Neland in Somersetshine; 1540-1542.

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TOHN LEYLAND, or LELAND, as the name is commonly spelled, was born about the beginning of the 16th century. He was educated at St. Paul's School, under William Lilly, the grammarian, and afterwards studied at Cambridge and Oxford; he then proceeded to Paris. After his return to England he was ordained, and became one of the Royal The King gave Leland a living near Calais, and chaplains. appointed him keeper of his library. Henry seems to have been favourably impressed with his Librarian's studies, for in 1533 a Commission was issued under the great seal, authorizing Leland to travel over the kingdom, with power to search after "England's antiquities, and peruse the libraries of all cathedrals, abbeys, priories, etc., and places where records, writings, and secrets of antiquity were deposited." His perambulations occupied Leland for six years; he then retired to the Rectory of St. Michael's in le Querne, in London, and began to arrange his vast stock of materials for the history of English antiquities. In 1546 he presented to the King a new year's gift, in the form of an address, giving an account of his collections, and of the works he intended to produce. Unfortunately, these grand designs were never accomplished. In 1550, Leland's mind became deranged; Fuller gives the following account:-"This Leland, after the death of his bountiful patron, King Henry VIII (1547), fell distracted, and so died: uncertain whether his brain was broken with weight of work, or want of wages: the latter, more likely;

because, after the death of King Henry, his endeavours met not with proportional encouragement." His reason never recovered, and he died 18th April, 1552.

On his death, King Edward VI caused his manuscripts to be handed over to the care of Sir John Cheke. After his death they were dispersed; part came into the possession of Sir Robert Cotton; Henry Cheke gave four folio volumes, containing the "Collectanea," to Humphrey Purefoy, who gave them to William Burton, the historian of Leicestershire. Burton afterwards got possession of eight more volumes, containing the "Itinerary," and placed the whole in the Bodleian Library. (The gaps in the text are due to the ill-treatment which the manuscript had received previous to its arrival at Oxford.) Here they were transcribed and edited by Thomas Hearne; he added another volume to the Itinerary by reprinting two of Leland's minor works, "Genethliacon illustrissimi Eaduardi Principis Cambriæ," and the "Cygnea Cantio," published respectively in 1543 and 1545. The first edition of the Itinerary appeared in 1710, a second in 1745, and the third and last in 1770; each in nine volumes, 8vo.

Twice in the course of his wanderings Leland passed through Somerset. In his first visit to the West of England, described in volumes ii and iii of the *Itinerary*, he traversed the county from north-east to south-west; entering it at Farley Hungerford, near Bath, and leaving it on Exmoor on his way to Cornwall. Again, in vol. vii is the account of another visit, in which, while passing over nearly the same ground, he saw and described many places not visited before. Many notes on Somersetshire matters, scattered through the other volumes, are brought together here.

It conclusion, it must be remembered that the *Itinerary* only contains the rough notes set down by Leland himself, after personal inspection, or gathered from the conversation of his hosts and guides. There are repetitions and mistakes which would have been omitted and corrected, if he had lived to

finish his great work. Still it presents a truthful picture of England as it appeared in the eventful time of the Reformation, and it has preserved much curious information that would have perished, but for the industry and learning of John Leland.

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The Fosse way goith oute at Circnester, and so streatchith by a manifest great Creste to Sodbyre Market . . . Miles of, and so to Bristow [11.51].

# TROWBRIDGE TO BATH. [Itin. 11. 57.]

Bath is a 5. Miles lower apon Avon than Bradeford:

These be the Names of the notable Stone Bridges apon Avon [in Somersetshire]:

Bath Bridge of v. fair Arches a v. Miles lower [than Bradford Bridge].

Bristow Bridge a 10. Miles lower.

A 2. Miles above *Bristow* was a commune *Trajectus* by Bote, wher was a Chapelle of S. *Anne* on the same side of *Avon* that *Bath* stondith on, and heere was great Pilgrimage to S. *Anne*.

From Through-Bridg to Castelle-Farley about a 3. Miles by good Corne, Pasture, and nere Farley self plenty of Wood. Or I cam to the Castelle I passid over Frome Water, passing by there yn a Rokky Valey and Botom, where the Water brekith into Armelettes and makith Islettes, but sone meting agayn with the principale streame, wherby there be in the Causey diverse smaul Bridges.

This Water rennith hard under the Botom of the Castelle, and there driveth a Mylle. The Castelle is set on a Rokky Hille.

There be diverse praty Towrres in the utter Warde of the Castelle.

And in this utter Warde ys an auncient Chapelle, and a new Chapelle annexid onto it.

Under the Arch of this Chapelle lyith, but sumwhat more to the old Chapelle warde, one of the *Hungerfordes* with his Wife, having these Epitaphies apon 2. Schochins of Plate of Brasse:

Hic jacet Thomas Hungerford chevallier dns de Farley, Welew, & Heitesbyri: qui obiit 3. die Decembris A. D. 1398. cujus animæ propitietur Deus. Amen.

Hic jacet Domina Joanna uxor ejusdem Thomæ Hungerford, filia D<sup>i</sup>. Edmundi Husee Militis: quæ obiit prima die Mensis Martii, A<sup>o</sup>. D. 1412.

These thinges that heere follow were written in a Table in the Chapelle:

Thomas Hungreford Knight and Dame Johanna his wife.

Syr Gualter<sup>2</sup> Hungreford Lord Hungreford Knight of the

Garter and High Treasorer of Englande.

Catarine Heire to Peverel, and Wife to Gualter.

Syr Robert<sup>3</sup> Lord Hungreford.

Margaret Heire to Botreaux, Wife to Robert<sup>4</sup> Erle [Lord] Hungreforde.

Eleanor Molynes Heire to Molines and wife to Robert [Erle Hungreford].

I hard say that this Erl and his Wife were buried in the Chirch of Sarum.

The line of the late Lord Hungreford:

Gualter Hungreford Knight.

Joanna Wife to Gualter.

Edward Sun to Walter.

Jane his Wife.

Syr Gualter Lord Hungerford.

- (1). Welewe, a Lordship joining to Farley.
- (2). Gualterus filius Thomæ and Joannæ.
- (3). Robertus filius Gualterii and Catarinæ.
- (4). Robertus Comes filius Roberti and Margaretæ.

Susan Doughter to Daners (Danvers) of Daundesey by Bradstok:

Alice the Lorde Sannes Doughter:

Elizabeth the Lord Husee's Doughter: Wives to Gualter late lord Hungerford.

Gualter and Edward Sunnes to Gualter late Lord Hungreford.

There longgid 2. Chauntre Prestes to this Chapelle: and they had a praty Mansion at the very Est end of it.

The Gate House of the Inner Court of the Castelle is fair, and ther be the Armes of the *Hungrefordes* richely made yn Stone.

The Haule and 3. Chambers withyn the secund Courte be stately.

There is a commune saying that one of the *Hungrefordes* buildid this Part of the Castelle by the Praye of the Duke of *Orleaunce* whom he had taken Prisoner.

[From a Book of Antiquities in *Tewkesbury* Monastery. vi. 87.]

Isabella Neville [one of the daughters and coheirs of Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick] married George Duke of Clarence, brother of Edward IV, and gave birth to a daughter, Margaret [Countess of Salisbury], at the Castle of Ferley, 14 Aug., 1473.

Farley standith yn Somersetshir.

Frome Ryver there partith, and so down to the Mouth, Wileshir from Somersetshir.

The Mouth of it where it goith ynto Avon is about a Mile and an halfe lower then Farley, and by Estimation Bradeford is a 2. good Miles upper on Avon.

There is a Park by Farly Castelle.

There is also a litle above the Castelle a village.

Frome Water risith at . . . . . .

Philippes-Northtoun, a pratie Market Toun is about a Mile from Furley Castelle, and standith in Somersetshir.

This Toun takith the Name of the Dedication of the Chirch thereyn, that is to *Philip* and *Jacob*.

There is a Faire at this Toun on the Fest of *Philip* and *Jacob*.

From Farley I ridde a mile of by Woddy Ground to a Graung great and well buildid, that longid to Henton-Priorie of Chartusians. This Priory stondith not far of from this Graunge, on the brow of a Hille, about a Quarter of a Mile from the farther Ripe of Frome, and not far from this Place Frome goith ynto Avon.

I rodde by the space of a Mile or more by Woddes and Mountaine Grounde to a Place, where I saw a rude stone Waulle hard on the right hond by a great lengthe as it had beene a Parke Waulle. One sins told me that *Henton* Priory first stode there; if it be so it is the Lordship of *Hethorpe*, that was given to them for their first Habitation.

And about a Mile farther I cam to a village, and passed over a ston Bridge where ranne a little Broke there they caullid *Mitford-Water*.

This Brooke risith in the rootes of *Mendip*-Hilles a 7. Miles or more by West South West from this Bridge, and goith about a Mile lower into *Avon*.

From this Bridge to Bath 2. good Miles al by Mountayne Ground and Quarre and litle Wood in syte.

About a Mile from Bath I left the way that ledith to Bristow for them that use from Saresbyri to Bristow.

# BATH. [II. 61].

Or ever I cam to the Bridge of Bath that is over Avon I cam down by a Rokky Hille fulle of fair Springes of Water: and on this Rokky Hille is sette a longe streate as a Suburbe to the Cyte of Bath; and this streat is a Chapelle of S. Mary Magdalen. Ther is a great Gate with a Stone Arche at the Entre of the Bridge.

The Bridge hath v. fair Stone Arches.

Bytwixt the Bridge and the South Gate of *Bath* I markid fair Medowes on eche Hand, but especially on the lift Hond, and they ly by South West on the Toun.

The Cite of Bath is sette booth yn a fruteful and pleasant Botom, the which is environid on every side with greate Hilles, out of the which cum many Springes of pure water that be convey by diverse wayes to serve the Cite. Insomuch that Leade beyng made ther at hand many Houses yn the Toune have pipes of Leade to convey Water from Place to Place.

There be 4. Gates yn the Town by the Names of Est, West, North, and South.

The Toune Waulle within the Toune is of no great Highth to the yes: but without it is à fundamentis of a reasonable Highth, and it stondith almost alle, lakking but a peace about Gascoyn's-Tower.

In the Walles at this tyme be no Tourres saving over the Toune Gate.

One Gascoyne an Inhabitante of the Toune in hominum memoria made a litle Peace of the Walle that was in Decay, as for a fine for a faught that he had committed in the Cite: whereof one part as at a Corner risith higher then the Residew of the Walle, wherby it is communely caullid Gascoyne-Tower.

There be divers notable Antiquitees engravid in Stone that yet be sene yn the Walles of *Bathe* betwixt the South Gate and the Weste Gate: and agayn betwixt the West Gate and the North Gate.

The first was an antique Hed of a man made al flat and having great Lokkes of Here as I have in a Coine of C. Antius.

The Secunde that I did se bytwene the South and the North Gate was an Image, as I tooke it, of *Hercules*: for he held in eche Hand a Serpent.

Then I saw the Image of a foote man vibrato gladio & prætenso clypeo.

Then I saw a braunch with Leves foldid and wrethin into Circles.

Then I saw ij. naked Images lying a long, the one imbracing the other.

Then I saw to antique Heddes with Heere as rofelid yn Lokkes.

Then I saw a Grey-Hound as renning, and at the Taile of hym was a Stone engravid with great *Roman* Letters, but I could pike no sentence out of it.

Then I saw another Inscription, but the Wether hath exept a few Lettres clere defacid.

Then I saw toward the West Gate an Image of a man embracid with 2. Serpentes. I took it for Laacoon.

Bewixt the Weste and the North Gate:

I saw 2. Inscriptions, of wich sum wordes were evident to the Reader, the Residew clene defacid.

Then I saw the Image of a nakid Man.

Then I saw a stone having cupidines & labruscas intercurrentes.

Then I saw a Table having at eche Ende an Image vivid and florishid above and beneth. In this Table was an Inscription of a Tumbe or Burial wher in I saw playnly these wordes: vixit annos xxx. This Inscription was meately whole but very diffusely [contractedly] written, as Letters for hole Wordes, and 2. or 3. Letters conveid in one.

Then I saw a 2. Images, where one was of a nakid Manne grasping a Serpent in eche Hand, as I tooke it: and this image was not far from the North Gate.

Such Antiquites as were in the Waulles from the North Gate to the Est, and from the Est Gate to the South, hath been defacid by the Building of the Monastery, and making new Waulles.

I much doubte wither these antique workes were sette in the Tyme of the *Romans* Dominion in *Britayne* in the Waulles of *Bath*, as they stand now: or wither they were gatherid

of old Ruines ther, and sins set up in the Walles reedified in Testimonie of the antiquite of the Toun.

There be 2. Springes of whote Wather in the West South West Part of the Towne. Wherof the bigger is caullid the Crosse Bath, bycause it hath a Cross erectid in the midle of it. This Bath is much frequented of People deseasid with Lepre, Pokkes, Scabbes, and great Aches, and is temperate and pleasant, having a 11. or 12. Arches of Stone in the sides for men to stonde under yn tyme of Reyne.

Many be holp by this Bathe from Scabbes and Aches.

The other *Bathe* is a 2. hunderithe Foote of, and is lesse in Cumpace withyn the Waulle then the other, having but 7. Arches yn the Waulle.

This is caullid the *Hote Bathe*; for at cumming into it Men think that it wold scald the Flesch at the first, but after that the Flesch ys warmid it is more tolerable and pleasaunt.

Both these *Bathes* be in the midle of a litle streat, and joine to S. *John's Hospitale*: so that it may be thought that *Reginalde* Bishop of *Bathe* made this Hospitale nere these 2. commune *Bathes* to socour poore people resorting to them.

The Kinges Bathe is very faire and large standing almost in the midle of the Towne, and at the West End of the Cathedrale Chirch.

The Area that this Bath is yn is compassid with a high Stone Waulle.

The Brimmes of this Bath hath a litle Walle cumpasing them, and in this Waul be a 32. Arches for Men and Women to stand seperately yn. To this Bath do Gentilmen resort.

Ther goith a sluse out of this *Bath*, and servid in Tymes past with Water derivid out of it 2. Places in *Bath* Priorie usid for *Bathes*: els voide; for in them be no springes.

The Colour of the water of the Baynes is as it were a depe blew Se Water, and rikith like a sething Potte continually, having sumwhat a sulphureous and sumwhat an onpleasants avor. The Water that rennith from the 2. smaul Bathes goit by a Dike into Avon by West bynethe the Bridge.

The Water that goith from the Kinges Bath turnith a Mylle, and after goith into Avon above Bath-Bridge.

In al the 3. Bathes a Man may evidently se how the Water burbelith up from the Springes.

Ther be withyn the Walles of Bath... Paroche Chirchis, of the which the tourrid Steple of the Paroche Chirch at the North Gate semith to be auncient.

There is a Paroche Chirch and a suburbe without the North-Gate.

There is a Hospital of S. John hard by the Crosse Bathe, of the Fundation of Reginalde Bishop of Bathe.

The Toun hath of a long tyme syns bene continually most mayntained by making of Clothe.

There were in hominum memoria 3. Clothiers at one tyme, thus namid, Style, Kent, and Chapman, by whom the Toun of Bath then flourished. Syns the Death of them it hath sumwhat decayed.

It apperith in the Booke of the Antiquitees of the late Monasterie of Bath that King Osric in the year of our Lord 676, Theodore then beyng Arche-bishop of Cantwarbyri, did erect a Monasterie of Nunnes at Bath, and Bertane was the first Abbatisse therof.

It apperith by a Charte that one *Ethelmod*, a great Man, gave, by the leave of King Ædelrede, in *Theodore* tharch-bishop of *Cantwarbyri's* tyme, Landes to one *Bernguid* Abatisse of *Bath*, and to one *Foulcburc*.

The Book of thantiquite of the Abbay of Bath makith no great mention of any great notable Doyng of Offa King of the Marches of Bathe.

The Prior of Bath told me, that after the Nunnes Tyme ther wer Secular Chanons in S. Peter's Chirch at Bath. peraventure Offa King of the Merches set them ther. For I have reade that Offa did a notable Act at S. Peter's in Bath. Or

els the Chanons cam yn after that the Danes had racid the Nunry there.

Eadgar was a great Doer and Benefactor to S. Peter's at Bath, in whos tyme Monkes were yn Bathe, and sins; except Alfarus Erl of Merch, that was a scurge of Monkes, expellid them for a tyme.

