The Accompt of RYCHARD DUNCKS, as well of all such Sumes of Monye as he have receyved as such Sumes of Monye as he have paied and disburced, for the trayning upp of the iiij^{xx} Calyver men w^{thin} the Citie of Norw^{ch}, the xvj and xvij day of October, 1578.

	£.	<i>s</i> .	d.
IMPRIMIS, Receyved of Mr. John Sother-			
ton, Alderman of St. Gyles Warde .	-	viij	j
Itm. of the Connstables of Colgate Ward .	-	xlvj	-
Itm. of Mr. Cullye, Alderman for South			
Connesford Ward	-	XV	viij
Itm. of Willm. Herne, Connstable of Mydle			
Wym Warde	v	v	vj
Itm. of Stephen Ffranckling, Connstable of			
Pockthorpe Warde	-	vij	ij
Itm. of Robert Stonehm, Connestable of			
Coslanye	-	liij	xj
Itm. of Thomas Harrydaunce, Connstable			
of Heighm	-	XV	x
Itm. of the Connstables of St. Peters of			
Mancroft	iiij	v	iij
Itm. of John Barker, Connstable of West			
Wym ^r	iij	iij	viij
Itm. of Willm. Mathew, Connstable of Fy-			
brigg	-	xlij	j
Itm. of John Hyll, Connstable of Bere			
Strete		xx	-

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Itm. of Thomas Parker, Connstable of			
Heylesdon	-	vij	iij
Itm. of Mr. Pecke, Alderman of Northe			
Connsford			
Itm. of Mr. Baker, Ald. of St. Stephen's .	iij	-	XX
Itm. of Willm. Newhm, one of the Conn-			
stables of Berestrete	-	v	-
Itm. of the Connstable of East Wym ^r .	iij	ix	xj
Suma tot ^{is} x	xxj	iiij	j

PAIED for thred to tye upp the gunpowder	_	– iij
Paied for graye paper	-	– viij
Paied to Robt. Porter for helpinge to weigh		
the powder in halfe pounds	-	– vj
Paied to Jeffrye Empson for iij dayes worke		
in drieing of the powder, and delivring of the		
same in the field	-	iij –
Paied to Thomas Thetford, laborer, for one		
dayes worke	-	– viij
Paied to Rychard Nixon for a combe of		
lyme	-	– vij
Paied for di load of sand	-	– vj
Paied for carieing of tables and stoles to		
the Chapell-a-Field for the Commyssion ^{rs} .	-	– viij
Paied to Mr. Jennens, the Captayn, for		
trayning upp of the iiij ^{xx} Calyv ^r men, two daies	-	xl –
Paied to John Ansell for a hundred borde		
to make the Hoffe in Mussold to shote at .	-	v viij
Paied to him more for iiij ^{or} joyces for the		
same Hoffe	-	– xij
Paied more to him for setting upp and		
taking downe of the Hoffe	-	ij –

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Paied to John Curtys for carienge of the			
tymber to Mussold and for bringing the same			
home agayn	-	-	XX
Paied to Thomas Catton for a bothe for			
Mr. Maior	-	v	-
Paied more to him for a fyrkyn of beare			
for Mr. Maior and his companye	-	- 2	cviij
Paied to lxxv psons that were trayned upp			
in shoting in the Calyvrs twoo dayes, evy of			
them at viij d the day \ldots \cdots	v	-	-
Paied to Mr. Wardeyn for trayning upp of			
the iiij ^{xx} Calyv ^r men twoo dayes	-	xl	+
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IMPRIMIS, of Mr. Thomas Gleane, Alder-			
man for the Ward of Berestrete	-	xxiiij	x
Itm. of Robert Newborowe, Connstable of			
the same Ward of Berestrete	-	ij	ij
Itm. of Nicholas Ryding, on of the Conn-			
stables of St. Peter's	-	li	ix
Itm. of George Byrche and James Bathe,			
Connstables of Myddlewym Ward .	iiij	xiiij	iij
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	£	<i>s</i> .	d.
Itm. of Walter Taynton, Connstable of			
Fybrigg	-	XXXV	
Itm. of Willm. Seaman, Connstable of North			
Connsford Ward	-	xj	iij
Itm. of John Wylkenson, Connstable of			
East Wymer Ward	-	xliij	viij
Itm. of Willm. Rogers, Connstable of Col-			
gate Ward	-	XXV	vij
Itm. of Thomas Tesmond, Connstable of			
Trowse	-	iij	vj
Itm. of Thomas Raye and Sampson Fenne,			
Connstables of Heighm	-	х	x
Itm. of Robt. Wyllys and Willm. Nobbs,			
Connstables of Coslanye Ward	-	xlvj	ij
Itm. of Mr. Nicholas Baker, for St. Ste-			
phen's Ward	-	li	x
Itm. of the seyd Mr. Baker, for the Towne			
of Eaton	-	iij	x
Itm. of Stephn. Francklinge, Connstable of			•
Pockthorpe	-	iiij	-
Itm. of Robt. Pker, Connstable of Heylsdon	-	viij	v
Itm. of Mr. John Sotherton, Ald. for St.			
Gyles Ward	_	ix	ix
Itm. of Willm. Johnson, one of the Conn-			
stables of South Connsford	-	ix	ix

PAIED to lxxvij psons that were trayned upp in shoting in the Calyvrs twoo dayes evie of them at viijd a day . . . v ij viij Paied to Robt. Catton for y^e setting upp of y^e boothe in the Chaple-a-Field, for Mr. Xpofer Some, Maio^r, and for y^e rest of the Comyssion^{rs} uppon y^e twoo mustering dayes, being the xiiij and xv of November, 1580 . . - xviij -

Thaccount of Robert Goldman, Chamberlevne of the Citie of Norwiche, of and for all sutche Sumes of Monye as he hath receyved as well for the provysyon of Armo^r and Munytyon as for sutche Armo^r as he hath sould; and also of and for sutche Sumes of Monye as he hath disbursyd as well for provysyon of Armor and Munycon as for amendyng, reparyng, and scoorying the same; and also of and for the musters, viewyng, and trayning of men and setting furth Souldio¹⁵ for the Citie of Norwiche, from the Feast of St Michaell th'Archangell, A° 1587, and in the xxixth yeere of the Reigne of our Sovereyne Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queene of Englond, Fraunce, and Irelond, Defender of the Faith, &c., to and untill the Feast of St Michaell th'Archangell, A° 1588, and in the xxx yere of the Reigne of or seid Sovreyne Lady Queene Elizabeth.

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IMPRIMIS, Received of the Treasourors of this Citie the xxvth of November, 1587, to buye goonpowder and arms wth for this Cytye

Itm. Received of the same Treasourors the xvijth of August, 1588, to buye powder wth

Itm. of Mr. Maior, dyverse Aldermen and Citizens, for sundry armo^r sould to them at such pryses as follow, w^{ch} wer sett downe and agreed upon by Mr. Maior and his brethren, viz: for ix black corseletts at xlvijs apiece . xxj iij

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Itm. for xxiij whight corseletts at xlvs		
apece liiij	-	-
Itm. for vi curatts, old and evill, at xvijs	cii	-
Item, for ij almayne collers –	х	-
Item, for xviij collers for halbertmen at vjs -	cviij	-
Item, for xij swords and daggards of the		
worst sort at vijs the sword and daggard . iiij	iiij	-
Item, for v score pikes at iijs viij d apiece .xviij	vj	iiij
Item, of Mr. Ffrauncys Rugg for a petronell –	xxvj	-
Item, of hym for a horseman's staffe \cdot	iiij	-
Item, of Robert Browne the xiij of Sept ^r ,		
1588, for ccccix and half a pound of gun-		
powder, after v ^{xx} xii to the c, at xijd the pound xxij	xvij	vj
Item, for xxxvj pounds of matche at ijob y ^e		
pound	vij	viij
Item, for vj dozen di of sword gyrdles at		
xijs y ^e dozen	lxxvi	ij –
Item, of John Hewar, smith, for ij dozen		
skuppett shovells –	xiiij	-
Item, for ccl souldiers coats at vs viij d apece lxx	xvj	viij

Charges of Mustering, wth a Reward to the General.

PAYED to George Ffenne the xxij of April,		
1588, for a guilt cupp wayeng xxxviij oz. di,		
at vs viijd the oz., which was given to S^r		
Thom ^s Leighton, Knight, Gen ¹ of her Ma ^{1s}		
forcys, for his favo ^r to this Citie	x xviij	ij
Item, to George Byrche for ij gallons of		
ypocras given to the seid S ^r Tho ^s	– xvj	-
Item, to Willm. Blomefild for iiij dozen		
iron bread given to the seid S ^r Thoms .	- v	iij

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Item, to Roger Ramsey for ij elnes j q ^r di				
of blew sarsnett, and ij elnes j q ^r di of yeallow				
sarsnett, for a skarfe for Captayne Sucklyng,				
at vjs the elne	-	xxviij	i vj	
Item, for v yards di of Levan taffata, greene				
and whight, for a skarfe for Willm. Rogers				
whoo shott the great ordynance and attended				
all the musters, for w ^{ch} cause the same skarfe				
is given hym	-	xj	-	
Item, for v yards of greene and whight		· ·		
taffata for Arthur Jackson when he was filuter				
to Cap ^t Sucklyng's drum ^r , at ijs y ^e yard .	-	x	-	
Item, for makyng the ij skarffs	-	-	XX	
Item, for wyne and cakes for the goon ^{rs} for				
shooting of the great ordynance in the castle				
yard that day the Gen ¹ came into this Citie .	-	-	ix	
Item, for beere and cakes for the Cap ^{ens} and				
Souldio ^{rs} when the skirmisshing was at Mous-				
hold	-	iiij	viij	
Item, to Cap ^{en} Sucklyng his ffee for trayning		U	U	
v dayes the second muster at xs the day .	_	1	-	
Item, to his auncyent bearer for v dayes				
then	-	xvi	viij	
Item, to his iij seriants like time evy of			v	
them at ijs vjd evy daye	_	xxxvi	j vj	
Item, to his drum ^r like time then	_	ix	-	
Item, to his ffluter iij dayes then .	-	v	-	
Item, to his clerk ij dayes then	-	iiij	-	
Item, to his ffluter, like tyme then	-	iij	-	
Item, to his ij droom ^{rs} , either of them .	-	viij	-	
Item, to Cap th Nettlams lieutenant, one day		0		
then	-	v	-	
Item, to ij sergeants then	-	v	-	
Item, to his auncyent bearer then	-	iij	iiij	
Item, to his ij corporalls then	-	iiij	-	
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Item, to Cap ^{en} Barbor at Mr. Maior's com-			
mandem ^t to reteyne him w th , at S ^r Tho.			
Leyghton departure	-	XX	-
Item, to Cap ^{en} Suckling, by like commande-			
ment, for trayning the first ij dayes .	-	XX	-
Item, by like commandement to Egerton, a			
lieutenant at ij musters, the first xvs, the next			
vj s viij d	-	xxj	viij
Item, for cakes and bere at the ij last			
musters	-	iiij	vj
Item, 4° ^z di of gold fringe for Cap ^{en} Suck-			
lings scarfe, at vijs vj d	- 1	xxiij	ix
Item, for setting on the gould ffrynge .	-	-	vj
Item, for a gard of poynting for it .	-	-	ij
Item, for watching the boothe v nights at			
both the musters	-	ij	vj
Item, to John Ansells man for half a daye			
in takyng down the tent	-	-	vj
Item, to Waller for carryeng a load of			
tymber tables, &c. to Musholde and home			
ageyne	-	ij	vj
Item, for amending ij joyned stooles weh			
wer broke	-	_	vj
Item, to Mr. Bossom, provost marshall, the			
xxiiij of August, 1588, at Mr. Maior's com-			
mandement, for his paynes about the souldiers			
w^{ch} wer sent to Yarmouth	-	xl	-
Item, to Tho. Armyger, S ^r Willm. Heydens			
clerk, for a reward in writing a lre touching			
the same souldiers	-	ij	vj
Item, to iij keelmen for carryeng the ccc			
souldiers to Yarmouth	-	XXX	-
Item, to the keelmen when they wer hyerd			vj
Item, to iij boatmen for gatheryng segg to			
strew the keeles with	-	- 2	viij

