

Original Documents.

EXTRACTS FROM THE FERMOR ACCOUNTS, A.D. 1580.

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THE following extracts relate to the executorship accounts, on the death of Thomas Fermor, of Somerton, in the county of Oxford, who died August 8, 1580. He was a younger brother of Sir John Fermor, ancestor of the Earls of Pomfret, and progenitor of a family long seated at Somerton, and afterwards at Tusmore, in the same county, extinct, I believe, on the death of William Fermor, of Tusmore, in 1828.

In the "Gentleman's Magazine," 1827, (vol. xevii., part 1, p. 113,) will be found an account of Somerton, and of this family; and also in "Baker's Northamptonshire," under Croughton (vol. i., page 599), is a pedigree of the Fermors of Tusmore.

Thomas Fermor, by his will, dated June 15, 1580, appointed George Shirley, Esq., afterwards Sir George Shirley, of Staunton Harold, Baronet, whom he calls "his loving kinsman and friend,"¹ his principal executor; and among many other particular directions enjoined as follows:—

"I will that my executors shall, as soon as conveniently may be after my death, provide at my charge six fair large paper books, in every of which shall be written by Francis Capp, now my apprentice, if he be living, and at convenient leasure, and in his absence by Richard Jackson, my apprentice, and if they both die or be absent, by some person hired yearly for 20s. at my charges, the true copy of this my last will and testament, and a true and perfect rental of all my lands, tenements, and hereditaments, and of all my leases; and also a true and perfect inventory of all such jewels, plate, money, bedding, napery, brass, pewter, utensils of house, horses, beasts, sheep, and other goods, lands, cattels, whatsoever I shall have at the time of my death, and also all my debts due to me, or by me: and in every of the said six books, my executors shall yearly cause to be written particularly the sole contents and effect of their audit, and that is, how much money they do receive, of whom, and for what cause, and what they did disburse, to whom, and for what cause; of the which six books my will is, that every of my five executors shall have one in his own custody, and that the sixth shall remain in my house at Somerton, in the custody of the forenamed James Smith, to the use of my heir, by the which he knowing what I leave, and what is spent, he may call for that remaineth.

"And I will that every of my executors shall, at the end of the same audit, set his name yearly to the foot of their account in every of the six books, and I bequeath to every of my executors coming to the said audit, serving and taking the same account, and setting his hand to every of the six books, five pounds yearly, of lawful English money, over and above the charge to be bestowed in or at the said audit, [which] with all things thereto incident, my will is, shall be defrayed at my only costs; and I will that if any executor shall not come to the said audit, or do not hear or take the account, and set his hand to every of the said six books, that then, that year wherein he fails, he shall have just nothing."

¹ He was his great nephew.

From one of the "six large paper books," now in my possession, and which formerly belonged to Sir George Shirley, the extracts which follow have been made. The book commences, in conformity with the above-recited regulations, with the will of Mr. Fermor; then follows a rental of his estates, and then an inventory of his effects, "taken the first of September, 1580." The account taken at the audit at Somerton, on the 6th of December, 1580, succeeds, which is followed by a regular annual statement of accounts, until the last audit held on the 3rd of December, 1595.

The book concludes with certain copies of releases, and other deeds, executed in 1596 and 1597, on the coming of age of Richard, son and heir of Thomas Fermor; by which it appears that Mary, mentioned in her father's will, was the only surviving daughter of Thomas Fermor, and had married [in 1590] Francis Plowden, of Plowden, in the county of Salop, Esq.

It would appear also that Richard was about five years old at his father's death in 1580; and was until his seventeenth year brought up at home, under a private tutor, who was paid 40s. per annum. In 1592, he was entered of the Inner Temple, and at the same time put upon an allowance of 80*l.* per annum.

The annual value of the estates is estimated at 221*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*

Extracts from the "accountps taken at the audit begone at Somerton, in the county of Oxford, the vi day of December, in the xxij yere of the reigne of o^r Sou'eigne Lady Quene Elizabeth, by George Shirley, esquier, Nicholas Farmor and Benett Wynchcombe, gentlemen, Wyllm Mercer & James Smyth, yeomen, executors of the last will and testament of Thomas Farmor, esquier, deceased. 1580."