John a Phisitian, bourn at Tours yn France, and made Bisshop of Welles, did obteine of Henry the first to setle his Se at Bath and so he had the Abbay Landes given onto hym, and then he made a Monk Prior ther, deviding the old Possessions of the Monastery with hym.

This John pullid down the old Chirch of S. Peter at Bath, and erectid a new, much fairer, and was buried in the midle of the Presbyteri therof, whos Image I saw lying there an 9. Yere sins, at the which tyme al the Chirch that he made lay to waste, and was onrofid, and wedes grew about this John of Tours Sepulchre.

This John of Tours erectid a Palace at Bath in the South West side of the Monasteri of S. Peter's at Bath. one gret squar Tour of it with other Ruines yet appere.

I saw at the same tyme a fair great Marble Tumbe ther of a Bisshops of *Bath*, out of the wich they sayid that oyle did distille: and likely; for his Body was enbaumid plentifully.

There were other divers Bisshops buried ther.

Oliver King Bisshop of Bath began of late dayes a right goodly new Chirch at the West part of the old Chirch of S. Peter, and finished a great Peace of it. The residue of it was syns made by the Priors of Bath: and especially by Gibbes the last Prior ther, that spent a great summe of Mony on that Fabrike.

Oliver King let almost al the old Chirch of S. Peter's in Bath to go to ruine. The walles yet stande.

King Eadgar was crounid with much joy and honor at S. Peter's in Bath; wherapon he bare a gret Zeale to the Towne, and gave very great Frauncheses and Privileges onto it.

In knowledge wherof they pray in al their Ceremonies for . the Soule of King Eadgar.

And at Whitsunday-tyde, at the which tyme men say that Edgar there was crounid, ther is a King electid at Bath every Yere of the Tounesmen in the joyfulle remembraunce of King Edgar and the Privileges given to the Toun by hym. This King is festid and his Adherentes by the richest Menne of the Toun.

# BATH TO WELLS. [II. 69.]

From Bath to Palton al by hilly Ground but plentiful of Corne and Grasse an Eight Miles.

From Palton to Chuton by like Ground about a 2. Miles.

There is a goodly new high tourrid Steple at Chuton.

From Chuton to Welles by hilly Ground but lesse fruteful partely in Mendepe aboute a 5. Miles.

# WELLS. [II. 69.]

The Toune of Welles is sette yn the Rootes of Mendepe Hille in a stony soile and ful of springes, wherof it hath the name. The chefest Spring is caullid Andres Welles, and risith in a Medow Plot not far above the Est End of the Cathedrale Chirch, first renning flat West and entering into Coscumb Water sumwhat by South.

The Toune of Welles is large. I esteme it to lak litle of a 2. Miles in cumpace, al for the most part buildid of Stone. The Streates have streamelettes of Springes almost yn every one renning, and occupiyth making of Cloth. Mawdelyne was a late a great Clothiar yn Wellys, and so is now his Sunne.

The chifest of the Toun lyith by Est and West, and sum parte cast out with a streat by South, in the out part wherof was a Chapelle, as sum say of *Thomas Beket*.

Ther is but one Paroch Chirch in Welles, but that is large, and standith in the West Part of the Toun: and is dedicate to Sainct Cuthberte.

There is an Hospitale of 24. poore Menne and Wymen at

the North side of S. Cuthbertes Chirch. there is a Cantuary Preste.

The Hospitale and the Chapelle is builded al in lenghth under one Roofe from West to Est. Nicolas Bubwith Bisshop of Bath was Founder of this, and brought it almost to the perfection, and that that lakkid was completed by one John Storthwayt, one of the Executors of the Testament of Bubwith.

There was another Hospitale of S. John yn the Town, stonding hard on the Ripe by South of S. Andreas Streme. This Hospitale was founded by . . . . and Hughe Bisshops.

Clerk Bisshop of Bath had a late this House gyven to hym by the King for the Lordship of Dogmeresfeld.

There is a Conduct in the Market Place derivid from the Bisshopes Conduct by the Licens of *Thomas Behington* Bisshop sumtyme of Bath, for the which the Burgeses ons a yere solemply visite his Tumbe, and pray for hys sowle.

There be xij. right exceding fair Houses al uniforme of Stone high and fair windoid in the North side of the Market Place, joining hard to the North West Part of the Bishop's Palace. This cumly Peace of Work was made by Bishop Behington, that myndid, yf he had lyvid lengger, to have buildid other xij. on the South side of the Market steede, the which Work if he had complished it had bene a spectacle to al Market Places in the West Cuntery.

Wyllyam Knight, now Bisshop of Bath, buildith a Crosse in the Market Place, a right sumptuus Peace of Worke: in the Extreme Circumference wherof be vij. faire Pillers, and in another Circumference withyn them be vj. Pillers and yn the middle of this Circumference one Piller. al these shaul bere a Volte: and over the Volte shall be Domus Civica.

The Area afore the Bishop's Palace lyith Est of the Market stede, and hath a fair high Waul toward the Market stede, and a right goodly Gate House yn it, made of late by Bishop

<sup>(1).</sup> This Work was made by the Legacie of Doctor Welman, Deane of Welles.

Bekingtun, as it apperith by his Armes. On the South side of this Area is the Bisshop's Palace, dichid brodely and waterid about by the Water of S. Andres Streame let into it. This Palace ys strongely waullid and embateld Castelle lyke, and hath in the first Front a godly Gate House yn the midle, and at eche ende of the Front a round Towr, and 2. other round Towers be lykelyhod yn the South side of the Palace, and then is ther one at every Corner. The Haul of the Palace ys exceding fayre. The Residew of the House is large and fair. Many Bisshops hath bene the Makers of it, as it is now.

The Chanons of Welles had there Houses afore the Translation of the Se to Bath, wher now the Bisshop's Palace is. John of Tours first Bishop of Bath put them out, and they syns hath buildid them a xij. very faire Houses, partely on the North side of the Cimitery of the Cathedrale Circh, partely without. Bisshop Bekington buildid the Gate House at the West Ende of the Cemiterie.

The Decanes Place is on the Northe side of the Cimitery.

Ther is at the Est Ende of the Cimitery a Volt and a Gate and a Galery over, made by *Bekington*.

# WELLS TO GLASTONBURY. [II. 71.]

From Welles to Glessenbyri about a 5. Miles from North to South West.

Fyrst yn the Toune over S. Andres Water¹ by S. John's, aboute a Quarter of a Mile out of Welles I passid over a litle Broket, an Arme of S. Andres Water or Welles Water: And ther as I passid over it I saw hard on the lifte Hand a Stone Bridge of one Arche. This Arme shortly after joynith yn the Medowes with the principal Part of Welles Water.

And about half a Mile beyond this Bridg I passid over another Brook, caullid *Coscumbe* Water a bigger streme then *Welles* Water.

Cosecumbe Broke risith a Mile above Shepton, then to Shepton, then to Coscumb a Mile. Then to Dullingcote Bridge a 3. Miles. Then about a Mile dim. to the Bridges yn the way betwixt Welles and Glessenbyri.

I lernid there, that Welles Water metith with Coscumbe Water on the right Hond not far from the Causey, and so go yn one Botom to the Mere. There is a Castelle on a Hille in this Medow about Coscumb Water, cujus ruinæ adhue apparent, communely caullid Fenne-Castel.

Then a Mile or more of I cam to<sup>1</sup> a praty streame of Water that at the Stone Bridge that I passid over cam down by the lifte Hand: and hard above the Bridge of one Stone Arche brake into 2. Partes, and therby I passed over 2. litle Stone Bridges.

Then about half a Mile farther I cam to a few Houses, and so enterid into a very great playne Medow of a 6. or 7. Miles about in Cumpace by Estimation, and so passid about a Mile farther by a Causey onto *Hartelake* Bridg of one Arche of Stone.

As much of this playne Medow or More as is Weste of this Causey cis pontem de Hertlah is caullid Cranelmore.

That Part that lyith by Est of it, is caullid Seggemore.

The Water of Sowey cummith through this Bridge of Stone, and risith in the Rootes of *Mendepe*-Hille by Est at *Doulting* Village owte of a Welle bering the Name of S. *Aldelm*.

A mile by Est or ever this Streame cum to Hartelah Bridg ther is an Arme cast out by force out of Sowey Water, and a Marsch Walle made by Mennys Policy betwixt this Arme forcid out and the principale Streame of Sowey, and this Waulle continuith to Hartelah Bridge, and Mile lower: and then booth go soone after into the Mere. If this Marsch Waulle were not kept, and the canales of eche partes of Sowey River kept from Abundance of Wedes, al the plaine Marsch

Ground at sodaine Raynes wold be overflowen, and the profite of the Meade lost.

From Harkeley Bridg I passid by a litle Bridge over the Arme of Sowey.

As much of this More or Medow Ground that lyith beyond Hartelake Bridge by West South West is caulled Glessenbyri-More.

From Hartlake Bridg I passid by a low about a Quarter of a Mile: and then I conscended by a litle and a litle to Hilly Ground a hole Miles ryding, and so enterid into Glessenbyri.

#### GLASTONBURY. [II. 72.]

The chief streate and longgest of the Towne of Glessenbyrn lyith by Est and Weste, and at the Market Crosse in the West Ende there is a streate by flat South and almost Northe.

There is a Market kept in Glessenbyry every Weke on the Wensday.

Ther be 2. Paroche Chirchis yn Glessenbyri, S. John Baptiste on the North side of the principal Streat of the Toune. This is a vary fair and lightsum Chirch: and the Est Part of it is very elegant and isled.

The body of the Chirch hath . . . . Arches on eche side, The Quier hath 3. Arches on eche side.

The Quadrate Tour for Belles at the West End of the Chirch is very high and fair.

Ther lyith on the North side of the Quier one Richard Atwell that died circa annum D. 1472. This Atwelle did much cost in this Chich, and gave fair Housing that he had buildid in the Toune onto it. In Latten called ad fontem.

Johanna Wife to Atwelle lyith buried in a lyke marble Tumbe on the South side of the Quier.

Ther lyith one *Camel* a Gentleman in a fair Tumbe in the South part of the *Transept* of the Chirch.

Briwetun River cummith from Briewetun x. Miles of to the

West Part of the Toun of Glessenbyri, and so rennith to the Mere a 2. Miles lower.

Or ever this River cum to *Glessenbyri* by a Mile it cummith to a Bridge of Stone of a 4. Arches communely caullid *Pontperlus*, wher men fable that *Arture* cast in his Swerd.

The River brekith at this Bridge ynto 2. Partes, wherof the principalle goith to Glessenbyri.

The other goith thoroug low Morisch Grounde, and metith again with the principal streame or ever that it goith into the Mere.

There is a grete Hill, or Rigge, that stretchethe in Lengthe from *Glassenbyry* onto within 2. Miles of *Bridgewater*, and is the very highe way to passe from the one from the other of them. [VII. 10.]

This Balke or Hille is of Breadthe to speke of, and of eche syde of it lyethe low Marche Ground. [VII. 10.]

Brent Merche goynge from Glassenbyri lyethe on the right Hand and [Sedge Moore] Marchis on the left Hand. [VII. 10.]

The Mere<sup>2</sup> is as at high Waters in Winter a 4. Miles in Cumpace, and when it is lest a 2. Miles and an half, and most communely 3. Miles.

This Lak or Mere is a good Mile yn lenght: and at the Ende of it toward West it cummith again in alveum. and going about a Mile it brekith ynto 2. Armes, wherof the one goith to *Highe-Bridge* the other to *Rookes-Bridge*, and so the Armes goith a sundre to the sea by Crekes.

# WELLS TO BRUTON. [II. 73.]

From Weliys by South to Doultingcote Bridge of Stone, under the whiche Coscumbe Water rennith about a Mile al by very ille rokky way.

Thens I passid about a Mile more by lyke Ground, and this far I saw sum store of Elme wood.

Thens up onto playne open Downes by a stony soile a 3.

good Miles, and then a Myle by low Pasture Ground onto Everchrich-Village, wher Clerk last Bisshop of Bathe had a Maner Place, in whos tyme it was as a ruinus Thing, clene in a maner taken down.

Thens to Golafre Bridge of Stone, under the wich rennith a Broke rising a 3. Miles of by North Est, and about a Mile lower goith ynto Briwe-Ryver. The very Place of the Confluentia is a 2. Miles byneth Bruton.

Milton Village a litle above Golafre-Bridge, wherof the Water at Golafre-Bridge of sum is caullid Mylton-Water. There is about this Bridge and Milton meately plenty of wood.

From Milton to Briwetun about a Mile dim.

#### BRUTON. [11. 74.]

Briwetun as I cam from North West into it by South lyith al a this side Brywe Ryver. There is a streate yn it from North to South, and another far fairer then that from Est to West.

The Toun is now much occupied with making of clothe,

The Paroche Chirch and thabbay by it stande beyond the Ryver, hard over the Est Bridge in *Bruton*. This Bridge is of 3. Archys of Stone.

Ther is in the Market Place of the Toun a new Crosse of 6. Arches, and a piller yn the midle for Market folkes to stande yn, begon and brought up to fernix by Ely laste Abbate of Brutun. The Abbay ther was afore the Conqueste a place of Monkes foundid by Algarus, Erle of Cornewal. Moion set Chanons there sins the Conquest, and divers of the Moions were buried there. One Wylliam Gilbert of late Tyme beyng Prior of Brutun went to Rome, and there procurid first that the name of the Priory of Brutun might be chaungid ynto an Abbay. This Gilbert beyng Abbate did great Cost in the Abbay Bruton in Building, almost reedifiyng it.

The Toun of Briveton to the Marquet Crosse standith yn Selwod.

And so doth the Abbay on the other Ripe of the Ryver.

The Ryver of *Briwe* risith in *Selwod* at a place caullid *Briweham* a 3. Miles by . . . . from *Brutun*.

About this Quarter wher *Briwe* risith, that is to say withyn a 2. or 3. Miles ther about, risith *Stour* and *Wilugh*.

The Mere a Market Toun is about an eight Milys from Briwetun.

Lorde Souche lay muche at a goodly Manor Place caullid Marsch by Bruton in Somersetshire. This House is now in Ruine. [VIII. 97.]

# BRUTON TO SOUTH CADBURY. [II. 75.]

Goyng out of the Toun of *Briwetun* I passid over a Stone Bridge of 3. Arches at the West South West end of the Toun, and ther cam a Broket from Northest ynto *Briwe*.

There is, as I hard, a Bridge of Stone on Briwe a 5 Miles lower than *Briwetun* caullid *Lideford*, and a 2. Miles lower *Ponteperilus*.

Castelle Cary 2. Miles from Briwetun.

I rode from the Bridg up a Stony Hille to a very fair and fruteful Champain, and so passid forth a v. miles by litle Woode: at the 4. Miles ende of this way I passid over a Broke by a Stone Bridge, and so cam strayt to North-Cadbyri a Village, and about a Mile farther to South-Cadbyri, and ther a litle beyond be great Crestes of Hylles.

This Water of *Cadbyri* risith from 2. Heddes. First or I cam to *Cadbyri* by half a Mile or ther about I passid over a Broket that risith in Mr. *Fitzjames* Park at [Redlynch] out of a Ponde, and goith into or metith with *Cadbyri* water about half a Mile lower then the Bridge that was passid over to *Cadbyry*.

The other risith a 3. Milys above North-Cadbyri by North Est. Cadbyri Water goith from North-Cadbyri to a Bridge a Mile West from South-Cadbyri, having then with hym in one botom the other Streame, and about a v. Miles lower withyn

a Quarter of a Mile to Ilchestre it metith with Ivel Ryver.

# CADBURY CAMP.<sup>1</sup> [II. 75.]

At the very Southe Ende of the Chirch of South-Cadbyri standithe Camalatte, sumtyme a famose Toun or Castelle, apon a very Torre or Hille, wunderfully enstrengthenid of nature, to the which be 2. Enteringes up by very stepe way: one by North Est, and another by South West.

The very Roote of the Hille wheron this Forteres stode is more then a Mile in Cumpace.

In the upper Parte of the Coppe of the Hille be 4. Diches or Trenches, and a balky Waulle of Yerth betwixt every one of them. In the very Toppe of the Hille above all the Trenchis is magna area or campus of a 20. Acres or more by Estimation, where yn dyverse Places men may see Fundations and rudera of Walles. There was much dusky blew stone that People of the Villages therby hath caryid away.

This Top withyn the upper Waulle is xx. Acres of Ground and more, and hath bene often plowid and borne very good Corne.

Much Gold, Sylver and Coper of the Romaine Coynes hath be found ther yn plowing: and lykewise in the Feldes in the Rootes of this Hille, with many other antique Thinges and especial by Este. Ther was found in hominum memoria a Horse Shoe of Sylver at Camallate.