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	£.	s.	d.
Item, payed to Mr. Roger Weld, by war-			
rant, to paye at Yarmouth to the Capt ^{ns} .			
Item, for a bagg to send the monye in .	-	-	iiij
Item, to a man to carrye the same monye .	_	-	vj
Item, to hym for the chardges of a keele to			
bryng tharmor from Yarmouth home	-	xx	-
Item, for the freyght of a boat for himself			
and the Captaynes to com home in	-	vij	-
Item, in reward given at Mr. Maior's com-			
andem ^t to a man of Lynne, whoo declaryng the		•	
meeting of the Spanyards on the seas by the			
Q (uenes) Fleete	-	v	-
Item, to Richard Scottow for a gallon of			
sack, iijs iiijd, and a gallon clarrett wyne,			
ijs iiijd, given to S ^r Tho. Leighton the first			
night he supped at Mr. Pecks	-	v	viij
Item, payed a horskeping at Cawston, w ^{ch}			
Cap ^{en} Barbor had hyred to ryde to the lieu-			
tenants	-	v	-
Item, to Empson, the xxvj th of September,			
1588, for shooting of the great ordynance on			
the daye of giving God thanks for the over-			
throwe of the Spanyards, and for scoring and			
setting them upp y ^e next day	-	·ij	-
Item, to hym for have to score them w^{th} .	-	-	iiij
Item, to ij men to attend upon the ordy-			
nance and powder that day & the next .	-	ij	-
Item, to Henry Radoe and his ij men to			
shoote of the musketts and $calyv^{rs}$ on y^e			
leads y^t day	-	iij	-
Item, to ij labourers for hanging owt the			
ancyents and dryeng the powder that daye .	-	-	XX
Item, to the ij droom ^{rs} and fluter and the			
trompetto ^r at the crosse that day	-	v	-
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Item, to the waits that daye, for their service			
at Mr. Maior's comandement	-	x	
Item, to Preston, smyth, for iij forlocks and			
nayles for the great ordynance	-	– vi	ij
Item, to the gun ^{rs} at the hall for bere	-	- 1	ri

Armour bought.

PAYED to Richard West of London, the			
xiiij of Maye, 1588, for x whight corseletts, at			
xliiijs a pyece	xxij	-	-
Item, to Thomas Hurst of London, armourer,			
the xv th of Maye, for vij black corseletts, at 46s	xvj	ij	-
Item, to Edmond Damett of Yppeswiche,			
the xvj of Maye, for xxx curats	xxx	-	-
Item, to the armoror for lynyng xij hed-			
pieces	-	iiij	-
Item, to hym for iij curats w th out hedpiecys	-	XXX	-
Item, for hym for cc weight of yron shott .	-	xxiiij	-
Item, to Thom ^s Hurst for xx playne moryons			
or hedpieces, at vs xd a piece	-	cxvj	viij
Item, to hym for xx gorgetts, at vs viij d a			
piece	-	cxiij	iiij
Item, for ij allman collers w th half gantletts	-	x	-
Item, to Mr. Wood of London, armoro ^r , for			
vj black moryons, at v $s \ge d$ a piece	-	XXXV	-
Item, to hym the xx th of Maye, for xx			
swords and xx daggards, evy sword and dag-			
gard vjs viij d	vi	xiij	iiij
Item, to a gyrdler in Woodstreete for x			
dozen gyrdles, at $xs y^e$ doz	~	с	-
Item, to Mr. Turno ^r , the xxi st of Maye, for			
xij dozen skoopett shovells, shodd at vjs the			
dozen	-	lxxij	_

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	£.	<i>s</i> .	d.
Item, to the Queenys pikemaker, the xx th of			
Maye, for v^{xx} pikes, at iijs viijd a pyece	xv11j	vj	viij
Item, for xi Englishe musketts, at xxvijs a			
piece, with the rest, fflask and toucheboxes .		xvij	-
Item, to xx halberds	iiij	-	-
Item, for iij hedds for the ancyent staves .	-	vj	-
Item, for a dozen arrow heds for musketts .	-	ij	-
Item, for naylls and buckles and roses for			
tharmor	-	viij	viij
Item, for a dozen flask stryngs	-	xij	-
Item, for ij ancyent staves		-	XX
Item, to Gyles Bechell of London, alien, for			
xxij Dutche musketts w th rests and bandeleres	xxii	1	_
Item, to John Cork, alien, for iiij guilt mus-			
ketts w th the rests, at $xxiijs iiijd$ a piece .	iiij	xiij	viij
Item, for xi playne muskets, at 13s 4d	vij	vj	viij
Item, for vij calyv ^{rs} w th flasks and touche-	٩IJ	۰J	viij
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boxes, at viijs vj d a pece Item, for ix calyv ^{rs} w th out fflasks, at vs a pece	-		vj
	-	XIV	-
Item, for iij Spanisshe rapyers, at ijs iij d a			
pece	-	vj	ix
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Caryage of Armo ^r .			
PAULD to a hormon for common is loads of			
PAYED to a karman for carryeng ij loads of			
pikes and halberds from the pikemans hows in			
London to Bellinsgate	-	-	xij
Item, for carryeng xij dozen shovels from			
Estcheape	-	-	vj
Item, for packing xxx curats	-	-	vj
Item, at Smart's key for wharffage .	-	-	xij
Item, for a sugar chest to pack in y ^e mus-			
ketts	-	ij	vj
Item, for naylles for the chest and a lyne to			
trusse it	-	-	xij
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Item, to ij porters for carryeng them from			
St. Katheryn's to Bisshopp's gates to be packyd			
and for straw	-	ij	vj
Item, for a long wicker baskett to pack in			
the Duche musketts	-	ij	vj
Item, for straw, lyne, and ij porters to pack			
them	-	-	xvj
Item, for ij drye fatts to pack the corseletts			
and curats in	-	viij	-
Item, to a cowp(er) to sett in the heds and			
to mend them and nayles	-	iij	viij
Item, to a porter for carryeng tharmor out of			
thold Jurye to pack it in Wood Streete	-	-	viij
Item, for a hamp ^r to pack the swords and			
daggerds in	-	iij	iiij
Item, for lyne and straw to pack them with	-	-	xiiij
Item, to ij porters for trussing it and layeng			
it into the carts	-	-	viij
Item, to a karman to carry the hamp' w th			
swords to the carts	-	-	viij
Item, to the shippers for carryeng the c			
pikes, xx halberds, and xij dozen shovells and			
thother arms all rated at iiij toone, at iiijs iiijd			
the toone	-	xvij	iiij
Item, to the kelemen for carryeng the same			
iiij toone from Yarmouth to Norwich .	-	iiij	-
Item, for the expenses of this accomptant			
when he ridd to London to buy tharmor .	- 3	xxiii	j vj
Item, for his horshyer at that tyme .	-	х	-
Item, for boatehyer when he went to delyv ^r			
the lres to the Counsell and twyse to speake			
w^{th} S ^r Thoms. Leyghton	_	ij	vj
Item, for passage and repassage by water			
twise to Grenewich to speake w th hym for			
powder and for the great ordynance	-	:	xviij

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Souldiers Coats.

PAYED to Mr. Thoms. Pettus, Alderman,	
the second of August, 1588, for cloath to make	
souldiers coats, as by warrant signed maye	
appere lxxv –	ij
Item, to Thomas Boonell, Willm. Morley,	
and John Cawe, dyers, for dyeng the said	
cloath, beeyng bayes and carseys, as by their	
bill appere	-
Item, to Mr. Roger Weld, Alderman, for	
xiiij pieces of carseys for souldiers coats, as by	
his bille doth appere	vj
Item, payed to Mr. Pettus, Ald., for yellow	
carsey to guard the souldiers coats wth, as by	
his bille dooth appere x vj	viij
Item, to hym for iij carseys weh wer dyed	5
yellow, w ^{ch} he receyved ageyn, wherfor al-	
lowed him, as by his bille appere $\dots - xx$	

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	£.	s.	d.
Item, to the shermen for dressing the bayes			
and carseys after they wer dyed, as appere by			
the bille	-	xxxiij	viij
Item, to certeyn taillors for makyng cccxx		U	v
souldio's coats at xd a piece, v^{xx} to the c, as by			
a bille apperyth	xiij	vij	vj
Item, to Mr. Iohnson, Mr. Pye, and others		v	U
for whight yncle to laye upon the same coats,			
as by a bille appere	-	vliii	ii

Scoring and Amending of Arms.

PAYED to Edward Wright, armoror, the			
xiij th of November, 1587, for scoring & mak-			
yng cleane xxiiij corseletts	- 2	xviij	-
Item, to hym for scoring xiij almanryvets .	-	iiij	viij
Item, to hym for iij dayes woorks in scoryng		U	0
the pikes heds, swords and daggards and other			
things	-	iij	-
Item, to Robert Cockett for makyng cleane		U	
and oylling the new swords and daggards .	-	ij	vi
Item, to Mrs. Pye, widow, the xvij th of		5	0
November for xliiij ells of soultage to make			
curteynes to hang before the armo ^{r} at vij d ob			
the ellne	- x	xvij	vj
Item, to an upholster for iiij yards iij quters		v	U
of dooble tuft mockadoe to arme the pikes w th ,			
at ijs the yard	-	ix	vj
Item, for ix yards of coulloured frynge for			0
the same pikes at vjd the yarde	_	iiij	vi
Item, to tharmoro ^r for armyng the pikes .	_	_	xx
Item, for iij pounds of long bleue and			
whight thrydd ffrynge for the valence at ijs			
viijd	_	viij	-
Item, for setting on the ffrynge .	-	-	iiii
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Item, to Edward Wright, armoro^r an his iij men and j apprentice the xxij of Aprill, 1588, and dyv^se dayes and nights for expedycon when S^r Thoms Leighton was here, beeyng accompted in all xxxij dayes and nights in reparyng, amending, and fitting tharmor

Item, for dooble buckles, rose-naylles and other sorts of naylles, yellow buckram for hedpeces, bufflether for the corseletts, thongs to amend the corseletts, in and after the musters

Item, to Mr. Nonys for lether to lyne ij bug barrells for powder for y^e gret ordynance

Item, to Mondson, the carpenter, for vij covni^{rs} for the great ordynance

Item, for lambskynnes to lyne the sponges w^h for the great ordynance .

Item, for iiij payer of tassles and stryngs for the ancyents, at xviijd a payer .

Item, for amendyng the ancyents and the cloath w^{ch} coov^reth the tent . . .

Item, to Paschall the droom^r, for setting ij new hedds to ij droomes

Item, to xj yards of lace for it . . - xj -Item, for vj yards of poynting . . - xjItem, for a quarter of whight fustyan . - iijItem, to John Ward for making it, with ijd

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Item, to Henry Radoe, smyth, for making one of the old pistolls wth a snapphance and a new stock for it

Item, to a tailo^r for ij dayes in helpyng to sell the soldio^{rs} coats - ij

Charcompt of ROBERT GOLDMAN, Chamberleyn of the Citie of Norwiche, for and concernyng a Benevolence granted toward the Fortyfycacon of the Town of Yarmouth, and for Prest Monye, Coats, and Armo^r of men sent to Thetford toward the Leago^{rs} in Kent, in A^o 1587, and in xxx yere of the Reign of our Sovereyn Lady Queene Elizabeth, and in the tyme of Mr. Ffrauncys Rugg's Maioraltie, w^{ch} seid charge was imposed upon this Citie by S^r Edward Cleere & S^r Willm. Heyden, Knights, Deputie Lieutenants for the Countie of Norfolk.

