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A delftware floor tile from the Aldgate pothouse, the first tin-glaze pottery in London. The decoration reflects the fact that 13 Dutch potters were working there. Dated to 1571- c. 1615-1620, it represents one quarter of a design of flowers and fruit: four tiles were needed to make the pattern. An updated account of London delftware sites begins on p 70. (photo: A Chopping/