The People can telle nothing ther but that they have hard say that Arture much resorted to Camalat.

The old Lord Hungreford was owner of this Camallat. Now Hastinges, the Erle of Huntendune, by his Mother.

Diverse Villages there about bere the name of Camalat by an Addition, as Quene-Camallat, and other.

The Hylle and the Diches kepe well now viij. Shepe.

Al the Ground by South West, and West of Camalat lyith in a Vale, so that one or 2. wayes it may be sene far of.

<sup>(1).</sup> CATH bellum significavit lingua Britannica.

Mr. Gilbert a Gentilman hath a poore Mansion Place by South Est of the very Rottes of Camailat.

From Camallat to Shirburne a 3. Miles al by champayne but fruteful Ground.

# SHERBORNE. [11. 76.]

The town of *Shirburne*<sup>1</sup> stondith partly on the Brow of an Hille, partly in a Botom. I esteme it to lak litle of a 2. Miles in Cumpace. it stondith partly by making of Clothe, but most by al maner of Craftes: and for a dry Toun or other, saving *Pole* that is a little thing, I take it to be the best Toun at this present tyme yn *Dorsetshir*.

The Bisshops of *Sarum* Sete was a long tyme at *Shirburne*. Syns Monkes were set ther for Chanons.

The Body of the Abbay Chirch dedicate to our Lady servid ontille a hunderith yeres syns for the chife Paroch Chirch of the Town.

This was the Cause of the Abolition of the Paroch Chirch there. The Monkes and the Tounes-Men felle at variaunce, bycause the Tounes-Men tooke privilege to use the Sacrament of Baptisme in the Chapelle of Al-Halowes. Wherapon one Walter Gallor, a stoute Bocher, dwelling in Shirburn, defacid clene the Fonte-stone, and after the variaunce growing to a playne sedition, and the Townes-Menne by the Mene of an Erle of Huntendune, lying in those Quarters, and taking the Townes-Mennes Part, and the Bisshop of Saresbyri the Monkes Part, a Preste of Al-Halowes shot a Shaft with fier into the Toppe of that Part of S. Marye Chirch that devided the Est Part that the Monkes usid from that the Townes-Men usid; and this Partition chauncing at that tyme to be thakkid yn the Rofe was sette a fier, and consequently al the hole Chirch, the Lede and the Belles meltid, was defacid.

Then Bradeford Abbate of Shirburn persecutid this Injurie,

<sup>(1).</sup> Shirburn, caullid in sum old Evidences clarus fons.

and the Tounes-Menne were forcid to contribute to the Reedifiyng of this Chirch.

But after this tyme Al Halowes Chirch and not S. Maryes was usid for the Paroche Chirch.

Al the Est Parte of S. Mary Chirch was reedifield yn Abbate Bardefordes tyme, saving a Chapelle of our Lady an old Peace of Work that the Fier came not to, by reason that it was of an older Building.

There were of auncient tyme buried 2. Kinges, Sunnes to Ethelwolphe King of West-Saxons, yn a Place behynd the High Altare of S. Marie Chirch: but ther now be no Tumbes nor no Writing of them seene.

A Noble Man caullid *Philip Fitz Payne* was buryed and his Wife with hym under an Arch on the North side of the Presbyterie. This Tumbe was of late defacid.

Peter Ramesunne next Abbate saving one to Bradeford buildid à fundamentis al the West Part of S. Marie Chirch.

[The next 2 Paragraphs were written on a spare leaf at the beginning of the second volume of MSS.]

John Samme, Abbate of Shirburne in Dorsetshire, did build the Este Parte of thabbay Chirch at Shirburn, and Peter Ramessun Abbate there builded the West Part of the same Chirch not very many Yeres syns. [Leland afterwards wrote in the Margin: This is false.]

The Prior of Shirburn lying yn the Toun can bring me to the old Librarie yn Shirburne.

The Porche of the South side of the Body of S. Mary Chirch ys an antique Peace of Work, and was not defacid with Fier, bycause it stoode with a far lower Rofe then the Body of the Chirch did.

The Cloyster of thabbay on the North side of the Chirch was builded by one Abbate Frithe. This Abbate was not very long afore Bradefordes Tyme.

Myer the last Abbate of Shirburn saving one made the fair Castel over the Conduct in the Cloister and the Spoutes of it.

The Hedde of this Water is in a Peace of the Toune, and is caullid Newe Welle.

The Chapitre House is ancient, and yn the Volte of it be payntid the Images of Bisshops that had their Sete at Shirburn.

One S. John a Noble Man lyith yn the Chapitre House.

Ramesunne Abbate sette a Chapelle caullid our Lady of Bow hard to the Southe side of the old Lady Chapelle.

Ther is an old Arch of a Gate at the Est South Est Ende of S. Mary Chirch, as a token that of old Tyme the Close of Chanons or Monkes was enwalled about.

Ther was of old Tyme a Paroche Chirch titulo S. Emerentiane<sup>1</sup> now faullen clene downe. It stode in the North side of the Toun wher now is a Close.

There was a Chapelle of S. Michael yn the Toun now clene doun.

There was a Chapelle of *Thomas Bekket* on the Grene in *Shirburn*. it stondith but incelebratid.

There was a Heremitage of S. John by the Mylle, now down.

Ther was an Hospital begon by devotion of good People yn Shirburn ano 4. Henrici 6. and the King is taken for Founder of it. It stondith yet.

Ther is a Chapelle in S. Marye Chirch Yard. one Doggett a Chanon of Saresbyri made it of late dayes.

The Bishop of *Saresbyri* is Lord of the Town of *Shirburne*. *Shirburn* stondith on the Northside of the Broke that cummith by it.

The Castle of Shirburne is in the Est End of the Toun apon a Rokky Hillet. it hath by West North West, and by Est South Est, Morisch Grounde.

Rogerus le Poure, Bisshop of Saresbyri in Henry the first Tyme, buildid this Castelle, and cast a great Dike without it, and made a false Mure without the Dike. Ther be 4. great Toures yn the Castelle Waulle. wherof one is the Gate House. every of them hath 3. Lodgginges yn hight. The great Lodgging is yn the midle of the Castelle Court, very strong and full of Voultes. There be few Peaces of Work yn *England* of thantiquite of this that standith so hole and so well couchid.

One Bisshop Langeton made of late tyme a new Peace of Work and Lodging of Stone at the West End of the Haul. other memorable Peace of work was none set up ther syns the first Building.

There is a Chapelle in a little Close without the Castelle by Este.

There lyith at the Ende of the Castelle a Mere that sum tyme hath beene very much larger then it is now, as chokid up with flagges and wedes. There cummith a Ryver ynto this Mere.

This Broke risith of v. Springes caullid the vij. Sisters in a hille side a 2. Miles or more by Est from the Mere at a place communely caullid *Horethorn*. and then sone gathering to one Botom maketh a Broke that cummith into the Mere, and after cumming to a straite Botom agayne goith to *Shirburn* Milles.

Wher about the lower Mylle a Broke of much like Quantite cummith into it by the South Ripe of it.

This Broke risith a 3. Miles of from the Confluence by flat Est at a Place caullid *Puscandelle*, and rennith ynto the West even by the Botom without the Park bytwixt Shirburn Water and it.

Shirburn Water thens goith a 3. or more Milys to Clifton, wher Master Horsey dwellith, and sumwhat lower goith ynto Ivel Ryver.

Above this Confluence on the same Ripe upper on *Ivel* cummith *Westcoker*<sup>1</sup> Water yn that risith by West a 3. Miles from the Place that he enterith yn ynto *Ivel*.

# SOUTH CADBURY TO ILCHESTER. [II. 90.]

From Shirbun backward to South-Cadbyri 3. good Miles.

A little beyond this *Cadbyri* I turnid flat West by a little Chapelle, and a Mile thens a good Mile of I passid over a Stone Bridge sumwhat above augmentid with the Broke that risith out of Mr. *Fitzjames* Ponde, and thens a 4. good Miles of al by low Ground yn sighte of *Ilchestre*.

Al this way the Pastures and Feeldes be much enclosed with Hedge Rowes of Elmes.

Or I cam to *Ilchester* by Estimation of a Mile *Cadbyri* Water and *Ivelchestre* Water *confluebant*.

Sum think that at *Coscumb* is one of the farthest Heddes of *Ivel* Ryver a 2. Myles by . . . . above *Ivel* Village.

The Streme of [Ivel] cummith by Ivel Village, and then a 3. Miles lower cummith to Ivel Toun Village: and here, as I hard, the Streame brekith into 2. Partes and sone yoynith agayn. and so even straite to Limington. and ther I saw divortium aquæ made long syns and cut by hand to serve a Mille in Limington, and thens the hole streame goith scant a Mile of to Ivelchestre.

# ILCHESTER. [II. 90.]

I enterid by South West into *Ilchester* over a great Stone Bridge of vij. Arches, yn the midle wherof were ij. litle Houses of Stone. one of the right Hond, wher the commune gaiol is for Prisoners yn *Somersetshir*. The other House on the lift Hond. The lesser of booth semid to me to have bene a Chapelle. The Toune of *Ilchester* hath beene a very large thyng, and is of the auncientest Townes yn al that Quarter. At this tyme it is yn wonderful decay, as a thing in a maner rasid with men of Warre.

Ther hath beene in hominum memoria 4. Paroche Chirchis yn the Toune, wherof one is yet occupied. The tokens of other 2. yet stond, and the 4. is clene yn Ruine.

Ther is a fre Chapelle in the Toune, the bakside wherof

cummith to the Ryver side even hard bynethe the Bridge. and ther joynith a right praty Mansion House to this Chapelle. I have hard say That many yeres syns ther was a Nunry wher this Chapelle ys.

Ther was also a late a House of Freres yn this Toune.

The greatest Token of auncient Building that I saw yn al the Toune ys a Stone Gate archid and voltid, and a Chapelle or Chirch of S. *Michael*, as I remember, over it.

The ryver of *Ivel* rennith from *Ivelchestre* to *Lamport* a 4. Miles lower.

Thens to *Michelboro*, wher is a Bridge of Tymber over *Ivel*. and the Water ebbith and flowith a . . . . above this Bridge.

Thens to *Ilminstre*——(Take better hede, for *Ilmestre*, as I syns lernid, ys withyn a Mile of *Whitlakington*, where Master *Spek* dwellith, and is not on *Ivel* Water).

And so to Bridgewater.

If a Man might go for the Fennes the next way from *Ivelchestre* to *Bridgwater* it were not x. Miles betwixt, where now it is xij.

# ILCHESTER TO CREWKERNE. [11. 91.]

From *Ivelchestre* to *Limington* Village about a Mile. One *Iuverney* was owner of this Toune and Lordship. he lyith richely buried yn a fair Chapelle on the North side of the Paroch Chirch of *Limington*.

Ther lyith at the Feete of *Iuucrney* a Woman vaylid in a low Tumbe with an Image of Stone.

Ther lyith also in the South Arche of the same Chapelle a Gentilman and his Wife, I think also of the *Iuuerneys*.

There is a Cantuarie Prest in the Chapelle.

Iuuerney dwellid, as sum think, in the farme at the North Est side of the Chirch.

Iuuerneys Landes cam by Heires Generale to the Bonevilles of Devonshire.

There was but one of the Bonevilles that was a Baron: and

that was Syr Wyllyam Boneville, whose Sonne maried an Heire Generale of the Lord Harington, and Cecily his Heire General was maried to Thomas the Lord Marquis of Dorsete.

This Lord *Boneville* had many Bastardes, where he set up one in in the West Partes, gyving him a 100. Markes of Land by the Yere, and this family eyet remanith there.

From Limington to Montegue by good Pasture and Corne Ground enclosid and meately welle would a 4. Miles.

# MONTACUTE. [11. 92.]

The Toune of Montegue hath a poore Market, and is buildid of Stone, as communely al Townes theraboute be. I redde in the Booke of the Antiquetes of Glessenbyri and this Toun was caullid yn the Saxons tyme Logaresburch. Sum thynk that ther was a great Castel and Forteresse at this Toune yn the Saxons tyme. Sum say that the Counte of Moretone buildid a Castelle there sone after the Conquest: but that a Castelle hath bene there, and that the Counte of Moreton lay yn it, it is without doute. This County chaungid the olde Name and caullid it Montegue, bycause it stode on a sharpe point of an Hille, and syns that Name hath prevaylid. This Counte of Moreton began a Priory of Blake Monkes a 3. or 4. in numbre under the Rootes of Monteque Hille, enduing it with 3. fair Lordeshippes, Montegue and Titenhul joyning to it. The 3. was Criche a 10. Miles from Monteque West The counte of Moreton toke part with Robert South West. Curthose agayn King Henry the first, and after was toke, put in Prisone, and his Landes attaintid: at the which time the 3. Lordshipes given to Monteque Priory were taken away, and then were the Monkes compellid to beg for a certain season. At the laste King Henry the first had pyte of them, and offerid them their own Landes again and more, so that the would leave that Place and go to Lamporte, wher at that time he entendid to have made a notable Monasteric. But the Monkes entretid him that they might kepe theyr old House:

and apon that he restorid them their 3. Lordshipes, translating his mynde of building an Abbay from Lamporte to Readyny, Then cam one Reginaldus Cancellarius, so namid by likelihood of his Office, a man of great Fame about King Henry the first, and he felle to Relligion, and was Prior of Montegue, and enlargid it with Buildings and Possessions. And thus the Priory encreasing, and the hole Lordship of Montegue beyng yn the Monkes possession, the notable Castelle partely felle to Ruine, and partely was taken downe to make the Priory. So that many Yeres syns no Building of it remaynid, only a Chapelle was sette apon the very steppe of the Dungeon, and that yet stondith ther.

# STOKE UNDER HAMDON. [11. 93.]

From Montegue to Stoke under Hamden about a Mile. I saw at Stoke in a Botom hard by the Village very notable Ruines of a great Manor Place or Castelle, and yn this Maner Place remaynith a very auncient Chapelle, wheryn be diverse Tumbes of Noble Men and Wimen.

In the South West side of the Chapelle be 5. Images on Tumbes on hard joynid to another, 3. of Menne harneshid and shildid, and 2. of Women. Ther hath bene Inscription on eche of them, but now so sore defacid that they cannot be redde.

I saw a Shelde or 2. al verry of blew and white.

Ther be in this part of the Chapelle also 2. Tumbes without Images.

There is in the Northside of the Body of the Chapelle a Tumbe in the Waulle without Image or Writing, and a Tumbe with a goodly Image of a man of Armes in the North side of the Quyer of the Chapelle "with a Sheld, as I remembre," al verrey, and even afore the Quier Doore but without it lyith a very grete flatte Marble Stone with an Image in Brasse flattely graven, and this Writing yn French about it:

Ici gist le noble & vaillant Chivaler Maheu de Gurney iadys

seneschal de Landes & capitain du Chastel Daques pro nostre seignor le roy en la duche de Guyene, que en sa vie fu a la batail de Beaumarin, & ala apres a la siege Dalgezire¹ sur le Sarazines, & auxi a les batailles de Le scluse, de Cressy, de Yngenesse, de Peyteres, de Nazara, Dozrey, & a plusours autres batailles & asseges en les quex il gaina noblement graund los & honour per le space de iiij. & xvj. ans, & morust le xxvj. jour de Septembre lan nostre seignor Jesu Christ MCCCCVJ. que de salme dieux eit mercy. amen.

Ther was beside this Grave another in the Westeende of the Body of the Chapelle having a gret flat stone without Inscription.

I markkid yn the Wyndowes 3. sortes of Armes, one al verry blew and white. another with iii. Stripes Gules down right in a feld of Gold. The 3. was Crosselettes of Gold many intermist in one yn a Feld, as I remembre, Gules.

Ther is a Provost longging to this Collegiate Chapelle now yn Decay, wher sumtyme was good Service, and now but a Messe said a 3. Tymes yn the Weeke.

The Provost hath a large House yn the Village of Stoke therby.

The notable Quarre of Stone ys even therby at *Hamden*, out of the which hath beene taken many a Day Stones for al the goodly Buildinges therabout in al Quarters.

From Stoke to Crokehorn, a Mene Market Toun Southwest from Montegue, a 5. Miles, and 4. from Stoke by Hilly Ground.

Crohehorn is sette under the Rootes of an Hille. Ther I saw nothing very notable. Yet there ys a praty Crosse environid with smaul Pillers, and a praty Toune House yn the Market Place.

