41. 8 November, 1612.. Nicholas Bevys of Exeter, Mer-
chant.
42. 1 September, 1613 . William Horwoode of Exeter,
Goldsmith (*torn*).
43. 19 November, 1614.. Alexander Mawrey.
44. 26 March, 1616 .. James Tirrie of the Parish of
Saint John, Exeter, heliari.
45. 12 April, 1616 .. John Bond of Exeter, fuller.
46. 2 January, 1617 .. William Broke, of the Parish of
Saint Mary Major.
47. 22 July, 1617 .. Thomas Paule of Exeter, "vitler."
48. 12 December, 1618.. Nicholas Evens of Exiland and
Saint Mary Steps, Brewer.
49. 3 January, 1620 .. James Marche of Exeter, tucker.
50. 23 November, 1620.. William Jesse of Exeter, fuller.
51. 17 August, 1621 .. John Bennett of Saint Olave's,
Exeter, tailor.
52. 12 October, 1623 .. William Yeo of Exeter, Cord-
and
wainer. (Original and Copy.)
- 53.
54. 17 February, 1624 .. Thomas Meade of the Parish of
Saint David's, Innholder.
55. 16 April, 1624 .. Agnes Riee of Exeter, Widow.
56. 17 July, 1624 .. William Andrew of the Parish of
the Holy Trinity, Yeoman.
57. 7 September, 1624 . William Mungwell of the Parish
of Saint Mary Major, feltmaker,

58. 10 December, 1624.. John Snellinge of Exeter, Merchant.
59. 16 March, 1625 .. Administration granted to Thomas Wyatt, son of Matthew Wyett, late of Exeter.
60. 21 September, 1625 . Pryam Hellier of Exeter, Mercer.
61. 18 November, 1625.. John Gupwill of Exeter, Merchant.
62. 26 July, 1627 .. John Jordaine of Exeter, Merchant.
63. 9 August, 1627 .. John Savidge of Exeter, Clock-maker.
64. 24 March, 1628 .. John Baker, of the Parish of Saint George's, Baker.
65. 29 August, 1628 .. Thomas Wade, Senior, of Exeter, Brewer.
66. 27 May, 1630 .. Andrew Stabeck of Exeter, fuller.
67. 17 January, 1631 .. Mrs. Ann Amye, Widow. (Extract.)
68. 4 February, 1633 .. Richard Jarman, of the Parish of Holy Trinity, Exeter, Yeoman.
69. 10 July, 1635 .. Roger Jewell, of the Parish of All Hallows on the Walls, Cordwainer.
- 69(a). 24 July, 1635 .. John Crout, Minister of Saint Sidwell's.
70. 25 July, 1636 .. Nicholas Grigory of Exeter, fuller.
71. 24 January, 1638 .. George Harris of Exeter, Merchant.
72. 4 April, 1640 .. Henry Dabbenot of Exeter, Baker.
73. 26 December, 1640.. Richard Cater of Exeter, fuller. (Inventory of his goods inclosed.)
74. 3 March, 1642 .. Edward Dight, of the Parish of Saint Martin, Stationer.
75. 22 June, 1642 .. William Lapp, of the Parish of Saint George, butcher (*decayed*).
76. 1772 .. Instructions for making Mary Mortimer's will.
77. 4 June, 1765 .. Clement Stooke of Exeter, Grocer.
78. 24 October (? *circa*) 1600 Memorand. of Will of Nicholas Trippe.

Books of the Receivers' Accounts of the City of Exeter.

1. 32-3 Henry VIII to 18 Elizabeth. Books of Receivers' Accounts. One volume and a draft Account of 15-16 Henry VIII,

2. 20 Elizabeth to 21 James I
3. Various dates between
1556-1716.
4. 1721 to 1744
5. 1745 „ 1754
6. 1754 „ 1770
7. 1771 „ 1790
8. 1790 „ 1810
9. 1810 „ 1835

These Books are the continuation of the Receivers' Accounts, See page 224.

Books of Rentals of City Property accompanying the Receivers' Accounts.

They show the yearly income of the City, 1700 to 1833. [Six Bundles.]

Books of Butcher Stalls Rents.
1781 to 1834 [4 Bundles].

Receivers' Cash Books.
1795 to 1835-6 [5 Bundles].

- 1 Bundle. 1818 to 1833. Receivers' Petty and Private Ledgers (13 Volumes).
1 „ 1771 to 1823. Instructions to Receivers.
1 „ 1825 to 1830. Memorandum Books. Receiver's Office.
1 „ Various dates. Receivers' Accounts ; 7 odd Books relating thereto.

Receivers' Vouchers.

These are bundles of the Vouchers produced by the Receivers on passing their Accounts.

1604 to 1834 [174 Bundles.]

1746 „ 1758, 1 Bundle

1777 „ 1800, 1 Ditto

1754 „ 1759 } 1 Ditto

1821 „ 1824 } 1 Ditto

1647 „ 1688, 1 Ditto

1580 „ 1813, 1 Ditto

1751 1 Bundle. Vilvane's Charity.

Various dates, 1 Ditto of Miscellaneous.

[Gaps 1606-1607, 1609-1674, 1678-1683, 1687-1689, 1692, 1704, 1707, 1737, 1771.]

Miscellaneous.

City Treasurers' Vouchers.

These are similar documents to the Receivers' Vouchers.
1836 to 1857. [22 Bundles.]

Counterparts, &c.

These are Bundles of Counterparts of Leases, Deeds, Agreements, &c., &c., relating to the City Estates. They are

roughly arranged in reigns, but are not sorted into strictly chronological order—each document has the date endorsed on it in pencil. No Calendar has been made of them at present, as they were not considered to be of sufficient importance. All documents relating to matters upon which questions appear likely yet to arise [so far as can be judged] have been selected from them, and are described in the Calendar of Deeds, &c.

James I to 1820 downwards. [46 Bundles.]

1660 to 1700. Counterpart Leases of New Inn. Two Bundles.

Town Customs.—Collectors' Accounts.

These are the quarterly, half-yearly and yearly Accounts rendered by the Collectors of the Town Custom to the Receiver of the City. They have been taken from the bundles of Receivers' Vouchers described on p. 1388 *et seq.* They contain the particulars of the Receipt of the Town Custom as it was collected.

1723 to 1750, 1 Bundle.

1750 „ 1762, 1 Ditto.

1762 „ 1791, 1 Ditto.

1791 „ 1810, 1 Ditto.

1810 „ 1821, 1 Ditto.

1825 „ 1846, 1 Ditto.

1846 „ 1856, 1 Ditto.

