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ADDITIONAL NOTE ON THE DEED RELATING
TO JOHN EVELYN, Esq.

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THE estates at South Malling and Old Malling had come into the possession of Richard Evelyn by his marriage with Ellen, daughter and heiress of John Stansfield, who had purchased of Robert, Earl of Dorset, part of the property of the suppressed college of South Malling, and other property at Old Malling. In 1626 John Evelyn laid the first stone of the new church, and, at the close of 1628, was present at its opening by license.* It was in this year that John Evelyn was placed with Citolin, a Frenchman at Lewes, to learn the rudiments of Latin, and also to write; he next went to school with Mr. Potts, in the Cliffe, and was thence transferred, in 1630, to the grammar school (founded by Agnes Morley in 1512). The district of Old Malling is different from the collegiate property. The deed before described is dated in June, 1635; and on the 10th October, 1637, the mansion and greater portion of the property was sold by Richard Evelyn to William Kempe.

The first witness to the deed is John Rowe, the well-

* In his Diary (vol. i. p. 5) he states that he was at the consecration in the year 1627; but though the church was opened for service, the actual consecration did not take place until May 23, 1632.

known Sussex antiquary, who was born in 1560, and was, consequently, in the 75th year of his age; his signature, of which a facsimile is here given, is particularly firm.



Mr. Rowe left an only daughter Elizabeth, who married Edward Raines; and her descendant Annabella Medley married into the Evelyn family, her husband being James Evelyn of Fellbridge; the estates going by subsequent marriages to the second and last Earl of Liverpool.
