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## The Demolition of Reading Abbey.

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THE Account printed at end of these notes<sup>1</sup> is believed to furnish information never before available, of the circumstances attending the first beginnings of the breaking-up of the fabric of Reading Abbey ; and amongst other things fixes the date on which the destruction commenced. In the form of actual Receipts and Payments the Account gives details of when and by whom the work of disruption was first put in hand and for what purpose. The immediate object was to gain possession of the huge masses of lead that covered the roofs of the Church and other conventual buildings. The operations were carried out under the supervision of one George Hynde, of whom we have no particulars, beyond that he was apparently one of the smaller men in the service of the Court of Augmentations,<sup>2</sup> authorised for the purpose by the King's Council—or more probably by Somerset himself. In this capacity Hynde received all moneys arising from sale of old material and otherwise as detailed ; and paid all wages and expenses in connection with the erection of scaffolding, the taking down of roofs and the melting, refining and carting away of the lead. But where or into whose hands the lead went is nowhere recorded.

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1 *Ministers' A/Cs Edw. VI. Divers Counties Bdle.* 774.

For centuries the document had remained unobserved till it was casually met with at the Public Record Office by the present writer a few years ago in searching amongst uncalendered monastic papers for other things.

2 Established in 1536 for management of the vast possessions accruing to the Crown on suppression of the monasteries. Dissolved in Jan. 1554.

The Account is of Hynde's making, and it will be observed is not in the form of a modern cash account giving receipts on the left-hand side and payments on the right. The receipts come first and the disbursements follow on. The pages are not added up, the Account is not balanced or signed, and there is no formal heading. Only a short period is covered by the account—just long enough in fact for getting possession of the lead. Its duration extended from 10 Feb. to 29 May in a year not stated, but which from internal evidence and other circumstances may perhaps be assigned to 1549.

In printing the Account the items for convenience of reference are numbered consecutively from 1 to 299.

#### RETROSPECT.

It may assist an understanding of the situation at date of the transactions recorded in the Account, to turn a brief glance backwards to the autumn of 1539. Before September of that year the Abbot had been arrested without any charges preferred against him, and thrown into the Tower. By the middle of the month the King's Commissioners in company with Thomas Vachell (who had been "making great cheer" for them at his own house) had assumed unwarranted possession of the monastery and all its belongings. Gold and silver plate of great value was impounded for the King's use, with stores of rich vestments and valuable fabrics. These and other things done, the Commissioners took their departure, but before leaving informed Cromwell by letter that the whole house and its vast possessions had been committed to the custody of one Penizon and that the plate, vestments, copes and hangings and so forth had been placed in the hands of Vachell.<sup>1</sup>

Vachell was a local resident of some standing, and since 1529 had been one of the members of Parliament for the borough. Later on he may be judged to have given proof of his willingness to act as required, as he was constantly being put on commissions of the Peace and of Oyer and Terminer and so forth—positions in which he could be of service to those in authority.

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<sup>1</sup> *Cott. MS. Cleop. E., IV., p. 266.*

Girolamo Penizon, to give him his right name (variously spelt), was an Italian by birth<sup>1</sup> and one of Cromwell's compliant instruments. At Paris and other places abroad he had been in the secret service of the King and Cromwell for some years. Since 1536 he had been in England in some occupation connected with the King's stables. In August, 1538 we find him by instruction of Cromwell, convoying Madame de Montreuil and other ladies of the French Court, through London to Dover on their way from Scotland to France. The arrangements made by Penizon with the Lord Mayor for the reception of these ladies, and for presents to them of fish, wine and other good cheer make entertaining reading.<sup>2</sup> The King gallantly met the ladies at Dover and presented Madame de Montreuil and her daughter each with a diamond worth 300 crowns.<sup>3</sup>

For his pains in the matter, Penizon received a reward of £40, and about the same time was dubbed knight. In August 1539, this pushing mercenary was sending Cromwell a diamond "though not of the best," and also a "slender present" from his wife with thanks for the buck that Cromwell had given them that day. Penizon must have known at this date of the determination to get possession of Reading Abbey by any means fair or foul, as he thought it a good move to feed Cromwell with stories of the selling of sheep, corn and other commodities by the Abbot "to the disadvantage of the King."<sup>4</sup>

The mock trial of the Abbot took place in November 1539, and his execution with two of the monks followed about the middle of the same month. The dual management of the dissolved Abbey had not been in operation for more than a week before Penizon was at variance with Vachell and was writing Cromwell to beg his favour that Vachell might not interrupt him.<sup>5</sup> It does not appear that Vachell suffered any eclipse in consequence; for a few months later his position was officially confirmed and strengthened by grant of the offices of Overseer of the abbey

1 *Letters and Papers Hen. VIII*, Vol. 14, Pt. 2, p. 618.

2 *Ellis' Letters*, Ser. I, Vol. II, p. 107.      4 *L. and P.* 14, pt. 2, p. 15.

3 *L. and P.* 13, pt. 2, p. 116.

5 *Ibid*, p. 58.

possessions and Bailiff of the town of Reading. Both posts were for life and at a comfortable stipend in each case.<sup>1</sup>

Towards the end of 1540 Penizon also came in for official recognition. Notwithstanding the fall of his patron Thomas Cromwell, he was made chief steward of the Borough of Reading, and of the Berkshire possessions of the late Abbey at a substantial fee. Other minor offices were also included in his patent.<sup>2</sup>

#### CUSTODIANS OF THE ABBEY SITE.

It was in this way by the course of events that Penizon and Vachell became entrusted (amongst other duties) with the care of the Abbey precinct and of the Church and conventual buildings clustered within it. For the rest of the King's reign little change took place in this limited and crowded area of about thirty acres, beyond that lodgings were improvised for the King's occasional use, and stables provided for his horses. During these years nothing was brought into account for the profits of the precinct in the annual returns rendered to the Court of Augmentations by the officials responsible; because as stated in the Account for 1548/9 the site "was reserved to the use and commodity of our lord the King in custody of Sir William Penizon,"<sup>3</sup> Penizon and Vachell were not however unmindful of their own personal interests; both managed to secure for themselves individually, freehold grants and advantageous leases of outside Abbey lands. In this respect however they were outdone by the huge grants of Abbey properties<sup>4</sup> obtained in 1545 by the versifying William Gray of Reading, one of the followers of the future Duke of Somerset, and one of the band of adherents consigned with him to the Tower in October 1549.

#### CHANGES ON DEATH OF HEN. VIII.

Matters so drifted along till the death of the King early in 1547, when the rapid rise to power of the Seymours produced the opportunity and the signal for change. Within a day or two of

<sup>1</sup> *L. and P.* 15, p. 116.

<sup>2</sup> *L. and P.* 16, p. 142.

<sup>3</sup> *Mins. A/Cs Berks Edw. VI*, No. 11, m. 23.

<sup>4</sup> *L. and P.* 20, pt. 2, p. 125/6.

Henry's death Edward Seymour, Lord Hertford, was created Duke of Somerset, Protector of the Realm and Guardian of the royal person. It was quickly recognised that amid his larger pre-occupations he had a keen eye for anything tending to his own personal enrichment. Within six months he had obtained from the youthful King a grant of the reversion to all the lands settled on the widowed Queen (Catherine Parr)<sup>1</sup> at marriage; and not content with this had made use of his position to get into his own hands an enormous slice of the possessions of the late Abbey of Glastonbury. Words were specifically introduced into the instrument to make it clear that both the Abbey precinct there and the lead on the great Church and other buildings were to pass into Somerset's hands.<sup>2</sup> Immediately Somerset began to lay his plans to secure for himself a similar prize at Reading. Minor obstacles there were, but the Protector cautiously set about to overcome them. It is significant to note that in July 1547 Vachell is found surrendering "by royal request" his office of Supervisor of the possessions of Reading Abbey, and is rewarded "by the advice of Edward Duke of Somerset" with an enlarged annuity of £20 p.a. for life.<sup>3</sup> No duties were attached. For less work or no work Vachell was to get higher pay. Such is the definite evidence afforded by the documents of Somerset's personal intervention at this stage in the affairs of Reading Abbey. Vachell's enforced resignation was no case of disability by reason of age or infirmity, as he retained his other paid offices under the Crown till his death in 1553. Some policy Somerset must have had in getting rid of

<sup>1</sup> Before the date of this grant Somerset's younger brother Thomas, Lord Seymour of Sudeley, had secretly married Catherine Parr the queen-dowager. She died in childbirth in Sept. 1548; and immediately afterwards Thomas Seymour renewed his suit for the hand of Princess Elizabeth. Early in 1549 he was attainted on various charges and beheaded in March of the same year. Somerset was one of the signatories to his brother's death warrant.

<sup>2</sup> *Cal. Pat. Edw. VI.* 1547/48, p. 129.