Relating to the means taken to obtain the wardship of Richard Fermor, son and heir of Thomas Fermor, Esq.

MR. SHIRLEY'S ACCOMPT^E.

Payments :

It. for horsemeate when he went to deale wth the L. Compton for R. Farmor *liiii^s viii^d*

MR. PULTON'S² ACCOMPT^E.

It. paid to Mr. Pulton for his travell about the obtaynynge the wardship, drawing both the offyces and the rates, and sytting upon the same offyces *v^{li} xvi^s*

MR. BENETT WINCHCOMBE'S ACCOMPTS.

It. geven to S^r Christopher Hattous man for wrytinge a l^re to my L. Treasurer *x^s*
 It. geven M^r Bradshawe, w^{ch} first moved my Lady to deale in yt *x^{li}*
 It. p^rmysed M^r Medlie v^{li}, & p^d him *liiii^{li}*; geven to M^r Barnard, one of my L. Secretary's in^{li} *vi^{li}*
 It. geven to sped my Ladies chamberlain *ii^{li}*
 It. for wrytinge ii letters to my Lady Bourley *xii^d*
 It. geven to my Lady Bourley for obtayning the wardship *ccl^{li}*

FUNERAL EXPENSES.

Anno 1580.

It. p^d to John Warter & Francis Brampton, for 158 yards & half of black cloth, for the buryall of my uncle *lxxxxv^{li} viii^s x^d*
 It. p^d for a mournynge clocke for my self *iii^{li}*

² Ferdinando Pulton, of Boreton, in the county of Buckingham, one of the most celebrated lawyers of the day.

It. p ^d for ii dossen Scutchins of all sorts, xlviii ^s ; and allowed Capp his charges taryeng for them, vi ^s vi ^d	liii ^s vi ^d
It. to John Horskep ^r for rosen, wax, and spice	xi ^s
It. to the barber for bowelinge my m ^r	v ^s
It. to the husbandman to buy wax at Banbery	x ^s
It. for veale at the funerall day	xix ^s vi ^d
It. geven the precher	x ^s
It. to Lacy for spice	ii ^s
It. to Pollard for making the boyes clothes, and the poore mens gownes	iii ^s viii ^d
It. for cloth for the hearse	xxii ^d
It. to the joyner for a monethe's work	xi ^s vi ^d
1582.	
It. geven to poore folke to praye for M ^r Fermor	ii ^s vi ^d

EXPENSES OF THE TESTATOR'S TOMB.

1582.

It. that he laid out for the testator's tombe	xx ^{li}
It. his man's charg ^s going about the same	iii ^s
It. to the waynman that brought the tombe	iii ^{li}
It. for the waynman's charg ^s & theire cattels	iii ^s viii ^d
It. to the mason for making the foundat'on of the tombe	vii ^s
It. for the foundat'on of the tombe more then is before sett downe	xv ^d

1583.

It. for hindgs and a lock for the grate w ^{ch} standeth before the tombe	xviii ^d
It. for Gabryll Royl's ³ bord before the audytt began, for forntnyght & iij days, & for his man's bord for iij weicks, in making the tombe	xii ^s vi ^d
It. for Gabryll Royl's bord and his men's for iij weicks after the audytt	xv ^s
It. for his horse meat v weeks & 4 days	v ^s
It. to Thomas Row for making the grate, and teasterne over the tombe	xv ^s
It. to the p'son for ii oken planks towards making of the grate befor the tombe	v ^s
It. to Hawis, of Goddington, for paynting the tombe	iiij ^s
It. paid the tombe maker more then his bargaine was for making the same	xi ^s

PAYMENTS RELATING TO THE DRESS, &c., OF THE CHILDREN.

Anno 1580.