1706 „ 1780, 1 Ditto. Accounts of Topsham Quay.

1790 „ 1830. Wharfingers' Certificates of money paid to the Receiver—Town Clerks' Accounts &c. taken from the bundles of Receivers' Vouchers.

1699 to 1700. Two Accounts of Town Duty.

1821. A like Account.

Law Papers.

These are bundles of papers in suits in which the City has been at various times engaged. They are arranged in bundles, and each bundle has its title written on it.

1563. *Exeter Canal.* Copy of old Deeds of Conveyance.

1567. *Exeter v. Crowne.* Respecting the Fishery of the River Exe.

1574. *Regina v. Wm. Moham, John Arundell and Margaret Buller.* Copy of a “Nolle Prosequi” against the representatives of Henry Courtnay, Marquis of Exeter, deceased, for certain debts and in “amoveas manus” for the Manor of Crewkerne (Somerset) in favour of Defendants.

1594. *Martyn v. Worth.* Fishing in the Exe from Exmouth to the head of the River except in the Manor of Exiland.

1599. *Exeter v. Bishop, Dean and Chapter.* About their privileges.

- 1558-1603. *Ratcliffe v. Leveryng*. Pulling down of Exwick Weir.
1605. *Anthony v. Sheere and others*. About Topsham Quay.
1607. *Exeter v. Waller*. Ameridith's Charity.
1610. *Sir Wm. Peter v. Exeter*. Suit for damages to a house by the erection of a new Weir. Depositions as to floods in the Exe &c.
1615. *Bidwell v. The Chamber*. Suit relating to her children (orphans) in the Orphan's Court of Exeter.
1617. *Martin v. Tickell*. Custody of Orphans.
1624. *Stubbs v. Martyn*. Copy Decree about Topsham Quay.
1624. *Mainwaring v. Courtney*. Fishing in the River Exe.
1633. *Attorney General v. Exeter*. Suit about Northernhay and Southernhay.
1636. *Kirkham v. Knightley*. About a Deed.
1647. *Chamber v. Callyton*. Concerning the Office of Receiver.
1669. *Mayor of Exeter's Claim* to a fine of 30*l.* imposed on the King's Bench.
1670. *Exeter v. Browning*. Concerning the erection of a Weir in the River Exe and a new leat made between the mouth of the Haven and Trew's Weir. Also a modern copy of the proceedings.
1678. *Long v. Savage*. Suit about a house in High Street belonging to the Dean and Chapter of Exeter.
1685. *Attorney General v. Row and Spicer*. About Ballastage at Kenton.
1693. *Glyde v. Sandford*. *Glyde v. Northmore*. About Topsham Quay.
1694. *Isaake v. Coffin*. Wear Mills, Topsham.
1707. *Ward v. Hunt*. Action as to Wheelage in the City of Exeter.
- *20 Elizabeth. *Exeter v. Frye*. Land near the Barbicans.
1700. *Exeter v. Starr*. The Steward's Office.
1727. *Hicks v. Exeter*. Crikelpitt Mills.
1756. *The King v. St. Sidwell's*. Nuisance.*
1761. *Chamber of Exeter v. Rioters in the Election*.
1762. *Mayor &c. of Exeter v. Dame Ann Dyke and others*. Ann Dyke's Answer. Dr. Stephen's Will (of which there is a copy).
1743. Act for recruiting his Majesty's Forces.
1770. *Paving and Lighting Act* for Plymouth.
1768. *The King v. Stokes*. Forgery of Indentures of Apprenticeship.
1773. Act for amending Roads and widening Exe Bridge.
1776. *Glass v. Haine*. As to a Nuisance arising from a Manufactory.
1778. *Insolvent Debtors' Act*.

1784. *Attorney General v. Exeter*. Suit as to Atwill's Charity.
1787. *King v. Hy. Lee*, Town Clerk. Forfeited Recognizances &c. Papers relating to them, allowances in the Exchequer &c., various dates ; also Case.
1788. *Exeter v. Jones and others*. Case as to goods of a bastard dying intestate and without heir belonging to the City.
1788. *The King v. Christie*, Surgeon of Dragoons. Indictment for murder.
1788. *Act for the Workhouse*.
- 1784 to 1788. *Cases as to Hawkers, Pedlars, &c.*
1792. *Helems v. Wreyford-Bovey Mills*.
1794. *Paving Act Papers*.
- 1796–1800. *Taunton Canal Papers*.
1810. *Papers relating to the Paving Act*.
- 1810–1811. *The King v. City of Exeter*. Case and papers concerning the reparation of Cowley Bridge.
1815. *Davy ats Goldsworthy*. The Engine Bridge—Copy Case.
1826. *Ellis v. Phillips*. Felons' goods.
1827. *Attorney General and Mayor of Exeter v. Davy*. Obstruction of River Exe. Affidavit in opposition to motion, &c.
1828. *King v. Exeter*. Canal: Mandamus.
1829. *King v. Mayor &c.* Copy. Affidavits to oppose Rule for Mandamus. Case relating to the Canal and Haven. Full Extracts from *Act Books*, &c.
1829. *Regina v. Macgowan*. Case as to the Office of Alderman.
1837. *Coffin v. Mayor of Exon*. Injury to premises.
1839. *Eales v. Mayor of Exeter*. Markets.
1840. *Fowler and the Council*. Architects of the Markets.
1840. *Mayor of Exeter v. Tucker, and others*. Injuries to Trew's Weir by a vessel adrift.
1840. *Queen v. Exeter*. Poor rate.
1841. *Carter v. The Chamber*. The Judge's Lodgings.
- 1843–1844. *The King v. Exeter*. Mandamus to hold a Court to elect an Assessor for Trinity Ward.
1844. *In the Court for relief of Insolvent Debtors. Mayor v. Passmore*. In re John Passmore, an Insolvent Debtor, a prisoner in the Gaol of the City of Exeter. Papers.
1845. *Mayor of Exeter v. Trood. Trood v. Mayor*. Cases relating to the right of the Canal Banks.
1849. *Williams v. Mayor &c.* Case respecting the Claims made by Mr. Williams, the late Wharfinger at Topsham, and Mr. Pope, the late Harbour Master and Assistant Wharfinger there, for compensation under 5 and 6 William III, c. 76, s. 66.

- 1831–1852. *Attorney General v. Corporation of Exeter*. Suit respecting Saint John's Hospital and the Charity property. (Three bundles.)
1853. *Teignmouth Harbour Bill*.
1854. *Markets*. Papers relating to the Leases and Tolls.
1854. *Exeter and Exmouth*. Papers (3 Bundles).
1855. *Exeter and Yeovil Railways*. Ditto, ditto.
1855. *Trevillian v. Exeter*. The Canal Suit. (Six large bundles.)
1856. *Port Dues Act* and Local dues on Shipping Commission.
1857. *Re Jutsum*. Felons' goods: Papers.
1860. *Case* relating to the rating of Exeter Ferry.