The Chirch stondith on the Hylle, and by it is a Grammar Schole endowid with Landes for an annual Stipende.

Haselberge is about a Mile from Crokehorn. at this Place

lyvid the Holy Heremite and Prophete Wulfrik yn King Henry the I. Dayes.

The Erle of Darby ys now owner of that Lorship.

# CREWKERNE TO BRIDGEWATER. [11. 94.]

Frome Crohehorn by Hilly Ground but plentiful of Corne, Grasse and Elme Wood, wherwith most part of al Somersetshire ys yn hegge rowys enclosid, scant a 2. Miles to George Henton Village, so caullid bycause the Paroch Chirch there is dedicate to S. George.

Heere hath Sir Hugh Poulet a right goodly Maner Place of Fre Stone, with 2. goodly high Tourres embatelid in the ynner Court.

Ther hath beene of auncient Tyme a Maner Place at this Henton.

But al that there now is notable is of the Building of Syr Amise Poulet, Father to Syr Hugh now lyving.

This Syr *Hugh* hath of late made a Parke not far from his House at *Henton* in the side of an Hylle.

#### THE PAULET FAMILY. [vi. 11.]

The eldest Manor Place of the *Paulettes* in *Somersetshire* is now clene doune. But yet it berith the name of *Paulette*, and is a 3. Miles from *Bridge water*.

Ther was one . . . Denbaude in Somersetshire a Knight of good Estimation about Henry the v. tyme, and this Denbaude gave this Title in many of his Writinges: Dominus de Poscuith in Guallia.

One of the Paulettes maried the Heire General of this Denbaude, and so was the Paulettes Landes well augmented in Somersetshire. And Mr. Paulettes Father that is now builded stoutely at Henton in Somersetshire, the which longed in tyme past to the Denbaudes.

Sanford Peverel1 in Devonshire cam to a Bastard of the

(1). Sanford Castelle.

Peverels by Sute to the King of Alienation, and the Bastarde after lakking Issue the Landes cam to the King by Ordre of the Law.

Paulet that is now bought Sandeforde Lordshipe of the Kynge.

Paullet hath a nother Lordship hard joyning to Sandford cawllid Hawberton, and is welle woodid, but Shelford hath litle.

Mr. Paulet of Basing, now Lorde S. John, cummith oute of the House of Paulettes of Somersetshire: but this Paulettes Father was in Descent so many Degrees in Consanguinite from Paulet of Somersetshire, that he maried his Sister; and Paulet of Basin maried likewise his. Paulet of Basing had issue by this Woman. But Paulet of Somersetshire had none by his; but after marying a nother Wife he had.

Paulet of Somersetshire Landes cummith thus togither by Heyres generalles. By Boys cam Hawberton Lordship. Then did Arundel and Paulet devide a Peace of Landes of the Cantelupes. Then came a Peace of land by Rayne, and a nother by Beuchamp of the West Counterey, and after cam Henton Denbaudes Lande.

From Henton to Kingeston Village a 2. Miles dim. by Hylly and Enclosid Ground, and thens passing about a Mile farther, I lefte White-Lakington half a Mile of on the right hond, wher Mr. Speke hath his principale House, and a Parke: and aboute a Mile of on the lifte Honde I left another Maner Place of his caullid . . . . .

Thens to Cury-Malet a 3. Miles, wher is a Parke longging to Chambernoun of Devonshire.

I left this Parke a litle on the lift Hand, and sone after cam over a great Brook, that resith West South West, and rennith Est North Est into Ivel a 2. Miles above *Michelborow* by Estimation.

(Here I cam from the Hilly Ground to the Low and Marschy Ground of Somerseteshir.)

Thens to North Cury stille by low Ground aboute a 2. Miles or more. The Chirch of Welles hath fair Landes here.

And hereabout is Stoke Gregory, wher the Chirch of Welles hath Possessions.

Thens about a Mile to the Ripe of *Thone* Ryver, by the which I passid by the space of half a Mile, and then I went over *Thone* by a Wood Bridge.

Athelney lyith half a Mile lower on Thon, and ther is a Bridge of Wood to entre thabbay, and beneth that almost at the very Confluence of Thone and Ivel is another Wood Bridge over Thone.

Thonetoun alias Tawntoun is a 5. Miles by South West from Athelney.

Thonetoun is about a vij. Miles from Bridge-Walter.

Ther is a great Bridge on Thone at Basford a Mile lower then Thonetoun.

From this Bridge by Athelney I rode by a low Marsch Ground a 2. Miles to Pedertun Park.

Here at *Pederton* the soyle Westward and South West rysith agayn and ys not fenny.

There ys a great Numbre of Dere longging to this Park, yet hath it almost no other Enclosure but Dikes to let the Catelle of the Commune to cum yn.

The Dere trippe over these Dikes and feede al about the Fennes, and resort to the Park agayn. There is a praty Lodge motid yn the Parke.

There cummyth a praty Broke thorough the Park, and half a Mile beneth the Park it goith ynto *Ivel*.

This Brooke is caullid *Peder*, and risith West South West yn the Hylles aboute a 2. Myles of. First it cummith by *North-Pedreton*, a praty uplandisch Toun, wher is a fair Chirch, the Personage wherof was impropriate to *Mynchinbocland*.

Then it touchith on South-Pederton, yn the which Paroch the Parke standith, and so to the Ryver of Ivel.

From the Lodge in Pederton Parke to Northpedertun a Mile.

From Northpedertun to Bridgewater 2. Miles. The way or I cam ynto Bridgwater was causid with Stone more then half a Myle.

# BRIDGEWATER. [II. 96.]

Entering into Bridgwater I passid by a Chapelle of S. Salvior standing on the Ripe of the Haven.

Then I enterid into a Suburbe, and so over a Bridg, under the which rennith a Brook, that risith a 4. Miles of by West at *Bromefelde*.

The South Gate of the Towne joinith hard onto this Bridge. The Towne of *Bridgwater* is not wallid, nor hath not beene by any lykelyhod that I saw. Yet there be 4. Gates yn the Towne namid as be sette by Est, West, North and South. The Waulles of the Stone Houses of the Toune be yn steede of the Towne Waulles. I rode from the South Gate yn a praty Streate a while, and then I turnid by Est and came to the Market Place.

The fairest Streate and the principale Showe of the Toune ys from the West Gate to the Easte Gate.

The Ryer of *Ivel* there joynith with the Salt Cruke, and Arme of the Se rennithe cresse thorough this Strete from South to North, and to pass over this Arme there is a right auncient stronge and high Bridge of stone of 3. Arches begon of *William Bruer*, the first Lord of that Towne, yn King *Richard* the first and King *John's* Dayes.

One Triveth, a Gentilman, as I there lernid, of Devonshire or Cornewalle, finished this Bridge: and the Trivetes, beyng the Armes that Triveth gave, appere there in a Sheld yn the coping of the Chekes of the Bridge.

That part of the Towne that stondith on the West side of

the Bridge and Haven is thre tymes as bygge as that that stondith on the Est side.

The Castelle sumtyme a right fair and strong Peace of Worke, but now al goyng to mere Ruine, standith harde bynethe the Bridge of the West side of the Haven. Wylliam Bruer the first buildid this Castelle.

These thinges I markid yn the Weste Parte of the Towne: One large Paroch Chirch.

A goodly howse wher sumtyme a College was of Gray Freres.

Wylliam Bruer, sunne to Wylliam Bruer the first, buildid this House.

One of the Lordes *Botreaux* and his wife were especial Benefactors to this House. Thereapon his Hert and his Wifes Body were buryed there.

The Accustumer of *Bridgwater* hath translatid this Place to a right goodly and pleasaunt dwelling House.

There is an Hospitale yn this Parte of the Towne of the Building and Fundation of Menne yn the Towne; but it is endowed with litle or no Lande.

The Chapelle of S. Salviour at the South side withoute the Town was buildid in hominum memoria by a Merchaunt of Bridgewater cawllid William Poel or Pole.

In the Est Part of the Town is onely the House or late College of S. John a thing notable: and this House standith partely withoute the Est Gate.

This College had Prestes that had the Apparelle of Secular Prestes with a Crosse on there Breste: And this House was adjoynid an Hospital for poore folkes.

Wyllyam Bruer the first foundid this Place, and gave onto it faire Possessions.

Wylliam Bruer the firste was buried at Dunkerswelle, an Abbay of White Monkes of his Fundation yn Devonshire.

Willyam Bruer the first Wife was buried at Montesfont, a Priorie of her Husbandes Fundation.

There hath faullen in ruine and sore Decay above 200. Houses yn the Toun of *Bridgwater* in tyme of rememberaunce.

# BRIDGEWATER TO DUNSTER. [11. 97.]

From Bridgewater to Canington a 2. Miles.

As I cam ynto *Canington*, a praty uplandisch Towne, I passid over a bygge Brooke that risith not far of by West yn the Hilles, and passinge by *Canington* rennith into the Haven of *Bridgwater* a 2. Miles and more by Estimation lower then *Bridgwater*.

The Paroche Chirch of Canington is very fair and welle adornyd.

There was a Priory of Nunnes, whos Chirch was hard adnexid to the Est of the Paroch Chirch. Rogeres of the Court hath this Priorie, and also Minchyn Bukland gyven onto hym.

From Canington to Stowey 3. good Miles.

Stowey a poore Village stondith yn a Botom, emong Hilles. Heere ys a goodly Maner Place of the Lord Audeley's stonding exceeding pleasauntly for goodly Pastures, and having by it a Parke of redde Deere and another of falow, and a faire Brooke serving al the Offices of the Maner Place.

The Lord Audeley, that rebellid yn Henry the vij. Tyme, began great Foundations of Stone Work to the enlarging of his House, the which yet be seene half onperfect.

The Ryver of Stowey risith yn the Hilles therby by West, and renning along thorough Stowey Village goith after to the Se.

The Se is about a 4. Miles from Stowe.

From Stowey to S. Audres a 5. Miles. I left this Village a litle on the right. it stondith about a mile from the Se.

In this Paroche I saw a fair Park and Manor Place of the Lutterelles, caullid Quantok-Hedde, bycause it standith at the Hedde of Quantok-Hilles toward the Se.

These Hilles renne in crestes from Quantok-Hedde toward Tauntoun, as from North to South Est.

I passid over 2. notable Brokes bytwixt Stowe and S. Audres that ran from the Montaynes to the Se.

From S. Audres to Wilington a 2. Miles.

I passid over a great Brooke or I cam to Wilington, rising from South, and renning by North to the Se.

A quarter of a Mile from Willington or more I cam to Orchard, wher Mr. John Wyndeham dwellith.

This Maner Place was erectid by a younger Brother of the Sydenhams. And of this name ther hath beene 4. owners of Orchard that was purchasid by the first of the 4.

The secunde Sidnham maried with the Heire General of one Gamon, or rather Gambon, a man of 200. Markes of Lande in Devonshire and Cornewal.

This Gambon gave in a felde of Sylver 3. legges Sables.

Sidenham the 2. buildid moste parte or almost al the good Building of Orcharde.

The 3. dyed, leving a Sunne and 2. Doughters.

The Sunne or he cam to xxij. Yeres of Age dyed.

The 2. Doughters were thus maried: one to John Wyndham, a younger Brother of Wyndham of Felbridge yn Norfolk. The other was maried to . . . . . .

The eldest House of the Sidenhams is at Brimtoun by Montegu. And this Sidenham of Brimton, a Man of good Yeres, lyith now at a litle Maner Place of his withyn a Mile of Orchard caullid Combe.

There lyith also at *Netlecumbe*, withyn a Mile of *Orchard* or litle more, another *Sidenham* cumming oute of the House of *Brinton*. This *Sidenham* may spende a 50. Land by the Yere.

I markid yn the Glasse Wyndowes at Master Wyndeham's John Wyndham and Thomas Knighttes Armes. The one of them maried Howard the Duke of Norfolkes Doughter: the other the Doughter of the Lord Scrope of Boltun.

Orchard is yn the Paroche of S. Decun, alias Decumane, a Mile or more from the Se side, and a 2. Miles from the Chapelle of our Lady of Clyfe.

From Orchard to Clif Chapel a 3. Miles or more.

Or I cam to this Chapel almost by a Mile I passid over a Broke that cummith from *Clif*-Abbay. At this Place I left *Clife*-Abbay scant a Quarter of a Mile of by South on the lift Hond, and hard by on the right Hond by North I saw a fair Stone Bridge of one Arche.

Clif-Chapelle, wher offering was to our Lady, is set apon no very high Ground, but rokky. it is welle buildid: and on the south side of it is a goodly Ynne al of Stone a late usid for Pilgrimes.

The Se is about half a Mile from Clife-Chapelle.

From Clif-Chapelle to Dunster a 2. Miles.

I passid over a Brooke that cummith thorough *Dunester* Park.

Marsch Wood Park bytwixt our Lady of Clyve and Dunester.

# DUNSTER. [11. 100.]

Dunster Toun stondith in a Botom. The Paroch Chirch is set in Ground sumwhat rising.

There is a very celebrate Market at *Dunestorre* ons a Wekes. There is a fair privilegid to be at *Dunster* every *Whitsun*-Mone-day.

The Toun of Dunestorre makith Cloth.

The Glory of this Toun rose by the *Moions* that were after Erles of *Somersete*.

The Moions had jura regalia at Dunster.

The *Moions* buildid the right goodly and stronge Castelle of *Dunestorre*.

The Dungeon of the Castelle of *Dunestorre* hath beene fulle of goodly Building. But now there is but only a Chapelle in good case.

Syr Hugh Luterelle did of late Dayes repaire this Chapelle. Syr Hugh Luterelle in the Tyme of Dame Margarete his Wife, Sister to the olde Lord Dalbeny, made a faire Tourre by North cummyng into the Castelle.

Sir Hugh had another Wife caullid Guinllean, Doughter to York of Devonshir.

Syr Andrew Luterelle, Sunne to Sir Hugh, build of new a pece of the Castel Waul by Est.

There be great Hilles on every side of the Castelle Hille except toward North Est.

There longgith many Privileges and Knightes Services to be doone to this Castelle.

Ther is a praty Park joyning to thest part of the Castelle.

The late Priory of Blake Monkes stoode yn the Rootes of the North West side of the Castelle, and was a celle to Bathe.

The hole Chirch of the late Priory servith now for the Paroche Chirch. Afore tymes the Monkes had the Est Parte closid up to their Use.

In the North Part of this was buried undre an Arche by the high Altare one of the *Luterelles*, or as I rather thynke, of the *Moions*. for he hath a garland about his Helmet: and so were Lordes of old Tymes usid to be buried.

There ly ij. images on the South side of the Chauncelle of one of the *Moions* and his Wife: and therby lay an Image of one of the *Everardes* Gentilmen first there set up by the *Moions*, yn token wherof they had a parte of the Castelle to defende by Service. the image lyith now bytwixt ij. Arches or Boteres in the Chirch Yarde.

The Maner Place of the *Everardes* was and yet ys at *Aller* in *Cornetun* Paroche a Mile from *Dunster* Castelle.

Carntoun is shortely spoken for Carantokes Towne, wher yet is a Chapel of this Sainct that sumtyme was the Paroch Chirche.

Ther lyith one *Elizabeth*, Wife to one of the *Luterelles*, afore the high Altare under a playne Stone.

There cummith a praty brooke by West from the Hilles therby, and so rennith . . . . . . . . .

## DUNSTER TO SIMONSBATH. [II. 101.]

From Dunestore to Minheved a 2. Miles.

Minheved has one a Weeke a praty Market.

The fairest Part of the Toun standith in the Botom of an Hille.

The Residew rennith stepe up a long the Hille, yn the Toppe wherof is a fair Paroche Chirche.

The Toune is exceding ful of Irisch Menne.

The Peere lyith at the North Est Point of the Hille.

There was a fair Park by Minheved, but Sir Andrew Lutterelle of late tyme destroyed it.

From Minheved to Aber Thawan yn Glamorgan the nerest traject there into Wales a 18. Miles.

From Minheved up along the Severne Shore to Stoke Gurcy a xvij. Miles, where is a goode Village.

Thens to the Sterte a 3. Miles, and there is the Mouth of Bridgewater Haven.

From Minheved doune on the Severn Shore to a Place caullid Hores-Toun a 3. Miles. There beginnith the Rode that is communely caullid Porlogh Bay, a meatly good Rode for Shippes, and so goith to Comban, peraventure shortely spoken for Columbane, a 3. Miles of; and thus far I was adcertenid that Somersetshir went or farther.