There are indications however that Somerset was never able during the short period that the Glastonbury property remained in his ownership, to reduce the lead—valuable as it was—into his own possession. It may be that an unremembered Crown lease of the Abbey precinct, issued to one Speke before the date of Somerset's grant, blocked the way.

<sup>3</sup> *Aug. Off. Misc. Bks.* 218, f. 81.

Vachell and leaving Penizon in sole control as Keeper of the Abbey precinct at Reading. What that policy was, subsequent events may perhaps shew.

Again to look a little further. Was it merely accidental that Roger Amyce, one of the principal officials of the Court of Augmentations and also Surveyor General of both Reading and Glastonbury Abbeys since 1540, should immediately proceed to imitate Vachell by sending in his resignation of the latter offices, merely to receive in return a fresh appointment for life at an increased fee?<sup>1</sup> Somerset may have thought it politic to cultivate the goodwill and acquiescence of so influential an official, and one who till recently had been fellow M.P. for Reading with Vachell.<sup>2</sup>

#### GRANTS TO SOMERSET.

With an appetite sharpened by his recent acquisitions at Glastonbury, Somerset did not long delay his first raid on the Abbey possessions at Reading. In July 1548 he is found extracting from his youthful nephew a grant in fee of the lordship and manor of Reading, the Park and Manor of Whytley, and a variety of other lands with two yearly fairs in the Forbury.<sup>3</sup> Hardly had this been accomplished when in September 1548 Amyce presents a report<sup>4</sup> calling attention to valuable material in the form of lead on monastic buildings, bells and so forth that awaited realization at Abingdon, Reading and other places within his circuit. Confining ourselves to Reading and slightly paraphrasing the report, Amyce said that "by commandment" he had measured the unmolten lead on the late monastery and connected houses at Reading (which were still intact and in custody of Sir William Penizon) and found that the lead at the rate of fifteen square feet to the fother amounted to 417 fothers.<sup>5</sup>

With the prospect thus opened up to Somerset of obtaining a large sum of money easily and quickly, it can hardly be doubted

<sup>1</sup> *Aug. Off. Misc. Bks.* 217, f. 59.

<sup>2</sup> *Borough Records, Reading*, I, p. 192.

<sup>3</sup> *Cal. Pat.* 1548/9, p. 28.

<sup>4</sup> *Exch. K.R. Church Goods*  $\frac{8}{23}$

<sup>5</sup> An old unit of weight of rather more than a ton.

that Amyce's report was the proximate cause of the steps soon afterwards taken for recovery of the mass of lead on the Abbey roofs. That this was the whole object and purpose of the works described in the Account is made plain by the fact that as soon as possession of the lead had been obtained, the operations ceased and the Account came to an end.

#### DEMOLITION ACCOUNT.

We may now turn to Hynde's Account itself. In passing, it may be noted that according to the implication of Item 296 the demolition work was undertaken by order of the King's Council. In the case of water laid on to the King's stables, it is definitely so stated in Item 245. No confirmation of these statements can however be found in the *Acts of the Privy Council* as published, but Somerset being the dominant spirit in the Council at the time, the instructions doubtless emanated from him. Whatever the precise authorisation may have been, it is clear that the operations were carried out under the supervision of one George Hynde, a minor official of the Court of Augmentations and by trade apparently a plumber. Ordinarily this man was resident in London, but on the present occasion and accompanied by his servant "tarried" at Reading for ninety-eight days "to oversee the works and workmen."<sup>1</sup> Under Hynde was a Clerk of the Works.<sup>2</sup> In various places Hynde describes himself as "the accomptaunte hereof," and as such his performances exhibit no more than the usual defects of the mediaeval book-keeper.

#### RECEIPTS.

The section of the Account relating to Receipts is perhaps the most interesting part of the whole record. It may safely be assumed that years before these transactions, the greater part of the movables and equipment of the Abbey had been sold or otherwise disposed of; the *miscellanea* now realised, merely represented a general sweep-up of anything left that could be turned into money. Even the gravestones in the churchyard were sold.

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<sup>1</sup> Item 297.

<sup>2</sup> Item 93 *et al.*

The Receipts as detailed will amply repay attention, and for the most part are self-explanatory. Some of them are of exceptional interest. We are told for instance of what happened to "all the olde glasse" (which may have included the painted windows) and are given the name, address and occupation of the purchaser with the price paid (Item 27). Into the same hands went (Item 28) "all the images and stones standing at the high altare." The sale of roofs, chapels and portions of the fabric *en bloc* will be remarked.<sup>1</sup> St. Mary's Church, Reading, was in course of rebuilding at the time, and definite portions of the Abbey Church (Items 46 and 54) were sold for re-erection there. Corresponding entries in the Accounts of the Wardens of that church<sup>2</sup> establish the reality and trustworthiness of our new source of information.

Doubts whether the great central tower carried a spire are set at rest by Item 56, which states that £3 was received from two joint purchasers "for the roofe of the spere steeple." Although not free from ambiguity in other respects the entry makes it reasonably clear that the central tower was surmounted by a spire. Almost certainly it was of wood and not of stone, but whether or not covered with lead is uncertain.

A curious procedure is disclosed by items 63/65<sup>3</sup> inasmuch as they tell us that Hynde the surpervisor himself dabbled as purchaser in certain stores that happened to be on hand at the conclusion of the work. The value was considerable. The method of disposal of these stores rather suggests that the work did not come to a natural end, but was somewhat hurriedly terminated. For the three stocks of metal in question, Hynde "allowed to the King's Majesty" sums totalling to £37 13s. 4d. For some reason not mentioned, it appears from a note on the front page of the Account that Hynde did not clear away his

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<sup>1</sup> Comparison will shew that certain of the buildings mentioned in the Account are missing from the plan and particulars of the Abbey, published by the late Dr. Hurry. For instance, the library of which Vachell purchased the roof for £6 (Item 49) appears to have been a separate building, and is not mentioned on Hurry's plan. He thought it might have formed part of the cloister (p. 9.) There are other similar instances.

<sup>2</sup> Hurry, p. 140.

<sup>3</sup> The arithmetic of Item 63 is peculiar.



purchases but left more than sixteen tons of "lead ashes" on the site.

The concluding item of the Receipts (No. 66) in conjunction with items 307 to 315 of the Payments (to be noticed later) is illuminating. The Treasurer of the Augmentations by order of the Chancellor of the Court (Sackville) hands over to Hynde no less than £60 of public moneys (in modern currency about £720) towards the "taking down and melting of lead and other necessities." For this the Crown got nothing. At the same time the Chancellor was accepting large benefits for himself without payment.

#### PAYMENTS.

The Payments are divided into several sections under the dates specified. The first date given is 10 February, which if rightly attributed to the year 1549 fell on a Sunday and marks the actual commencement of the demolition work. The ending date was 29 May (item 251), and by then we must conclude that the Abbey Church and principal conventual buildings had been reduced to a state of ruin. The commencing Payments (Items 70 *et seq*) are for wages of carpenters engaged in taking down the timbers of the roofs, and are followed (Item 81 *et seq*) by the pay of common labourers for the pulling down of lead and lading it into carriages to be taken away.

Other entries will be found to give details of the various classes of craftsmen and labourers engaged on the work, with their names, number and rates of pay. Amongst them were carpenters, sawyers, plumbers, a freemason, a tyler and a refiner. Three keepers of the gates were on duty<sup>1</sup> and many men were employed at nights<sup>2</sup> "for watchyng of the Kings leade and Tymber from stealing and imbeseling." The various expenses of plant, tools and materials used are carefully put down. The only special expenditure was the cost of conveying water from "the King's place at Reading to the King's stable there" at the relatively small outlay of £3 10s.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Items 200/202.

<sup>3</sup> Items 246/9.

<sup>2</sup> Items 213/228.

Nothing is specified in the Account for Hynde's personal services, except such as may be embraced in the riding charges and expenses of himself and servant for 100 days £15 14s.<sup>1</sup>

#### LEAD FROM THE ROOFS.

As regards the lead itself, the Account shews (Item 292) that the quantity recovered from the roofs came to slightly over 406 fother (perhaps about 450 tons); and the cost of taking down, melting and casting it totalled £61 6s. This was after an outlay of £16 2s. 9d. for refining nearly seventeen fother at 20s. a fother. The close agreement of the weight actually recovered, with Amyce's estimate of 417 fother will be observed. There are various charges for the carriage of lead to the waterside (e.g. items 167/8), but its destination is nowhere stated, nor whether sold or how disposed of. The value was very considerable. Accounts of St. Mary's Church inform us (Garry, p. 3) that about this time lead was fetching at Reading £6 16s. 8d. per fother. On this basis the recovered lead was worth in money of the time about £2770, or approximately the equivalent in modern currency of about £30,000. If sold for the king's benefit so large a sum might be expected to appear in the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Court of Augmentations; but so far it has not been traced. What is the inference? Did the lead or the proceeds of sale in some way get applied to Somerset's own purposes? Circumstances presently to be narrated may supply a probable answer.