It. a pillion, a cloth, and other furniture for my cozen Mary	xlvi ^s
P ^d for xii weickes bord for Mr. Richard Farmor and his man, at vii ^s the weicke	iiij ^{li} iiij ^s
allowed to pay the scholemaster	x ^s
It. for a clocke, clothe, and other apparell ^r and necessary things for M ^{res} Mary	xlvi ^s jd
It. a caule of bewgle for Mary Farmor, and a lyninge to yt	v ^s viii ^d
It. paid M ^r Farmor, that he paid for making the children's mourning apparell	ix ^s viii ^d
It. a yard of ffreasadowe ⁴ for M ^{res} Mary, vii ^s vi ^d ; half yard durance, xviii ^d ; a bugle, call, and a lynyinge, iiiii ^s viii ^d ; an ell ^r bone lace, xviii ^d ; iiij calles, xvi ^d ; an ell cameryck, x ^s ; an ell holland, iiiii ^s ; half ell holland, iiiii ^s	xxxiiii ^s vi ^d

³ Gabryel Royle or Royley was son of Richard Royley, both well-known "tomb-makers" at Burton-upon-Trent. They were the parties who, about this time, also erected a tomb for John Shirley, father of George, still remaining in the church of Bredon-on-the-Hill, in the county of Leicester. The neighbourhood of Burton is celebrated for alabaster. At the end of the executorship accounts is a copy of the indenture between Mr. Shirley and the Royleys for the erection of the tomb. It is worded in a very similar manner to that for John Shirley, before referred to, and which is printed in "Stem-

mata Shirleiana," p. 60. Here, however, an effigy of a lady was to be also contracted for. This agreement will be found appended to these extracts from the Fermor accounts. (Sec p. 185.)

⁴ Freasadowe, Ital. *frisada*, which, according to Florio, signifies "the stuffe called frizado," probably a finer kind of frize or rugg-cloth. He gives also, "*Frisetta*, fino frize, cotton, bayes, or penystone; also fine frizado."—*Ital. Dict.*, 1611. Durance was possibly the same tissue which was termed "cloth of lasting."

It. an ounce of blacke silke, xxii ^d ; to the caryer for bringing downe these things, ii ^d	ii ^s iiij ^d
It. for a pare of shewes for M ^{res} Mary	vii ^d
Anno 1581.	
It. p ^d for a payre of knitt hose for M ^{res} Mary Farmor	ii ^s
It. p ^d for a payre of shuse	viii ^d
It. for a payre of gloves	vi ^d
It. for vi dozen of basket lace	x ^s
It. for silk rybband	iiij ^d
It. for pyns	ij ^d
It. for v yards & half of duble morkadoc ⁵ for a petticoat	ix ^s iiij ^d
It. for ij ownces & half de q ^r of partyrmet lace, ⁶ at ii ^s p ^r ownce	v ^s iiij ^d
It. for a q ^r of murrey sarsnet	xv ^d
It. for an ownce of statut lace	xiiiij ^d
It. for eys and clasps	ij ^d
It. for iiij p ^r of yellow taffita for sleives for her silke gowne	vii ^s viii ^d
It. for mockadoc for a worke-day gowne	xii ^s
It. to the taylor for making ij gownes and a petticoate	xiiij ^s
It. for vi yards of cloth for smocks	vi ^s iiij ^d
It. for an ell of holland to make sleives, gorgets, and coyfs	vii ^s
It. for ij cales, parcell silver, and gylt	xiiij ^s
It. for a cale and shadoc ⁷	iiij ^s
It. delyvered Mrs. Mary, when she went to my <i>L. garrad's</i> [Gerrards]	iiij ^s
It. to her that loked to her when she was sicke	iiij ^s iiij ^d
It. geven Doctor Smith for going to my cosine Mary	x ^s
It. for a greine cote, a hatt, and a vellet girdell for Mr. Richard Fermor	xvi ^s x ^d
It. to the scowlemaster for his whole yere's payns, from Christmas last till Christmas next, for Mr. Richard Fermor	xl ^s

1582.