From Comebane to the Sterte moste parte of the Shore is Hilly Ground, and nere the Shore is no store of Wood: that that is ys al in Hegge rowes of Enclosures.

There is great Plenty of Benes in this Quarter and inward to the Landes.

And of these Beenes ther is yn a maner a staple at *Bridgwater* when Corne is dere in the Parties beyond the Se.

There is also yn this Quarter great Plenty of Whete and Catelle.

From Dunestorre to Exford Village a 7. Miles.

Of these 7. Miles 3. or 4. of the first were al hylly and rokky, ful of Brokes in every Hilles botom and meatly woddid.

These Brookes by my Estimation ranne toward the Severne Se.

The Residew of the way to *Exford* was partely on a Moore and sumwhat baren of Corne, and partely hylly, having many Brookes gathering to the hither Ripe of *Ex* Ryver.

There is a little Tymbre Bridge at Exforde over Ex brooke, ther being a smaul water.

Ex risith in Exmore<sup>1</sup> at a place caullid Excrosse a 3. Miles of by North Weste, and so goith toward Tyvertun a xij. Miles lower.

From Exford to Simonsbath Bridge a 4. Miles, al by Forest, Baren, and Morisch Ground, wher ys store and breading of yong Catelle, but litle or no Corne or Habitation.

There rennith at this Place caullid Simonsbath a Ryver<sup>2</sup> betwixt to great Morisch Hilles in a depe Botom, and ther is a Bridge of Woode over this Water.

The Water in Somer most communely rennith flat apon stones easy to be passid over, but when Raynes cum and Stormes of Wyntre it ragith and ys depe.

Alwayes this Streame ys a great deale bygger Water then Ex is at Exford. yet it resortith into Ex Ryver.

The Boundes of Somersetshire go beyond this streame one way by North West a 2. Miles or more to a place caullid the Spanne, and the Tourres; for ther be Hillokkes of Yerth cast up of auncient tyme for Markes and Limites betwixt Somersetshir and Devonshire. and here about is the Limes and Boundes of Exmore forest.

From Simonsbath Bridge I rode up a high Morisch Hylle, and so passing by 2. Myles in lyke Ground, the soyle began to be sumwhat fruteful, and the Hilles to be ful of Enclosures, ontylle I cam a 3. Miles farther to a poore Village caullid Brayforde, wher rennith a Broke by likelihod resorting to Simonsbath Water and Ex.

<sup>(1).</sup> The large forest of Exmore.

<sup>(2).</sup> This Water risith by North Weste.

From Braiford to Berstaple an 8. Miles by hilly ground, having much Enclosures for Pasture and Corne.

[Leland then continued his journey through North Devon to the Scilly Isles, and returned by way of South Devon and Dorsetshire to Winchester. The scattered notices of Somerset Men and Things in the remainder of the second and that part of the third volume of the *Itinerary* which contains an account of this journey are here brought together.

# [From the account of Barnstaple II. 104.]

One Philippus de Columbariis was after Lord of Berstaple: and this Philip died circa annum  $D\bar{n}i$ . 1344. or 47. he and his Wife lay booth buried in the Priory of Berstaple.

# [Of Boscastle in Cornwall Leland says: 11. 111.]

The Lorde Botreaux was Lord of this Toun, a man of an old Cornish Lineage, and had a Maner Place [here].

One of the *Hungrefords* maried with one of the Heires Generale of *Botreaux*: and so *Boscastle* cam to *Hungreford*.

## [From a list of Cornish Gentlemen. III. 14.]

S. Albine his stok cam out of Britaine.

Ther is another House of the S. Albines in Somersetshire.

Oterey risith flat Northe a 5. Miles above Mohun's Oterey at a place caullid Oterford. [111. 69.]

Syr George Carew said that Mohun of Somersetshire the Erle bare in Gold a Crosse ingraile Sabelles: and that Mohun of Devonshir gave the Arme with the pouderid Maunch. [III. 69.]

Ax risith a Mile Est from Bermistre, and then rennith South West a 4. Miles to Forde Abbay. And here about it is a limes to Devanshir and Somersetshir. [111. 72.]

About half a Mile lower then Axmistre Bridge is Newenham, sumtyme an Abbay of Bernardines, of the Foundation of Mohun Erle of Somerset. [111.73.]

Bemistre is but 4. Miles from Crookeshorn, a Market in Somersetshir by North from Bemistre. [111.75.]

Yn this Park (of Melbury) is a Pond, out of the wich issuith a Broketh that with the Course of a right few Miles goith into *Ivelle* Ryver. [III. 77.]

[From list of Monuments in Salisbury Cathedral. III. 93.]

Robert Lord Hungreford dyed xviij. of May anno Di 1459.

Robert is buried on the North side of the Altare of our Lady Chapelle in a Chapelle of his own Fundation.

Margaret wife to Robert and Doughter to William Lord Botreaux is buried in the midle of the same Chapelle in an High Tumbe.

## Inscriptio alteruis sepulchri:

Adfer opem. devenies in idem.

Gualterus Hungreford Miles, qui fuit captus à Gallis & à suis redemptus.

[At the end of vol. III. are accounts of the Monuments at Wells and Glastonbury, and some additional notes relating to the places visited.]

Out of a Table in the Chapelle of Farley Castel. [111. 116.]

Thomas Hungreford Knight and Dame Johan his Wife.

Syr Gualter Hungreford Lord Hungreford, Knight of the Garter and High Tresorer of England, Sun and Heire to Thomas and John.

Catarine Heire to Peverel was wife to Syr Gualter.

Syr Robert Lord Hungreford Sunne and Heir to Walter.

Margaret Lady and Heir to Botreaux his Wife.

Robert Erle Hungreford sun to Robert.

Heleanor Lady Molens, Heir to Molens, Wife to Erle Robert. Erle Robert and Eleanor buried at Saresby in the Cathedrale Chirch. The line of Walter late lord Hungreford :-

Gualter Hungreford Knight. Jone his Wife. Edward sun to Walter. Jane his Wife. Syr Walter Lord Hungreford. Susan. Alice. Elizabeth. Gualter and Edward his Sunnes.

Davers of Daunsey in Wileshir by Br.... Susan Davers Alice Sānes Elizabeth Husee.

Thingges notid apon the Book of Bath. [III. 116.]

Æiston, now caullid Long Æiston, alias I., by Bristow about a 3. Miles from Bristow by I . . . . . .

Priscton a 4. Miles from Bath by South West in Cainesham Hundrede.

Corstō a 3. Miles by West South West from Bath.

Dyddenham longgith to the Bisshop.

Westun a Mile West from Bath.

Hamptune a Mile by Est North Est owt of Bath.

Northstok North West 3. Miles by North on Launtesdune from Bath.

Soudestok 2. Miles South from Bathe.

Santune, Stanton Prioris, 4 Miles by South West from Bath. Counton a 5. Miles and more West South West from Bath:

and it joynith with Corston.

Æischwik about a 12. Miles from Bath on Mendepe.

Dunestorre a Celle to Bath wher Master Luterelle now dwellith.

Corlecombe a Mile north out of Bath.

## MONUMENTS AT GLASTONBURY.1

In Transepto Eccl. in Merid. parte.

Thomas Stawel Miles.

Horologium. Petrus Lighfote Monachus fecit hoc opus.

Geffre Fromont Abbas Glaston.2

Hugo Doctor. Theolog. fr. Walteri Monington Abb. Glaston.

#### In Bor. parte.

Edvardus de la Zouche Monach. Glaston. cog. Edvardi 3. Gualterus More Abbas Glaston.

Epit. Joan Taunton Abb. Glaston:

Ut multo tandem sumptu multoque labore
Fit Pastor jamjam commoda multa parat.
Rura colit Christi docet & præcepta Joannes,
Mox animi exuvias condit in hoc tumulo.

Epit. Michaëlis Ambresbyre Abbatis:

Qui serpentinas fraudes & vincla resolvit, Restituitque ovibus debita rura suis: Postquam turbida tranquillasset tempora saxo Ecce sub hoc Abbas integitur Michaël.

Epit. Roberti Pedreton Abbatis Glaston:

Liberat oppressos Pedreton ab ære alieno,

Demum hac composita pace quiescit humo.

Gualterus de Tantonia alias Hec Abbas Glaston ante imaginem Crucifixi.

Hic fecit frontem Chori cum imaginibus & lapideiis ubi stat Crucifixus.

Lectura Antiqui operis ex dono Ricardi Bere Abbatis Glaston. Gualterus Monington in choro Abbas Glaston. Hic fecit voltam Chori & Presbyterii & auxit longit. Presbyterii 2. Arcubus.

In Presbyterio.

Edmundus Senior in Bor. Parte. Edmundus Irenside in Merid. Parte. Arcturus in Medio.

#### Epit. Arturii:

Hic jacet Arturus flos Regum, gloria Regni, Quem mores, probitas commendant laude perenni. Versus Henrici Swansey Abbatis Glaston. Infer. ad pedem ejusdem tumuli.

Arturi jacet hic conjux tumulata secunda, Quæ meruit cælos virtutum prole secunda.

Inscript: in capite tumuli.

Henricus Abbas.

Crucifixi imago in capite tumuli.

Arturii imago ad pedes.

Crux super tumulum.

2. Leones in capite & duo ad pedes tumuli attingentes terras.

In meridionali Insulæ adjac. Presbyterio.

John Breynton Ab. Glaston.

Sepulchrum armati in lapide.

Joannes Selwod Ab. Glaston. ante cap. S. Andreæ.

In Bor. Insula.

Joannes de Cantia Abb. Glaston. in alto tumulo.

In Navi eccles.

Adam Sodbyri Abbas.

Mater ejus à læva.

Pater à dextra.

Nicolaus From Abbas. Glaston.

Fuit Paduæ & in Basiliensi Concilio.

Staford Comes Devon. sub Arcu in parte Merid.

Richarde Bere Abbas Glaston: in Meridion: Insula Navis Eccles.

In Capella S. Mariæ à Bor. part. Chori in Sacello.

Joannes Biconel Miles & Elizabeth.

Gul. Semar Miles in eadem Volta.

Gualterus Fromont Abbat began the great Haul. Gualter Monington next Abbat to hym endid it.

Gualter Monington made to the Midle Parte the Chapitre House.

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John Chinok Abbate his sucessor performed it, and ther is buried in sepulchro cum imagine Alabastri.

This John Chinok builded the Cloyster, the Dormitor, the Fratery.

Abbate Adam gave a vij. great Belles.

Richard Bere Abbate buildid the new Lodging by the great Chambre caullid the Kinges Lodging in the Galery.

Bere builded the new Lodgginges for Secular Prestes, and Clerkes of our Lady.

Abbate Beere buildid Edgares Chapel at the Est End of the Chirch: but Abbate Whiting performed sum part of it.

Bere archid on bothe sides the Est Parte of the Chirch that began to cast owt.

There be vj. goodly Windowes in the Top of eche side of the Est Part of the Chirch. There were 4. of old tyme, sins 2. addid, and the Presbyterie enlonggid by *Gualter Monington* Abbate.

Bere made the Volte ō the Steple in the Transepto, and under 2. Arches like S. Andres Crosse, els it had fallen.

Bere made a rich Altare of Sylver and gilt: and set it afore the High Altare.

Bere cumming from his Embassadrie out of Italie made a Chapelle of our Lady de Loretta, joining to the North side of the Body of the Chirch.

He made the Chapelle of the Sepulcher in the Southe End Navis Eccl. wherby he is buried sub plano marmore yn the South Isle of the Bodie of the Chirch.

He made an Almose House in the North Part of the Abbay for vij. or x. poore Wymen with a Chapel.

He made also the Maner Place at Sharpham in the Parke a

2. Miles by West from Glaston: it was afore a poore Lodge.

Wyral Park lyith hard to Glaston by West.

Nordwood Park a Mile by Est from Glaston. John Selwod Abbat buildid a Place there.

Pilton Park about a vj. Miles from Glaston by Est.

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John Chinok Abbate buildid a Maner Place ther.

Weston a litle Maner Place . . . . Mile West by Glaston.

Mere a fair old Maner Place 2. Miles from Glaston by North.

Estbrent a 10. Miles by North North West from Glaston a faire Maner Place.

Sturmestre Newton Castelle in Dorsetshir, a 4. Miles from Shaftesbyri. Edmund Irenside gave it to Glaston.

Briwe risith at Briwecumb about . . . Miles by Est North Est above . . . . .

S. Andres Water.

Doultingcote and a Bridge. Coscumbe is about a 3. Mile above that, and Shepton a Mile above that.

Evercreche and the Bisshop's House.

Golofre Bridge one Arche. ther is a Broke. Milton a little above on the Hille. This is Milton Water. it rennith into Briwe 2. Miles beneth Briweton Bridge at a Place caullid . . .

Both sides of Briwetun in Selwood onto the Market Crosse.

Ask for Radeclif Maner longging to Welles.

Ask wher Lidyard Episc. is a 3. or 4. Miles from Taunton.

Ask wher Knap is.

Ask wher Berlinch Priory is. It is in the utter Part of Sommersetshir toward Devonshir.

Ask for Stokecury Priory in Somersetshir.

Aske wher is the Maner of Lillesdon.

Iren Owr found a late in Mendipe, and yren made ther.

#### WELLS.

Claustrum juxta Australem partem Navis Eccl. Wellensis.

Thomas Behington made the West Ende of the Cloyster with the Volte and a goodly Schoole with the Schole Master Logging and an Escheker over it having 25. Wyndowes toward the Area side.

Bekington began also the South side of the Cloyster. But one Thomas Henry Treasorer of Welles and Archidiacon of Cornewaull, made an ende of it in hominum memoria.

This side hath no Housing over it.

Thomas Bekington obiit 14. die Januar. ao D. 1464.

Thomas Bubwith made the Est Part of the Cloyster with the litle Chapel beneth and the great Librarie over it having 25. Windowes on eche side of it.

There is no Part of the Cloystre on the North side of the Area to walk yn, for it is only hemmid with the South Isle of the Body of the Chirch. Ther is only a Chapelle yn that side of the Area made by one Cukeham.

There is set to the Est Ende of the Cloystre an exceding goodly Chapel in Transepto of Bisshop Stillington and King.

Decem arcus in utroque latere navis Eccl. præter campanile in utraque parte transepti et in utroque latere orient. partis ec- not many Yeres sins in an clesia. Decem Arcus ex utra- high Tumbe with an Image que parte navis Ecclesiæ Wellen.

Sepulchra in Navi. Eccl. Wellensis. Robertus Burnell Episcopus Wellensis. He lay of Brasse. now undre a plain Marble.

Thomas Lovel.

Nicolaus Bubbewith (in bor. parte sub arcu) Obiit 27. Oct. aº D. 1424. fecit Capell. in qua humatus est. & ibidem 4. Capellanos instituit.

Hic dedit eccl. Wellensi & Bathon. duos calices aureos.

Fecit quadratam turrim & campanas ad boreale latus occident. partis Ecclesiæ, & panellam Claustri cum capella inferius, & libraria superius, and libris pretiosis ditavit.

Hospitale 24. pauperum in urbe Wellensi præter Hospit. S. Joannis, quod fuit situm juxta pontem amniculi in Meridionali parte Urbis versus Glessenbyri. Hoc opus inceptum à Gul. Bubbith Episcopo Wellensi, & absolutum ab ejus Executoribus.

A dextra Capellæ Bubwit jacet sub plano Marmore Gualt. Hastelhaw Epuš Wellen.

E regione ad merid. à dextra alterius Capellæ jacet Ricardus Epus Wellen. sub plano Marmore.

## Sepulchra in Transepto Eccl. Wellen.

Hic jacet Joanna, Vicecomitissa de Lisle, una filiarum & Heredum Thomæ Chedder Armig. quæ fuit uxor Joannis, Vicecomitis de Lisle, filii & Heredis Joannis, Comitis Salapiæ, & Margaretæ uxoris ejus, unius filiarum & Heredum Richardi, Comitis Warwici, & Elizabeth uxoris ejus, filiæ et Heredis Thomæ de Berkley. quæ obiit. 15. die Mensis Julii Anº D. 1464. 4. E. 4.

Hugo Sugar Canon. Wellen. Executor Thomæ Bekington & Roberti Stilingtoni Vicarius gener. multa bona fecit Eccl. Wellen. jacet in Navi Eccl. reparavit domos Vicariorum, opus ante inceptum à Bekingtono.

Joannes Storthwaith Cancellar. Wellensis, Executor Bubbewith Episcopi Bathon. fecit Capellam & Cantariam in Boreal. parte primi Transepti.

