

fish-pond. Several more were remanded to the next ordinary assizes, and George Wynn, clockmaker of Wokingham, was honourably acquitted.

One of the spectators at the trial was the notorious thief-taker Jonathan Wild, who was himself hung at Tyburn two years later. On this occasion he recognised among the audience a well known street robber named Humphrey Anger who was wanted for murder, and effected his arrest.

When the account closes on September 24th, 1723, Mr. Nunn was still engaged in the pursuit of the leader of the gang in Hampshire. The expenditure up to date was £468 7s. 6d.

## Notes and Queries

### RELATING TO BERKS, BUCKS AND OXON.

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### Notes.

UFTON COURT.—I observe in the October number of the "Berks Archaeological Journal," page 71, a reference to myself in connection with this house, which has not my authority and is not altogether in accordance with my wishes. I shall be very much obliged therefore if you will kindly insert in your next issue an intimation to your subscribers that Ufton Court is not shewn to the public except by an order obtainable by written application to me and previous notice.—A. M. SHARP, Nov. 14th, 1911.

A DEED ABOUT ABINGDON ABBEY: FEB. 6, 1449.—The records of Abingdon Abbey are so few that the following indenture which is preserved in MS. 255, p. 53, in the library of C.C.C., Oxford, is worth notice. In any case an English document of so early a date as Feb. 6, 1449, is interesting. After the Mortmain Act of Edward I, monasteries and all corporations were discouraged from investing their savings in the purchase of land; and if monasteries had any balance, which was not often the case, they preferred to spend it on plate or vestments, as in the present deed. Of the men mentioned in the deed,

Thomas Withige is well known; as he had much to do with the property of the Guild of Tailors at Oxford, there is no doubt that he was a tailor. His will printed in the *Liber Albus*, which has been recently published at Oxford, shows that he founded a chantry in connection with the Guild of Tailors. John Blake and William Bryggs are unknown.

"This indenture made at Abendon in the counte of Berks the VIth day of February the yere reynnyng of Kyng Harry the VIth after the conquest of England XXVIIth, bitwene William abbot of the monasterie of our lady Marie of Abendone foresaid of that one party, and John Blake of Oxenford of the counte of Oxenford vestment maker of that other partie, berith witness that John Fetiplace of Wolvey in the counte of Berks gent., Thomas Wethyg of Oxenford forsaide aldremen & Will' Bryggs of the said towne gent. ben bounde by their severall obligacions on to the saide Will' abbot and his successours or to his certain attourney in an CLXXXII li. of lawfull money of England for XXVI sakks of wolles bought of the said Will' abbot by the said John Blake, euer XXVI li. of lawfull money of England to be paid in hande payable at certain dayes as in the said several obligacions more evidently appereth; nevertheless the saide Will' abbot welle\* & graunteth by this present wrytyng that if the saide John Blake paie or do paie† and delivere in name of paiement at Abendone foresaide unto the saide Will' abbot, his successours or to his certain attourney, for the saide somme XLV copys of clothe of gold bawdekyn sypres, goode & sufficient, such as the said W. abbot shewed the said John Blake for an example or better, with orfrures of cloth of gold as gode & fyne or better as the saide clothe of gold shall be, of two colours that is to say rede and whyte, whereof XV copys shal be of a sute of rede clothe of gold bawdekyn sipres, gode & fyne, with the orfrures of blew clothe of gold, to be paid & delivered in name of paiement by the said John Blake at Abendone foresaide unto the saide Will' abbot, his successours or his attorney, in the fest of the Nativite of seint John the Baptist next comyng after the date of this present indenture or byfore; and also XV copys of a sute of fyne & gode of [*sic*] white clothe of gold bawdekyn sipres with orfrures of rede clothe of gold, as gode and fyne as the saide white clothe of gold ys therto, to be paid and delivered in name of paiement by the said John Blake unto the said Will' abbot, his successours or his attorney, in the fest of the Nativite of oure Lord than next followyng after the date of this present indenture; and also XV copys of a sute of fyne & gode white clothe of gold bawdekyn cypres with orfrures of rede clothe of gold, as gode & fyne as the said white clothe of gold ys therto, to be paid & delivered in name of paiement by the saide John Blake unto the said Will' abbot, his successours or his attorney, in the fest of seint Margaret the virgyn that shal be in the yere of oure Lord MCCCCL next followyng after the date of this present indenture [*ends*]."

\* Wills.

† Causes to be paid: in Latin it would be "*solvat vel solvi faciat*."