Bundle of Cases for Opinions.

1706. 1. Respecting obligation of Lessee of Fulling Mills to repair the Banks of the River.
1765. 2. Respecting a house called "The Green Dragon."
1773. 3. Atwill's Charity.
1783. 4. Amoval of a Mayor for poverty.
1783. 5. Selling goods out of the Market.
1783. 6. Removal of Markets.
1787. 7. Rate to Limit the wages of Journeymen Wool-sorters in Exeter.
1791. 8. Markets.
1795. 9. Duties of Constables.
1795. 10. Respecting the Mayor's not having a casting vote.
1821. 11. Respecting Advowson of the Rectory of Hennock.
1822. 12. In *re* refusal of Harris to execute office of Constable.
1824. 13. Respecting the rating of the Canal to the parishes of Alphington and Topsham.
1825. 14. Mr. Wharfinger Upham's Accounts &c.
- No date. 15. In the Queen's Bench. The King *v.* Mayor of Exeter. Notes of a Conference with Mr. Coleridge about pilotage in the River Exe.
1825. 16. Hawkers and Pedlars.
1826. 17. Bishop of Exeter *v.* Exeter—Claim to a forfeiture.
1833. 18. *Campell v. Follet*—Exeter Market.
1837. 19. Southernhay Green.
1839. 20. Southernhay houses.
1847. 21. Respecting thatched houses in Exeter.
1859. 22. Sale of Gas.
1859. 23. In the matter of the election of the forty Guardians in Exeter.
1860. 24. As to Aldermen being bound to serve or pay a fine.
- No date. *Hicks v. Exeter*. Suit respecting the Bonhay Mills and the Water Course there.
- No date. Miscellaneous Law Papers, Bills of Costs &c.

Town Customs—Law Papers.

- These are the papers in Suits relating to the Town Customs. Elizabeth. *Exeter v. Bowerman*. Defendant claimed exemption as a freeman of Taunton.
1658. *Exeter v. Izaacke*. Office Copy of Interrogatories and Depositions. See the Transcripts.
1625. *Town of Weymouth v. Crossing*. Petty Customs at Weymouth. Copies of Ancient Records relating to Weymouth.
1660. *Exeter v. Wade*. Decrees.
1731. *Exeter v. Upcott*. Brief. Customs for Goods landed at Topsham.
1732. *Exeter v. Baker*. Town Customs at Topsham.
1760. *Coleman v. Exeter*. Papers.
1760. *Mayor v. Coleman*. *Mayor v. Davis*. *Mayor v. Jackson*. *Mayor v. Passevant*. Customs on Goods landed at Topsham.
1777. *Exeter v. Annies*. Defendant claimed exemption as freeman of London.
1788. *Exeter v. Tozer*. Defendant claimed exemption as a freeman of London.
1789. *Corporation of Lynn v. Corporation of London*. Trial about Petty Customs.
1815. *Exeter v. Boyd*. Brief. Customs at Teignmouth.
1827. Case for opinion of Mr. Coleridge—Customs at Topsham Quay.
1842. *Exeter v. Warren*. Briefs &c.
1842. *Exeter v. Warren*. Miscellaneous Papers, Proofs &c. relating to the Suit.
1845. *Exeter v. Harvey*. Papers.
1858. *Exeter v. Lawrence*. Customs on Goods landed at Budleigh Salterton.

Town Customs.—Cases for Opinions.

1760. 1. Copy of a note of Mr. Drewe's for Mr. Justice Wilmot's charge to the Jury on the Trial of the Exeter Cause for Petty Customs.
1772. 2. Draft Case as to the Variation of the Rates for Town Customs.
1798. 3. As to taking distress for Dues.
1801. 4. As to dues on coals landed at Countess Weir.
1814. 5. As to Town Dues on Newfoundland Fish landed at Teignmouth.
1821. 6. As to Tolls, Town Dues &c. taken at Exeter Quay and the power of the Wharfinger to detain goods for payment of Dues.
- No date. 7. Proofs and evidences for the Title of the Chamber of Exeter to the Town Duties. (Imperfect.)
The first two leaves of an elaborate dissertation on ye evidence.

1771. 8. Draft case as to exemption of non-resident freemen of London from Town Duties.
 1705. 9. Case for opinion about the Mayor's Dues.

Draft Leases, Grants, Mortgages, &c.

These are draft Leases of City property—they are tied up in bundles, described as below.

Various dates :—

About

1734. Draft Leases.
 1719 to 1757. Draft Leases, Mortgages &c.
 1772 ,, 1781. Bovey Mills, New Inn, St. David's, Custom House &c.
 1694. Copy Lease of Waterworks. 1 Bundle.
 1783. Abstract of title to premises in Goldsmith Street. ,,
 1698. Mortgage of Exiland &c. ,,
 1780 to 1805. Saint John's Hospital.
 1770 ,, 1819. Draft Leases, Grants &c.
 1789 ,, 1821. Ditto.
 1780 ,, 1821. Ditto.
 1811 ,, 1822. Two Bundles.
 1791 ,, 1822. Draft Leases &c.
 1765 ,, 1843. Ditto.

Miscellaneous Papers.

These are tied up in parcels, and described on the outside as appears below :—

- 1620 to 1639. Quietuses from the Exchequer for the Escheator in the City of Exeter.
 1654. Papers relating to the purchase and sale of Irish Estates.

A bundle of 13 letters and papers relating to the lands purchased by the Corporation in Ireland in 1654. The Corporation bought 4,185 acres 29 poles of meadow and arable land and profitable pasture in the Barony of Middlethird, County Tipperary, for 9,890*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*

N.B.—It was afterwards sold for a few hundreds. See *Act Books*.

1698. *The Chamber and William Baily of Winchester*. Articles, Covenants and Agreements for making the River Exe Navigable. They contain a full specification of the work to be done. (17 Sheets of Brief.)
 1688 to 1706. Papers relating to the visit of King William III to Exeter.
 19 James I to 3 Charles I. Bonds of Sealers of Leather.
 1600 to 1700 (various dates). Petitions of poor, sick and needy persons for relief, admission to Almshouses &c.
 1660 to 1750. A bundle of similar Petitions for offices, benefits, reliefs &c.