IMPRIMIS, Rec. of Mr. Willm. Ramsey, Mr. Robert Davye, Willm. Herne, and Henry Barker, collectors for the iiij great Wards of the said Benevolence, as by their iiij several bookes shewed to thaudit^{rs} cxx

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PAYED to Poynter, svnt to S^r Edward Cleere, one of the Deputie Lieutenants, toward the fortyfycacon of Yarmouth Towne, by the appoyntment of the said Lieutenants, as by a payer of Indentures sealed in open assemblage for the receipt thereof .

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Itm. payed to Willm. Payne, svnt to the seid S^r Edward Clere, for the chargys of xxv souldio^{rs} appoynted to have been sent owt of the Citie for her Ma^{ts} servyce, viz: for evy one a coat xs, conduct monye vjs viijd, and v dayes paye iijs iiijd a piece, as by warrant from the seid Lieutenants, and an acquittance under thand of the seid Payne appeeryth . xxv

Itm. to Thomas Corye for writing an ingrossing this accompt

> Exp. nos {AUGUSTINE WHALL. THOMAS LAYOR.

Charcompt of ROBERT GOLDMAN, Chamberleyne of the Citte of Norwiche, of and for all such Sumes of Monye as he hath received as well for the pvysion of Armo^r & Munycon as for suche Armo^r as he hath sould; and also of and for suche Sumes of Monye as he hath disburssed as well for provysyon of Armo^r and Munycon as for amendyng, reparyng, and scooryng the same; and also of and for the musters,

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viewyng, and trayning of men and setting furth Souldio^{rs} for the Citie of Norwiche, from the Feast of S^t Michaell tharchangell, A° 1588, and in the xxxth yere of the Reign of o^r Sov^reyne Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queene of Englond, Ffrance, and Irelond, Defender of the Faith, &c., to and untill the Ffeaste of S^t Michaell tharchangell, A° 1589, & in the xxxjth yere of the Reigne of o^r Sov^reyne Ladye Queene Elizabeth.

£. d. s. IMPRIMIS, Received of Mr. Xpofer Layer for a rapyer sold out of th'armory ij Itm. of dyverse Citizens and Alyens for xxxiiij pounds and a half of gunpowder wch was sold agenst the tryumph, at xijd the - xxxiiij vj pound Itm. of dyu'se Citizens and Alyens for xxxj pound and a half of powder spent at the Feast, at viijd the pound . XX Itm. of Thomas Bidwell and Jacques Wallwyn for xxx pound of powder that night, at XX like pryce Itm. of dyverse Citizens, at the muster the xxiij of June, 1589, for xxviij pounds and a - xxviij half of powder at xijd. VI Itm. of Mr. Bowde for a sword girdle XI Itm. of Robert Carsey for takyng his curat ij ageyn w^{ch} he had bought . Itm. of the Thres. of this Citie the xxxth of June, 1589, for monye to be bestowyd abowt martyall causes, as appere by warrant. . XXX

	£.	8.	d.
Itm. to hym for iij great muskett flasks .	-	ix	-
Itm. to Jaques Walwyn, alien, for a dozen			
flask stryngs for musketts	—	viij	-
Itm. for iiij bullett baggs of the best .	-	iij	-
Item, to Thoms. Bodnell, alien, for an aun-			
cyent staff w^{th} a hedd	-	iij	-
Item, to Willm. Fforde, ffletcher, for a dozen			
arrowes fethered, and heds for musketts, and a			
case for them	-	-	XX
Item, to Henry Rade for a flask and touche-			
box for a calyver	-	ij	vj
Itm. to hym for a beame to stond in the			
armorye to score the armo ^r upon	-	-	xvj
Itm. for a pynte & a half of sallett oylle			
for the armo ^{r}	-	-	xiij
Itm. to Mr. Davy for a pound of emory to			
score the swords with	-	-	iiij
Itm. for amending viij auncyents and set-			
tyng twyst about their edgys, w ^{ch} wer torne,			
ageynst the xix th day of November when the			
tryumph was	-	-	viij

Exp. nos	THOMAS LAYER.
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	AUGUSTINE WHALL.
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Rorwich. A Muster taken before THOMAS LAYER, Mayor, DREW DREWRY and FRANCIS WYNDHAM, Esquyres, the viijth of Aprill, being Ester Mondaye, Anno 1557, for the furnyshing and appoynting of iiij^{xx} shott of Calyvers to be trayned in the Cittie of Norwich, according to the terme of certaine lws and instruccions directed from the Quenes most excellent Ma^{tie} and the Lords of her honorable Prevy Councell.

MIDDELL WYMER.

Men appoynted to Men appoynted to fynde Calyvers. serve with Calyvers. Mr. Mayor Atkins fur. Robt. Holmes fur. Mr. Willm, Farrour Stephan Cowp def. a kalyver Mr. Ro. Suckling Christofer Leonarde Mr. Pecke fur. def. in all saving a murrian Mr. Beamonde John Baker Mr. Christofer Layer Robt. Fell def. sworde and dagard Mr. Ric. Bate Willm. Prior fur. Thomas Wilson def. a dagard Mr. Goche Nicholas Foster def. a murrian Mr. Jo. Sotherton Mr. Tho. Farrour George Jackson fur. Mr. Bowgen non compmt Mr. Peterson Richard Edver fur. Thomas Plomerton Mr. Blows fur. Geffery Hobarde def. a stocke Mr. Pede Mr. Walter Haw George Wrethe fur. Mr. Raff Seman John Wright def. a murrian John Cockett fur John Wright Willm. Vance Henry Maynard def. a sworde Morrys Raynolds Henry Mylls George Shorting Anthony Desolen * fur.

* Anthony de Solen, or Solemque, of St. Andrew's parish, one of the strangers from the Low Countries who were admitted and encouraged to settle here, appears to have been the first to introduce the art of printing into Norwich, *circa* 1570. (See COTTON'S *Typog. Dict.*)

Thes are to will and requier you that, upon the sight hereof, you give warnyng to the persons hereafter named, that they cause ther Calivers and Moryens, with all the furniture to every of them belonging, and such persons as before have been trayned or some other apte or mete men in ther steade, to appeare before me and other the Quenes Ma^{tes} Justices, at the New Hall, on Thursday next, by viij^{tt} of the clocke in the forenone, when they shall have ther powder delivered to them by the Chamblyne of the Cittie, for the use of ther Calyvers in souch sorte as shalbe apointed, and that every of them do bringe some bulletts of lead fett for ther Calyver to shote at marks with it. Written the xiij of October, 1578.

Having received a copie of a comyssion from the Lords of her Majes^s moste honorable Pryvie Counsell, with a deputacion and instruccons from their honors unto us and others directed, for the vew and musteryng of dymy lances and light horses throughout this county; by vertue of which sayd deputacon and instruccons, These are to requier you, and, in her Maj^s name, straightly to charge and command you, that you faylle not to cause to appear before us, at the usual mustering place for the sayd vew at Mushold, near Magdalyn Chappell, the vth day of October next coming by viij of the clock in the forenoone, all such persons within your and (whose names wee herewith send to you) with all suche dymylances and light horses as every of them are rated and assessed to fynde, and to bee fully furnished accordyng unto suche dyrecons as hereafter followeth (viz.): every dymylance to bee eyther uppon one sufficient stoned trotting hors or else a longe trotting gelding, with a strong lether harnes, and eyther a steele sadle or else a very strong bowlstred sadle, with all good and sufficient furnyture therto belongeng. And for the man, one dymy lance harnes, furnyshed, one dymylance staf, one sworde and dagger and battle ax; and for the light horseman, their honors think it expedyent that he shall now rather bee furnished his case of pisstolls, light horsman's staff, swoord, and dagger, a jack of plate or a cote of plate, with a skull for his head with cheekes covered with cloth or such like, or in place thereof a burgonet with a corslet, as before hath been descrybed. And allso it is by their honors thought expedient, that the ryder shoold have his dublet sleeves stryked downe with some small chean or plate; and yff any man shal bee otherwyse dysposed, to have his horseman armed with the curasse onely of a corsselet.

It is also thought allowable that the guelding trotte or rack. And for the sadle to bee light accordyng to those of the longest northern light horsemen. And yet suche as a case of daggs may bee fastened to the pommell thereof. And that the hors or guelding bee rydden with a snaffle or light bytte, and further, that you cause every owner charged as before to bring with their horses and furnyture before appoynted (in a billet with his owne hand subscrybed) the colors, marks, stature and height of every their sayd horses or gueldyngs and the furnyture of the same with the names of the ryders, their armor and weapons also. Not faylling herein, as you will answer to the contrary at your perill. Given this 19th of September, 1584.

	A launce must have a trotting hors or a
The dymylaunce	lardge trotting gelding with a strong lea-
hors.	ther harneys.
	A steele saddle or a very strong bolstred
	saddle with all good and suffycyent fur-
	nyture thereto belonging.
The man.	A dymylaunce harneys furnished
	One dymylaunce staffe, one sword and dag-
	ger, one battle axe.

The light hors & ryder. His case of pystolls, his light horseman's staffe.

- A sword and daggar, a jack of plate or coate of plate.
- A skulle for his hed with cheekes covered with cloath or sutche like, or a burgonet.
- The gelding to trott or rack, and the sadle light after the order of the lardger northern saddle, and snaffle or light bytt. His dublett sleves styked downe with som small cheane or plate, or the curasse of a corstlett.

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Sir Robert Wood, K.	1 lance, 1 light horse
Mr. Corbett	1 light horse
Barnard Utber	1 light horse
Mr. Justyce Wyndham	1 lance, 2 light horse
Mr. Hen. Cornewallys, Esquire	1 light
Mr. Ry. Davy, Esquire	1 light
Mr. Edward Downes	1 light
Mr. Tho. Holle	1 light
Mr. Will. Blennerhassett, Esquire.	
Mr. Hamon Claxton, Esquire	1 light
Mr. Pagrave, Esquire	1 lance, 1 light
Mr. Augusten Sotherton	1
Mr. Anthony Warner	1 light
John Humberston	
John Holland	1 light
Robert Joysse, Gent.	1 light
Mr. Thomas Pettus, Ald.	1 lance, 1 light -
Mr. Clement Hyrne, Ald.	1 light
Mr. Humfrey Rant	1 light
Mr. Hare	1 light H.

Sent to the muster for the veue of horses on Mushould nere Magdalyn Chappell, the fift day of October, 1584. By Thomas Holle, one trotting or rackyng gelding, coler graye, branded uppon the nere buttocke with an H., of fourtene hand heigh, riden with a snaffle and a large scott sadle, the rider Tho. Barker, furnished with a cote of plate, covered with crane colered fusten, with a red crosse both before and behind, a payer of sleves layd with plate, a sword and dagger, a case of pistolets, a light horsmans steff, and a skull covered with redd clothe.

THOMAS HOLLE.

To Mr. John Pagrave, Esquire.