#### RESULTS OF THE ACCOUNT.

The net result of the Account as shewn by Hynde's figures is to make Receipts come to £206 3s. 8d. (Item 67) and Payments to £193 9s. 10½d. (Item 299) leaving a balance unaccounted for of £12 13s. 9d. In point of fact there are several errors in the additions and otherwise, and the balance to be accounted for was a larger sum. In what way George Hynde discharged himself of this liability there is nothing to shew. To arrive approximately at the equivalent in modern currency, the figures of the Account may be multiplied by ten or twelve.

The memorandum or statement by Hynde at the end of his cash transactions gives the impression of a man at once cautious and mindful of his own safety. The memorandum

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<sup>1</sup> Items 296/7.

is of astonishing character and gives particulars (Items 301-316) of "suche parcells as was lately remaynyng upon the sayde late supp'ssed house of Reading" as had been appraised and delivered respectively to the Duke of Somerset and the Chancellor of the Court of Augmentations (Sir Richard Sackville). For these "parcells" Hynde put it on record that he received nothing for the King's use—in short that they had not been paid for. The amounts involved were large. It may be assumed that Hynde's action was by way of precaution and for his own protection in case of subsequent inquiry or trouble.

Sackville was a man of genial and accommodating nature, always ready to make use of his official position to his own profit. He acquired great riches. Under the division agreed upon between them Somerset became possessed of the roofs of the body of the Church, and of the chancel (immense in their extent); as well as of several other portions (Items 301-306); whilst the Chancellor's allocation included the roofs of both aisles of the choir, of the magnificent chapter-house, the lady chapel, and a variety of old material (Items 307/315). No date is given for these transactions, but they may reasonably be supposed to have taken place within the period covered by the Account.

Probably it is no injustice to Somerset or Sackville to suppose that either had any scruple in accepting the benefit of misappropriations of this kind, provided knowledge of them could be masked from the common eye. The whole business illustrates the speculation going on around the King by some of the highest officers of State.

#### FALL OF SOMERSET.

Somerset's first fall occurred in the following autumn, when with "Gray of Reading" and other adherents of higher rank he was sent to the tower 14 October 1549.<sup>1</sup> Amongst the charges brought against him was that of converting to his own use the "lead, stone and stuff of Sion, Reading and Glastonbury of great value."<sup>2</sup> Here we may have the secret of Hynde's activities; in view of the allegations made, it is not improbable that in Hynde's

<sup>1</sup> Dormer, *Gray of Reading*, p. 47.

<sup>2</sup> Froude, IV, p. 486 n.; and *State Papers Dom.*, Edw. VI, Vol. IX, No. 53.

Account we have before us the very transactions that helped to incriminate Somerset and that played a part in bringing about his final downfall and ruin. After his release from the tower in February 1550 Somerset gradually regained some part of his previous influence and power, but was never again Protector of the Realm. His advance in popular and royal favour was again rapid, and aided by a petition from the lords of the Council he obtained from the King in June 1550 a comprehensive new grant re-establishing his title to the possessions previously made over to him at Glastonbury and Reading.<sup>1</sup> But he did not long retain them. At Reading the Abbey site and certain other extras were thrown in, but by this time the once coveted lead had been torn away and the roofless church shewed gaping voids where but lately richly painted windows had been. Chapter-house, cloisters and many another fair structure stood mutilated and abandoned—a pitiful scene of unreasoning spoliation and destruction.

Somerset's short after-career, and the fate that overtook him are matters of national history. At his trial in December 1551 it is well to remember that the charge of which he was convicted was felony and not treason. The usual sentence for felony—death by hanging was adjudged, but considerations of rank secured for him the alternative of the axe, and he was beheaded 22 January 1552. Thus, at the early age of forty-five, perished a man of undoubted ability, of distinguished presence and much grace of manner. If less rapacious and less unscrupulous Somerset might well have proved an ornament to his generation and a public servant of real usefulness to the State.

It would appear that, exceptionally, Somerset's conviction for felony occasioned no forfeiture of lands or dignities; but to surmount this an Act was passed through Parliament in April 1552 declaring his possessions forfeited.<sup>2</sup> By virtue of this legislation the site of Reading Abbey again became vested in the Crown. Its subsequent fortunes are sufficiently well-known to render further mention in these notes unnecessary.

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<sup>1</sup> *Cal. Pat.*, 1549/51, p. 430 *et seq.*

<sup>2</sup> *D.N.B.* XVII, p. 1245/6; and *Lords' Journals* I, p. 425.

## DEMOLITION ACCOUNT, 1549.

## [RECEIPTS]

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| (1) Itm Receyved of Thomas Stan-<br>shell for horlyche <sup>1</sup>                                   | xiijs <sup>s</sup> iiij <sup>d</sup>   |
| (2) Itm R of Henry Skynnar for v <sup>c</sup><br>paving tyles   | iijs <sup>s</sup> iiij <sup>d</sup>    |
| (3) Itm R of John Nyxson for a frame<br>that the Organs stode upon                                    | xxx <sup>s</sup>                       |
| (4) Itm R of Thomas Alworthe for vj<br>gravestones broken and hole                                    | xiijs <sup>s</sup> iiij <sup>d</sup>   |
| (5) Itm R of the said Thomas<br>Alworthe for vij broken Sells<br>in dortare                           | xv <sup>s</sup>                        |
| (6) Itm R of the said Thomas for a<br>pticon before a Chappell  | x <sup>s</sup>                         |
| (7) Itm R of the sayde Thomas for<br>one thowsande of pavyng<br>Tyle of the smaller sorte             | v <sup>s</sup>                         |
| (8) Itm R of John Redges for an olde<br>chamber   | xxxiijs <sup>s</sup> iiij <sup>d</sup> |
| (9) Itm R of the sayd John for<br>iiij <sup>m</sup> of pavyng Tyles                                   | xxvjs <sup>s</sup> viij <sup>d</sup>   |
| (10) Itm R of the sayde John for iij<br>olde bedsteds an olde Table iij<br>formes and an olde portall | vij <sup>s</sup>                       |
| (11) Itm R of the sayde John for an<br>olde Organ Case  | vjs <sup>s</sup>                       |
| (12) Itm R of John Heythe for iiij<br>lytle gravestones   | v <sup>s</sup>                         |
| (13) Itm R of Robert Style for vj<br>monks Selles in the dorter                                       | xxvjs <sup>s</sup> viij <sup>d</sup>   |
| (14) Itm R of Thomas Chamberlayne<br>for M <sup>l</sup> M <sup>l</sup> of pavyng Tyles                | xiijs <sup>s</sup> iiij <sup>d</sup>   |

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1 Haulage.

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| (15) Itm receyved of Fraunces Beyke<br>for one Thousaunde of pavyng<br>Tyles  | vjs viij <sup>d</sup>             |
| (16) Itm R of John Fawsebye for v <sup>c</sup><br>of pavyng Tyles   | iijs iiij <sup>d</sup>            |
| (17) Itm Receyved of M <sup>r</sup> Riggs for all<br>the Cabens in the Fermerye<br>wherin the sycke monkes laye                                   | iiij <sup>li</sup>                |
| (18) Itm receyved of Richard Mathewe<br>for vij <sup>c</sup> of smalle paving<br>Tyles  | iijs viij <sup>d</sup>            |
| (19) Itm receyved of M <sup>r</sup> Rocklyff for<br>one Thowsande of pavyng Tyles   | vjs viij <sup>d</sup>             |
| (20) Itm receyved of M <sup>r</sup> Dobskott for<br>vj <sup>c</sup> of pavyng Tyles   | iiij <sup>s</sup> ij <sup>d</sup> |
| (21) Itm receyved of M <sup>r</sup> Vachell for a<br>halpasse of wayneskott <sup>1</sup> that<br>the Abbott made for a respecte<br>to the Churche | xl <sup>s</sup>                   |
| (22) Itm Receyved of Mayster<br>Anthonye Brygame for fyve<br>broken gravestones   | viijs viij <sup>d</sup>           |
| (23) Itm receyved of Thomas Seynt-<br>man for a gravestone  | vjs                               |
| (24) Itm R of M <sup>r</sup> Fen' for xij marble<br>stones broken and hole  | xxviij <sup>s</sup>               |
| (25) Itm Receyved of Willyam Draper<br>for a partycion afore our ladye<br>Chappell and a Rayle on the<br>Southe syde of the quyere                | xx <sup>s</sup>                   |
| (26) Itm Receyved of M <sup>r</sup> John Sands<br>for certen Stones fallen downe<br>upon twoo sydes of the Cloyster                               | l <sup>s</sup>                    |

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1 A dais or high step (*haut-pas*) of a superior quality of foreign oak. N.E.D.