- 1700 to 1750 ? Petitions for freedom of the City and Acts thereon. One bundle.
- Temp.* Elizabeth. Royal Proclamations (much decayed).
 1625 to 1699. Ditto.
 1727 ,, 1743. Royal Proclamations.
 1744 ,, 1776. Ditto.
- N.B.*—Between 1733 and 1751 the series appears to be perfect.
- 24 Elizabeth, 6 James I, 9 Charles I, 22 Ditto, 1680 to 1710. Receipts for Fee Farm, Cranage of Topsham &c. From bundles of Receivers' Vouchers.
- 1624 to 1629. Lammas Fair, Saint Nicholas Ditto, Shrove-tide ditto, Whitsuntide Ditto. Collectors' Papers relating to the profits of these Fairs.
- 1631 to 1731. Lammas Fair. Court of Pie-powder Papers. 1. 1619 to 1681 ; 2. 1709 to 1759 ; 3. 1761 to 1792 ; 4. 1789 to 1797. Lammas Fair. Books relating to the proceedings in and profits of the Fair. Some odd papers in this last volume.
- 1745 to 1751. *Cattle Plague*. Orders in Council and papers relating thereto.
- 1731 to 1761. *Assize of Bread*. The weekly setting of the price of bread—not a perfect series.
- Various dates (1645 to 1766). Accounts of the Wardens of the poor.
- 1758 to 1767. Corporation of the Poor's Certificates.
- 1751 to 1795. Contracts for letting the Chamber's property.
- 1791 to 1795. Affidavits of Soldiers enlisted in the East India Company's Service.
- 1698 to 1699. Extracts from the *Act Books* relating to the setting of the poor to work in the Workhouse.
- 1730, 1731, 1758, 1800. The City Scavenger's Agreements.
- Various dates between 1550 and 1813. Old Bonds for performance of Covenants—for money—for good behaviour—for annuities &c.
1813. Petitions and Papers against Roman Catholics.
- No date. Papers relating to the Settlement of Mr. Town Clerk Gandy's Bills. [Henry Gandy, 1733–1752. Oliver, 242.]
- Various dates. Extracts from Parish Registers.
- Circa.* 1700. Miscellaneous Rentals.
- Circa.* 1700. Portion of a Survey.
1688. Survey of City property by Richard Izaacke.
1700. Portions of a Survey.
- 3 to 20 Elizabeth, 30 to 34 Ditto, 5 to 10 James I. Court Rolls of Harold's Fee. Court Rolls of Exiland. (Much torn.)
- 1650 to 1657. Accounts of the Warden of the Magdalen.
- 1626 to 1655. A rental and three Accounts of the Wardens of Exbridge.

- *1699. Awliscombe (2) Surveys.
- *1660 to 1764. Awliscombe and a rental. Exbridge Lands. Exiland (3). Harold's Fee. City property.
- *1700. Duryard.
- 1740 to 1760. Rentals of Lawrence Clist.
- 1826 to 1828. Particulars and valuation of Southernhay property.
- 1771 to 1780. Papers relating to Manor of Topsham and a moiety of Lammas Fair, the Estate of John Essington, with a copy of his Will, and an Act of Parliament relating thereto.
- 1616 to 1645. Bonds for Charity money lent.
- 1680 to 1689. Accounts of Lant's Charity.
- 14 November, 1745. Papers relating to trust money bequeathed by Dr. Lewis Stephens by his Will of the date above mentioned. Also a Case and Opinion.
- 1745 to 1754. Vouchers for Lethbridge's Charity.
1758. Accounts of Seldon's Charity.
1759. Papers relating to Boneville's Charity.
1761. Papers relating to Acland's Charity.
1802. Saint John's Hospital. Correspondence relating thereto.
- 1811 to 1815. Letters and papers relating to the Magdalen and other Charities.
- 1837 to 1859. Papers relating to the Charities.
- Various dates. Miscellaneous Accounts of Charities.
- 1780 to 1794. Bond for maintenance of Bastards. (On a file.)
1855. Militia Act Papers.
- No date. Conservators of Fishing.
- Various dates. Title Deeds of Pidgley's Mill.
- Various dates. Title Deeds of premises at the upper end of Southernhay purchased from Mr. Drewe.
- 1857 to 1858. *Jeffery and Cobley*. Papers relating to premises in Saint David's parish. And Draft Lease for a term of 1,000 years from Corporations.
1838. Papers relating to the Coronation of her Majesty Queen Victoria.
1854. Parliamentary Registration.
- 1758, 1799. Victuallers' Recognizances and Licences.
- Various dates between 1674 to 1794. Surveyors' Reports, and
- 1811 to 1818. Surveys for letting property.
- Oaths of Custom House Officers* appointed for the Port of Exeter. Two bundles.
- The Guild of Tailors of Exeter*. A bundle containing their Charters and Bye Laws, and two Books of their Acts.—*N.B.*—These were given to Mr. Gidley, the Town Clerk, when the Corporation of Tailors was dissolved.

- 1688 to 1822. Books and Papers of Assessments of Poor rates. One bundle.
- 1700 to 1800. Apprentices' Indentures.
- Elizabeth to 1779. Prison Keepers' Bonds.
- 1779 to 1823. Ditto.
- 1744 to 1803. Internal Defence. Proceedings under the Defence Act.
1801. Papers relating to a supply of herrings from the Frith of Forth obtained by the Chamber for the relief of the distressed poor in the neighbourhood of Exeter.
- 1727 to 1823. Mayors' Deputations.
- 1735, 1736, 1738, 1740, 1760, 1768. Polls for Election of Mayor.
- 1684 to 1765. Extracts from the Chamber Act Books relating to the Canal.
1840. Papers relating to the leasing of the Coal Quay &c.
- 1847 to 1848, 1849. Mayors' Accounts of Fines.
- Various dates between 1825 to 1842. Letters.
1838. Government Letters.
- 1814 to 1830. The City Council's Letters and Papers.
- 1836 to 1841. The City Council's Letters.
- No date. Miscellaneous Council Papers.
- 1812 to 1827. Letters and Papers of the General Purposes and Financial Committee.
- 1815 to 1829. Letters and Papers of the Navigation Committee. In these there is much matter relating to the Conservancy of the River.
- 1832 to 1860. Reports of Committees.
- 1856 to 1858. Reports of Surveyors.
1581. Rates for the Barrel bearers.
1633. Statutes for the Free Grammar School.
- ? 1640. Orders for keeping the Counter.
1771. Bye-Law relating to the Slaughtering of Cattle.
1677. Copy Bye-Laws of the Bakers' Company.
1686. Bye-Laws respecting the punishment of Foreigners residing in the City.
1699. Rates for landing goods at the Quay at Bristol. (Printed.)
- ? 1700. Orders for the Key or Wharf of Topsham.
1731. Bye-Laws for establishing a nightly watch.
1732. Rates for the carriage of goods brought to Exeter from London.
1800. Bye-Laws for the removal of dirt &c. from the streets. (Printed copies and the draft.)
1807. Bye-Law for the regulation of the Streets. (Printed copies.)
1809. Bye-Laws respecting Weavers' wayers.
1827. Market Bye-Laws. (Printed.)
1829. Exeter Canal Bye-Laws. (Drafts and printed copies.)
- No date. Topsham Quay Bye-Laws.