These bee to desire you as you tender her Maj^s service that wheare you made defalt this present vth October, to shew before us one launce furnished, That you doe shew before us at Mr. Commissioners house, on Mondaye next, beeyng the xijth of this instant October, at viij of the clock in the morning, one suffycyent trotting hors or lardge trotting geldyng, with a billett of his coullor, pace, and stature. And hereof wee praye you not to faylle, or at the least to send us the billett of his stature and coullor the same daye, as you will answer the contrary at your perill, whereof wee hope you will have good regard. Given under our hands this vth of October, 1584.

JOHN SUCKLING, Maior. SYMON BOWDE, Alderman.

To the Right Honorabill the Lorde Cromwell and the Right Worshipfull the Mayor of the Cytye of Norwiche and other the Quene's Maj^s Commissioners for the Musters of Light Horses within the Cytye of Norwiche and liberty of the same.

> First my howse blowne downe in much was the yeres past to my hinderance and loss of 200£., and after a berne of viij goffested set

uppe all the tymber thereof I bought vij and viij myles from my house, and before it was all feneshed it was blown downe and muche of the tymber broken to my great hynderans, and truthe it is that I am indepted and doo owe above $200\pounds$, as I will depose uppon my othe; and furder do paye yerely to the Quenes Maj^e in lewe and stad of service to be done in the Castill of Blanche Flower iij£., as I have quetance to approve the same, and also appoynted in other services.

Edward Downes, of Erleham, prayeth to be dyscharged of a light horse.

The Commissioners' Letters for Musters.

After our veri hartie comendacons to your good L . The Quenes Maje having had (of late) some conference with us of sondry causes of effectes and specialli concerning the strength and surety of her realm, hath seriously and disposedly sought to understand howe the forces of all her counties within the realme, both of horsemen and footemen, now known to bee in good state and furniture for servis. Wee coulde not give her Maje anie other answer, but wee herd well thereof, consideringe in this laste spring tyme, all her Majs Lieutenants had speciall charge eyther by themselves or by their deputies to make particular viewes and musters of all the forces within the precincts of thyr comission. But yet because they were prescribed to forbeare to draw the people to generall musters by reason of the approchinge of the harvest, and that wee have not received such certificates from the Lord Lieutenant names as weare loked for: Her Maje gravely considering howe by intermission dewe and perfecte musters,

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and by change of men (by death) or removing her forces, myght be greatelye diminished, and bothe armour and weapons wasted or damaged. And consideringe also, that God's goodnesse with her Maj^s care, and charges upon the seas with her navies and an armie in Irelande, had stayd the kinge of Spaine's armie and navie, thoughe the same were verie , all this yeere from approchinge to the coastes of great her Maj^s Dominions, wherbie it maye bee that manie of her subjectes have bene led into some kinds of securities, and so have neglected to kepe their forces in state convenient. That her Maje moste certainlye understandeth, that the kinge of Spayne hath all this yere made grate preparacions in buyldinge of newe ships in all his northe coastes of Spayne, and in his Indians also, readie nowe to bee brought into Spayne. And hath given order to have great quantite of victuall, municion and habiliments for a grate navie and armie : so as (by common judgemente) yf God's speciall goodnes doe not by some extraordinarie actions impeach his purposes, ther is no doubght but ther wylbe causes to expect this nexte springe or sommer some verie great attempte by his navie and mightie armies, against this realm of Englande and that of Ireland Upon her Maj^s grave consideracion hereof, her coalso. mandement is, that wee shoulde, with diligence by your Lordships, not onely advertise and admonish all her Maj^s generall Lieutenants hereof, but also in her name, command them forthwithe, now afore wynter shall approche, and specially in this nexte monthe, before the tearme shall beginne, to cause generall musters to be made, of all horsemen and footemen heretofore appointed, to be furnished and putte into bands. Wherefore wee doe moste earnestelye require your honors, and in her Maj^s name wee doe comande you, that all busynesse sett apart you doe speedily directe these accustomed precepts to cause the musters to be made, of all the forces within your comission, in the best manner you can devise, and accordinge to sundrie former instrucions sente to you for that purpose; to the which concisting upon manie

most necessarie poyntes, wee doe referr you without repeating the same by this our letter. And wee requier you, that all defects of captevns, officers, soldiers, horses, armour and weapons, and all other things heretofore described, maye nowe, before wynter tyme, be provided and made perfect: So as before the nexte springe ther bee nothinge founde wantinge. And of this your musters nowe to be made and presented before the mydste of October you do sende to us perfecte bookes as particularly as shalbe meete, that her Maj^y mave see the same before the ende of the sayde October, which shee verie ernestly require the for her better satisfacion and for her comfort to beholde what strengthe shee maye account to have (with Gode's goodnesse) to withstand the proude forces of the enemies of her kingedomes, countries and good subjectes. So prainge your Lordship to have such care in the performance hereof as may be to her Maj^s satisfacion : Wee byd your Lordship veri hartily farewell, from the Courte at Okinge, the last of August, 1590.

Post scripte.—Ther bee twoo matters to be lykewise regarded; fyrst, that no captens of footemen be discharged of anie horsemen, wherewith they were before charged, nor that anie be excused from servis for beinge a retaynor to anie person.

	HATTON.	To the veri good L. the L.
	BURGHLY.	Hunsdon, L. Chamberlyn to
CHARLES	HOWARD.	her Maj ^e , her Maj ^s Lieute-
L.	BUCKHURST.	nant for the Counties of
L.	HENEAGE.	Norfolke and Suffolke.

Lord Chamberlyn, Suffolk, Norfolk. 27

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To the Constables of the Ward of Middlewymer within the Cytty of Norwich and to eyther of them.

Thes are to will and comande you in her Ma^{ts} name, by vertue of her received from the Honorable Councell to the Deputie Lieufe tenants, that presently without delaye ye gather the particular sumes of mony of the persons hereunder written, so as the same may be redy by xij of the clock on Satterdaye next, to be payed towarde the furnyture and sending certeyne horsemen which are to be sent with all spede into Irelande. And this shalbe your warrant in that behalfe. Given under our hande this xxvjth of June, 1595.

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Of Mr. Thomas Layer .			viij	viij
Of Mr. Christofer Layer .			viij	-
Of Mr. Francis Rugg .			vij	iiij
Of Mr. Roger Welde .			iiij	-
Of Mr. Thomas Sotherton			0	viij
Of Peter Peterson			0	viij
Of James Bowgen			iij	iiij
Of Mr. Tytus Norrys .			iij	—
Of Mr. Laurens Watts .			iiij	iiij
Of Mr. Robert Hall .			iij	viij
Of Mr. Randolf Smythe .			iij	viij
Of Mr. Thomas Lane .			iij	iiij
Of Mr. Howghton Wedon			iiij	viij
Of Mr. Willm. Steward .			v	-
Of Mr. Water Haugh .			iij	
Of Robt. Gaished			iij	iiij
Of Peter Ashemall			iij	iiij
Of Jamys Danyell			iij	-
Of John Sotherton			iij	-

THOMAS LAYER, Maior. CHRISTOFER LAYER. THOMAS GLEANE. FRANCIS RUGGE. THOMAS PETTUS.

s. d.

Norwich. By vertue of letters directed by the Lords of his Majes' most honoble Privie Counsell to the right honoble Thomas, Earle of Arundell, Lord Leuetenant of the County of this City, and by vertue of his honor's comission and letters to us directed for performance of the same, These are in his Maties name to require and charge you that forthwith upon receipt hereof you in his Maties name doe straightly charge and comand all manner of persons within the precinct of your office named in the paper hereunto annexed, that they provide and make ready all such armor as thereby they stand charged withall, And that they shewe the same before us full furnished and without defect on Tuesday the xxiiij day of September next ensueinge, att the shootinge grounde on Mushold, And that you expressely comand all persons so charged to finde armes that they themselves, their sonnes, or some other sufficient person abiding within this City doe serve in the same, And that all those persons so appoynted to serve doe mete together at six of the clock in the morninge of the said day, at the market crosse, from thence to be conducted by the muster mayster and the captavnes to the said shootinge grounde, and that noe man fayle of the due accomplyshment hereof, as they will answere the contrary at their peril. And that your selves be then there present bringinge with you this warrant and the paper thereunto annexed. Fayle not hereof this xxij of August, 1618.

We also hereby require you to certifie us of the names of all persons within the precinct of your office not named in this paper, and able to finde armes upon Friday next, beinge the xxviij day of this instant August, at your peril.

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RICHARD ROSSE, Maior. Alexander Anguish. Edmund Cock.

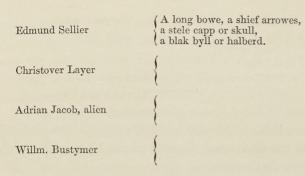
To the Constables of Heigham and to eyther of them.

From a list (without date) of near 500 persons, in various Wards and Parishes throughout the City, with the armour and weapons placed against each name.

Cibitas Norwici. The Warde of Myddel Wymer.

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Robert Rugge, Alder ⁿ .	Twoo alman ryvetts, a long bowe, a shief arrowes, a stele cappe or skull, a blak byll or halberd.
Elisabeth Marsham, widow	Twoo alman ryvetts, a long bowe, a shief arrowes, a stele cappe or skull, a blak byll or halberd.
Agnes Sotherton, widow	Twoo alman ryvetts, a long bowe, a shief arrowes, a stele cappe or skull, a blak byll or halberd.
Andrewe Quasshe	An alman ryvette, ij long bowes, ij shiefs arrowes, ij stele cappes, a blake byll or halberde.
John Sothertonne	An alman ryvette, ij long bowes, ij shiefs arrowes, ij stele cappes, a blak byll or halberde.
Isabell Marsham, widow	An alman ryvette, ij long bowes, ij shiefs arrowes, ij stele cappes or skulles, a blak byll or halberde.
Richard Bate	A long bowe, a shief arrowes, a stele cappe or skull, a blak byll or halberde.
Thomas Wynter	A long bowe, a shief arrowes, a stele cappe or skulle, a blake byll or halberde.



The names of All Abill Men, Archers, and Billemen, taken upon the the xxix day of Jannary, in the xxvj yeere of the reign of Kyng Herry the viijth.

MIDILWYMER.

Billemen. William Ferror John Callow Nicholas Blythe Robt. Wityngham Thomas Brown Robt. Gybson Thomas Pytlyng Robt. Smyth Willm. Almand John Key John Hurmes Willm. Petyver John Basyngham Antony Cley Thomas Hendry George Herryson John Opeyner Robt. Booff John Cortes John Dawe Walter Benet Richard Hede Robt. Clapam Nicholas White

Archers. Thomas Grey Robt. Lane Jamys Haymer Symond Shene Robt. Farmyn Ermayn Hane Thomas Marchale Jamys Russell Thomas Bemond Robt. Johnson John Atvode Herry Grenewode Ric. Watson John Deynes Willm. Bustyn Willm. Brasy John Gyle Willm. Petyver Ric. Beverley Raff Ebotts Robt. Watson Willm. Milles John Porter Nicholas Walbona

John Smyth Willm. Cabbe Nicholas Spencer John Crow Thomas Bozenyr Robt. Browster

Sept^r 1542. This day a lett^r ffrom the Duke of Norffs grace unto the Maier and Sheriffs of the Citte of Norwiche was redde in thes wordes.