It. for the borde of Mr. Richard Fermor and James his s ^v nte, for one whole yere, at viii ^s the weke, viz. from Christmas last to Christmas next	xxli ^s xvi ^s
It. for suger-candie to avoyde flemc, his mouthe and throte being sore	ij ^d
It. for a dozen of poynts ⁸ for hym to playe w th	iii ^d
It. for ij litle boxes to kepe his poynts and counters in	iiiij ^d
It. for fyggs to victor w th in lent, at dyv's times [P]	vi ^d
It. Mr. Richard Fermor gave awaye at New-yere's tide	vi ^d
It. for pynnes for hym to play w th at Christmas	ij ^d
It. for a silke string to tie his new knife	j ^d
It. for claspes for his shert-bands	i ^d
It. for a penner and inckehorne	v ^d
It. for iiij elnes and a qua'r of hollande to make hym shertes, at xxi ^d th'elne	vii ^s v ^d

⁵ "Morkadoc, mockado, a stuff made in imitation of velvet, and sometimes called mock velvet."—*Nares*.

⁶ Lace of four kinds is here named,—bone, partyrmet, basket, and statute lace. Randal Holme, in the Academy of Armory, 1688, (B. iii., c. 3.) gives many terms connected with the fabrication of lace, and divides the craft, seemingly, betwixt the two principal classes of "bone lace and parchment lace-makers." The former has been defined as made of flaxen thread, and named from the use of bobbins of bone in the process of its manufacture. Parchemyne, passemyne, or passamaine lace, a term not noticed by Nares, has been explained as so termed from the parchment upon which it was worked, either as a pattern or for greater facility in the fabrication. (See Miss Strickland's note in her Life of Queen Mary, p. 235.) Cotgrave gives "*Pussament*, a lace;" and Florio (Ital. Diet., 1598), "*Pas-*

samano, any kind of lace; also bordering or garding for garments. *Passamano d'accia*, statute lace, crewell lace." (See further, Sir Fr. Madden's Privy Purse Expenses of the Princess Mary, pp. 97, 143, 253.) In Harl. MS., 1376, in a list of effects of Edward VI., is mentioned "passemyne lace;" as also in Harl. MS. 1419, and in the Custom-house Rates of Mary, printed 1582. Some confusion of terms seems to have been made between *passement* and parchment.

⁷ Cale and shadoc, a cawl and bongrace, or projecting hat. The former was occasionally set with pearls or bugles. "*Bonne-grace*, th' uppermost flap of the down-hanging taile of a French hood, whence belike our Boon-grace."—*Cotgrave*. "*Velaregli*, bonegraces, shadowes, vailes, or launes, that women use to weare on their foreheads for the sunne."—*Florio*. (See Coles, Phillips, Nares, &c.)

⁸ Poynts and pynnes, the ancient skittles and nine-pins.

It. for iij yards of cotton to make hym an under petticote for winter . . . ii^s vi^d
 It. for a bowngrace for Mrs. Marie vii^s vi^d

1583.

It. for canvas and bombast⁹ for the bodyes & to ware under his cote xi^l
 It. for garteryng and a stryng to his myttens vi^d
 It. for a pare of pattens viii^d

1584.

It. for a knyffe sheath wth a silke stryng iii^a
 It. for a brushe to make cleane his coote ij^d
 It. to James Alwood for a clock for his leuery xxv^s
 It. for wodden sooles for his pattens ij^d
 It. for a saddle and furnytüre for him xix^s

1585.

It. for an ell and d. of Lankishire cloth to make whit lynyns for his apparell ii^s
 It. for syrops, oymments, and other medcionable things for him in his sickness iii^s x^d
 It. for his losse in play at Hilsden vi^d
 It. his token to a scholofelowe vi^d
 It. his offeryng wth a poor maryed cople xii^d
 It. for lethryngs & nales for his pattens iiiij^d

1586.

It. for a ell half of brod taffaty to make him a dublet and venytyons¹ xii^s
 It. for ij pound of bombast for ij dubletts iii^s
 It. geven by him to the horskep² at Astwell² vi^d
 It. for a yeard of gold lace to edg his falling bands ii^s

1587.