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- (27) Itm Receyved of William Draper  
of London Iremonger for all the  
olde glasse<sup>1</sup> vj<sup>li</sup> xiijs<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>
- (28) Itm R of the sayd William Draper  
for all the Images and stones  
standing at the highe Altare XLvj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>
- (29) Itm receyved of the sayd William  
Draper for x<sup>c</sup> of olde Iron at  
vj<sup>s</sup> the C Sm<sup>a</sup> iiij<sup>li</sup>
- (30) Itm R of the Churche wardens of  
Seynt Mary Churche of Reding  
for the Monks stalls in the  
Quyre liijs<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>
- (31) Itm R of John Revell Carpenter  
for iiij<sup>c</sup> of olde Iron at vj<sup>s</sup> the  
C. Sm<sup>a</sup> xxiijs<sup>s</sup>
- (32) Itm receyved of Thomas Mawks  
for the Cōmen Jakeses of the  
dortare xv<sup>s</sup>
- (33) Itm R of Mighell Hopen the  
Kings Smythe of Wyndesore  
for vij<sup>c</sup> of olde Iron at vj<sup>s</sup> the  
hundreth Sm<sup>a</sup> xlijs<sup>s</sup>
- (34) Itm R of William Orpen for iij<sup>c</sup>  
of olde Iron at vj<sup>s</sup> the C. Sm<sup>a</sup> xviijs<sup>s</sup>
- (35) Itm R of Thomas Alderw' othe  
for C. of olde lathe bourdes iiij<sup>s</sup>
- (36) Itm R of Henry Hawthorne for  
C. of olde lathe bourdes iiij<sup>s</sup>
- (37) Itm Receyved of Richard Smythe  
for half a hundred of olde lathe  
boards ij<sup>s</sup>
- (38) Itm R of William Hande for half  
a hundred of olde lathe bourds ij<sup>s</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> From the price realised this may have embraced some or all of the painted windows.

## [RECEIPTS contd.]

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| (39) Itm R of Mayster Greye for the<br>stone upon two sydes of the<br>Cloyster <sup>1</sup>   | XL <sup>s</sup>                      |
| (40) Itm R of the sayd M <sup>r</sup> Greye for<br>xv Jakes stoles  | x <sup>s</sup>                       |
| (41) Itm R of the sayd M <sup>r</sup> Greye for<br>plaster of parrys that wente<br>aboute the Quyere  | xxvj <sup>s</sup> viij <sup>d</sup>  |
| (42) Itm R of the sayd M <sup>r</sup> Greye for<br>the lytle rofe standyng at the<br>ende of the Fratrye  | xxvj <sup>s</sup> viij <sup>d</sup>  |
| (43) Itm R of the sayd M <sup>r</sup> Greye for a<br>shedde and a wyndowe   | XL <sup>s</sup>                      |
| (44) Itm R more of the sayd M <sup>r</sup> Graye<br>for certayne stone that wente<br>aboute the southe syde of the<br>Churche under Bartlements | xiiij <sup>s</sup> iiij <sup>d</sup> |
| (45) Itm R of M <sup>r</sup> Beke and Mayster<br>Alworthe for a porcollys of<br>stone standyng afore the Quyere<br>dore                         | xxvj <sup>s</sup> viij <sup>d</sup>  |
| (46) Itm R of the Churchwardens of<br>seynt Maryes in Reding for iiij<br>pillors of Stone standing in the<br>olde Chapple <sup>2</sup>          | x <sup>s</sup>                       |
| (47) Itm R of M <sup>r</sup> Redkowte for a lytle<br>lodgyng  | liij <sup>s</sup> iiij <sup>d</sup>  |
| (48) Itm R of M <sup>r</sup> Warde for an olde<br>lodgyng behynde the Fermerye  | iiij <sup>li</sup>                   |
| (49) Itm R of M <sup>r</sup> Fawchyll for the<br>Rofe of the lybrarye   | vj <sup>li</sup>                     |
| (50) Itm R of M <sup>r</sup> Warde for an olde<br>halle   | iiij <sup>li</sup> x <sup>s</sup>    |

<sup>1</sup> The purchaser of this and following items may no doubt be identified with William Gray, the M.P. for Reading, whose career was in 1923 so well sketched by Mr. Ernest W. Dormer.

<sup>2</sup> A corresponding payment appears in the published accounts of St. Mary's Church, Reading (p. 3) where George Hynde is styled "Serjeaunt" Hynde.



## [RECEIPTS contd.]

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| (51) Itm R of John Cowper for the<br>Jaks howse  | x <sup>li</sup>                    |
| (52) Itm R of Barnarde Moore for a<br>lytle rooffe   | xL <sup>s</sup>                    |
| (53) Itm R of M <sup>r</sup> Bregame and John<br>Redges for a lytle howse stand-<br>ing by the water syde called a<br>Slaughter howse                | L <sup>s</sup>                     |
| (54) Itm R of the wardens of Seynte<br>Mary Church for the olde<br>Chapell rooffe <sup>1</sup>   | vj <sup>li</sup> iiij <sup>s</sup> |
| (55) Itm Receyved of M <sup>r</sup> Dabskott for<br>the priors halle rooffe  | iiij <sup>li</sup> x <sup>s</sup>  |
| (56) Itm R of Henry Hynde and<br>William Draper for the Rooffe<br>of the spere steple <sup>2</sup>   | iiij <sup>li</sup>                 |
| (57) Itm R of Maister Venare for an<br>olde lodgyng  | v <sup>li</sup>                    |
| (58) Itm R of Stephen Christyan for a<br>litle howse by the water syde   | iiij <sup>li</sup>                 |
| (59) Itm R of Thomas Malthowse<br>and Richarde Watlyngeton for<br>certain stone of the Bartlements<br>being broken withe taking<br>downe of the rofe | L <sup>s</sup>                     |
| (60) Itm R of M <sup>r</sup> Bradshawe for the<br>tymbre of the Northe Ile of the<br>Church  | xL <sup>s</sup>                    |
| (61) Itm Receyved of Sir John<br>Gresham for iiij <sup>ml</sup> of howse<br>Tyle at v <sup>s</sup> the Thowsande Sm <sup>a</sup>                     | xx <sup>s</sup>                    |
| (62) Itm R of John Nixson plumber<br>for M <sup>l</sup> M <sup>l</sup> of howse tyle   | x <sup>s</sup>                     |

<sup>1</sup> The relative amount in the churchwardens' own accounts (p. 4) stands at £6 ros. 8d.

<sup>2</sup> A steeple surmounted by a spire.—N.E.D.

## [RECEIPTS contd.]

- (63) Itm the aforesayde George Hynde the Accomptaunte herof allowith unto the Kings Matie for  $\text{iiij}^c$  of lavar mettall w<sup>che</sup> he hadde according to the praysement therof at  $\text{xxx}^s$  the C.  $\text{Sm}^a$  1  $\text{xxxj}^{\bar{\text{li}}}$
- (64) Itm the said Accomptaunte allowithe also unto the Kings highnes for  $\text{iiij}^c$  waight of Copper after the rate and praysement thereof at  $\text{xx}^s$  the C.  $\text{iiij}^{\bar{\text{li}}}$
- (65) Itm the said Accomptaunte lyke-wise allowithe unto the Kings Maiestie for a sowe of glasse metallewayeng  $\text{viiij}^c$  at  $\text{vj}^s$   $\text{viiij}^d$  the hundred  $\text{Sm}^a$   $\text{liijs} \text{iiij}^d$
- (66) Itm Receyved of Sir John Wyllyams Knight Treasurer of the Courte of Thaugementacons by twoo warrats directed from Maister Chauncellor of the same Courte towards the chardgs of the taking downe and Meltinge of the same leade and other necessaryes  $\text{Lx}^{\bar{\text{li}}}$
- 
- (67) The Some of all the Receipts aforesaid  $\text{ccvj}^{\bar{\text{li}}} \text{iijs} \text{viiij}^d$   
(£206 3s. 8d.)

<sup>1</sup> The arithmetic of item 63 appears to be faulty. Precisely what "lavar mettall" was intended to mean has not been traced.

The three items 63 to 65 were evidently stocks of material that happened to be on hand at date the account came to an end, and were taken over by the supervisor at valuation price.

A curious memo on the outer sheet of Hynde's account says that 16 fotheres of "lead ashes" were remaining on the abbey site (date not given) in the charge of one Norres servant to the Marquis of Northampton "left there by George Hynde, plumber." From this it would appear that for some reason Hynde feared or neglected to carry away or dispose of his purchases.

## [PAYMENTS]

Money layde fourthe by George Hynde the Accomptaunte herof from the x<sup>th</sup> daye of February untill the iiij<sup>th</sup> daye of Marche<sup>1</sup> as hereafter folowithe.