With right hertie recomendacons these shall be to ady'tise you that the Kings Maiestie hath p'pourted me to be his lieutenant Northwarde, to resiste the malice of the Skotts and to have the rule and ledyng of all the abill men win the shires of the Countie Norff. and Suff. and the Citie of Norwiche ffor the defence of the same, therfore I shall requyre you yt wh all diligence ye make due serche win the seid Citie what numbre of able men ye may ffurnysshe sufficiently hernessed, mete to s've the Kyngs highnes in his warrs ther, and to be redy win oone owers warneng when ther shalbe comanded; and that ye c'tafie me here at Kenynghale of the seid nombre so harnessed as is aforemenconed, a this side Monday at nyght next ensuyng at the ffurdest, and therupon I shall take order ffor prest money ffor them, and cotes to be delyved accordyngly. Ffrom my man' of Kenynghale, the ij^d dave of this instant moneth of September A° xxxiiij R. R. Henr^{us} viij. After which Letter herde and understande, It is concluded that the Constables off ev'y warde shall all the able men ev'y of them in ther ward and comande them to appere beffore Mr Meier and the Aldermen at i of the clok thys afternoon in the Castell Medow, ther to be sged* and viewed accordyng to the p'porte and effecte of the seid lett^r, at whiche hower M^r Maier and the Aldermen mette, and aft' seved + them selves in iij p'tes, that is to saye, to ev'y grande warde ther Alderman; and aftr view had of ev'y grande warde of the abill men, &c., the Constables had

* Serged for serched.

+ Severed.

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comandement ev'y of them to warne the same able men vewed upon the seid serche to appere before Mr. Maier and the Aldermen at the Yeldhall the Mondaye next ffolowyng, at vj of the clok in the fforenoon, ther to be ffurder tried. serched, &c.

It. Mr. Maier and the Aldermen agreed to certifie to the Dukes grace accordyngly, &c. the nombre of xxv ablemen to be r'dy ffurnessed and hernsed accordingly.

It. It is agreed ffurder that Mr. Mayer, Alder[®], and other p'sons whose names ben underwreten shall ffynd hernes ffor the seid xxv men, and that p'vysuon shall be made at conev'yent tyme by advyce of a Semble ffor the satisfaccon and contentacon of the seid harnes and other chargs conc'nyng the same, &c.

In pms.	Mr. Maier	ij hernes	Mr. Lynsted	jh
	Mr. Leche	j hernes	Mr. Ffuller	jh
	Mr. Pykerell	j hernes	Mr. Catlyn	jh
	Mr. Rede	jh	Mr. Rugge	jh
	Mr. Fferror	jh	Mr. Wode	jh
	Mr. Styward	jh	Mr. Hemston	jh
	Mr. Sywhat	jh	Mr. Crooke	jh
	Mr. Grewe	jh	Mr. Codde	jh
	Mr. Ffelix	j h	Mr. Grenewode	jh
	Mr. Quashe	jh	Mr. Lawes	jh
	Mr. Buby	jh	Mr. Necton	jh
	John Barker h	nath p'mysed ij h	Mr. Lee	j h

Sm xxvj.

The names of the able men taken upon the serche and appoynted to be ffurnysshed and sufficiently harneysed and to be sent to the Dukes graces whan^r, &c.

	Hernesed.		
South Conesford	a Edmond Wodethorpe	Larance Bogerell \	
North Conesford	b Rob ^t Braesfoote John Hunte, Jun ^r .	Robt. Curde a her H. Erwyn a	Est Wymer
Berstrete	(<i>a</i> Thomas Hamys (<i>b</i> Jamys Richerdson	Adam Bilough <i>a</i> Willm. Fisher <i>b</i>	
St. Stephen	a Willm. Newson	John Childe a a	
	(b Willm. Grabor	Willm. Skevyn b	
St. Peter & St. Egidy	b Xtopher Curtes Thom. Brown a a John Sturgeon Willm. Mondforth b		
-8-49	b John Metton b Brian Dorant	Willm. Fulke a John Bowman a	

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West Wymer

Robert Wells Thom. Andrewe Leonard Brown Henry Herman bWillm. Mordew a

Sm xxvij trymmed, &c. Whereof x wer discharged ffor that the Dukes grace was contented w^t xl ableme', and so remayneth xxvij of the nombre.

The names of them which wer allowed ffor ablemen upon the seid serge and ben comanded to contynue in the citie, and nat to be reteyned w^h eny man untill ther be licened by Mr. Maier, &c.

[Then follows a long list of names, which it was not necessary to give.]

> The teno^r of the lett^r ffrom Master Mayer and M^r Sheriffs to the Duke of Norffs grace.

To the right high and myghtie p'nce the Duke of Norffs good grace.

In o' most humble wise o' bounden dewts to yo' g'ce accordynly p'mytted, thes be to certifie yo' grace that accordyng to yo' graces comandement, by yo' g'ces lres beryng date at Kenynghale the ij^d daye of this instant moneth of September to us directed, we w' all o' dilygence have made due s'che w'in this citie what nombre of able men we may ffurnysshe sufficiently hernesed mete to s've the Kyngs highnes in his warrs, upon which serge we have chosen out xxv ablemen mete ffor that p'pose whom we have redy, well appoynted w' hernes to attend yo' g'ce pleas^{ur} that y' g'ce will be to us heryn. We send w' thes letters oon of our bredern ffor the knowlege theroff, and thus we all beseeche Jhu to p'srve yo' g'ce w' high hono' and victory, and as we be bounde shall ev' praye ffor the same. Yo' at comandement W. R (ogers) Mayer, and Ff. P. Sheriffs

of the Citie of Norwiche.

An answer) Afterward, that is the Tuysdaye the v^{th} daye of the lett^r.) of September following, M^r Lynsted berer of

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the seid lett^r brought answer by worde that the Duke g'ce wold not be contented w^t soo ffew in nombre, but will have fliftye men in hernes and as many of them bowmen as the citie can.

Item, It is ordered that ev'y alderman shall cause the hernes win ev'y ther ward to be brought into ther houses, and to ev'y aldeman a certen nombre of men to be harnessed, and also the Chamberleyn to send to ev'y alderman sufficient canwas and blanket for two cc slevyd jerkins.

Afterward, that is to say, the Thursday in the vigill of the Nat. of o' blessed lady, Mr Lynsted dd to the Dukes g'ce w' a letter ffrom Mr Maier and Sheriffs, whereoff the tenor folowyth in thes wordes: Right high and mightie p'ince, or undoughted gracious good lord, humbly wt all or herts intendyng or bounden duties to yor grace to do the Kynges Maiestie true s'vice, wee certifie yor grace that wer yor grace by or broder Lynsted, berer herof, willed us to p'vyde and p'pare the nombre of ffifty ablmen for the werres in to Scotland, sith whiche comandement and afore the seid nombre p'pared, oon Thomas Godsalve the young' brought unto us comendacon comandement ffrom yr grace, and also did tell and declare unto us yor plesur and will to be contented wt the nombre of xl able men well trymmed, wherfore in the accomplysheng of the same, yo' latter pleas^{ur} and will, we have chosen oute of xl tallest and most apte and able men ffor the warres, wherof xix ar good and able archers redy trymmed, w^t hernes, bowes, arrowes, swords, and dagers, and xxj are able men wt bills redy trymmed, wt bills, hernes, and dagers, the whiche nombre of xl men, in man^r and fforme aforeseid trymmed and appoynted, we have redy to attend yr grace to do the Kyng s'vice whansoev' yo' grace shall comande, the names of whiche xl men be w'ten in a scedule heryn enclosyd. And thus Jhu p'sve yor grace wt contynual honor, welth and victory, to all or comfort, &c.

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Answer from the Duke's g'ce. And after, that is to saye in the seid ffest of or blissed ladye, M^r Lynsted brough answere ffrom myn lord, that he wasse very

well content w^t the seid nombre and gevyth herty thanks, and that the xl men shall be delyved at Gret Yermouth on Sonday was senyth to S^r John Clere, &c. And that John Wulsey shalbe enp'sened at the Mayers descression, for that he refused to do the Kynge's s'vice except he myghte have suche chargs as required to have hym self.

It. my lord comand to delyv^r the soot taken ffor a wherupon the Tuesday ffolowyng he is discharged accordyngly. And the Wedensday in the vigill of Saynt Mathew next ensuyng the seid xl men wern sent to Yermouth by wat^r, at the charge of the comonaltie, well trymmed in ev'y behalf, as in the accompte of the Chambleyns more playnly doth appare.

In the xxxv of Henry viij, a letter was red from the Kyng's Majesties highnes the tenor of which is as ffolloweth in thes wordes: Trusty and well beloved we grette you well, and late you witte that beyng determyned invade the realme of Ffrance this somer w^t a royall armye in o^r owne p'son, we have appoynted you to ffurnysshe us in the seid voiage wt the nombre of xl able ffotemen, whereof viij to be archers ev'y oon furnysshed wt a gode bowe in a cace to carve it inne, w' xxiiij goode arowes, a gode sworde and a dager, and the reste to be billemen well harnessed ev'y of them w^t a goode bill, a gode sworde and a dager; signyfieing further unto you that the more nombre of able horsemen, either demylances or javelyngs well horsed and harnessed, you shal be able to ffurnysshe us w'all over and besides the seid noumbre of ffotemen, you shall do us so moche the more acceptable s'vice, wherof we requyre you to make certificate w^t all diligence to o^r right trusty and right entirely beloved

cousin and counsellor the Duke of Norff. And also to have the same and the seid noumb' of ffortye ffotemen in suche order as thei maye be redy upon the next warnyng to be goven unto you by o' letter or otherwyse unto suche place as thei shal be appoynted accordyngly. Yoven under o' signet at o' Palayce of Westm' the iij daye of Ap'll the xxxv yere of o' reyn.

Wherupon it is ordered and agrede, that ev'y alderman in his warde shall make serche of the moste ablemen in ther warde, and to certifie ther names w^t ther p'sons on Wednesday at vij of the clok in the mornyng, and that the constables shall attende to them for the same.

Informacon ffor the ffornytur of suche as shal goe at my lord of Norff in the vangarde. Fyrste, ev'y souldier to have a cote of blew clothe garded w^t redde, aft^r suche ffacon as all ffotemen be made at London that shal s've the Kinges Maiestie in this jorney, and the left sleve to be trymmed after suche sorte as shall please the captayne to devise, p'vyded alweys y^t no jentilman nor other weare eny maner of sylke upon the garde of his cote save only upon his left sleve, and that no yoman weare eny maner sylke upon his seid cote, nor noe jentilman nor yoman weare any man^r of badge.

It. Ev'y man to p'vyde a payer of hose for ev'y of his men, the right hose to be all redde and the left hose to be all blewe, with one strype of iij ffyngars brode of redde upon the outsyde of his legge from the stokks downewardes.

It. Ev'y man to hav an armyng doblet of ffustyean or of canwas.

It. Ev'y man to p'vyde a capp to be made to putt his scull or sallett inne, aft^r such sorte as I hav devysed, whiche Willm. Tailours capper of London, dwellynge w'inne Ludgate, dothe make for me, wer ye shall hav as many of them as ye will for viijd a pece.

Afterward the same xl able ffotemen in all and ev'y thynge

ffurnysshed accordynge to the seid letter and informacons, and goven them for ther rewarde and costes to Ippeswich ev'y of them ijs 6d, the names of them to be wreten on the other syde.

The following is a copy of an original printed receipt for hearth-tax, given to Mr. Daniel Emerson, stone mason, who lived nearly opposite the Rampant Horse, in St. Stephen's parish. He was father of Thomas Emerson, Esq. of London, whose portrait is in the Guildhall, Norwich, and who in the year 1739 gave to the Corporation two gold chains, of the value of one hundred guineas each, to be worn by the Sheriffs of this his native city.

Noumb the 10 1600 & Eighty 8

REceived of M.^{*} Dan. Emerson the Sum of two Shillings, in full for half years Duty for two Fire-hearths in his House in S' Stephens due and ended at Michaelmas-Day last past. I say Received by Fol. 64

Wm. Philipps Collector.