It. for an ell and a halfe and halfe a q^rter of popingiaye taffata to make hym
 a dublett and venetians, at xiii^s the ell xxi^s iij^d
 It. for an ell and halfe and halfe a q^rter of yellowe sarcenet to lay under the
 same vii^s viiiij^d
 It. for an ewe bowl xii^d
 It. for ij paier of cut finger gloves vi^d
 It. for a shooting glove iiiij^d
 It. for fethering and bedding of vi arrowes vi^d
 It. delyvered to Mr Fermo^r when he went to a marriadge v^s
 It. gyven in his purse when he went to Astwell ii^s vi^d

1588.

It. for a stone bow for my master³ viii^s

1589.

It. to the smyth of Barford for mending Mr Farmer's burding peece iii^s viiiij^d

1590.

It. for iij pare of shoes and a pare of pantables⁴ iiiij^s viiiij^d
 It. to his scolemaster at Islyngton x^s
 It. to the barbar for trymmyng of him vi^d
 It. for pampilion for the hose⁵ xiiij^d
 It. delyvered my m^r at Nocke,⁶ at the wedding v^s

⁹ Bombast, originally cotton, from *bombax*, low Latin; or *bombace*, Italian; or *baum-bast*, German,—all signifying cotton.—*Nares*.

¹ Venytyons, Venetians, a particular fashion of hose, or breeches, originally imported from Venice.—*Nares*.

² Astwell, in Northamptonshire, the seat of Mr. Shirley.

³ Stone-bow, a bow from which stones might be shot; a cross-bow.—*Nares*.

⁴ Pantables, pantable, a sort of high shoe or slipper; perhaps corrupted from *pantofle*.—*Nares*.

⁵ Pampilion. Hollyband, in his "Treasurie of the French Tongue," 1580, renders "*habillement de bureau*, a coate of change-

able colours for seruantes; slight rugge or pampilion." *Pampee*, according to Roquefort, was the name of a flowered tissue (*pampe*, *fleuron*). May not pampilion, a shaggy cloth, be a name derivable from *pannus pilosus*?

⁶ Nocke, *i.e.* Noke, in the hundred of Ploughley, and county of Oxford. (See the Guide to the Architectural Antiquities in the Neighbourhood of Oxford, p. 201.) Here was the residence of Joan Bradshaw, grandmother of Mr. Richard Fermor, and here his sister was married to Mr. Plowden. Joan Bradshaw died in 1598, and was here buried. Here also was buried Benct or Benedict Winchcombe, in 1623, one of the executors of Mr. Fermor.

- It. d^d him more at the same time xviiid^d
 It. delivered James Alwood, xxvii Maii, to buy his m^r a Greeke grammer,
 a Sallust, a penner, a inckhorne, pap^r and a satchell to carrie his books vi^s viiij^d
 1591.
 It. half yard of hare colored vellett, xi^s; 4 silver compast bottons for the
 boot hose toppes, ii^s vi^d; a pare of hare coloured stockings, vi^s vi^d; a
 pare of Syres⁷ garters, v^s x^d xxv^s x^d
 paid M^r Blunt for a yere's scolinge vi^{li}

EXTRACTS FROM PAYMENTS RELATING TO TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

Anno 1580.

- It. spent in caryeng M^r Richard Farmor iii^s vi^d
 It. paid for the chargs at Oxford in fetchinge S^r John Fetiplace's mony,
 beying vii of us xvi^s viiij^d
 It. my dyett and my man's in London, From the xxth of October untill the
 xxix of November, beying 38 days vi^{li} xiii^s
 It. for fyer and drinck duryng that tyme vi^s
 It. for my horse meate duryng that tyme, wth shewyng and mending my
 saddle iii^{li}
 It. paid for boote bier goyng to the courte & once from London, iiiij^s; for
 feryeng twise ov^r at Fullam, wth o^r horses goyng to the courte, and
 divers tymes to Westm^r, iii^s vi^d vii^s vi^d
 It. for washing my shirts duryng the tyme I laye at London ii^s vi^d
 It. o^r chargs at London, on Wensday, at the Bell in Holborne ix^s vi^d
 It. goyng to Otlands, our supper and horse meat ther v^s
 It. o^r diners and suppers on Saturday, wth ii of my lord tresurer's men^s xi^s
 It. John Birtwesell's chardgs goyng into Hatfordshire to my lord chaunc-
 illor's,⁹ to have the comyssions sealed xvi^s viiij^d

EXTRACTS FROM MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Anno 1580.