1837. Lower Market Bye-Laws. (Printed.)
 1837. Hackney Coach Bye-Laws. (Draft.)
 1838. Hackney Coach Bye-Laws. (Ditto.)
 1839. Ditto. (Ditto.)
 1839. Bye-Laws of Bonhay Cattle Market. (Ditto.)
 1839. Bye-Law for imposing fines for not accepting the
 Offices of Mayor, Alderman, Councillor, Auditor
 or Assessor. (Original and draft.)
 1841. Similar Bye-Law.
 1845. Market Bye-Laws (not executed).
 1849. Bye-Law for abolishing the Fly Stand in front of
 the New London Inn adjoining the public footway.
 (Draft.)
 1849. Hackney Coach Bye-Law. (Draft and printed copy.)
 1626 to 1627. Free Loan Papers. Papers relating to the
 celebrated free loan raised by Charles I.
 No date (? 1780). Papers relating to the removal of the
 Markets.
 1812. Affidavits concerning Bribery at Election.
 1793 to 1813. Corn Returns showing the price of wheat &c.
 1640 to 1660. Cancelled Bonds for Money.
 Charles II, James II. Orders for fining persons assembling
 in Conventicles.
 1700 to 1830. Sundry old Bonds for Charity money &c.
 Exeter and Crediton Canal Share Certificates. One
 bundle.
 1662. Orders for removal of Members of the Council for
 refusing to subscribe the Oaths at the Restoration.
 1756. Papers relating to the Collection of the Royal Aid.
 Charles I and II. Writs of Habeas Corpus, Certiorari, error
 &c. addressed to the Mayor and Bailiffs of the Provost
 Court.
 1562 to 1650. Orphan's Court Papers, relating to Execution
 of Wills and Custody of Orphans, Accounts of
 Funerals, Recognizances, Receipts &c.

Subsidies.

- Elizabeth, James and Charles I. A large bundle of Subsidies,
 Returns, Assessments, Precepts to levy quietuses
 and other documents relating thereto; in bad
 condition.
 28 Oct., 1771. Papers relating to Fees payable to the Clerk
 of the Peace and Town Clerk of Exeter—List of
 Fees—and a List for the County of Somerset.
 1611 to 1789. Copies of divers Orders of the Council of
 Exeter.
 1558 to 1713. Sundry Accounts and portions of Accounts.
 Some in Hooker's handwriting.
 1836 to 1856. Orders of Council for payment of monies &c.
 One bundle.
 Sundry Plans and old Drawings.

Unassorted Papers of the 18th and 19th Centuries.

This large mass of papers has been only very roughly arranged, as they do not appear to be of sufficient value to justify the expenditure of time necessary to reduce them into order.

A.D. 1700 to 1800. A quantity of Rolls containing the entries of the admission of persons to the Liberty of the City.

Bundles of sworn informations at the Sessions of the Peace. Miscellaneous Sessions Papers. Presentments of Juries, Precepts &c.

Oath Rolls, viz.: Lists of persons subscribing to the Oath of Allegiance, Oath of Supremacy &c.

A.D. 1800–1848. Indictments &c. at the Sessions of the Peace.

Sessions Papers, Recognizances &c. A.D. 1700–1800.

Transcripts.

N.B.—These documents are not arranged in strictly chronological order, as many were found after the first portion was arranged.

2001. Henry I. Grant to the Priory of the Holy Trinity of the Fee Farm rent of Exeter. Office Copy. *Cartæ Antiquæ*. No. 15.

2002. Henry I. Confirmation of Queen Maud's Grant to the Priory of the Holy Trinity. Office Copy. *Cartæ Antiquæ*. No. 16.

2003. Henry II. Confirmation of the same. Office Copy. *Cartæ Antiquæ*. No. 17.

2004. Henry II. Charter of Freedom from Toll. Old copy, XVIIth Century. [Original Charters Nos. I, II, III.]

2005. Richard I. 24 March, 1190. Similar Charter. Old copy. [Charters No. IV, V, VI.] Also a like Charter without date [Original Charters No. VII]. Charter 24 March, 1237 [Original Charters No. X], and 22 August, 1292, grant of custody of the Seal for recognizances [Charter No. XVI].

2006, 2007. 6 John. Pipe Roll 6 John. Two Extracts. Office copies.

2008. 14 Henry III. Pipe Roll 14 Henry III. Extract. Office copy.

2009. 2–3 Edward I. Common Pleas Roll, 2–3 Edward I. Copy Decree in *Countess of Devon v. City of Exeter*, respecting Tolls at Topsham. Old copy.

2010, 2011, 2012. 4 Edward I. Hundred Rolls, 4 Edward I. Two Extracts, two Office Copies and one in Izaacke's hand.

2013. 23 Edward I. Grant of Murage. Office Copy.

2014. 4 May, 28 Edward I. Similar Grant. Office Copy.