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Extracts from an old Account Book of the Parish of Sprowston, read at the Meeting of the Committee in February, 1846, by the Rev. W. J. Stracey.

		t.	s.	d.
1665.	For a hood for the minister	1	6	0
	For bird lime $4d$; for powder and shot $1s \ 6d$	0	1	10
	For bread and wine at Cristmis	0	3	6
1666.	For a book of the Fire in London .	0	0	6
1672.	For the two Tables of Commandments .	0	11	6
	For the Book of Homilies	0	8	0
1678.	Collected on behalf of rebuilding St. Paul's			
	Church in London, Oct. 17	1	16	0
1682.	For a Book of Common Prayer which cost			
	20s (I paid ten myself)	0	10	0
	Paid for brooms, and a Kalendar	0	5	0
	Paid to two travelling gentlewomen .	0	2	0
	For a book of the King's Declaration and			
	Thanksgiving	0	1	0
1689.	For a poor man's box	1	18	0
	For a shaldern of lime 3s, and a load of			
	hard-burnt bricks 9s	0	12	0
	Paid Goody Crabbin for washing the surplis			
	and church powrch	0	1	3
	A new bell rope, 18 yards long, 3s; two			
	passengers $4d$	0	3	4
1702.	For the change of the flaggon and a new			
	communion plate	0	5	0
	For kyling the cardows in the church .	0	1	0
1704.	Paid at the Blew Boor, chusing as surveyer			
	Goodman Warren	0	5	0
	For thorns to fence in the common $4s$; for a			
	man 2 days hedging and beer	0	2	6
	Timber for the eyle of the church	4	7	0

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1715.	Paid for killing 14 foxes in our woods, to			
	Sam. Lemon	0	14	0
1719.	Paid for clading of the Widow Bernard with			
	a gown, petecoat, bodeys, hoose, showes,			
	apron, and stomercher	0	18	6
	For kyling the vermint <i>in</i> the church .	0	2	0
1720.	Laid out at Esq ^r Longe's for and concerning			
	cutting y ^e flags on the common	0	5	0
23.	Paid Denmark for kylling 15 foxes; paid			
	Tubby for a hedgehog	0	15	6
1724.	And for getting 10 foxes and a badgerd, and			
	2 doz. caddows	0	11	6
1747.	3 soulgers' wives a pass 1s; paid at ye Pop-			
	ingjay 3s	0	4	0
48.	For 2 mats for the pews, and neelers .	0	5	0
1764.	Paid for a new surplis, and making	3	0	0
1795.	A Prayer for the Princess of Wales-for			
	the King's recovery	0	1	6
	Received of Alderman Weston 15s-a gift			
	left by Mr. Warnes of $5s$ a year			
	125 foxes killed between 1715-1774, at a 1s			
	a head			

BRIEF REMARKS,

ACCOMPANIED WITH DOCUMENTS,

ILLUSTRATIVE OF TRIAL BY JURY, TREASURE-TROVE, AND THE INVOCATION OF SPIRITS FOR THE DISCOVERY OF HIDDEN TREASURE, IN THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY;

IN A LETTER FROM DAWSON TURNER, ESQ., V.P. TO HUDSON GURNEY, ESQ., V.P.

MY DEAR SIR,

I have much pleasure in addressing to you the following papers, all of them matters of curiosity, and one that I hope I may be allowed to call of peculiar interest, as connected with the great palladium of British liberty. For the first two of these, as for the principal part of the contents of the preceding portion of our Transactions. we are indebted to the permission most liberally given by the Municipal Corporation of Norwich, to our worthy member, Mr. Goddard Johnson, to make extracts from their archives and communicate them to us to be published. Those now sent have all been taken from one of the city-books, commencing in the second and ending in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of King Henry VIII. The third, the last of my papers, was most kindly sent by Sir Francis Palgrave from the Chapter House, the Treasury of the Exchequer. I need hardly say they are all of them hitherto unpublished.

You will feel with me, I am sure, that it were wrong on the part of a Society, expressly constituted with the view of making known and preserving the Antiquities of Norfolk, to let slip the present opportunity of expressing the gratification with which they have heard of the attention bestowed upon the City Muniments by the present Council; who, not content with rescuing them from the state of disgraceful neglect in which they have long been suffered to remain, have consigned them to the care of a gentleman peculiarly suited to the office, as well by his acquaintance with the subject as by his devotedness to the pursuit. It would not be easy to find another man equally qualified as Mr. Johnson; and still less easy would it be to appreciate too highly the value of such documents, connected as they are with one of the most ancient and important cities in the kingdom-the records of its rights, its privileges, its immunities, and its liberties. Indeed, in this point of view, they are not to be regarded with reference to Norwich alone, but to the whole kingdom. Their character is scarcely less national than provincial. In a secondary point of view, as recording historical facts, topographical and genealogical notices, and occasionally the descent of property, they are also of no small interest. The Society therefore, I am persuaded, will earnestly hope that the Corporation will not rest contented with the cleansing and partially arranging of such muniments, but will carry to a suitable conclusion the work they have so honorably begun; and, following the example of the great Record-Office of the nation, will avail themselves of an opportunity they may never enjoy again, of causing a descriptive index to be made of the whole of their muniments, with a view to its being ultimately printed; so that the public may be made acquainted with their contents, and may be enabled to consult them when necessary, and may, with themselves, derive from them the information and advantage they are calculated to afford.

ON THE PURITY OF TRIAL BY JURY.

THE privilege of Trial by Jury, which has always been regarded as the greatest bulwark of the liberties of an Englishman, we are told by Blackstone, may be traced to the days of the Saxon Monarchy. The same opinion is entertained by Mr. Sharon Turner, who enters at length, and with much learning, into the subject. However this may be, no doubt can be felt of its having existed and been duly appreciated at the time of Magna Charta, wherein its importance is more than once insisted upon in express terms, and particularly in the chapter which provides that no freeman shall be hurt in either his person or property, "nisi per legale judicium parium suorum, vel per legem terræ." To turn from Blackstone to a no less distinguished writer of our own days, we read with regret in the Constitutional History of England, that, however admirable in theory and really efficient in practice under constitutional sovereigns, the institution has but too frequently failed to afford the promised protection. Jurors cowered before the power of the Star Chamber, or if, as in the instance here adduced, they dared to prove their integrity by their verdict, became victims of its arbitrary The usurped jurisdiction of this tribunal, which power. continued in a greater or less degree through all the period of the Plantagenet family, was carried much further and exercised more rigorously under the Tudors, the time now in question. The wholesome provision, "de facto respondent juratores, de jure judices," existed but in words. " If," says Sir Thomas Smith, in his Treatise on the Commonwealth of England, "they do pronounce ' not guilty' upon the prisoner, against whom manifest witness is brought in, the prisoner escapeth, but the twelve are not only rebuked by the judges but also threatened of punishment, and many times commanded to appear in the Star Chamber, or before the Privy Council for the matter." He goes on to say, "I have seen F 2

in my time, but not in the reign of the king now (Elizabeth), that an inquest, for pronouncing one not guilty of treason contrary to such evidence as was brought in, were not only imprisoned for a space, but a large fine set upon their heads, which they were fain to pay; while another inquest, for acquitting another, beside paying a fine, were put to open ignominy and shame." Even so late as the Restoration, to use the words of Mr. Hallam, "notwithstanding the reformers of 1641 had lopped off that unsightly excrescence from the constitution, the Star Chamber, the judges and other ministers of justice, for the sake of their own authority or that of the crown, devised various means of subjecting jurors to their own direction, by intimidation, by unfair returns of the panel, or by narrowing the boundaries of their lawful function."

On such a topic it were easy to multiply quotations and adduce examples; but the present occasion rather calls for brevity. Having spoken therefore of our juries in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, I will only add a few words illustrative of their nature and constitution in the thirteenth. In doing this, I shall borrow the singularly graphic description given us by Sir Francis Palgrave in his Tale of the Merchant and the Friar. A trial was about to commence-"Sheriff, is your inquest in court ?" said the Mayor. "Yes, my Lord," replied the Sheriff; "and I am proud to say it will be an excellent jury for the crown. I, myself, have picked and chosen every man upon the panel. I have spoken to them all; and there is not one whom I have not examined carefully, not only as to his knowledge of the offences of which the prisoner stands charged, but of all the circumstances from which his guilt can be collected, suspected, or inferred. All the jurors are acquainted with him : eight out of the twelve have often been known to declare upon their oath, that they were sure one day he would come to the gallows; and the remainder are fully of opinion that he deserves the halter. My Lord, I should ill have performed

my duty, if I should have allowed my bailiffs to summon the jury at haphazard, and without previously ascertaining the extent of their testimony. Some perhaps know more, and some less; but the least informed of them have taken great pains to go up and down in every corner of Westminster, they and their wives, and to know all they could hear concerning his past and present life and conversation. Never had any culprit a better chance of having a fair trial."

It remains but to be seen how far the following example responds to what might be expected from what has gone before.

Memorand, that the vijth day of Nouvember, theight vere of the reign of our sovraign lord, Kyng Henry theight, John Wellys, Robt. Denton, John Pepir, Willm. Swyfte, Thomas Buston, Robt. Bothe, Thomas Snellyng, John Lynghook, Gilbt. Palfreyman, John Marsham, Richard Harby, and Willm. Spregy, whiche acquyted Walter Jamys, John Doo, Benet Bullok, and Edmond Stuttlie, notwithstondyng that they hadde good and substanciall evydence geven avenst the said felons at the last gaole delyvry at Norwiche, as the chieff Justice of the King's Benche, the lord Edmond Howard, and Willm. Elis, one of the Justices of the Peece there, openly declared before the lordes in the presence of the said Jurve : for the whiche periurye soo by them commytted, it is by the lordes of the King's most honourable Counsell adjuged and decred, that the said iurye shall do the pennance folowyng: that is to say, that they shalbe commytted to the flete, there to remayne til to morow; and that than, that is to say to morowe, at ix of the clok, they shalbe brought by the warden of the flete into Westm. Halle, with papers on ther hedes, wheryn shalbe wreten in great letters, thes men be wilfully periurid; and, with the same papers on there hedes, they shalbe ledde thries abowte the halle of Westm. aforesaid, and than to be ledde by the said warden of the filete to the filete

ayen, there to remayne till Monday; and on Monday in the mornyng to be hadde into Chepe syde, and there shall go abowte the crosse in Chepe thries; and than they shall retorne to the fflete, and there remayne till Tuesday, and then to be brought agen before the lordes, to be bounden by recognysaunes to do the same pennance att hoome in ther countrie att Norwiche; and that a precepte shall be directed by writte unto the Maiour and Sheriffs of the Citie of Norwyche aforesaid, to se the said partes do ther said pennance in the said Citie, vpon Saturday the xxij day of this present moneth of Nouember, openly in the market place there, with papiers on ther hedes, wherupon shalbe wreten in great letters thes wordes abovewreten.

ON TREASURE-TROVE AND INVOCATION OF SPIRITS.

THE finding of gold and silver, whether coin, plate, or bullion, hidden in the earth and commonly known by the name of Treasure-trove, was naturally a matter of more frequent occurrence in former times than at present ; and the amount was then more considerable. The hoards so detected were even regarded of sufficient moment in the eye of the law to constitute a part of the royal revenue. But this privilege of the crown ceased to exist as often as an owner was known or a claimant came forward; for in such cases the right no longer vested in the sovereign, but in them; as it did in the lucky finder, when the treasure lay upon the surface of the soil or buried in the deep. The law and equity of the case are briefly but clearly explained by Blackstone, who concludes his observations upon the subject, by stating that, "When the Romans and other inhabitants of the respective countries which composed their empire, were driven out by the northern nations, they concealed their money underground; with a view of resorting to it again when the heat

of the irruption should be over, and the invaders driven back to their deserts. But, as this never happened, the treasures were never claimed; and on the death of the owners the secret also died along with them. The conquering generals, being aware of the value of these hidden mines, made it highly penal to secrete them from the public service. In England, therefore, as among the feudists, the punishment of such as concealed from the king the finding of hidden treasure was formerly no less than death; but now it is only fine and imprisonment."