Carpentars working by the daye as well for taking downe of Tymber of the roofes as covering the same and for making of Skaffolds and gynnes.

|  |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| (70) First to George Barfoote for xviiij dayes | xiiij <sup>s</sup> ij <sup>d</sup> |
| (71) Itm to John Nayse for xvj dayes           | xij <sup>s</sup>                   |
| (72) Itm to Henry Sowthe for xvj dayes         | xij <sup>s</sup>                   |
| (73) Itm to Thomas Daye for xvj dayes          | xij <sup>s</sup>                   |
| (74) Itm to John Cottrell for xvj dayes        | xij <sup>s</sup>                   |
| (75) Itm to John Martenley for iiij dayes      | iiij <sup>s</sup>                  |
| (76) Itm to John Tallarde for vj dayes         | iiij <sup>s</sup> vj <sup>d</sup>  |
| (77) Itm to William Gybbes for iij dayes       | xxj <sup>d</sup>                   |

## Laborers to the Carpentars.

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| (78) Itm to George Bawle for xvj dayes  | viiij <sup>s</sup> |
| (79) Itm to Wylliam Deane for xvj dayes | viiij <sup>s</sup> |

Comon Laborers by the daye for pullyng downe and caryeng of leade from the place wheare yt was molten and wayede and for ladyng it to the Cariage.

|  |                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| (81) Itm to Thomas Lyghtfoote for xviiij dayes and ix howres | ix <sup>s</sup> iiij <sup>d</sup> ob |
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<sup>1</sup> Probably 1549.

## [PAYMENTS contd.]

|   |  |
|---|--|
| (82) Itm to George Gettons for xvj<br>dayes and ix howres | viijs <sup>s</sup> iiij <sup>d</sup> ob̄ |
| (83) Itm to Robert Tayllar for xvj<br>dayes and ix howres | viijs iiij <sup>d</sup> ob̄              |
| (84) Itm to John Watlyngton for x<br>dayes                | v <sup>s</sup>                           |
| (85) Itm to Henry Counsell for x dayes                    | iijs <sup>s</sup> iiij <sup>d</sup>      |
| (86) Itm to Robert Hytchens for xj<br>dayes               | iijs <sup>s</sup> viij <sup>d</sup>      |
| (87) Itm to Water Bernam for ij dayes                     | xij <sup>d</sup>                         |
| (88) Itm to William Roberts for vij<br>dayes              | iijs <sup>s</sup> vj <sup>d</sup>        |
| (89) Itm to Rychard Marten for v<br>dayes                 | ij <sup>s</sup> vj <sup>d</sup>          |
| (90) Itm to Thomas Barthelett for vj<br>dayes             | iijs <sup>s</sup>                        |
| (91) Itm to John Wallys for viij dayes                    | iijs <sup>s</sup>                        |
| (92) Itm to John Morgan for xvj<br>dayes and ix howres    | viijs <sup>s</sup> iiij <sup>d</sup>     |

## Clerke of the works.

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| (93) Itm to Robert Huggens for xxj<br>dayes | xiijs <sup>s</sup> |
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Empcyons.<sup>1</sup>

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| (94) Itm payde to Wyllyam Lightfote<br>for vj baste Ropes      | x <sup>d</sup>    |
| (95) Itm payde to John Rychardson<br>for iiij hande maunds     | vj <sup>d</sup>   |
| (96) Itm payde to Richard Smythe<br>for a basket               | vj <sup>d</sup>   |
| (97) Itm payde to Edmonde Shere-<br>wood for vj loodes of Sand | iijs <sup>s</sup> |

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<sup>1</sup> Purchases.

## [PAYMENTS contd.]

|  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| (98) Itm payde to William Lightfoote<br>for ij baste ropes                                   | iiij <sup>d</sup>                     |
| (99) Itm payde to Peter Gonstone for<br>iij quyer of paper                                   | ix <sup>d</sup>                       |
| (100) Itm payde to John Breche for vj<br>hande Ropes   | v <sup>s</sup> ij <sup>d</sup>        |
| (101) Itm payde to William Hanare for<br>a beryng Tubbe                                      | xiiij <sup>d</sup>                    |
| (102) Itm payde for a loade of powles  | xx <sup>d</sup>                       |
| (103) Itm payde to John Breche for<br>liiij <sup>lb</sup> of ropes at ij <sup>d</sup> the lb | ix <sup>s</sup> iiij <sup>d</sup>     |
| (104) Itm payde to Edmonde Shere-<br>wood for iiij loodes of Sand                            | ij <sup>s</sup>                       |
| (105) Itm payde for iiij Stocke locks  | iiij <sup>s</sup>                     |
| (106) Itm payde for xxiiij ryngs for<br>waights and a cole rake                              | vj <sup>s</sup> iiij <sup>d</sup>     |
| (107) Itm payde for a Skommer for the<br>leade   | xv <sup>d</sup> ob̄                   |
| (108) Itm payde for a howke and a<br>dryf pyn and ij harde Chyssells                         | xxij <sup>d</sup> ob̄                 |
| (109) Itm payde for ij Crowes of Iron  | iiij <sup>s</sup> xj <sup>d</sup> ob̄ |
| (110) Itm payde for iiij pynnes to the<br>drouge   | xx <sup>d</sup>                       |
| (111) Itm payde for a locke and a<br>dryff pyn   | vi <sup>d</sup>                       |
| (112) Itm payde for a newe Stoke locke   | xij <sup>d</sup>                      |
| (113) Itm payde for a keye and<br>mending of tooles  | x <sup>d</sup>                        |
| (114) Itm payde for a Gryndestone  | ij <sup>s</sup> viij <sup>d</sup>     |
| (115) Itm payde for a newe keye and<br>mending of an olde locke                              | vj <sup>d</sup>                       |
| (116) Itm payde for a Crowe of Iron  | xvj <sup>d</sup>                      |
| (117) Itm payde for a marking Iron and<br>a plate for the skales                             | viiij <sup>d</sup>                    |
| (118) Itm payde for a fyer forke   | xxj <sup>d</sup>                      |

## [PAYMENTS contd.]

- (119) Itm payde for ij Ryngs for the  
leade molde v<sup>d</sup>
- (120) Itm payde for mending of a  
Crowe of Iron and ij dryffe  
pynnes ix<sup>d</sup>
- (121) Itm payde for ij draggs of Iron  
to drawe leade xviii<sup>d</sup>

Londe Cariage of leade.

- (122) Itm paide to Thomasyn Nicholas  
for xj dayes and a half carieng  
of leade to the water syde xv<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>

- (123) The Some of the payments  
and Empshions afore re-  
hersed

xj<sup>li</sup> xiijs<sup>s</sup> v<sup>d</sup>  
(£11 13s. 5d.)

Money payde by the sayde Accomptaunt from the ix<sup>th</sup> daye  
of Marche to the v<sup>th</sup> daye of Aprill.

Carpenters working by the day  
aswell for taking downe of Tymber  
of the rofes as cov' yng of the  
same and for makyng of Gynnes  
and Scaffoldes.

- (126) Itm to George Barfoote for  
xxiiij dayes and xxiiij howres xx<sup>s</sup> ij<sup>d</sup>
- (127) Itm to John Tailler for xxij dayes  
and xxij howres xviiijs<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>
- (128) Itm to John Nayse for xj dayes  
and xj howres ix<sup>s</sup> ij<sup>d</sup>
- (129) Itm to Henry Southe for xxij  
dayes and xxij howres xviiijs<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>

## [PAYMENTS contd.]

|   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| (130) Itm to John Cotrell for xxij dayes<br>and xxij howres   | xviijs <sup>s</sup> iiij <sup>d</sup> |
| (131) Itm to John Martynley for xxij<br>dayes and xxij howres | xviijs <sup>s</sup> iiij <sup>d</sup> |
| (132) Itm to Thomas Daye for xxij<br>dayes and xxij howres    | xvj <sup>s</sup> vj <sup>d</sup>      |
| (133) Itm to William Gibbes for xxij<br>dayes and xxij howres | xiiij <sup>s</sup> viij <sup>d</sup>  |
| (134) Itm to Richard Cottrell for xvj<br>dayes and xvj howres | xiijs <sup>s</sup> iiij <sup>d</sup>  |
| (135) Itm to Richard Bowyer for xvj<br>dayes and xvj howres   | x <sup>s</sup> viij <sup>d</sup>      |

## Laborers to the Carpenters.

|  |                                 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| (136) Itm to George Bawle for xv dayes<br>and xxij howrs     | ix <sup>s</sup>                 |
| (137) Itm to William Deane for xxij<br>dayes and xxij howres | xj <sup>s</sup> xj <sup>d</sup> |