- It. p^d to S^r Thomas Lucy for his legacy v^{li}
 It. to the coocke for his quarter's wages, and that w^{ch} was geven him xxx^s
 It. paid Agnes the bruer her half yere's wags, x^s; and geven her in recom-
 pence of her service, iiiij^s; allowed her for x^{li} of hoppers, v^s x^d; and for
 spigotts, ii^d xx^s
 It. allowed her for her livery¹ x^s
 It. to Thomas Roud the miller for his half yere's wags xx^s
 It. to Mathewe the shepperd for his quarter's wags vi^s viiij^d
 It. geven him iii^s iiiij^d
 It. for iiiij bushell of maslyn,² at ii^s ii^d viii^s viiij^d
 It. to the prest for his wags dew at Midsom^r x^s
 It. geven a poore prest iii^s iiiij^d
 It. to Symon that he spent in upping³ the swanes x^s viiij^d
 It. for vi great pap^r bookes and for bringing them downe xxviii^s

Anno 1581.

- It. for drawing a scutching of armes xii^s
 It. for a catechism and a psalter for M^r Richard Fernor xii^s
 It. for the armes of my m^r and old m^rs, and setting upp the same vii^s vi^d
 Item, p^d a carter for bringing upp 100^{li} and a capase of writings iii^{li} vi^d
 It. p^d to my L. Treasurer for the lease of the lande cccvi^{li} xvii^s x^d
 It. bestowed a breakfast uppon some of my lord's men ix^s vi^d

1583.

- It. to the glacyer for setting up the armes in the church ii^s vi^d

⁷ Syres, cyprus, or crape garters.⁸ Lord Treasurer: William Cecil, Lord Burghley.⁹ Lord Chancellor: Sir Thomas Bromley was Lord Chancellor at this period.¹ Lyuery, livery, delivery, here in the sense of board wages.² Maslyn, mastlin, or maslin, anythingcompounded of mixed materials. Here used for mixed grain, such as rye and wheat.—*Nares*.³ Upping the swans, now corruptly called *hopping*, i. e. marking them. (See Transactions of the Archaeological Institute at Lincoln, p. 310.)

It. for payling about the windowes in the church yard viiij^d
 It. to the cutler of Banbery for making clene the ii hand sword iiij^d

1585.

It. for a pynt of sallet oyle to oyle the armor x^d
 It. to the armorer for himself and his man, for wags, meat, & drincke xii^s

1595.

It. paid John Hobcroft and Rich. Adams, of Fretwell, the 7 of December, 1595, in full recompence of ther demande for a chalice and cover; the sayd Adams d my uncle, Tho. Fermor, when the churchwardens of Fretwell were comaunded to p^rvide a communion cuppe, at w^{ch} tyme he dd^t them upon the chalice xl^s, & dd^t a bill of his hand for the receyt of the same, w^{ch} as they say weyed 14 oz., valued by them at 4^s 8^d ev^ry oz.: so paid them more then the xl^s they furst rec. xxv^s iiij^d

EXTRACTS FROM MISCELLANEOUS "RECEYTS."

Anno 1580.

It. received at Som^rton at my goynge to London, w^{ch} was in my uncle's caskett the xth of August, 1580 xv^{ll}
 It. rec. of S^r John Fetiplace uppon an obligac^on the vth of October lxxv^l xiii^s iiij^d
 It. rec. of S^r John Danver uppon an obligac^on the 29 October ccccccxxxviii^{ll}
 It. rec. of old gold, one staw ryall,⁴ a duckett, half a duckett, a crusadowc,⁵ half an angell, vi^s in silver liij^s vj^d

1587.

Receyved of Thom's Mountagne for a bloudshed⁶ made by his wife on Edward Bollis, iiii^s iiij^d; and for a rescue by his wife made on Alexander Hamond, v^s vii^s iiij^d

The rarity of evidences relating to monumental art and the sculptors by whom sepulchral memorials were executed, must render the following document, although comparatively of a late period, highly interesting to many readers. The tomb and effigies still exist at Somerton. See Notices of the family memorials there, with a pedigree, and a view of the church, Gent. Mag. vol. xevii. pt. 1, p. 113. See also Collins' Peerage, ed. 1812, vol. iv. p. 200.