But the following papers do not refer simply to the question of treasure-trove: the latter of them even mentions it only incidentally. Both embrace two other points upon which information will be sought in vain, either in the author just quoted, or in the several law-dictionaries, or other writers that I have had the opportunity of consulting,-I mean the issuing of licenses, by which the king grants the right to search for hidden treasures, and the invoking of spirits in the pursuit. As regards licenses of this nature, what we have left us touching them appears very scanty. Sir Francis Palgrave tells me that he finds two such upon the rolls; the one bearing date in the 11th, the other in the 12th year of the reign of King Henry VIII. The latter of these, which is of the same date as that before us, is in favour of Sir Edward Belknap, knight, John Hertford, gent., and John Jonys, goldsmith, authorizing them to dig for precious metals in certain mines (described) in the counties of Cornwall and Devon, pursuant to the covenant of an indenture of 4th Dec. 11th Henry VIII. But the only commission on the rolls in which the name of Robert, Lord Curzon,* is mentioned, is

* Banks, in his *Extinct Peerage*, says of Robert Lord Curzon—" Of this family there certainly is no mention in Dugdale or any other Baronage, as having anciently been ranked among the barons of the realm: yet in Gibson's *Camden's Britannia*, in the account of Derbyshire, notice is made of Sir Robert Curzon, knighted by Henry VII., and created a Baron of the Empire by Maximilian, A. D. 1580, on the account of his singular valor. On whom

one without date, to ascertain the bounds of the liberties of the town of Ipswich. Even this, however, has so far an interest in the present case, as it tends to connect him with these two sister-counties, over which, and which alone, his right of search extended. The examinations before the Court at Norwich evidently show that he had delegated his power of search to one William Smith, and to a servant of his own. of the name of Amylion, and that they had gone from place to place, not only digging themselves, but taking bribes from several persons for leave to do the same; as likewise for screening from punishment those who had presumed so to do, unauthorized. And here the raising of spirits is mentioned, as having been had recourse to on three several occasions; each time by a priest. But it is not therefore to be supposed that the practice was confined to the clergy, or was of unfrequent occurrence. The legitimate inference seems to be to the contrary; for, in a variety of places, Smyth and his colleague got possession of chrystals; in one instance from a lime-burner, in another from a husbandman; and chrystals, it is well known, were employed in sorcery; as it is most probable that these were, from the value set upon them.

Neither chrystals nor stones * of any sort are mentioned in

also King Henry VIII., in like manner, is said to have conferred the title of a Baron of England, and assigned to him a liberal pension. But it does not appear he ever had a voice or seat in parliament. He died s. p."

* On the subject of the use of such things in incantations, much information will be found in Sir Henry Ellis' edition of Brand's *Popular Antiquities*, II. &c., p. 413 and 491. My late friend, General Vallancy, in his *Collectanea de Rebus Hibernicis*, No. XIII., p. 17, tells us "in the Highlands of Scotland, a large Chrystal, of a form somewhat oval, was kept by the priests to work charms by. They were once common in Ireland."—Butler, in his *Hudibras*, says of a noted astrologer,

"Kelly did all his feats upon

The Devil's looking-glass a stone ;"

and Grose, in his Essay on Popular Superstitions, subjoined to his *Provincial Glossary*, p. 111, records that, "another mode of consulting spirits was by the Beryl, by means of a speculator or seer. The method was this: having

the paper that follows, which I received from Sir Francis Palgrave. Yet this is almost entirely confined to witchcraft; and treasure-trove is but casually noticed in it, as the raising of spirits is in the other. As a document it is full of curiosity: I hope too of interest. Sir William Stapleton, as he styles himself-the word, Sir, being the common designation of a priest in those days-addresses his letter to Thomas Cromwell, whom he, strangely as it may sound to us, calls "Lord Legate." Stapleton had been a monk of our mitred abbey of St. Bennett in the Holm, whence he had been fain to escape, to avoid a repetition of the punishment he had frequently incurred by an undue attachment to his bed in a morning. To obtain his liberty, a dispensation was required; and this it was necessary to purchase. But he was penniless; and his only resource lay in magic arts for the obtaining of the desired end. By such he hoped to arrive at hidden treasure : and the letter is chiefly filled with his many attempts for the purpose. In the prosecution of them, he states himself to have been aided by the incumbents of several Norfolk parishes, whom he names. Among others, the parson of Lessingham, he tells us, actually succeeded in raising Obervon. Inchubus, and Andrew Malchus; but not one of them would give him the desired information ; nor had poor Stapleton better success in any similar attempt. There can be little doubt that it is greatly owing to such, that when Mr. Goddard Johnson, a few years ago, undertook to explore the recesses of our Norfolk barrows, he found they had been

repeated the necessary charms and adjurations, with the Litany or invocation peculiar to the spirits or angels he wishes to call (for every one has his peculiar form) the seer looks into a chrystal or beryl, wherein he will see the answer, represented either by types or figures, and sometimes, though very rarely, will hear the angels or spirits speak articulately. Lilly describes one of these beryls or chrystals. It was, he says, as large as an orange, set in silver, with a cross at the top, and round about engraved the names of the angels, Raphael, Gabriel, and Ariel." Different kinds of stone were likewise employed; and, occasionally, a piece of coal. opened previously. The same had even happened to that at Felmingham, notwithstanding the many urns found in it by our colleague, Mr. Gunn, and the other curious articles described and figured by another member of our society, Mr. Hart, in his valuable Lecture. Stapleton expressly mentions Felmingham among the places he visited. But urns were not the object of his inquiry: they would have gone but small way towards the buying of his dispensation. I enter into no further details respecting the contents of the letter; trusting I have said enough to awaken curiosity, which I can promise the reader he will find gratified. Sir Francis Palgrave has reduced the orthography and language to the present standard, leaving the sense altogether unaltered.

On Treasure-trove.

Mem. That I Lord Corson haffe geffe leve on to William Smyth of Clopton and Amylion, myne aune servant, by atoryte to make cherche ware thei can have knowlege of any Tresour hidde in the ground or in the water, w'in the Sherrys of Sowfolk or Norfolk, win franchise or wout, to breke the ground be night or be day; and shwch tresour as shall come to ther hannes trwly to kepe it ov' to the Kyng's behove and myn owne, to suche tyme as it shall be delyved ov^r to my handes, and so the Kynges part had, the residew to be distrubit to me and to them that goose aboute the labore of it. And also I geffe them leve and atoryte to enquere of any that hath goone about ony diggyn or brekyng of ony grounde w'owt the Kynges licence, or by myne by the atoryte of that I have of the Kinges hevnes, to let me have knowlege of them by the atoryte y' I have by the Kyngs gracious plakard, which specifies more larger than this my writing; and also whosoev' letts or trubills the forseid named my deputies, thei for to stond to the coste and charge of the lets, and ther goods to stond at the Kyngs plesieure, and ther boddies to be ponyssh at the Kyngs will. Wret w' myne aune hand the

xij yeer of o' sourayne lord Kyng Herry the viij the x day of Mche, & me Robart Corson.

Conboc. Alderm. viz. Edward Reed Maioris Civitatis Norwici, Johis Clerk, Willi Hert, Robti Jannys and Johis Marsham, ibm fact. tercio die Junij, Anno R. R. Henrici Octavi tercio decimo.

Richard Lord, of Norwich, surgeon, examed, saieth and deposeth that one Willm. Smyth of Clopton in the Countie of Suff. yoman, by colour of a plakard made to the same Smyth, one Amylyon and Judy, by lorde Curson for digging of hilles, toke of one Wikman of Morley Swanton in the Countie of Norff. xs., for to release the seid Wikman, for that the same Wikman shuld not goo with the same Smyth to lord Curson for digging of hills, which the same Smyth surmysed uppon the same Wikman. Item, the seid Richard saieth also, that the same Smyth toke from one White of Norwich, lymebrenner, a cristall ston and xijd. in money for digging of hilles, which the same Smyth surmysed upon the same White, so that the same White shulde not be putte to further trouble. Itm. the seid Richard saieth that the seid Willm. Smyth tooke of one Willm. Goodred, of Grette Melton, in lyke maner a cristall ston and certen money, how moche he knowe not, ffor which the seid Willm. Smyth and Amylyon made the same Goodred a quittance of discharge for any digging of hilles. Item, the seid Richard Lord saieth that the same Willm. Smyth took from one John Wellys of Hunworth beside Holte Market, certen books and money, how moche he knowe not, to discharge the same Wells of suche matters as the same Smyth alledged ayenst the seid Wells concernyng digging of hilles.

Item, the said Willm. Smyth sayeth y^t he, w^h the said Amylyon, George Dowsing dwellyng in Saynt Ffasts, scolemaster, Willm. Judy and Thomas Smyth, wern at a grounde lyeng besides Butter hilles w^hin the walles of the Citie, about ij or iij of the clok in the mornyng, w^hin a fforthnight after Est^r last past and ther digged for tresour trovy, but he saieth thei found nothing. *Itm.* He saieth that the said George at Saunders hous in the Mark^t of Nor^h, ther being then with hym S^r Willm. * * * pisshe prest of Saynt Gregoryes & others, and ther the said George reised a spirett or ij in a glasse, & the said S^r Willm. held the glasse in his hande, but one S^r Robt. Cromer began & reised a spiret flirst.

The said George examed, saieth, that about a ffortenyght after Ester last passed, the said Willm. Smyth, Amylyon & Judy cam to hym to his house in Saynt Ffasts, and amonges conversacions the seid Smyth, Amylvon & Judy said that thei herde seve that the same George shulde be seen in astronymye; and moreov^r the same Smyth seid that he hadde auttoritie to take any maner of person, secler or regler, as he thought best, to be w^h them at eny brekyngs of grounde ffor tresour for the Kyng's profight & my Lord Corson; and the seid George answerd that if he coude profight the Kynges grace or my lord Curson, he wolde do the best that he coude. Wherupon the said George was with the said Willm. Smyth, Amylyon, Judy, & others whom we know not, at the digging of a grounde beside Butter hilles within the Citie of Norwich, but he seith they founde nothing ther. Also he saieth that, aft^r that, he was in company with the said Willm. Smyth, Amylyon, Judy, &c. at the brekyng of a grounde about Seynt Willm. in the Wood by Norwich ; but thei founde nothing that day that the same George was with them : but he saieth that the said Smyth, Amylyon, Judy, &c. wern about the seid grounde another daye, he being absent; and whether thei founde any thing that day or no he knew not. It. the seid George further saieth that he was in company w' S' Robt. Cromer of Melton, and other prests to hym unknown, and the seid Smyth, Amylvon, and Judy, at Saunders hous in the Markt of Norwich, and ther the seid Sr Robt. Cromer and George constreyned a vision of a spirit to appere in a ston which the seid Sr Robt. Cromer hadde conclude aforetyme, and ther iij or iiij see the same vision as thei seid.

Septimo die Junij, anno R. R. H. viij, xiij.

Amylyon confesseth that Wikman dede geve to Amylyon & Smyth xs. to spare hym, that he should not come before lord Corson for digging of hilles, till he shuld cum in to Norff.

Amylyon saith that he hadde no money of White, but if it were in suche somes of money as Smyth delyved to hym at dyv^{rs} tymes which passed not xs. or a nobill in all, for all persons touching hilles digging.