Comōn Laborers working by the  
daye for pullyng downe and  
drawyng and caryeng of Sowes  
of leade to suche places as it was  
wayed and ladyng to cariage.

|  |   |
|--|---|
| (139) Itm to William Lightfoote for<br>xxiij dayes and xxiiij howres               | xij <sup>s</sup> v <sup>d</sup> ob <sup>̄</sup> |
| (140) Itm to John Morgan for xxiiij<br>dayes and xxiiij howres                     | xiijs <sup>s</sup>                              |
| (141) Itm to George Gettons for xxiiij<br>dayes and xxiiij howres                  | xv <sup>s</sup> vj <sup>d</sup>                 |
| (142) Itm to Richarde Tayller for<br>xxiiij dayes and xxiiij howres                | xij <sup>s</sup>                                |
| (143) Itm to John Walles for xx <sup>ti</sup> dayes<br>and xx <sup>ti</sup> howres | x <sup>s</sup> x <sup>d</sup>                   |

## [PAYMENTS contd.]

|   |  |
|---|--|
| (144) Itm to Thomas Bredes for xxiiij<br>dayes and xxiiij howres              | xijs v <sup>d</sup> ob <sup>-</sup>    |
| (145) Itm to John Wallington for ix<br>dayes                                  | iiij <sup>s</sup> vj <sup>d</sup>      |
| (146) Itm to Henry Counsell for xxiiij<br>dayes                               | vij <sup>s</sup> viij <sup>d</sup>     |
| (147) Itm to John Trowe for xxiiij dayes<br>and xxiiij howres                 | xijs v <sup>d</sup> ob <sup>-</sup>    |
| (148) Itm to Robert Hychens for xxij<br>dayes                                 | vij <sup>s</sup> iiij <sup>d</sup>     |
| (149) Itm to John Wyat for xxj dayes<br>and xxj howres and ij nyghts          | xijs iiij <sup>d</sup> ob <sup>-</sup> |
| (150) Itm to Thomas Sussex for xxiiij<br>dayes                                | xvj <sup>s</sup>                       |
| (151) Itm to William Hemmyng for xvj<br>dayes and xvj howres and ij<br>nyghts | ix <sup>s</sup> viij <sup>d</sup>      |
| (152) Itm to William Waller for xij<br>dayes and xij howres                   | vj <sup>s</sup> vj <sup>d</sup>        |
| (153) Itm to Thomas Tanner for xj<br>dayes and xj howres                      | vj <sup>s</sup>                        |
| (154) Itm to Edmond Wright for viij<br>dayes and viij howres                  | iiij <sup>s</sup> iiij <sup>d</sup>    |

## Clerke of the works.

|  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| (155) Itm to Robert Huggons for<br>xxviiij dayes | xviijs viij <sup>d</sup> |
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## Empcyons.

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| (156) Itm payde to John Breche for<br>xxiiij <sup>lb</sup> of hande ropes | iiij <sup>s</sup> |
| (157) Itm payde to George Barfoote<br>for iiij shovells                   | ix <sup>d</sup>   |
| (158) Itm payde to John Revell for<br>Ryding chargs                       | xlvijs            |



## [PAYMENTS contd.]

|  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| (159) Itm payde to John Breche for a gyn rope  | xiiij <sup>s</sup> ob q           |
| (160) Itm payde to Thomas Sussex for xxv <sup>lb</sup> of ryngs and boltes                   | ij <sup>s</sup> xj <sup>d</sup>   |
| (161) Itm payde for making of an Iron staff for to knytt the conduite pypes                  | ij <sup>s</sup>                   |
| (162) Itm payde to the prayzers in rewarde   | ij <sup>s</sup>                   |
| (163) Itm payde for x <sup>lb</sup> of Staples of Iron of the Kings the worke-manship therof | x <sup>d</sup>                    |
| (164) Itm payde for mendyng of a crowe of Iron and a newe Keye                               | ix <sup>d</sup>                   |
| (165) Itm payde for xiiij <sup>lb</sup> of boltes for the Gynne                              | ij <sup>s</sup> iiij <sup>d</sup> |
| (166) Itm payde for ij pykeaxes  | iiij <sup>s</sup> ix <sup>d</sup> |

## Cariage of leade and tymbre to the water syde.

|  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| (167) Itm payde to Tomasyn Nicholas for cariage of leade           | x <sup>s</sup> viij <sup>d</sup>    |
| (168) Itm payde to M <sup>r</sup> Mayer for cariage of leade       | xxvj <sup>s</sup> viij <sup>d</sup> |
| (169) Itm payde to John Cowper for iij dayes caryage               | iiij <sup>s</sup>                   |
| (170) Itm payde to Edmonde Sherewood for vj lodes of Sande         | iiij <sup>s</sup>                   |
| (171) Itm payde to M <sup>r</sup> Rowte for cariage of leade       | v <sup>s</sup> xj <sup>d</sup>      |
| (172) Itm payde to John Cowper for cariage of xvij lodes of Tymbar | v <sup>s</sup> viij <sup>d</sup>    |

(173) The Some of the payments and empcyons afore specyfied

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**xxiiij<sup>li</sup> xviiij<sup>s</sup> ix<sup>d</sup> ob q̄a**  
(£24 18s. 9½d.)

## [PAYMENTS contd.]

Money also disbursed and payde by the forseyd Accomptaunt from the vj<sup>th</sup> daye of Apriell unto the thirde day of Maye.

Carpenters working by the day in  
man' and forme before declared.

|   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| (176) Itm to George Barfote for xxij<br>dayes and xxij howres                           | xx <sup>s</sup> ij <sup>d</sup>    |
| (177) Itm to John Tayllo <sup>r</sup> for xviiij<br>dayes and xviiij howres             | xv <sup>s</sup>                    |
| (178) Itm to Richard Cottrell for xx <sup>ti</sup><br>dayes and xx <sup>ti</sup> howres | xvj <sup>s</sup> viij <sup>d</sup> |
| (179) Itm to John Martynley for xx<br>dayes and xx howres                               | xvj <sup>s</sup> viij <sup>d</sup> |
| (180) Itm to John Cottrell for xxj dayes<br>and xxj howres                              | xvij <sup>s</sup> vj <sup>d</sup>  |
| (181) Itm to Henry Southe for xx dayes<br>and xx howres                                 | xvj <sup>s</sup> viij <sup>d</sup> |
| (182) Itm to William Scargell for xij<br>dayes and xij howres                           | x <sup>s</sup>                     |
| (183) Itm to Thomas Daye for xx dayes<br>and xx howres                                  | xv <sup>s</sup>                    |
| (184) Itm to William Magytt for xviiij<br>dayes and xviiij howres                       | xiiij <sup>s</sup> vj <sup>d</sup> |
| (185) Itm to Richard Bowyer for xxj<br>dayes and xxj howres                             | xiiij <sup>s</sup>                 |
| (186) Itm to William Gybbes for xxj<br>dayes and xxj howres                             | xiiij <sup>s</sup>                 |

Laborers to the Carpenters.

|  |                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| (187) Itm to William Deane for xxj<br>dayes and xxj howres | xj <sup>s</sup> iiij <sup>d</sup> ob |
| (188) Itm to William Waller for xx<br>dayes and xx howres  | x <sup>s</sup> x <sup>d</sup>        |

## [PAYMENTS contd.]

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| (189) Itm to Thomas Tanner for xvij<br>dayes and xvij howres   | ix <sup>s</sup> ix <sup>d</sup>     |
| (190) Itm to Water Syngleton for xvij<br>dayes and xvij howres | ix <sup>s</sup> ix <sup>d</sup>     |
| (191) Itm to Robert Mowneford for xvj<br>dayes and xvj howres  | viii <sup>s</sup> viij <sup>d</sup> |
| (192) Itm to Richard Combey for<br>xvii dayes and xvii howres  | ix <sup>s</sup> ix <sup>d</sup>     |

## Sawyers.

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| (193) Itm to Thomas Cotrell and Jeamys<br>Wolberd for xj dayes and xxij<br>howres | xiii <sup>s</sup> viij <sup>d</sup> |
| (194) Itm to Henry Reade and John<br>Payne for viij dayes and xvj<br>howres       | x <sup>s</sup> viij <sup>d</sup>    |

## Fremason.

- |  |                                    |
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| (195) Itm to Henry Mercer for xvj dayes<br>and xvj howrs | xii <sup>s</sup> iiij <sup>d</sup> |
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## Laborers to the Mason.

- |   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| (196) Itm to John Morgan for xxij<br>dayes and xxij howres    | xj <sup>s</sup> xj <sup>d</sup> |
| (197) Itm to Robert Tayller for xxij<br>dayes and xxij howres | xj <sup>s</sup> xj <sup>d</sup> |

## Tylar.

- |   |                |
|---|----------------|
| (198) Itm to William Samforde for vj<br>dayes and vj howres | v <sup>s</sup> |
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## [PAYMENTS contd.]

