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One of three nearly-complete delftware bowls recently discovered in excavations at Montague Close, against the north side of Southwark Cathedral. In addition to this 1660s 'tulip charger', a 'Dutch-style boy and dog' bowl of a similar date, and a bowl with the coat of arms of the Leathersellers Company dated 1674 were found, the latter celebrating the marriage of Nathaniel Townsend, who was admitted to the Company in 1673.

The bowls were excavated by Museum of London Archaeology from Network Rail's Thameslink site next to Borough Market, where a second rail bridge will be built next to the existing Victorian structure. The excavation was designed to preserve historic features wherever possible; for example, the Victorian roof, which hangs over the marketplace, will be restored and reinstated at the end of construction. Photo © Museum of London