In superiori Transepto versus meridiem jacet in elegantibus tumulis 2. Episcopi, & quidam Bikenelle Canonicus Wellensis, Bikenelle cujusdam nobilis Consanguineus, in alta tumba. Hic Canonicus dedit terras Eccl. S. Andreæ.

Jocelinus sepultus in medio Chori Eccl. Wellen. tumbra alta cum imag. ærea. About Polydorus Armes in the clothes hanging over the Staulles in the Quier: Hæc Polydori sunt munera Vergilii. About his Armes in the same clothes: Sum

In Presbyterio versus Austrum sub Arcu. Bekington in tumbra celeberr. Epus Wellen.

Ad Boream.

Radulpus de Salapia Epus. Wellen. hic antea tumulatus fuit ante supremum Altare, sed tumulus obfuit celebrantibus Ministris.

In Boreali Insula juxta Chorum.

grata triumphis.

laurus virtutis honos per- Quatuor tumuli et Imagines Episcoporum Wellen. quæ referunt magnem vetustatem.

#### In Meridionali Insula juxta Chorum.

Primus tumulus sic inscriptus est, BVRWOLDUS superstes circa an. Di. 1000.

Quatuor tumuli Episcoporum Wellensium, quorum tres imagines habent antiquitatem referentes. Quartus est Gulielmi Bytton, quem vulgus nuper pro Sancto coluit.

Quidam Episcopus Wellen. jacet in Sacello ejusdem Insulæ: & Gunthorp Decanus Wellen. & D's privati sigilli jacet ibidem.

In Capella D. Mariæ ad Orientaliss. partem Eccles. Guil. Bytton primus Episcopus Wellensis cum e . . . . . .

Joannes Drokisford sepultus in Capella S. Joannis at the South West End.

Stafford folowid Nicolaus Bubwith. This Stafford was translatid to Cantwarbyri.

Then was Thomas Bekington, borne be likelihod at Bekington in Selwod, sumtyme a Scholar and Felow of the New College in Oxford.

Robert Stilington folowid, Felow of Al Soullen College yn Oxford.

Richard Fox folowid afore Bisshop of Excestre.

Oliver King Secretarius Henr. vij. folowid.

Adrianus Carol: folowid.

Thomas Wolsee Card: folowid.

John Clerk

Guliam Knighte makith a Crosse cumpasid with 7 then 6 and one Piler in the Midle.

#### Palatia Episcopi.

Banwelle, 12. Myles by West from Welles, in radicibus Mendepe.

Chew x. Miles by North West from Welles, and v. Miles from Bristow.

Everkriche, now yn Ruine, a 7. Miles from Welles by South Este.

Wivelescumbe.

Welles Palace.

Twiverton, alias Twerton.

Clavertun, manerium Episcopi, cujus Curiam construxit Radulphus de Salapia.

## [Sherborne.]

The Mere lyith by Est the Castel. it was very far bygger. Ther be vij. Spring, alias vij. Sisters, in a Hylle syde North Est from *Shirburne*. They gether strait to one Botom and cum to the Mere. and thens the Broke cummith from the Mere in one Botom, and rennith on the South side of the Toune.

Shirburne Water goith a 3. Miles benethe Shirburn to Clifton, wher Mr. Horseys House is. and a little benethe that is the Confluence of Shirburne Water and Ivel Ryver.

Above this Confluence cummith yn on the same side Coher Water, a praty streame, rysing by West at Westcoher, and then renning a 3. Miles, and so into Ivel.

Sum think that one of the farthest Heddes of *Ivel* should be about *Coscumb* a 2. Mylys by . . . . from *Ivel*.

Ivelle Village standith on the same side of the Ryver that Ivelchestre doth, and 3. Miles lower the Ryver cummith by Ivel Village that standith on the other Ripe contrary to Ivel and Ivelchestre.

This Ivelton is scant a Mile above Ivelchestre.

Limington sumtyme longid to one Juveney a famose Knight, richely buried in a Chapel on the North side of Limington Chirch. Limington cam to the Bonvilles by Heir General.

St. Barbe dwellith at [Ashington] a mile from Limington. St. Barbe hath but a Mark Land. His Grantfather was nepos, and sold most of the Lande.

Bonville Lord Bonvile had many Bastardes, emong whom he left sum Land to one whos Issue Male yet remanith.

Ther was but on of the *Bonvilles* Lord, and that was Syr William, whos Landes by Heir General cam to Harington.

[The copy of the inscription on the tomb of Sir Mathew de Gournay, given here, is omitted, being printed before in the account of Stoke-sub-Hamdon.]

Rookesbridge next to Bridge-Water the lesse arme.

Highbridge toward Uphil.

Uphil ys the Hed wher al the Water issueth to the Severn Se.

Treveth one of the Heires by Mariage to William Bruer.

Treveth endyd Bridge-Water Bridge.

Triveth Armes on the Bridge.

Gul. Bruer Junior made the Gray Freres.

Treveth hymself buried yn Cornwalle.

Botreaux hart buryed at the Gray Freres.

Lady Botreaux ther buryed.

Wylliam Poole made the Chapel of S. Salvior.

Bruer made S. John's and the Castelle.

An Almose House made by the Toun. It hath litle or no Landes.

A fresch Bek rising a 4. Miles of by West at *Bromfeild*. Simons Bath. this Water resortith toward Tivertun into Ex.

The Partition of the Shire a Mile and more by Northe West from Simon's Bath at the Towres. The Toures be round Hillokkes of Yerth sette for Limites.

Taw risith in Exmore South Est from Berstaple.

Philippus de Columbariis Lord of the same. he and His Wife buried at the Priorie of Berstaple.

## [From Account of Boscastle. III. 133.]

My Lord of *Huntendune* hath a Place caullid the Parke, wher *Botreaux* had a fair Maner or Castle a vj. Miles by South from *Botreaux*. The late Lord *Hungreford* had half this Lordship.

## [Extracts from VOL. IV.]

As for as I could gather of Yong Walgreve of the Courte the eldest House of the Walgreves cummith owt of the Towne of Northampton or ther aboute. One of the Walgreves descending of this House hath a Maner Place in Southfolke at Smaulbridge not far from Sudbyri. Old Syr William Walgreve, Graundfather to Walgreve of the Courte, cummith of this House, but his Landes most ly in the Weste Conterey. For ther he hath ij. Houses; Pynne a 3. Miles from Excester and Spaxton aboute Bridge-Water. This Spaxtun was one Hilles. Pynne was longging to one Cheney. This Cheney had Hilles. Landes by an Heir Generale. Cheney died leving too Doughters, wherof the one was maried to Walgreve. [IV. 18.]

Ex libro incerti autoris sed Monachi de Vitâ S. Neoti. [IV. part 2, 135.]

Neotus Monachus factus in Glastyngey.

Anno Dom. 878. Gutrum tyrannus Britanniæ insulam invasit.

Est locus in ultimis Britanniæ Anglorum partibus ad occidentem situs, cui nomen Linguâ Saxonum Ethelingaige, quod apud nos sonat Clitonum insula, immensis salis paludibus circum circa septus, quantula in medio planitie retentus. Ibi ex insperato Rex Aluredus exul intercidit solus.

Postea adventantibus suis Munitionis arcem ibide paucis perfecit diebus.

Nox erat, & curæ mordaces pectora Regis

Vallabant, poterat nec Somnum nosse quietis.

Ecce Neotus adest, Domini miserantis Alumnus

Coram quo Verbis primum sic fatur amicis. & est ibidem prosâ Oratione: & sequitur,

Tis memor advenio solamen ferre Laborum, & paulo inferius, Matuta demum roseo surgente Cubili,

Rex pariter surgit, grates & strenuus egit,

Victori summo Præductorique Neoto.

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Aluredus Exercitum congregavit in loco qui lapis cognominatur Ecgbrithe.<sup>1</sup>

Deinde propter Loci campestrim amænitatem promovit castra juxta silvam Sealyndi.<sup>2</sup> (Sealvod.)

Deinde biduo transacto, quendam aptum adversariis montem Ethandune nomine cum omni exercitu suo anticipavit.

[From a list of the possessions of the Church of Salisbury. IV. 177.]

Charta de feria & mercato de Bemistre. Præbenda de Bedminstre cum Ratclif.

[The following note on Bristol seems to have been made by Leland after a flying visit from Gloucester. v. 64.]

Bristow apon Avon a greate Cite, well waulled, having a fair Castel. In yt is now, as I remembre, xviii. Paroche Chirches. S. Augustines, Blak Chanons extra mænia; ibique in magna area sacellum, in quo sepultus est S. Jordanus, unus ex discipulis Augustini Anglorum apostoli. A Howse without the Waulles, as I remembre, cawlled the Gauntes otherwise Bonhommes. iiii. Howses of Freres, of the wiche the White Freres Places ys very fair. Avon Ryver abowt a Quartre of a Myle beneth the Towne in a Medow casteth up a great Arme or Gut by the which the greater Vessels as mayne toppe Shippes cum up to the Towne. So that Avon doth peninsulate the Towne, and Vessels may cum of bothe sides of yt. I markid not wel whither ther cam any fresch Water from the Land to bete that Arme.

Avon goith into Severn at Kynges Rode iii. Myles beneth Bristow by Land, and vi. by Water.

In the Hilles about *Bristow* Towne be found litle Stones of divers Colours counterfetynge precious Stones.

#### [Extracts from VOL. VI.]

Mr. Stranguaise told me that the Gurnays were Lordes of

(1). Egbritstane. (2). Sealnwalde nunc Selvodde.

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the Castel of Stoke by youd Montegu, and of Hamden hard by where the goodly Quarre of Stone is. The Duke of Southfolkes is in possession by Gifte of Northton Lordship, wherof Hamden is Parte.

I saw dyverse faire Tumbes of Noble Men in the Chirche hard by Stoke Castelle. Wherapon I now conject of very likelihod that there be buried the Gurnays. [VI. 12.]

In the Ponde in Milbyri Parke risith an Hedde of Ivel River.<sup>1</sup>

Gilbertus Knoile dwellyd at Samford Village by Shirburne, and the Name yet ther possessith the Lande.

Gilbertes dwellyd by Camalatte, and yet doth. [vi. 49.]

Mibyri Water risith yn Milbyry Parke much South 3. Miles from Clifton, and a Quarter of a Mile from Clifton beneth it as the Streame goyth down it cummith into Ivel or Clifton Water per sinistram ripam that cummithe from Shirburne.

From Shirburne on Ivel 3. From Ivel onto Ilchester 3. good Miles.

Bridges on Ivel Ryver [in Somersetshire].

Ivel Bridge<sup>2</sup> of 3. fair Stone Arches not far from Ivel Market. Then Ilchester Bridge of Stone.

Stofforde a Stone Bridge on Milbyri Water aboute half a Mile above the Confluence of it withe Ivell.

Pederton a Market Towne not far from the Castel of Hamdene or Stoke by Monteacute.

The Bewchamps clayme Title of Fundation to the Collegiate Chapel of Hamdene.

Hamden Hille is a specula ther to vewe a great Peace of the Contrye therabout. [VI. 64.]

The Castelle of Cary in Selwood was sumtyme the Lorde S. Maure. Syns it longid onto the De la Zouches by Heires Generalles of S. Maure. It was given onto Wiloughy Lord

<sup>(1).</sup> Ivel Ryver.

<sup>(2).</sup> Ivel Bridge the Highway from London to Excester.

Brooke and his Heyres Male at the Attayndure of De la Zouche at King Richarde the 3. Dethe.

Gilberte by Camallat maried one of Mr. Walsches Doughters. Syr Giles Capelle and Syr Grifith of Braybroke Castelle in Northamptonshire maried the Doughters and Heyres of Newton of Wike in Somersetshir.

The Landes of the Lorde Sainct Lou cam to 2. Heires General. One of them was maried onto Hungreferd, the other onto Botreaux. Hastinges Erle of Huntingdon hath Newton Saincte Lo a Maner Place of a Castel Building a 2. Miles above byneth Bath toward Avon. [vi. 73.]

Hubley and Wike the Lord Chedders Landes. [VI. 74.]

Blakemore yn Dorsetshire was a Forest. It stretchid from Ivelle onto the Quarters of Shaftesbyri.

Chiddour a Husband Tounelet to Axbrige in Somersetshire. It lyith on the Rootes of Mendepe Hilles. [VI. 95.]

Ex Genealogia Berchelegorum. [vi. 46.]

Hardingus Bristolliam inhabitavit Ao Dīi 1069.

Anº D. 1148. 3. Idus Apr. die videlicet Paschæ, fundatio monast. S. Augustini Bristoll, & congregatio fratrum ejusdem per  $Dn\overline{m}$  Robertum filium Hardingi prædicti.

Anº D. 1170. die S. Agathæ virginis obiit Ds. Robertus filius Hardingi, miles, & canonicus, ac fundator monaster. S. Augustini Bristolliæ.

Ex Libello de Antiquitate Theokeberiensis Monasterii. [vi. 79.]

Robertus nothus ædificavit Prioratum S. Jacobi Bristolliæ, & membrum fecit Monasterio de Theokesbyri.

Robertus nothus solebat singulis solennibus diebus habere secum Abbatum de Theokesbyri cum 12 monachis Bristolliæ.

Hic Robertus construxit castrum de Bristolle, & dedit decimum quemque lapidem castri ad fabricam capellæ S. Mariæ juxta monaster. S. Jacobi Bristolliæ.

Robertus obüt prid. Cal. Novembr. sub ao D. 1140. ao

Stephani 12. Sepultus in chore Monasterii S. Jacob Bristolliæ. Sepultus fuit Robertus in Abbatia de Cainesham, quam Gulielmus ejus pater in filii sui Roberti memoriam erexerat.

Joannes cum uno regnasset anno Isabellam, quia liberos non habuit, repudiavit, retinens in manu sua honorem de Glocester, castrum Bristolliæ cum Burgo, & totam Hundredam de Bertona cum pertinentiis quæ non devenerunt ad hæredes usque in præsentem diem.

Gulielmus comes Glocester. obiit ao D. 1173. Sepultus fuit in monasterio de Cainesham quam in Roberti filii sui memoriam fundavit.

Hugo primus punitus in castello de Bristolle 6. Cal. Novembr. ano 1326. capite punitus.

Thomas filius Eduardi Le Dispensar secundi & heres interfectus Bristolliæ à populari fulgo feria 3. post festum S. Hilarii aº D. 1369.

Dedit [Henricus 6.] etiam ei [Henrico Duci Warwicensi] castrum Bristolliæ cum omnibus annexis, quod olim rex Johannes detinuit sibi.

Obiit  $D\bar{n}\bar{s}$  Henricus Warwik primus comes Angliæ (&c.)  $D\bar{n}\bar{s}$ . castri Bristolliæ cum suis annexis iii. Id. Jun.  $a^o$  D. 1446. ætatis suæ 22°.

Leland's Additions to the above Extracts. [vi. 92.]

Robert Erle Glocester buildid the Castelle of Bristow or the most parte of it. Every man sayith that he buildid the great square Stone Dungeon, and that the Stones therof came oute of Cane in Normandie.

Wylliam (the Second Earl) caussid his Sunne Roberte to be buried at Cainsham then a smaule Priory, and after he newly repayred and endowed it, making it an Abbay of Canons Regular.

Wyllyam dyed yn Brightestow Castel, and wyllid to be buried by his Father at S. James: but he was prively conveyed by night onto Cainsham, and had given the hole Lordship of Marschesel onto Cainsham, and impropriate the Benefice therof onto S. James Priory, and the Benefice consequently cam to Theokesbyri.

## TROWBRIDGE TO BRISTOL. [VII. 87.]

From Troughbridge onto Bathe by very Hilly Grownd a 7. Miles levinge the Wodds and Farley Parke and Castle on the lyfte Hand. And by the way I rode ovar Freshe fore Bridge of 2. or 3. faire new Arches of Stone, and this was a 3. Miles from Throughbridge, and a 2. Miles beyonde that in the very Piche of the Botom of a very stepe Hill I passyd a wylde Brooket rennynge on Stones. Thens a Myle of in the way was a notable Quarey, and thens a Playne, and then by a stepe Botom onto Bathe about a Myle.

From Bathe by Champain to Kelston a good Village in Wilshire a 3. Milles, where Avon goithe somewhat a lofe on the lifte Hand in the Botom.

From Kelston to Biton Village in Glocestershire a 2. Myles. Thens to Hanham about 2. Miles.

At this Hanham dwellythe one Ser John Newton in a fayre olde Mannar Place of Stone caullyd Barrescourte.