This Indenture, made y^e twentyth day of September in y^e three and twentieth yeare of y^e Raigne of our Sou^raigne Ladye Elizabeth, by y^e grace of God of England Fraunce and Ireland Queen, Defender of y^e Faith, &c. Between George Shirley of Staunton Harrolde in y^e county of Leic^r esquier, one of y^e execut^r of y^e testament and last will of Thomas Fermor of Sommerton in y^e county of Oxen esquier deceased, of y^e one p^rty. And Richard Roiley of Burton uppō Trente in y^e county of Stafford Tumbe maker, and Gabriell Roiley of Burton uppō Trente afforesaid Tumbe maker, sonne of y^e said Richard Roiley, of y^e other p^rty. Witnesseth, y^t it is by these p^rits graunted covenanted cōdiscedend and agreed uppō for, by and between, y^e said p^rties for them selves, and all and singular y^e heires execut^r and assignes of all, and any, of y^e said p^rties, and of every of them, for, uppō, and cōcerninge, all and singular y^e grauntes, articles, devises, covenantes, agreem^{ts}, matters, and thinges, herafter in these p^rits mentioned or contayned, whereon y^e said Richard and Gabriell Roiley, for, and in cōsideratiō of y^e sommes of money herafter in these p^rites mentioned, Do bargain, covenant, and agree, for them, and every of them, and for th^eires execut^r and administrat^rs, of either of them, and every of them, to and with y^e said George Shirley his execut^r and assignes and every of them, by these p^rites, artysicially cunningly decently and substancially to devise, worke, sett up, and p^rfectly and fully finish at Somerton afforesaid in y^e said county of Oxenford, before the Feaste of Pentecoste commonly called Witsontide next ensewinge y^e date herof, at or neare y^e grave of y^e said Thomas Fermor there, a very faire Tumbe of very good faire well chosen and durable Alabaster stone, containeing in lengthe six foote and a halfe by y^e standard, and of y^e breadth of fower Feete by the standard, and of y^e height of five Foote by y^e standard, wth two endes and one (two erased) uttermost syde all throughte out adwrought adorned gilded engraved portraited and sett forth the all as herafter ensēweth:—That is to saie, y^e said Richard and Gabriell Roiley their execut^r assignes or some one of them, shall and will worke, make,

⁴ Star-ryal, properly spur-royal, a gold coin of the value of 15s.

⁵ Crusador or cruzado, a Portuguese coin of uncertain value.

⁶ Bloodshed, bloodwit, the fine imposed for shedding blood.—Cowel.

laye, and place, artificially substantially durably and decently in or on y^e uppermost p'te of y^e said Tumbe, and on ye South side of y^e churche of Somerton afforesaid, a very faire decent and well p'portioned picture or portrature of a gentleman representing y^e said Thomas Fermor wth furniture and ornaments in armour, and about his necke a double cheyne of gold wth creste and helmette under his head, wth sword and dagger by his side, and a lion at his fecte and in or on the uttermoste parte of the uppermost parte of the said Tumbe a decent and p'fect picture or portrature of a faire gentlewoman wth a Frenchehood, edge and abilliment, wth all other apparell furniture jewells ornaments and thinges in all respectes usuall, decent, and semely, for a gentlewoman. And y^e they y^e said Richard and Gabriell Roiley their execut' or assignes or some one of them shall and will devise worke and sett upp artificially in or on y^e uttermost syde of y^e said Tombe decent and usuall pictures of, or for, one sonne or (*sic*) two daughters of y^e said Thomas Fermor wth their severall names of Baptism over or under y^e said pictures, severally and orderly wth scutcheons in their handes, wherof y^e said sonne to be pictured in armour and as liveinge, and y^e one of y^e said daughters to be pictured in decent order and as liveinge, and y^e other daughter to be pictured as dieinge in y^e cradle or swathes, and y^e they y^e said Richard and Gabriell Roiley their execut' or assignes or some of them shall devise, engrave, worke and sett up artificially durably and substantially in, on, or about y^e said Tombe fower sheildes or escutcheons, y^e one thereof to conteyne and represent y^e very trewe armes of ye said Thomas Fermor onely, the second y^e trew armes of y^e said Thomas Fermor wth the trewe armes of Fraunces y^e firste wiffe of y^e said Thomas, the third they trewe armes of y^e said Thomas and Bridget his second wife, and the fouerth y^e trewe armes of ye said Bridgette onely. And y^e same to be done in such places of y^e said Tumbe as moste maie serve for y^e shewe and settinge forth of y^e same Tombe; and Further y^e they y^e said Richard and Gabriell their execut' or assignes or some of them, shall and will as well worke make ingrave and sett out wth good and convenable oiles golde and colours round about y^e edge and creste of y^e said Tumbe wth or in one rowe of great and faire gilte engraven letters, ye epitaph and sentence hereafter ensueing. That is to saie :—