- 2015, 2016. 4 May, 28 Edward I. Confirmation Charter. Two old copies. [Charter No. XVII.]
2017. ? 10 Edward II. Imperfect Copy of the Articles of complaint by the City against the Earl of Devon and the Inquisitions thereon. *See* Miscellaneous Rolls No. 3. Old Copy.
2018. ? 10 Edward II. Another Copy of the Inquisition. Old Copy.
- 2018A. ? 10 Edward II. Another Copy of the Inquisition. Old Copy.
2019. 12 November, 14 Edward II. Confirmation Charter. Old Copy. [Charter No. XVIII.]
2020. 18 November, 14 Edward II. Grant of Pavage. Office Copy.
2021. 14 Edward II. Fine Roll, for the Confirmation. Office Copy.
2022. 1 March, 3 Edward III. Confirmation Charter. Copy in Hooker's hand. [Charter No. XIX.]
2023. 3 Edward III. Fine Roll for grant of pavage. Office Copy.
2024. 17 March, 11 Edward III. Charter of the Duchy of Cornwall. Office Copy.
2025. 17 March, 11 Edward III. A Translation of the same. Not certified by anyone.
2026. 16 Edward III. Fine Roll, for a grant of murage. Office Copy.
2027. 20 August, 18 Edward III. Commission to enforce the Statutes of Northampton. [Commissions &c. No. XLIX.]
2028. 3 November, 37 Edward III. Exemplification of Placita Coronæ 9-10 Edward I concerning the liberties of Exeter. Office Copy.
2029. 3 February, 39 Edward III. Exemplification of *Domesday Book* &c. Office Copy. [Original Charters No. XXI.]
2030. 23 June, 5 Richard II. Commission for a Proclamation. [Commissions &c. No. LII.] Old Copy.
2031. 14 December, 2 Henry V. Confirmation Charter. Office Copy. *N.B.*—The Original Charter is not among the Archives.
2032. 11 December, 8 Henry VI. Exemplification of *Domesday* about Saint Sidwell's. Old Copy. Imperfect.
2033. 27 March, 15 Henry VI. Letters Patent of Pardon. Old Copy. [Commissions &c. No. LIV.]
2034. 6 July, 24 Henry VI. Similar Letters Patent. Old Copy. [Commissions &c. No. LV.]
2035. 4 November, 24 Henry VI. Grant to Earl Devon of the Conservatorship of the River Exe. Old Copy.
- 2036 and 2037. 4 November, 24 Henry VI. Two other Copies.

- 2038 and 2039. 28 Henry VI. Act of Resumption. Two old Copies.
2040. 29 Henry VI. Act of Resumption. Copy examined by Izaacke with the Original.
2041. Henry VI. Grant of the Conservatorship of the River Exe to Sir William Boneville for life.
2042. 1 July, 3 Edward IV. Charter to Exeter. Old Copy. [Charter No. XXVIII.]
- 2043 and 2044. 23 August, 29 Henry VIII. Charter to Exeter. Two old Copies.
- 2045 and 2046. Modern copy of a portion of the Charter relating to exemption from returning estreats, and an extended copy in modern handwriting [Charter No. XXXIII]. Also an Abstract in English of the Charter of 22 October, 36 Charles II [Charter No. XLVI].
- 2047 and 2048. ? Henry VIII. A Proclamation for the pulling down of weirs &c. Two old Copies.
2049. 3 Edward VI. Copy of Particular for the grant of the Monastic property in Exeter. See *Deeds*, p. 892. Old Copy.
2050. 4 Edward VI. Copy Minister's Account of the Manor of Exiland. Old Copy.
2051. 4 Edward VI. Copy of another similar Account. Old Copy.
2052. 4 Edward VI. Copy Particular for the grant of Exiland. Old Copy.
2053. 18 March, 3 Edward VI. Exemplification of Act of Parliament respecting the bounds of the City of Exeter. Old Copy. [Charter &c. No. XXXV.]
- 2054, 2055, 2056. 22 December, 4 Edward VI. Charter of Exiland. Old copy in a roll—old draft and extract. [Charter No. XXXVI.]
2057. 8 November, 4 Elizabeth. Grant of Boneville's Almshouses. Old Copy. [Charter &c. No. XXXVIII.]
- 2058 and 2059. Hillary, 7 Elizabeth. Exchequer Record concerning the Limits of the Port of Exeter. Two old copies.
2060. 25 February, 11 Elizabeth. Commission for suppression of unlawful games. Old Copy. [Commissions &c. No. LXI.]
2061. 26 June, 13 Elizabeth. Charter of the Duchy of Cornwall. Translation in Hooker's handwriting.
2062. 4 July, 13 Elizabeth. Commission for a Subsidy. Old Copy. [Commissions No. LXII.]
2063. 2 June, 14 Elizabeth. Exemplification of Deed of Exchange and Act of Parliament relating to the Duke of Somerset's possessions. Old Copy. [Charter No. XLI.]
- 2064 and 2065. 21 January, 29 Elizabeth. Appointment of the Earl of Bath as Lord Lieutenant of Devon

- and Exeter and his appointment of his Deputies. Old Copy. [Commissions &c. Nos. LXIV and LXIV(a).]
2066. 27 July, 32 Elizabeth. Commission for a subsidy. Old Copy. [Commissions &c. No. LXV.]
2067. 6 July, 41 Elizabeth. Appointment of Earl of Bath Lord Lieutenant. Old Copy. [Commissions &c. No. LXIX.]
2068. 3 December, 43 Elizabeth. Similar appointment. Old Copy. [See Commissions No. LXX.]
2069. 16 December, 43 Elizabeth. Deputation to Deputy Lieutenants. Old Copy. [See Commissions &c. No. LXXI.]
- 2070 and 2071. 13 August, 44 Elizabeth. Ordinances of the Weavers and Tuckers Company. Old Copy. [See *Deeds &c.*, No. 1692.] Also a Copy of the Incorporation of the Society, without date.
2072. Elizabeth. Charter concerning the Brewers of Exeter. Copy in English; noted in the margin by Hooker.
2073. 25 February, 6 James I. Appointment of Earl of Bath, Lord Lieutenant. Old Copy. [See Commissions &c. No. LXXIV.]
2074. 27 June, 8 James I. Exemplification of Decree concerning forfeited Recognizances. Old Copy. [See *Charters &c.* No. XLIII.]
2075. 16 February, 8 James I. Exemplification of the Act for rebuilding Calabeer Wear. Old Copy. [See *Charter &c.* No. XLIV.]
2076. 2 July, 11 James I. Commission against Pirates. Contemporary Copy. [See *Deeds &c.* No. 1723.]
2077. 28 November, 15 James I. Copy Decree concerning the Cranage and Quay of Topsham. Old Copy, torn.
2078. ———. Modern Copy.
2079. 1754. Abstract of title of Mr. William Sanford to one-sixth of Topsham Quay.
2080. 12 February, 1729. Orders and Rates for the Quay at Topsham.
2081. 14 June, 14 Charles I. Copy of the Charter granting the manor of Topsham to Edward Ditchfield and others.
2082. 26 May, 21 James I. Commission of oyer and terminer. Old Copy. [See Commissions &c. No. LXXXIII.]
2083. 23 June, 21 James I. Pardon to Edmund Halstaff. Old Copy. [See Commissions &c. No. LXXXIV.]
2084. 17 January, 22 James I. Commission for a Subsidy. Old Copy. [See Commissions &c. No. XC.]
2085. 15 August, 1 Charles I. Commission to levy a Subsidy. Old Copy. [See Commissions &c. No. XCI.]