## Thyngs lernid of Ser John Newton.

Newton's very propre Name is Caradoc. The name of Newton cam by this Error and Use, by cause the Graundfather of Ser John Newton dwellyd or was born, at Trenewith in Poise Land

Gurney<sup>1</sup> was Lord of Stoke Hamden, and ther he lyethe buryed in a Colegiate Chapell by the Ruyns of his Castle. He was chefe Foundar, as some say, of the Howse of Gaunts at Bristow. He was Foundar of the Priorye of Nunes in Somersetshire caullyd Baron Gurney. He was Lord of Whitecombe, and of Richemonte Castle by Mendepe 3. Miles from Wells. All the Buyldynge of this Castle is clene downe. It cam aftar to Hampton, and then to Caradoc, alias Newton.

Ther were of ancient tyme 4. comptyd as chefe Lords of Mendepe. First the Kynge, and his Parte cam to the Bysshope of Bathe as by a Fee Ferme. Glastenbyre had a nother Parte. Bonvill Lord of Bonvile, and now Graye Lord Marques of Dorset was the third Owner. The fourthe was Gurney, now Caradoc alias Newton.

The lengthe of *Mendepe*<sup>1</sup> from Este to Weste by Estimation a 20. Myls, and wher it is brodeste a 6. Myles, in many Placis lesse.

There is apon the Tope of one of *Mendipe* Hills a Place encampyd caulyd *Dolbyn*,<sup>2</sup> famous to the People, thus saynge:

If Dolbyri dyggyd ware, Of Golde shuld be the Share.

It is 2. Miles from Banwelle.

Gurney usyd to ly muche at Richemonte Castle. It stondithe in the Rote of Mendype Este from Bristow in the Paroche of Este Harptre by the Paroche Churche of it. There standithe yet a Pece of the Dungeon of it. Syr John Newton dyggyd up many olde Foundations of it toward buyldynge of a new Howse hard ther by caullyd Estewood.

There is a nother Village by Est Harptre caulyd West Harptre Gurney; and there be the Variete of Armes that Gurney gave in the Glasse Wyndowes, and his Cote Armure.

At such tyme as Gurney lyvyd the Lord Fitzwarine was Mastar of Mendepe Foreste by Inheritaunce, and it was well furnished withe Dere; but a non aftar for Riots and Trespassys done in Huntynge it was deforestyd, and so yet remaynethe.

Gurney's Landes cam by this means onto Newton. One Newton a Man of fayre Lands inhabitynge at Wyke toward Banwell had a yongar Brothar that maryed one of the Dowghtars and Heyres of Hampton, and Wyfe afore to one of the Chokks that dyed without Ysswe by hym. This was the

yonggest Dowghtar of the 3. that Hampton lefte; and yet she beinge maried onto *Newton*, Father to Sir *John Newton*, fortunyd to have all the Thre Partes.

The very Landes of Newton of Wyhe be descended by Heires Generals onto Ser Henry Chapell, Soun to Syr Giles that dwelled at Wike, and to Mastar Grifithe of Northamptonshire that hathe Braybrooke Castle. So that Newton of Barcourte hathe no Parts of Newton's Lands of Wike.

From Barrescourt onto Bristow a 3. Myles by Hilly and Stony Ground withe Feren ovar growne in dyvers Placis.

# BRISTOL. [VII. 89.]

The site of Brightestow.

The Castle and moste parte of the Towne by Northe stondithe apon a Grownd metely eminent bytwixt the Ryvers of Avon and Fraw, alias Frome.

There rysethe an Hill of an notable Highte in respecte of the Plote of the Towne selfe from *Frome bridge* on so goythe up alonge onto Seint *Austin's*, alias the *Trinitie*, the Cathedrall Churche, and there endithe.

#### Gates in the Waulls of Brightstow.

There be in sum Partes of the Towne doble Waulls, a Token that the Towne hathe been augmentyd.

Newgate (as me thinkythe) is in the the utar Waull by the Castle, and a Chapelle over it. It is the Prison of the Citie.

- S. John Gate. A churche of eche syde of it. It is hard on the Northe syde of it, and there be Cryptæ.
- S. Gils Gate be Southe West of the Key where Frome renithe.
  - S. Leonard's Gats and a Paroche Churche ovar it.
  - S. Nicholas Gate where is a Churche cum cryptis.

There be the inner Gates of the old Towne cis Sabrinam as the Towne standithe in dextra ripa defluentis Avonæ.

In the utter Waulls. Pety Gate. From Gate in the uttar

Waulls. Marsche Gate e regione Avonæ. The third is callyd

In the Waulle ultra pontem & Avonam be 2. Gates: Raddeclif Gate and Temple Gate; and a greate Towre caullyd ower harrys, at the very Ende of the Waulle in ipsa ripa Avonæ è regione pontis ad arcem supra Frai brachiolum.

## The Castle of Brightestow.

The Ryver of *Frome* ran sumtyme from the Were by the Castle, where now is a Stone Bridge doune by the Este Syde of it; and so doithe yet a litle Armelet of it brekynge out, and almoste the whole Streme goithe by the Norte Syde of the Castle, and there goithe by *New Gate* under an Arche.

In the Castle be 2. Cowrtes. In the utter Courte, as in the Northe West Parte of it, is a greate Dungeon Tower, made, as it is sayde, of Stone brought out of *Cane* in *Normandye* by the redde Erle of *Glocestar*.

A praty Churche and muche Logging in 2. area. On the Southe Syde of it a great Gate, a Stone Bridge, and 3. Bullewarks in læva ripa ad ostium Frai.

There be many Towres yet standynge in bothe the Cowrtes; but all tendithe to ruine.

# Paroche Churchis within the Waulls of Brightstowe cis Avonam.

S. Nicolas; S. Leonard; S. Lawrence; S. John Bapt.; Christe Churche, alias Trinitie; S. Audoene; S. Werborow; Al Halowes; S. Marie Porte; S. Peter's; S. Stephane intra secunda mania.

#### Utra Avonam.

#### S. Thomas apostolus.

Templum. Wher as now S. Laurence Churche it was sumtyme a Churche, as it is sayde, S. Sepulchri, wher was a Nunry. And thereby in the same Lane dwelled the Jewes,

and theyr Temple, or Sinagoge, is yet sene there, and now is a Ware Howse.

Paroche Churches in the Suburbs.

- S. Philippus within cis Avonam Ford's Gate now procul ab Avona.
  - S. Jacobus by Brodemede Strete.
  - S. Nicholas Northe from Frome Gate in supercilio montis.
- S. Augustines a Paroche Churche on the Grene by the Cathedrale Churche.

The Paroche Church of Seint Marks in the Gaunts.

#### Ultra Avonam.

Redcliffe longe pulcherr. omnium ecclesia.

Howsys sumtyme of Religion in Bristow.

Fanum Augustini, nunc S. Trinitatis. Inscriptio in porta: Rex Henricus 2. & dominus Robertus filius Hardingi, filii regis Daciæ, hujus Monasterii primi fundatores.

Ther be 3. Tombes of the Barkleyes<sup>1</sup> in the Southe Isle agayn the Quiere.

#### Fanum S. Jacobi.

It standithe by Brode Meade by Northe from the Castle on an Hilly Grownd, and the Ruines of it standithe hard buttynge to the Este Ende of the Paroche Churche.

Robertus consul Cownte of Glocestarshire buryed in the Quiere in the Myddle of it in a Sepulchre of Gray Marbie set up apon 6. Pillers of a smaull Hethe. In his Tumbe was found a Writynge in Parchement concernynge the tyme of his Deathe, and what he was. A Brewer in Bristow hathe this Writynge.

This S. James was a Celle to Twekesberye.

#### Non longe à dextra ripa Frai.

S. Magdalene's a Howse of Nunes, suppressyd, on the Northe Syde of the Towne. This Howse was suppressyd of

late tymes, when suche as were under 300. Marks of Rent by the Yere were putte downe. Master Wiks dwellythe in this Howse.

#### The Gaunts.

One Henry Gaunt<sup>1</sup> a Knight sometyme dwellynge not far from Brandon Hill by Brightstow erectyd a College of Pristes withe a Mastar on the Grene by Seint Augustines. And sone after he chaungyd the first Foundation into a certeyne kynde of Religion, and was Governowr of the Howse hymselfe, and lyethe buried in the Vesturye undar a slate Stone. This had at the Desolucion of the Howse 300. Marks of Land by the Yere. This Henry had a Brother cawlyd Sir Mawryce Gawnte. He was Foundar of the Blake Friers in Brightstow.

## Hospitales in ru[ins].

Fanum Barptholomæi.

 $Fanum\ 3^{\mathrm{m}}$   $regum\ juxta$ Barptolomeanes extra Fromegate.

Aliud non procul in dextra ripa Frai qua itur ad fanum Jacobi in Lionsmede Strete.

One in Temple Strete.

An other withe out Temple Gate.

An other by Seint Thomas Strete.

S. John's by Radeclife.

An Hospitall S. Trinitatis hard within Lasford's Gate.

The Tukkers Hospitall in Temple.

The Wevers Hospitall in Temple Strete.

Ther was an Hospital of old tyme where of late a Nunrye was cawllyd S. *Margarets*.

The Grey Friers Howse was on the right Ripe of From Watar not far from Seint Barptolomes Hospitall.

The Blacke Friers stode a little higher then the Gray on From in the Right Ripe of it. Ser Maurice Gaunt,<sup>2</sup> elder Brother to Ser Henry Gaunt, Foundar of the Gaunts, was Foundar of this.

The White Friers stode on the right Rype of Frome agayn the Key.

The Augustine Friers Howse was harde by the Temple Gate withein it Northe Weste.

Chapels in and aboute Brightstow cis Avon.

The Bake Chapell by cause it stoode by the Bake by Avon. It longethe onto Seint Nicholas.

S. Georgis Chapell joyning to the Towne Howse.

A Chapell ovar the New Gate.

Owr Lady Chapell on Avon Bridge.

S. Sprites Chapell in Radclef Churche Yard. This ons a Paroche afore the buyldinge of Radclyfe grete new Churche.

S. Brandon's Chapell now defacyd, on Brandon Hill a Qwartar of a Myle by West the Gaunts.

Bedemister a Mile out of the Towne by Est Southe Este is now Mother Churche to Radeclife, to S. Thomas within the Towne, and Leighe without the Towne.

#### Bridges in Bristow.

The Greate Bridge of 4. Stone Arches ovar Avon.

Were Bridge on From hard by the Northe Est Parte of the Castle of Bristowe.

There brekythe an Arme out of Frome a But Shot above Were Bridge, and renithe thrwghe a Stone Bridge of one Great Arche, and there by at New Gate the other Parte of From reninge from Were Bridge cummithe under a nother Stone, and serving the Mille hard without New Gate metithe with the other Arme.

#### The Haven of Brightstow.

The Haven by Avon flowithe about a 2. Miles above Brightstowe Bridge.

Seint Anns Ferye is a boute a Myle and halfe above the Towne of Brightstowe.

Keinesham a 3. Miles beyond Bristow in ripa sinistra Avonæ.

The Shipps of olde tyme cam only up by Avon to a Place caullyd the Beh, where was and is Depthe enoughe of Watar; but the Botom is verye stony and rughe sens by Polecye they trenchid somwhat a lofe by Northe West of the old Key on Avon anno 1247. and in continuance bringynge the Cowrse of From Ryver that way hathe made soft and whosy Harborow for grete Shipps.

Hunge Rode aboute a 3. Miles lower in the Haven then Brightstow. At this Rode be some Howsys in dextra Avon ripa.

About a Myle lowere is *Kyng's Rode*, and there be also some Howses in dextra ripa Avonæ.

Ther is a Place<sup>1</sup> almoste agayne *Hung Rode* caulyd *Port-chestar*, where *Hardynge* and *Robert* his Sunne had a fayre Howse, and a nothar in *Brightstow* Towne.

Sum thinke that a great Pece of the Depenes of the Haven from S. Vincents to Hung Rode hathe be made by Hand. Sum say that Shipps of very auncient time cam up to S. Stephanes Churche in Brightstow.

A Remembraunce of Memorable Acts done in Brightstow, out of a litle Boke of the Antiquities of the Howse of Calendaries in Brightstow.

The Antiquities of the Calendaries were for the most parte brent by chaunce.

The Calendaries, otharwyse cawlyd the Gilde, or Fraternite of the Clergie and Commanltye of Brightstow, and it was firste kepte in the Churche of the Trinitie, sens at Al Halows.

The Originall of this Fraternitie is out of mynd.

Ailarde Mean and Bitrick his Sunne Lords of Brightestow afore the Conqueste.

Haymon Erle of Glocestar after the Conquest and Lorde of Brightstow.

Robertus consul, Sunne to Hamon, was Erle of Glocestar, and Lord of Brightstow, and Foundar of the Monasterye of Tewkesbyry.

Robertus consul Lorde of Brightstow Castle, and Foundar of S. James Priorie in the Northe Suburbe of Brightstow.

Kynge Stephan toke the Towne of Brightstow by force from Robertus consul.

In the tyme of Kyng Henry the 2. Robert Erle of Glocestar (Bastard Sunn to Henry the First) and Robert Hardinge transslatyd the Fraternitie of the Calendaries<sup>1</sup> from the Trinitie onto the Church of Al-Hallows. At this tyme were Scholes ordeyned in Brightstow by them for the conversion of the Jews, and put in the Ordre of the Calendaries and the Maior.

Hardinge foundyd the Monasterye of S. Augustine at Brightstow, and to it was appropriate the Churche of Al-Hallows.

Swale Cardinale a Romaine Legate after the Coranation of Henry the third at Glocester cam to Brightstow, and kept a Synode there tempore Henrici Blesensis episcopi Wigorn.

William Erle of Glocestar, Founder of the Monasterye of Cainesham, gave the Præfecture and Mastershipe of the Schole in Brightstow to Cainesham, and tooke it from the Calenderies.

#### Conducts in Bristow cis pontem.

S. John's hard by S. John's Gate.

The Key Pipe, with a very fair Castellet.

Al-Halow Pipe hard by the Calendaries without a Castelle.

S. Nicholas Pipe withe a Castellet.

#### Ultra pontem.

Redclif pipe with a Castlet hard by Redclife Churche withe out the Gate.

An other Pipe withe owte *Radclif* Gate havinge no Castelle. Another by *Porte Waulle* withoute the Waulle.

Port Waulle is the fairest parte of the Towne Waulle.

#### (1). Calendars in Bristow.

The sayinge is that certein Bochers made a fair Peace of this Waull; and it is the highest and strongest Peace of all the Towne Waulls.

The Yere of owr Lorde 1247. was the Trenche made and caste of the Ryver from the Gybbe Taylor to the Key by the Comonlty as well of Redclyffe Syde, as of the towne of Bristoll; and the same time thinhabitants of Redclyffe were combined and incorperated to the foresayde Towne. And as for the Grounde of Seynt Augustins Syde of the Rivar it was geven and grauntyd to the Comonalty of the sayde Towne by Ser William Bradstone then beinge Abbot of the same Monastiry for certeyne Money therfore payed to hym by the Comonalty, as it apperithe by Writynge therof made betwenge the Mayor and Comonalty, and the Abbot and his Bretherne.

1309. This Yere they made new Statuts in this Towne, and they called the Senesters Bayliffes of the Kings, and they purchased new ground to the Towne, and had new Prevylegis gyven them of Kynge *Edwarde*.

The Almese Howse without Temple Yate is called Rogers Magdalenes of Nonney whiche was Founder of it. And the Almese Howse by Seynt Thomas Churche is called Burton's Almes Howse. Burton Maior of the Towne and Founder is buried in it.

A nother Hospitall hard by the Greye Fryers:

And in Temple Streate.

One Shepward a Merchaunt of Bristow made the right highe and costly Towre of S. Stephenes in Brightstow.

From Sodbery to Tormerton Village. Thens about a 4. Myles by playne Grownde onto Maschefeld. This Lordshipe longyd to the Canons of Cainesham. [VII. 98.]

# TROWBRIDGE TO FROME. [VII. 98.]

From *Throughbridge* (Trowbridge) on to *Broke* by Woody Grownde 2. Myles.

From Broke onto Frome<sup>1</sup> Celwood in Somersetshire a 4. Miles, muche by Woody Ground and Pasture on tyll I cam within a Myle of it where is Champaine.

The Towne hath a metly good Market, and is set on the Clefe of a Stony Hille.