Laborer to the Tylar.

- (199) Itm to William Twynne for vj  
dayes and vj howres iijs iiij<sup>d</sup>

Keepers of the gates.

- (200) Itm to William Lightfote for  
xxiiij dayes and xxiiij howres xiiij<sup>s</sup>  
(201) Itm to John Wright for xxiiij  
dayes and xxiiij howres and one  
nyght xiiij<sup>s</sup> vj<sup>d</sup>  
(202) Itm to Henry Counsayll for xviiij  
dayes vj<sup>s</sup>

Comen Laborers working by the  
daye and for pulling downe of  
leade and other things as afore  
is declared.

- (204) Itm to William Hemynge for xxj  
dayes and xxj howres xj<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>  
(205) Itm to John Walles for xviiij dayes  
and xviiij howres ix<sup>s</sup> ix<sup>d</sup>  
(206) Itm to Thomas Brede for xviiij  
days and xviiij howres ix<sup>s</sup> ix<sup>d</sup>  
(207) Itm to Thomas Baylye for xiiij  
dayes and xiiij howres vijs vij<sup>d</sup>  
(208) Itm to Robert Foxe for xj dayes  
and xj howres vj<sup>s</sup>  
(209) Itm to John Browne for xvj dayes  
and xvj howres viijs viij<sup>d</sup>  
(210) Itm to Henry Penny for vij dayes  
and vij howres iijs x<sup>d</sup>

## [PAYMENTS contd.]

Clerke of the workes.

- (211) Itm to Robert Huggons for xxviij  
dayes xviijs viij<sup>d</sup>

For watchyng of the Kings leade  
and Tymber from stealing and  
imbeseling.

- (213) Itm to Robert Spaffolde for iiij  
nyghts ijs viij<sup>d</sup>
- (214) Itm to Henry Deakyn for xnyghts vjs viij<sup>d</sup>
- (215) Itm to Thomas Ratclyf for iiij  
nyghts ijs viij<sup>d</sup>
- (216) Itm to Richarde Derelove for  
viij nyghts vs iiij<sup>d</sup>
- (217) Itm to William Hande for ij  
nyghts xvj<sup>d</sup>
- (218) Itm to John Haywood for iiij  
nyghts ijs viij<sup>d</sup>
- (219) Itm to Robert Deacon for vj  
nyghts iiij<sup>s</sup>
- (220) Itm to Robert Martyndale for  
iiij nyghts ijs viij<sup>d</sup>
- (221) Itm to Robert Sturrys for v  
nyghts iijs iiij<sup>d</sup>
- (222) Itm to William Goodyere for vj  
nyghts iiij<sup>s</sup>
- (223) Itm to Thomas Hyllar for vj  
nyghts iiij<sup>s</sup>
- (224) Itm to John Morgan for iiij  
nyghts ijs viij<sup>d</sup>
- (225) Itm to George Gyttons for viij  
nyghts vs iiij<sup>d</sup>
- (226) Itm to John Wayte for iiij  
nyghts ijs viij<sup>d</sup>

## [PAYMENTS contd.]

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| (227) Itm to William Hemmyng for<br>iiij nyghts   | ij <sup>s</sup> viij <sup>d</sup>   |
| (228) Itm to Willia' lightfote for ij<br>nyghts   | xvj <sup>d</sup>                    |
| Empcyons.   |                                     |
| (229) Itm payde to Richard Gonson for<br>ij Quyres of white paper   | vj <sup>d</sup>                     |
| (230) Itm payde to Thomas Baylye for<br>Newe Stocke locke a staple and<br>nayll   | xiiij <sup>d</sup>                  |
| (231) Itm payde to the said Thomas<br>Baylye for making of a newe<br>Crowe of Iron and steeling of<br>ij Crowes and taking downe of<br>the Iron of ij wyndowes                      | xviiij <sup>d</sup>                 |
| (232) Itm payde to Edmond Sherewood<br>for x loades of Sande  | v <sup>s</sup>                      |
| (233) Itm payde to Thomas Lightfote<br>for an axe and a bowle   | x <sup>d</sup>                      |
| (234) Itm payde to Richard Gylbarde<br>for v <sup>c</sup> of vj pennye nayles and<br>ij <sup>c</sup> lathe nayles   | ij <sup>s</sup> ix <sup>d</sup>     |
| (235) Itm payde to John Fawsebye for<br>one C. of lathe vj <sup>d</sup> A pecke of<br>Tyle pynnes ij <sup>d</sup> and CC of iiij<br>pennye nayles viij <sup>d</sup> Sm <sup>a</sup> | xx <sup>d</sup>                     |
| (236) Itm payde for a newe Buckett  | x <sup>d</sup>                      |
| (237) Itm payde to William Bayllye<br>for xij <sup>lb</sup> of longe spryggs at<br>ij <sup>d</sup> ob the lb  | ij <sup>s</sup> iij <sup>d</sup> ob |
| (238) Itm payde to the same William<br>for working of xj <sup>lb</sup> of the Kings<br>yron   | xj <sup>d</sup>                     |

## [PAYMENTS contd.]

- (239) Itm payde to John Revell Carpenter for his ryding chardges for xxiiij dayes at ij<sup>s</sup> the daye      xlviijs
- (240) Itm payde to Thomas Sussex for mending of driffe pynnes      xd
- Cariage of leade and tymber by lande to the water syde.
- (242) Itm payde to Richarde Rowe for the Carriage of leade and tymber for xxiiij dayes at ij<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> the daye      iiij<sup>li</sup> iiij<sup>s</sup>
- (243) Itm payde to John Cowper for the cariage of leade and Tymbre to the water syde      xij<sup>s</sup>
- (244) Itm payde to Richard Thorne for the Carriage of leade and Tymbar for ij dayes at ij<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> the daye      vs iiij<sup>d</sup>

Charges for the conveying of the water from the Kings place at Reding to the Kings Stable there as by a warraunt directed from the Kings Ma<sup>ts</sup> Counsayle assigned and subscribed w<sup>t</sup> vj of their hands it dothe appeare.

- (246) Itm payde to Water Reynam for digging and casting of the Trenche, and filling it agayn and for pavyng certayne places wheare nede was      xxx<sup>s</sup>
- (247) Itm payde to William Hande for buryeng and layeng of the pypes      xx<sup>s</sup>

## [PAYMENTS contd.]

- (248) Itm payde for xxxij<sup>l</sup>b of Sowder  
at vj d. the l<sup>b</sup> xvjs
- (249) Itm payde to John Sewell for a  
Cocke iijs
- (250) The Some of the payments and  
Empcions afore rehersed
- 
- xxxiiij<sup>l</sup> xxiij<sup>d</sup>**  
(£34 1s. 11d.)
- Money also payde and layde fourthe by the Accomptant herof  
from the iiij<sup>th</sup> daye of maye unto the xxix<sup>th</sup> daye of the same  
Moneth.
- Carpenters working by the daye  
in and aboute suche busynes as  
ys before rehersed.
- (253) Itm to John Revel for his ryding  
chardges for hymself and his  
horse for xxiiij dayes at ijs the  
daye XLvijs
- (254) Itm to John Barfote for xxiiij  
dayes and xxiiij howres xxijs
- (255) Itm to John Tayller for xxiiij  
dayes xx<sup>s</sup>
- (256) Itm to Richard Cottrell for  
xxiiij dayes xx<sup>s</sup>
- (257) Itm to John Martyngeley for  
xxiiij dayes xx<sup>s</sup>
- (258) Itm to John Cotrell for xxiiij  
dayes xx<sup>s</sup>
- (259) Itm to William Magett for xxiiij  
days xx<sup>s</sup>
- (260) Itm to Henry Thowse for xxiiij  
days xx<sup>s</sup>



## [PAYMENTS contd.]

## Carpenters Prētyses.

- (261) Itm to John Hyllyar for xxiiij  
dayes xvjs
- (262) Itm to Thomas Daye for xxiiij  
dayes xvjs
- (263) Itm to Richarde Bowyer for xxiiij  
dayes xvjs
- (264) Itm to William Gybbes for  
xxiiij dayes xvjs

## Sawyers.

- (265) Itm to Henry Reade and John  
Payne for xviiij dayes xxiiij<sup>s</sup>
- (266) Itm to Thomas Cotrell and  
Jeamys Wylberde for xxiiij  
dayes xxxij<sup>s</sup>

## Tylar.

- (267) Itm to William Sampforthe for  
xxiiij dayes xx<sup>s</sup>

## Laborers to the Tyler.

- (268) Itm to William Teven for xxiiij  
dayes xij<sup>s</sup>
- (269) Itm to Richard Combe for xxiiij  
dayes xij<sup>s</sup>

Comen laborers working by the  
daye as is before lymyted.