2086. 16 February, 1 Charles I. Commission for a Subsidy. Old Copy. [See Commissions &c. No. XCIII.]
2087. 17 December, 3 Charles I. Extract from Charter as to felons' goods &c. Translated by Mr. Gidley.
2088. 24 November, 8 Charles I. Commission of oyer and terminer. Old Copy. [See Commissions &c. No. XCVII.]
2089. 20 December, 9 Charles I. Commission, and return of collection, for the restoration of Saint Paul's Cathedral. Old Copy. [See Commissions, No. XCVIII.]
2090. 2 June, 1637, 13 Charles I. Foundation Charter of Saint John's Hospital. Contemporary Copy.
2091. 8 July, 17 Charles I. Commission of oyer terminer. Old Copy. [See Commissions &c. No. CII.]
2092. 4 December, 22 Charles I, 1646. Commission to inquire concerning rebellions, misdemeanours &c., &c. Old Copy.
- 2093, 2094, 2095. 23 December, 1651. Particular for the sale of the fee farm rents of the City of Exeter. (Three Office Copies.)
2096. 1658. Mayor of Exeter *v.* Izaacke. Interrogatories and Depositions in a suit about Petty Customs. Office Copy.
2097. 14 July, 14 Charles II. Commission of Lieutenancy to the Duke of Albemarle. Old Copy. [See Commissions No. CIX.]
2098. 1 August, 16 Charles II. Commission of Inquiry. Old Copy.
2099. 29 September, 26 Charles II. Commission of gaol delivery. Old Copy. [See Commissions &c. No. CXI.]
- 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103. 29 Charles II. Copy of Commission and Survey touching the Limits of the Ports of Exeter and Dartmouth. Three old copies and a modern extract.
2104. 22 November, 31 Charles II. Commission to administer the Oath of Supremacy. Old Copy. [See Commissions &c. No. CXIII.]
2105. 20 June, 1 Anne. Pardon to Margaret Floyd and several others. Old Copy.
- 2106 and 2107. 5 George III. Commission to appoint Keys and Wharfs and settle the bounds of the Port of Exeter. Old Copy, and Office Copy.
2108. Edward I, Henry VII. Extracts from the Mayor's Court Rolls of Licences to discharge ships, and notes of forfeitures for non-entry of Town Custom.
2109. 16 Henry VIII. *Strangwaye v. Wilford*. Recovery of the Manor of Oxtou and other property. Old Copy.