There is a goodly large Paroche Churche in it, and a ryght fayre Springe in the Churche Yarde that by Pipes and Trenches is conveyed to dyvers Partes of the Towne.

There be dyvers fayre stone Howses in the Towne that standythe most by Clothinge.

In the Botom of the Towne rennith From Ryver levinge the Towne on the lyfte Rype, and there is a Stone Bridge of fyve Arches, and a Myle by it wherby cummythe an Armelet thoroughe a Bridge of 2. Arches. Ther cummithe one Arme downe from Mayden Bradley v. Myles of, and an other from Hindon, and mete aboute a Myle above the Towne of From.

Bruerne 8. Myles from Frome.

## NUNNEY CASTLE. [VII. 99.]

From Frome on to Nunney Delamare a good Village a 2. Myles, al by Champayne Grounde frutefull of Corne.

There is a praty Castle at the Weste Ende of the Paroche Churche, havynge at eche End by Northe and Southe 2. praty rownd Towres gatheryd by Cumpace to joyne in to one.

The Waulls be very stronge and thykke, the Stayres narrow, the Lodginge with in some what darke. It standithe on the lyfte Ripe of the Ryver devidithe it from the Churche Yarde. The Castell is motyd about, and this Mote is servid by Watar conveyed into it owte of the Ryver. There is a stronge Waulle withe owt the Mote rounde about savinge at the Est Part of the Castell where it is defendyd by the Brooke.

Delamare and his Wyfe, makers of the Castle, ly buryed in the Northe Syde of the Paroche Churche at Nunney.

## DELAMARE FAMILY. [vi. 36.]

Peter Delamar, a Man of about xii. c. Markes of Lande by the Yere, dyed without Issue Male in Edwarde the 3. Dayes: but he had 3. Doughters maryed to these Gentilmen; S. John, S. Amande, and William de la Roche, the which 3. devidid the Landes of Delamare. The Castelle of Nunny Delamar in Somersetshire, and the Lordship of Tischarton yn Wyleshire cam to S. John in Partition.

But Mr. Bainton told me that there were but 2. that devided Delamares Landes. And that S. Amand had by Heire general of Gul. de la Roche such Landes as the said Roche had by Delamare: and that Lande is now cum to Mr. Bainton.

Syr Edward Baynton's Father had to Wife the last Lord S. Amand Sister and Heire because he had no legitimate Childe.

Peter Delamare the yonger.

There was a yonger Brother of this House of the *Delamares*: and he by Præferrement of Mariage had about the tyme of *Edward* the 3. the Doughter and Heyre of one *Achard* a Man of faire Landes in *Barkeshire*.

Syr Thomas Delamare, Knight of the Sepulchre, the last of this House had a Sun caullid John, and he diyng afore Thomas his Father left 2. Doughters: wherof one was maried to Humfre Foster, Father to Syr Humfre that now lyvith: the other to Morton of Dorsetshir, Kinesman to Cardinal Morton; but she had no Childern, and so the landes of this Delamer cam totally to Foster.

The House of Syr Humfrede Foster in Barkeshire cam oute of the House of Fosters of Northumbrelande.

This youngger Brother of the Fosters of Northumbreland were first plantid in Edwarde the 3. tyme, and by his Ad-

vauncement to faire Landes in Somersetshire by the Partes where a late the Priory of Barly was. And after one of the Fosters for a notable Murder doone cam to Sanctuary, and thens fledde beyond the Se: and leving Doughters behinde hym. Part of his Landes confiscate was given to them that maried his Doughters. And after that Foster had his Pardon, and gatherid sum Landes again in Somersetshir that yet remayne to Syr Humfrey Foster.

Then Popham a Gentilman of very faire Landes in Southamptonshir dyid without Issue Male about Henry the vi. dayes: and leving iiii. Doughters they were thus maryed, to Foster, to Barintine, to Wadham, to Hamdene.

Humfrede Foster Grandfather to Syr Humfrey Foster now lyving maried this Pophams Doughter.

Nunney Broke cummythe downe, as I Markyd, from Southe Southe Weste, and a 3. Myles lower it goithe into Frome Ryver. This Castell longed to Delamare, syns to Powllet Lord S. John.

I rode bake from Nunneye to Frome Market.

## FROME TO BATH. [VII. 99.]

Thens about a 2. Myles of I cam to a Botome, where an other Broke ran in to *Frome*. And in this Botome dwell certayne good Clothiars havynge fayre Howsys and Tukkynge Myles.

Thens a 2. good Myles onto *Philipps Northetoune*, where is a meane Market kept in a smaull Towne, moste maynteynyd by Clothing.

From Northeton to Ferley Castle a 2. Myles.

Thens to Bradeford 2. Miles.

From Bradeforde to Bath a 3. Myles.

A 2. Myles and more by the right Ripe of Avon, and Woody and Hilly Grownde, I passyd firste ovar by Frescheford Bridge, of Stone on Frome.

(1). One of the Wadhams maried one of these Doughters.

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And a Myle and more beyond that at a new Stone Bridge I passyd ovar a litle Broke that aftar a litle lower goythe in to Avon per sinistram ripam.

A Mile a this syde *Bathe* by South Est I saw 2. Parks enclosyd withe a ruinus Stone Waulle, now withe out Dere. One longyd to the Bysshope, an othar to the Prior of *Bathe*.

From Bathe to Tomerton [in Gloucestersh.] 8. Mils all moste all by Champain Ground.

[Leland went into Gloucestershire as far as Thornbury, where he noticed the great house begun by Edward, late Duke of Buckingham. He then turned back and re-entered Somerset at Keynsham.]

In the Margin by Mr. Burton's hand,

This is written with John Leyland the Antiquary his owne hand, who dyd 18. Apr. 1552.
6. E. 6.

N.B. Edmonde the Elder King of *England* was slayn at *Pulclechirch*, and byried at *Glasteinbyri*.

Savaricus Bishop of Bathe, and Abbate of Glasteinbyri, alienatid Pucklechirch from Glasteinbyri to Bathe.

The Personage of *Puchlechirch* impropriate to the Cathedrale Chirche of *Welles*.

From *Puchlechirch* to *Cainesham*, sumtyme a good, now a poore, Market Town, and ruinus in *Somersetshir*.

## KEYNSHAM. [vii. 103.]

There be 2. Bridges of Stone at Kainesham, where one of 6. greate Arches, now all yn ruine, standith holely in Glocestreshir. The other hard therby stondith with 3. great Arches of Stone over Avon Ryver that ther partith Glocestershire and Somersetshir.

There is a Park of the Kinges waullid with Stone hard withoute Kainesham in Somersetshire.

Stones figurid like Serpentes wounde into Circles found in the Quarreis of Stone about Cainsham.

One Mac William beinge a yongger Brothar of a Gentleman in Yrland cam to Bristowe, and ther so incresyd in Ryches that in Continuance he bowght lands to the Sume of a 3. or 400. Markes by the Yere, and so the Land continuyd a certeyn while in the Heires Male of Mac William, and after cam to a Dowghtar of theyrs that was maried to one of the Semars.

This Land, as I remembre that I have written in a nother Place, lay partely aboute *Cainesham*. [VIII. 97.]

#### KEYNSHAM TO SUTTON COURT.

From Cainesham to Pensforde a 3. Miles, part by Champayn, part by Enclosure.

It is a praty Market Townlet occupied with clothing.

Browne of London yn Limestrete is Owner of it. It longid afore onto . . . . . . . . .

The Towne stondith much by Clothinge.

There cummith downe a Streame that servith dyvers Tuk-king Milles.

From Pensforde to Southertoun Village. Here hath Syr John Saincte Lo an olde Maner Place. 2. long Miles by hilly and enclosid Grounde, meately wel woddid.

Syr John Saincte Lo descendit of a yonger Brother of the Lordes Sainte Lo, and hath litle of his Landes. For the laste Lorde Saincte Lo lakking Heyres Male, the Landes descended by Heyres generale onto the Lorde Hungreforde, and the Lord Botreaux.

A good Peace of Syr John Saincte Lo Landes cummith to hym by De la Rivers Doughter and Heyre his Fathers Wife or Mother.

There is a faire Maner Place like a Castelle Building at Newtoun Sainct Lo, 2. Miles from Bath by Avon, sumtyme one of the chief Houses of the Lordes Sainct Lo. The Lorde Hastinges Erle of Huntingdon hath it now.

From Southetoum onto Chute a Mile dim. by fayre enclosed Ground. It is a praty clothing Towne, and hath a faire Chirch.

And at the Southe Side of the Chirch is a faire Manor Place of the Bisshop of *Bathe*.

There be dyvers Paroche Chirches there aboute that ons a yere do Homage unto *Chute* theyr Mother Chyrche.

There hath beene good Makyng of Cloth yn the Towne.

Syr John Saincte Lo Graundfader lyyth in a goodly Tumbe of Marble on the Northe Syde of the Chyrch.

Hubley is a 3. Miles by Southe from Southetoun. There is an old meane Maner Place. The Gate Howse is Castle like. There is a Parke by it. It longgid to the Lorde Chedder, whos greate Landes descended by Heyres generales onto the Lorde Lisle, Dawbeny, and Newton.

From Southetoun onto Wike 8. long Miles.

There is a large Maner Place, where of most Parte was buildyd by Newton chief Judge of Englande. This Lordship was the Lorde Chedders, and then Newton's, whos ii. Doughters were maried the one onto Griffith of Braybroke, the other onto Syr Gites Capel, and so dooth Hubley and Wike and dyvers other Lordeshippes remayne in Partition onto them.

Banwelle is a 2. or 3. Miles from Wike, and there hath the Bisshop of Bathe a goodly Lordship.

There was at Banwelle in the tyme of Alfride King of the Westsaxons a notable Monasterie of . . . . . . . .

Banwelle standith not very holsomly, and Wike worse. The Fennes be almost at hande. Wood meately good aboute them.

Kenne Village is aboute a Mile from Wike. There dwellith M<sup>r.</sup> Kenne, a Man of a 200. Markes of Lande by the Yere.

Wrekeshale is a 3. Miles from Wike towarde Brightestow. Here hath Syr Wylliam Gorge a meane old Maner Place in a Valley, and on eche Side of it on the Hilles is a fayr Parke.

Barrow Gurney a 2. Miles from it never Brightstow, that is

4. Miles distante of *Barow*. Here was of late a Nunnery, now made a fair Dwelling Place by *Drue* of *Brightestow*.

Southetowne is 7. Miles from Brightstow.

From Southetowne onto Estewoode 3. Miles by Hilly Grounde. It is yn the Rootes of Mendepe Hilles. There was a goodly Castelle at this Estwoode caullyd Richemonte, wher noble Gurney lay much. Yt is now defacid to the hard Ground, and Syr John Newton now Lorde of it hath made his House harde by it of the Ruines thereof yn the very Place wher the Graunge of Richemont Castelle was yn Gurneys tyme.

From Estewoode onto Welles v. Miles.

## SUTTON COURT TO STOURTON. [VII. 106.]

From Southetoun onto Midsomer Northtoun by sumwhat hilly and enclosid Ground a 5 Miles.

I passid over a praty Broke a 2. Miles or I cam onto Northeton. It ran downe on the lifte Hand as I rode.

From Midsomer Northeton to Philippes Northton a v. Miles.

From *Midsomer Norton* onto *Melles* by chaumpayne Grounde 5. Miles.

Melles stondith sumwhat clyving, and hath bene a praty Townelet of Clothing. It longgid onto Glessenbyri.

Selwood Abbate of Glessenbyri seing the Welthines there of the People had thought to have reedified the Townelet with mene Houses of square Stones to the Figure of an Antonia Crosse, whereof yn deade he made but one Streatelet.

The Chirch is faire and buildid yn tyme of mynde ex lapide quadrato by the hole Paroche.

One Garlande a Draper of London gave frely to the Building of the Vestiarie, a fine and curiose Pece of Worke. One . . . . a Gentilman dwelling ther yn the Paroche made a fair Chapelle in the North Side of the Chirch. There is a praty Maner Place of Stone harde at the West Ende of the Chirche. This be likelihod was partely buildid by Abbate Selwodde of Glasteinbyri. Syns it servid the Fermer of the

Lordeship. Now Mr. Horner hath boute the Lordeship of the King. There cummith a Broke from the Colepittes in Mendepe and strikith by South in the Botom of Melles, and thens rennith into Frome Ryver, and so to Frome Selwood a Market Towne, that is a 3. Miles from Melles.

The Foreste of Selwood ys in one parte a 3. Miles from Melles. In this Forest is a Chapelle, and there buryed the Bones of S. Algar of late tymes superstitusly soute of the folisch commune People.

The Foreste of Selwood<sup>1</sup> as it is nowe is a 30. Miles yn Cumpace, and streachith one way almoste onto Werminstre, and a nother way onto the Quarters of Shaftesbyri by Estimation a 10. Miles.

From Melles onto Nunney Delamere a 2. Miles partely by hilly and enclosid Grounde.

Thens aboute a Mile by like Soyle onto *Tut*.... a longe Village, wher the Paroche Chirche is onto *Nunney Delamere*.

Thens half a Mile farther, and so into the mayne Foreste of Selwood. And so passing half a Mile farther I lefte on the righte hand Witham the late Priorie of Cartusians not in the Foreste, but yoining harde on the Egge of it.

Thens partely by Forest Grounde and partlye by Champaine a 4. Myles onto Stourton.

[Leland here gives an account of Stourton, and proceeded to Sturminster Newton; he then turned to the west and came to Yeovil.]

From Stoureton onto . . . . . . a 4. Miles much by woody Grounde. Here I passid over Cale Water at a greate Forde, and so rydde scant a Mile over Moreland, and a Mile beyonde I lefte . . . . . Master Carentes House and Park on the lifte hande; and thens a Mile farther I cam onto Stapleford.

Stapleford is by Estimation a 7. Miles North from Wike-hampton, from whens Calebrooke cummith.

King . . . . . . gave Stourminster and Newton onto thabbay of Glessenbyri. The Castelle (of Newton) syns clerely decayed, and the Abbates of Glessenbyri made ther a fair Maner Place, and usid to resorte onto yt. The Personage of the Towne was impropriate onto Glessenbyri.

The auncient Name and Maner Place of the *Horeseys* was at the End of the great Hylle that goithe from *Glessenbyry* almoste to *Bridgwater*. It is about a Myle from *Bridge Watar*, and Ser *John Horsey* possessithe yet the Lande.

## YEOVIL. [VII. 110.]

From Clifton onto Ivelle a good Market Towne a Myle or more. It stondithe pleasauntly on a Rokky Hille, and is meatly welle buildyd. It stondithe in Somersetshire in læva ripa flu. Ively.

The Towne is privilegyd withe greate Libertes, and kepithe Courts for decidinge of Suts. The Paroche Chirche is faire and lyghtesom. In it be 4. or 5. Cantuaries enduyd withe Lands.

There is at the Weste Ende of the Churche a greate and fayre old Chapel, the whiche semithe to be a thinge more ancient then the Paroche. It is usid for a Chauntrey.

There is a Bridge a little from the Toun of 3. great Arches of Stone apon *Ivel*, and is the highe Way from *Shireburne* Westward. *Shireburne* is 3. Myles or more from *Ivele* Towne.

A litle above *Ivel* Bridge brekethe out an Arme of *Ivel*, and aboute the Bridge the Armes mete agayne togithar and make a fayre Medowe as an Isle.

The Sreame goithe from *Ivel* Bridge onto *Ilchester* a 3. Myles, and thens rennythe Northe to *Mychelborow* levinge *Athelney* somewhat distant on the lyfte Ripe, and so onto *Lambourne*, and to *Bridge Northe* that standithe hard on the lifte Ripe of it.

Lamburne hathe been a right praty Towne, and a good Market. In it were many fayre Howses. Now it decayithe.

From Shireburne onto Milburne Porte about a 2. Mils. It hathe had a Market, and yet retaynithe Privileges of a fraunchisyd Borow.

There comythe a Broket downe by the Towne, and resortithe onto Shireburne Watar.

Thens a Myle to *Tonmer* Parke encompasyd with a Stone Waulle.

The Lordeship of *Tonmers* was one *Tonmers* whos Heire Generall was maried onto one of the *Carents*, and there by was *Carents* Lands moste augmentid. From *Tommer* to *Stalbridge* a Myle.

Domus religiosæ in Somersetsher. [VIII. 65.]

Prior: Stoke, S. Andreæ. Monachi Nigri.

Prior: Bearew S. Mariæ. Monachæ Nigræ.

Aquæ dulces: Bedret, Fenisle, Aven, Brin.