- (271) Itm to John Bredes for xviiij  
dayes ix<sup>s</sup>

## [PAYMENTS contd.]

|  |                    |
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| (272) Itm to Thomas Tannar for xviiij<br>dayes               | ix <sup>s</sup>    |
| (273) Itm to John Wyat for xxiiij dayes<br>and xxiiij howres | xiiij <sup>s</sup> |
| (274) Itm to Robert Tayller for xviiij<br>dayes              | ix <sup>s</sup>    |
| (275) Itm to John Wallys for xviiij dayes                    | ix <sup>s</sup>    |
| (276) Itm to Water Henyell for xviiij<br>dayes               | ix <sup>s</sup>    |
| (277) Itm to William Dean for xviiij<br>dayes                | ix <sup>s</sup>    |
| (278) Itm to Dennys Chylde for xviiij<br>dayes               | ix <sup>s</sup>    |
| (279) Itm to Thomas Cocker for xij<br>dayes                  | vj <sup>s</sup>    |
| (280) Itm to John Hyde for xij dayes                         | vj <sup>s</sup>    |
| (281) Itm to William Waller for xij<br>dayes                 | vj <sup>s</sup>    |
| (282) Itm to Thomas Lyghtfote for<br>xxiiij dayes            | xij <sup>s</sup>   |

## Empecyons.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| (283) Itm payde to Peter West and<br>Nicholas Warde Collyars for<br><sup>xx</sup><br>iiij vj quarters of Coles at x <sup>d</sup><br>the quarter Sm <sup>a</sup> | iiij <sup>l</sup> xj <sup>s</sup> viij <sup>d</sup> |
| (284) Itm payde to Lypskom for vj<br>quarter of lyme at ij <sup>s</sup> the<br>quarter  | xij <sup>s</sup>                                    |
| (285) Itm payde for vj lodes of Sand  | iiij <sup>s</sup>                                   |
| (286) Itm payde for ij lodes of poles   | iiij <sup>s</sup> iiij <sup>d</sup>                 |

## [PAYMENTS contd.]

Cariage of leade by lande.

- (288) Itm payde to Richarde Rowe for  
 iij dayes Cariage at ijs vjd  
 the daye x<sup>s</sup>
- (289) Itm payde to John Cowper for  
 vij dayes Cariage at ijs vjd the  
 daye xvij<sup>s</sup> vjd
- (290) Itm payde to Richarde Turn'  
 for the Cariage of Henry Halls  
 tooles to Redinge vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>

Fynar.

- (291) Itm payde to Henry Hall for  
 fynyng of xvj fother of leade  
 and ij<sup>a</sup> Cij qurt' s at xxs a fother xvj<sup>li</sup> ijs ix<sup>d</sup>

Plombers.

- (292) Itm payde to Robert Spaffolde  
 Henry Deacon and Thomas  
 Ratclyff for the taking downe  
 melting and casting of iij<sup>c</sup>vj  
 fotheres x<sup>c</sup> qrts and vij<sup>lb</sup> of  
 leade at ijs the fother Sm<sup>a</sup> 1 lxj<sup>li</sup> vj<sup>s</sup>

Clerke.

- (293) Itm paide for the making  
 wrytinge and ingrossing of this  
 boke of accompt xiijs iij<sup>d</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Weight 406 fotheres 10 cwt. (of 120 lbs.) and 7 lbs. The money computation seems to be slightly inaccurate.

## [PAYMENTS contd.]

- (294) The some of the paymets and  
empcyons afore specified

Cvij<sup>li</sup> xxj<sup>d</sup>

(£107 1s. 9d.)

- (295) The totall some of the pay-  
ments<sup>1</sup> conteyned in this  
boke amountith to

CLxxvij<sup>li</sup> xv<sup>s</sup> x<sup>d</sup> ob q<sup>a</sup>

(£177 15s. 10½d.)

- (296) The sayd George Hynde Thac-  
comptant herof askith allow-  
aunce for his ryding Chardgs  
from London to Reding at ij  
sundry tymes at the Comande-  
met of the Counsayle to survey  
and view the forsayde works

xx<sup>s</sup>

- (297) Also the sayd Accomptaunt  
askithe allowaunce for his riding  
chardges for hym and his s' vnt<sup>a</sup>  
to Reding and for their chardgs  
and expenses taryeng there,  
ov' seing of the works and  
workemen for <sup>xx</sup>iiij xvij dayes  
From the x<sup>th</sup> day of Februarye  
untill the xxix<sup>th</sup> daye of Maye  
that is to say for hymself ijs<sup>s</sup>  
the daye and his man xij<sup>d</sup> the  
daye Sm<sup>a</sup>

xiiij<sup>li</sup> xiiij<sup>s</sup>

- (299) Thole payments of this boke  
with thallowances amoutith to

xx  
ciiiij xiii<sup>li</sup> ix<sup>s</sup> x<sup>d</sup> ob q<sup>a</sup>

(£193 9s. 10½d.)

**1** Made up as follows :—

| item | 123 | £11 | 13 | 5   |
|------|-----|-----|----|-----|
|      | 173 | 24  | 18 | 9½  |
|      | 250 | 34  | 1  | 11  |
|      | 294 | 107 | 1  | 9   |
|      |     | 177 | 15 | 10½ |

(300) HEREAFTER followith suche parcells as was lately remaynyng upon the sayde late supp' ssed house of Reading, the whiche was praysted to the sev' all somes hereafter specyfyed. The whiche was delyv' ed unto the Duke of Som'sett and unto M<sup>r</sup> Chauncello<sup>r</sup> of the Co<sup>r</sup>te of Thaugementacyons For the whiche there is nothing receyved by the sayd George Hynde for the Kings use.

(301) First to the Duke of Som'sett his grace the rofe of the Bodye of the Churche praysted at

xvj<sup>li</sup>

(302) Itm delyv' ed to the said Duke the rofe of the Chauncell being praysted at

iiij<sup>li</sup> x<sup>s</sup>

(303) Itm delyv' ed to the said duke the rofe of the lower Dorter being praysted at

xij<sup>li</sup>

(304) Itm delyv' ed to the said Duke of Som's the rofe of the higher Dorter being praysted at

vj<sup>li</sup>

(305) Itm delyv' ed to the sayd Duke the fenistre rofe being prased at

iiij<sup>li</sup>

(306) Itm delyv' ed to the sayd Duke the Fermery rofe being praysted at

iiij<sup>li</sup> x<sup>s</sup>

(307) Itm delyv' ed to M<sup>r</sup> Chauncello<sup>r</sup> of the Augementacyons x<sup>c</sup> of olde Iron being praysted at vj<sup>s</sup> the C. Sm<sup>a</sup>

iiij<sup>li</sup>

(308) Itm delyv' ed to the said M<sup>r</sup> Chauncellor M<sup>l</sup>M<sup>l</sup> of pavyng Tyles being praysted at vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> the M<sup>l</sup> Sm<sup>a</sup>

xiijs iiijd

- (309) Itm delyv' ed to the sayd Mayster  
Chauncello<sup>r</sup> the rofe of the  
Northe syde of the quyer being  
praysed at iiij<sup>li</sup> vjs viij<sup>u</sup>
- (310) Itm delyv' ed to the sayd Maister  
<sup>a</sup>  
Chuncello<sup>r</sup> the rofe of the  
South syde of the quyer being  
praysed at iiij<sup>li</sup>
- (311) Itm delyv' ede to the sayd M<sup>r</sup>  
Chauncello<sup>r</sup> the Rofe of the  
Chapyter house being praysed at xl<sup>s</sup>
- (312) Itm delyv' ed to the sayd M<sup>r</sup>  
<sup>a</sup>  
Chuncello<sup>r</sup> the rofe of o<sup>r</sup> ladye  
chappell being <sup>a</sup>psed at iiij<sup>li</sup>
- (313) Itm delyv' ed to the sayd M<sup>r</sup>  
Chauncello<sup>r</sup> vij<sup>M</sup> of howse tyle  
of the greater sorte being  
praysed at v<sup>s</sup> the M<sup>l</sup> Sm<sup>a</sup> xxxv<sup>s</sup>
- (314) Itm delyv' ed to the sayd M<sup>r</sup>  
Chauncello<sup>r</sup> xviiij tonne of Stone  
being praysed at xxiiij<sup>s</sup>
- (315) Itm delyv' ed to the sayd M<sup>r</sup>  
<sup>a</sup>  
Chuncello<sup>r</sup> ij<sup>c</sup> waight of olde  
Iron being praysed at xij<sup>s</sup>
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- (316) The some of the parcells  
delyv' ed and nothing receyved  
for the same amountith to Lxiiij<sup>li</sup> xj<sup>s</sup>  
(£62 11s. 0d.)

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ABINGDON,  
August, 1935