Thomas Fermor armiger, viro animi magnitudine contra hostes, beneficentia erga doctos, clementia et bonitate erga suos pietate erga omnes admirabili Domino huius territorii benignissimo et novæ scolæ Fundatori optimo in p'petu' sui suæq' coniugis Brigittæ Femina letissimæ memoriam ex testamento executores sui hoc monumentum fleutes erexerunt. Obiit vero anno domini millesimo quingentesimo octogesimo, die augusti octavo.

As also all y^e and all manner of y^e devisinge coloringe gilding garnishinge workmanshippe cartiage conveyinge settinge up and full finishinge of y^e said Tumbe, and all other thinges whatsoever concerninge y^e said Tumbe, shall bee all throughley at or by th'only perill paines travsell costes and charges of y^e said Richard and Gabriell their execut' administrats' and assignes in all thinges and respectes, (Savinge and excepted) That y^e said George Shirley his execut' and assignes wthin one month next after request to them or any of them to bee made by y^e said Richard and Gabriell or either of them or the execut's' or assignes of either of them shall appointe find and send to Burton afforesaid convenable and sufficient waines cartes and cattle to drawe leade carye and bring all ye peeccs and p'tes of y^e said Tumbe and all thinges therunto belongeing and necessarie, to y^e church of Sommerton afforesaid, and also to cause y^e foundation of y^e said Tumbe to be made by a masonne, at y^e costes and charges of y^e said George Shirley his execut' and assignes. And the said George Shirley covenanthe and graunteth for him his heires execut's' administrats' and assignes and every of them, to and with y^e said Richard Roiley and Gabriell Roiley and either of them, and y^e execut's' and assignes of either of them, by these p'tes, that he y^e said George his execut' or assignes, for and in consideration of all and singuler y^e former covenantes grauntes and agreements, by y^e said Richard and Gabriell made as afforesaid by these p'ts, and for the said Tumbe to be well made and fully finished accordinge to y^e trewe intente of these p'ts, shall and will well and truly paie or cause to be paid to ye said Richard and Gabriell Roiley or to one of them, or to y^e execut's' or assignes of either of them, y^e full somme of Forty poundes of lawefull mony of England in manner and forme followinge. That is to saie, Five poundes wthin eight daies next after th'ensealinge herof, other Five poundes wthin twenty daies then next after, tenne poundes at or before y^e Feast daie of y^e nativity of our Lord God next cominge after y^e date herof, other x.li at or before y^e Feast of Ester there next after followinge, and other x.li bein y^e rest and residue of y^e said Forty poundes at such tyme and when y^e said Tumbe shalbe made and fully Finished accordinge to y^e trewe entent of these p'ts. In Witnes wherof they p'ties First above named to these Indentures Interchangeably and ether to ether have put their handes and scales, y^e daye and yeare First above written.

Sealed and Delivered by y^e wthin named Richard Roiley unto Thomas Poole to y^e use of y^e wthin named George Sherley y^e xxvii daye of October in y^e presence of Will'm Tortone and John Toplines and Thomas Nodine.