2110. 1596. A view for discovering the bounds of the Fee of Saint Sidwell's. Copy in Hooker's handwriting.
- 2111 to 2119. 6-7 Edward III to 10-11 Charles I. Office Copies of Extracts from Ministers' Accounts, showing the payment of the fee farm rent.
2120. 1623. Assessment of a rate for providing a store of Gunpowder. Old Copy.
2121. 1656. "The Gifte of Mr. George Keate of London of 400*l.* to the two Hospitals of Boys and Maydes. A.D. 1656." Torn.
2122. 44 Elizabeth to 1639. Extracts from the Chamber *Act Books* relating to Northernhay. In Mr. Gidley's handwriting.
2123. 14 April, 15 Edward III. Charter of liberties of Dartmouth. In Hooker's handwriting.
2124. 30 Edward III. Charter of the Borough of Kedwellye. Copy and Translation in Hooker's handwriting.
2125. Elizabeth. Charter of the Town of Padstowe, noted by Hooker, 24 June, 1663. Copy of the City of London's Charters of Exemption from Toll &c. Patent Roll, 15 Charles II, *p.* 13. Modern Copy.
2126. 12 February, 17 Elizabeth. Exemplification of Charter of 17 August, 1486, which confirms the Charter, 24 March, 1465, of liberties and exemptions to Syon Abbey. Exchequer Memoranda, Easter, 5 Henry VII, roll 14. Noted by Hooker. A Roll.
2127. 15 February, 12 William III. Copy of a Petition of the Chamber to the House of Lords for leave to bring in a Bill to raise money for the Haven. Modern Copy.
- Vol. II. *p.* 151. Register or Chartulary of Saint John's Hospital. (A book of 97 pages folio.) Not found.
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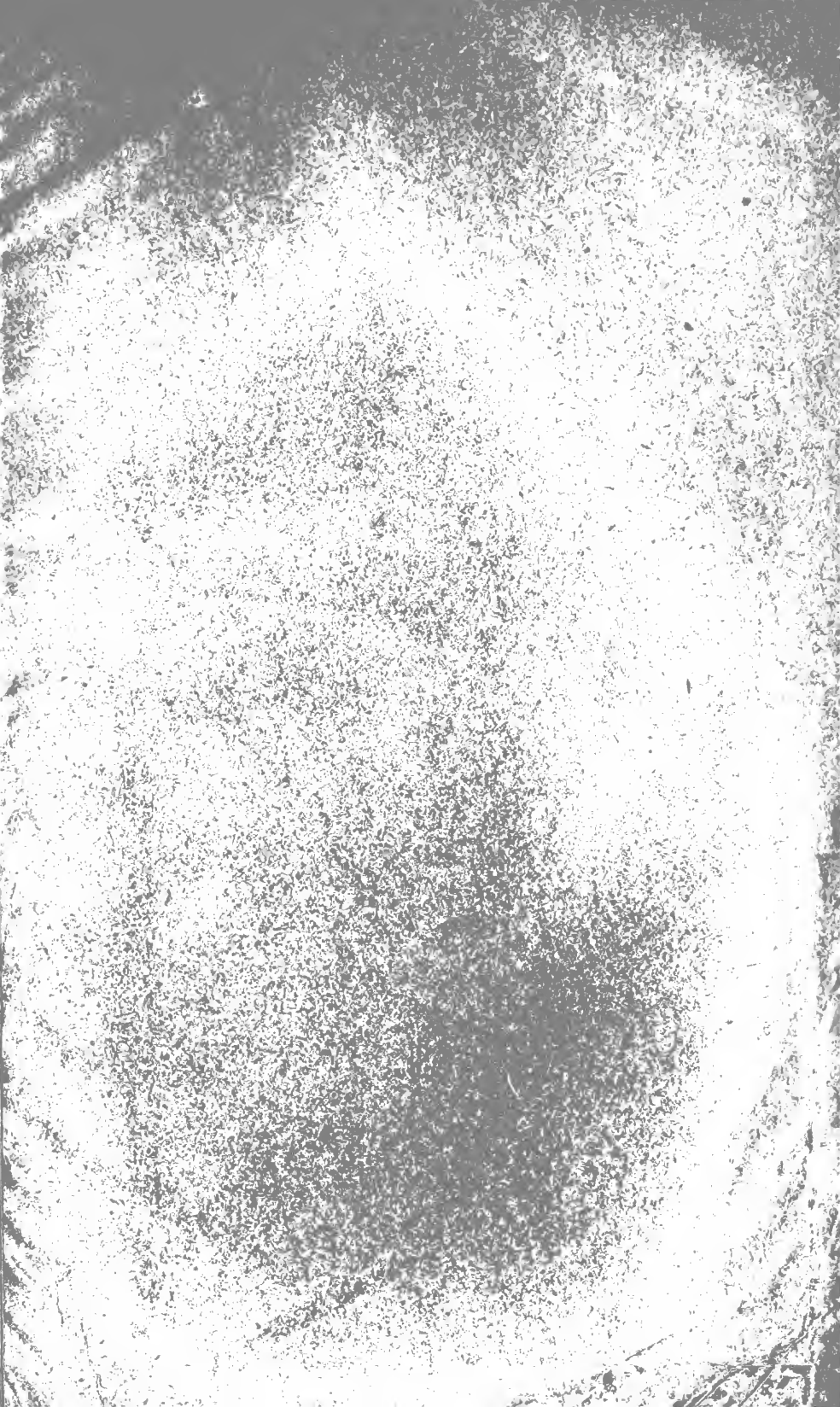
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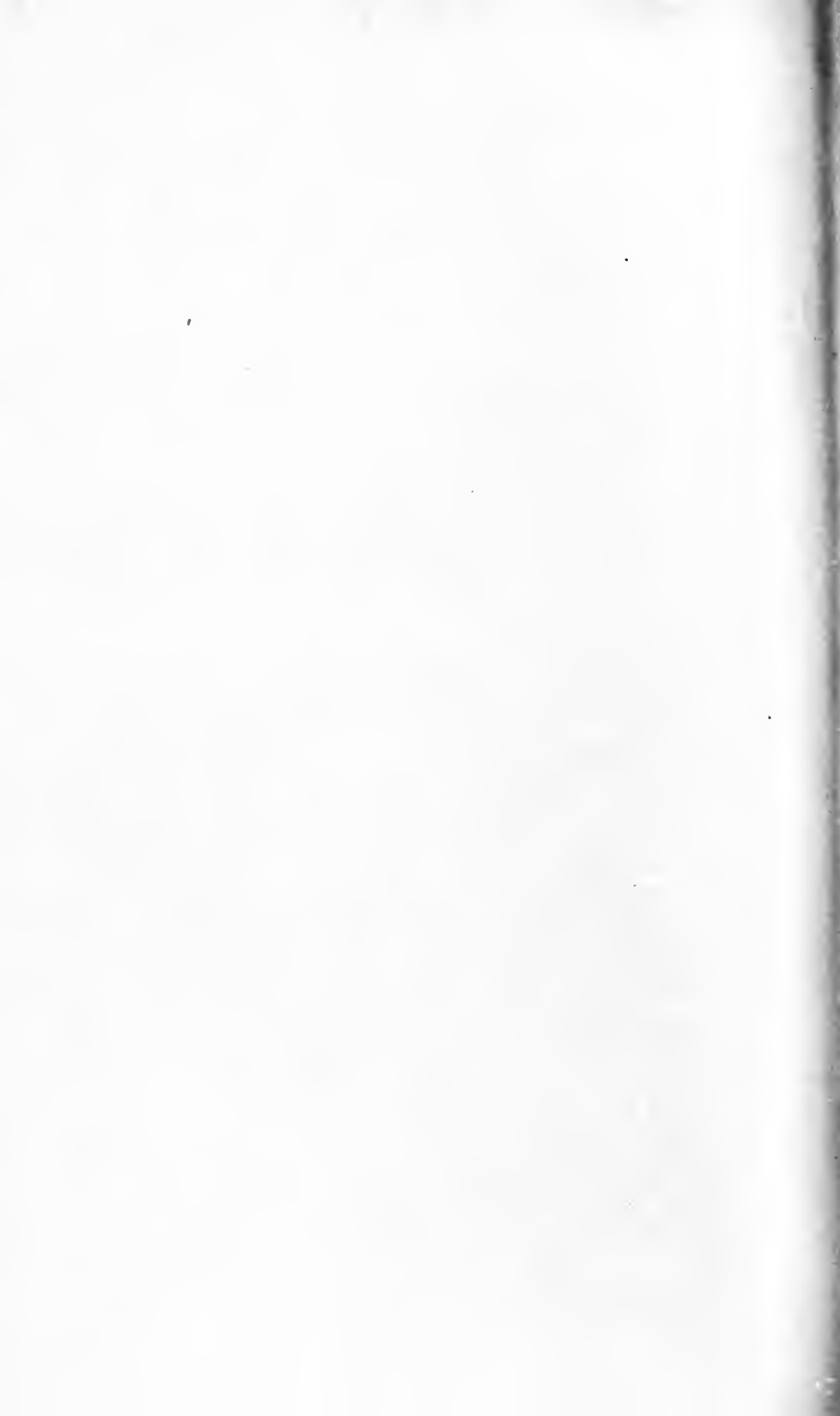
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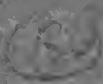
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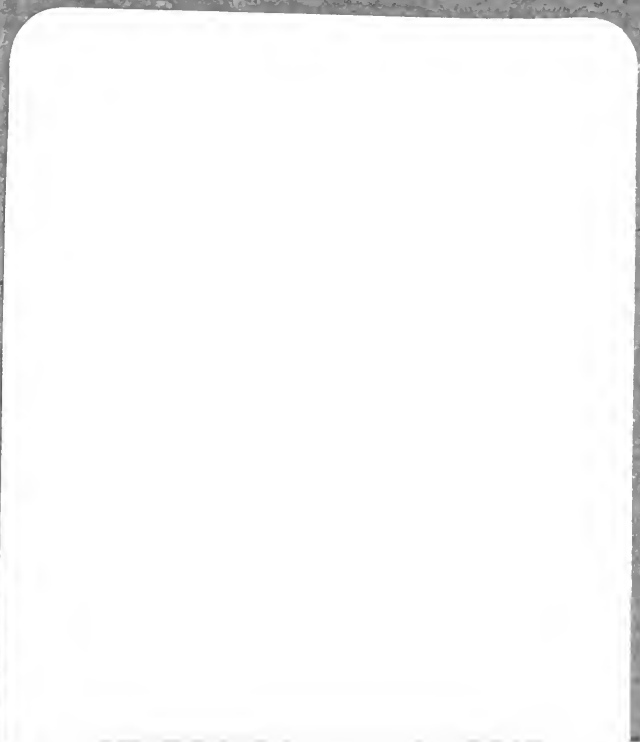
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