Amylyon doth saye that he hadde nouther ston nor money of Godred, but he saieth he hadde a stoon of a carpent^r whos name he do not knowe, but he supposeth it was the same ston.

Amylyon & Smyth sayeth he toke of Spalle vs. or ther about in rewarde. Amylyon saieth he was w^t the said Smyth & other at the digging of the grounde at Butter hilles in the Citie as is aforesaid.

The said Amylyon also saith he was at Saunders when S^r Robt. Cromer held upon a ston; but he coude not perceyve any thing therby; but he saieth that George Dowsing dede areyse in a glasse a litill thing of the length of an ynche or ther about, but whether it was a spiret or a shadowe he can not tell, but the seid George said it was a spirett.

The said Amylyon saieth also that Smyth toke S^r Rob. Cromer and delt w^t him oncourtesly, wherewith the same Amylyon was myscontented, &c.; and saieth also that he was not privy ner hadde knowlege of any money that should be taken from Godred. The said Amylyon saieth he was with Smyth and others at the digging of the grounde at Saynt Willm. in the Woode.

Conboc. Alderm. videlit Johis Clerk deputat, Edwardi Rede Majoris Civitatis pdce, Robti Long, Johis Marsham, Johis Bustyng, & Thome Baubergh, fact. ibm xix die Junij, Ann. R. R. Henrici Octavi xiij.

William Goodred, of Grette Melton in the Countie of Norff. husbondman, sworn, saieth and deposeth that on Saynt Georgs Eve last passed, the said Judy with one Thomas (William) Smyth, a carpent^r, cam to the said Goodred than beving in Melton field aforesaid at his plough; and the seid Judy saving amongs other convercacions to the said Goodred that he was a hilldigger, and for that ther toke the said Goodred and brought hym to one Bailes of Melton aforeseid kepyng an alehous, wher the said William Smyth, Amylvon, and also Thom. Downes of Melton aforeseid, gent., Robt. Hervy of the same, w^t divse others wern drinkyng; and incontynent the seid William Smyth, Amylyon, & Judy hadde the same Goodred into the yerd ther by them selff, examyning the same Goodred upon hill digging; insomoche that the said Willm. Smyth said to the said Goodred, that if he wolde not confesse to them that he was an hille digger, he wold thrust his dagar throwe his chekes. Wheronto the same Goodred answerd alwey that he was noon; and, when the same Will. Smyth, Amylvon, & Judy, percevved that the said Goodred wold nothing confesse to ther mynds, then thei axed hym what money he wolde geve to them to have no ffurther trouble; but the said Goodred wold geve ner graunte them nothing; wherupon the said Will. Smyth, Amylyon, & Judy threted, and said that thei wolde lede the said Goodred to Norwich Castell. And then the said Downes and Robt. Hervy, w^t others beying at the said alehous, hervng the demeanor of the said Will. Smyth, Amylyon, & Judy to the said Goodred, cam to them & entreted the mater: and also the said Downes proferd the same Smyth to have been suertie for the same Goodred in c lbs; but the said Smyth, Amylyon, & Judy wolde not; but brought the said Goodred forth till thei cam to Lytell Melton; and the said Downes and Hervy cam forth w^t them, and ther one M^r Calle met with them, who asked them of the mater. And that here the same M^r Calle also proferd hym selff to have ben suertie for the same Goodred; but the same Willm. Smyth, Amylyon,

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& Judy wolde not; wherw' the same Mr Calle left them than comvng fforth to ward Norwich; and at last wh grett labor & entretie the said Will. Smyth, Amylyon, & Judy delvvered to the same Downes and Hervy the said Goodred, under ther suertie to mete with them at Norwich the next day than folowing, being Saynt Georgies day; at which daye the same Downes and Hervy brought the same Goodred to the house of Saunders Camby in the Market at Norwich, to the said Willm. Smyth & Amylyon, as thei promysed, &c. And the said Willm. Smyth & Amylyon, amongs other conversacions ther before the seid Downes and Hervy, asked the same Goodred what money he wolde geve them to have no ffurder trouble, or ells they wold send hym to the Castell; and, for that the said Goodred wolde geve them no money, the said Smyth only ledde the said Goodred from the said Saunders Camby toward the Castell, the seid Hervy going with them till thei cam in Cuttellers Rowe. And ther the said Goodred. for ffeer of emprisonement, granted to the same Will. Smyth xxs. Wheroff he paied to the same Smyth vis. viijd. in the said Cutler Rowe, upon a stall before the said Hervy; and xiijs. iiijd. residue, the said Hervy undertoke to be payed the Sat'day next folowing ; which xiijs. iiijd. the said Goodred paied to the said Amylyon the said Satrday, before the said Hervy and one Thom Dawson of Hengham, at Saunders hous aforeseid. And then the said Amylvon made to the said Goodred a bill of his awn hande, whereof a copy is annexed to this deposicion.

Robt. Hervy, of Gret Melton in the Countie of Norff. sworn, saieth and deposeth that the deposicion of the said Goodred is true in evy pte of the same.

Convoc. Ald. viz. Johis Clerk Deputat, Edwardi Rede Majoris, absent. apud London, Willmi Hert & Robti Jannys, die merc. xv die Junii, Anno RR. Henr. viij. xiij.

Thomas Downes, of Grette Melton in the Countie of Norff. gent. of the age of xliiij yeeres or ther about, sworn,

saieth and deposeth that he & one Willm. Smyth of Clopton in the Countie of Suff. yoman, wer at Norwich on Saynt George daye last passed at the house of one Alex. Camby, and the seid Downes and Smyth accompanyed ther with one Amylyon, Robt. Hervy of Melton aforesaid, and Willm. Goodred of the same, amongs dvverse convercacions ther hadde betwen them, the same Downes axed of the same Smyth iff it wer of a trouth that the Duke of Buckynghm wer in the tower, wherunto the same Smyth answerd yea, and therfor a very myscheeff and vengeance upon the heds of my lord Cardynall and of my lord of Suff. for thei arn causers therof; and then the same Downes saied to the same Smyth, "beware what ye saye;" and with that the same Smyth, settyng his hands under his sides, said aven thes words, "by the masse I wolle seve it ayen, if I wer before my said lord Cardynall and my lord of Suff. before ther ffaces."

Conboc. Ald. viz. Johis Clerk deputat, Edwardi Rede Majoris, Robti Longe, Johs. Msham, Johis Bustyng, & Thome Bauburgh, xix die Junij, Anno RR. Hen. viij. xiiij.

The seid Robt. Hervy, of Grett Melton in the Countie of Norff, husbondman, of thage of xl yeeres or ther about, sworn, saieth and deposeth, that he was present in the house of one Saunders Camby win the said Citie in company of the said Smyth, Downes, Amylyon, and Willm. Goodred, on Sant Georgs day last past, wher the said Downes dede saye to Smyth among other convercacions, "I here saye the Duke of Buckynghm is in the towre." And the said Smyth answerd and said, "yea, mary, is he: a vengeance of the bones of them that caused it; and that is my lorde Cardynall and the Duke of Suff." And the said Downes said then to the same Smyth, "Be ware what ye saye;" the same Smyth incontynently answerd sayeng thes words following: "I wolle say thes wordes if I wer before the ffaces of the said lords Cardynall and lord of Suff."

Willm. Godered of Melton aforesaid husbondman, of thage

of xxx yeeres or ther about, sworn, saieth and deposeth as the said Hervy before hath said & deposed.

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On the Invocation of Spirits.

In the following letter, not the least remarkable part is the intercourse which the writer appears to have had with persons high in rank and station, to whom he was evidently introduced by his supposed knowledge and power in necromancy. And here, I do exceedingly regret that my own extremely confined acquaintance with heraldry and genealogy enables me to throw little or no light upon the subject, into which I hope that others may be led to inquire. The tone and tenor of his language in writing to Thomas Cromwell show a considerable degree of intimacy with that eminent individual : he was likewise with the Duke of Norfolk, who consulted him confidentially respecting the most exalted of all the subjects of the realm, Cardinal Wolsey. His instruments of "wondrous might" were taken to and detained by Sir Thomas More: he was received at Calkett Hall; and he was brought into contact with Lord Leonard Marquess, Sir John Leiston, and Lady Tyrrey, all which it may reasonably appear to us passing strange should have happened to a "runaway monk." Respecting Calkett Hall and the three last-mentioned personages, I have sought in vain for any information.

TO THE LORD LEGATE'S NOBLE GRACE.

Whereas your noble Grace hath given me in commandment that I should inform your Grace of all such things as hath been done and committed by me, William Stapleton, Clerk, since the time of my coming from the order of Saint Bennett's

in the County of Norff., that is to say : First, I do ascertain your noble Grace that I, the said Sir William Stapleton, was a monk of Saint Bennett's as aforesaid the xixth year of the reign of King Henry the Eighth; and being in the said monastery, one Denys of Hofton did bring me a book called Thesaurus Spirituum, and, after that, another called Secreta Secretorum, a little ring, a plate, a circle, and also a sword for the art of digging; the which books and instruments I did keep the space of half a year before I did come thence. And I and one John Kerver did give to the said Denvs two nobles in pledge for the same; and he said that he had them of the Vicar of Watton, and left the said two nobles in gage for them. Then for because I had been often punished for not rising to mattins and doing my duty in the church, I prayed my lord to give me license that I might sue out my dispensation, and so he was contented. Howbeit for because I was poor, he gave me half a year's license for the purchasing thereof or else to return again to my religion; which license had, I went that night to Denys of Hofton, and shewed him my license, and desired him to help me towards the purchasing of my said dispensation, who asked of me how I did like the said books; and I said, well. And then he said. if you be minded to go about anything touching the same, I will bring you to two cunning men that have a placard for treasure-trove, by whose means, if I had any cunning, I might the better help myself. Whereupon he brought me to the said two persons, with whom I agreed to go about the said business, in such wise that then they delivered me two or three books, and other things concerning the said art of digging, and thereupon brought me to a place called Systern (Sidestrand) in the said County, intending to have gone about the said business. And as we went to make search of the ground where we thought the said treasure should lie, the Lady Tyrry, lady of the said ground, having knowledge thereof, sent for us, and so examined us of our purpose, and thereupon forbade us meddling in her said ground, and so

we departed thence and meddled no further. And so I went to Norwich, and there remained by the space of a month; and from thence I went to a town called Felmyngham, and one Godfrey and his boy with me, which Godfrey had a "shower" called Anthony Fular, and his said boy did "scry" unto him (which said spirit I had after myself); but notwithstanding at such time as we had viewed the said ground and could find nothing there in no manner of wise, we departed to Norwich again, where we met with one unbeknown to me; and he brought us to a man's house in Norwich where he supposed that we should have found treasure, whereupon we called the spirit of the treasure to appear, but he did not, for I suppose of a truth that there was none there; and so from thence I came to one Richard Thony, and him required to help me to get my dispensation. And so he and other his friends, of their goodness, gave me the sum of 46 shillings and 8 pence towards the suit of the same. And so came I to London, whereas I purchased a dispensation out of your Grace's Court for to be an hermit; and so, after that was purchased, I went directly into Norfolk, and there shewed my license. And then they motioned me that I should go about the said science again, and they would help me to my habit; to whom I made answer, that unless my books were better, I would meddle no further. Whereupon they informed me that one Leech had a book, to the which book, as they said, the parson of Lesingham had bound a spirit called Andrew Malchus; whereupon I went unto the said Leech, and his brother with me, whom they had sent for before, and at my coming there had communication with the said Leech concerning the same. And upon our communication he let me have all his instruments to the said book, and shewed me that, if I could get the book that the said instruments were made by, he would bring me to him that should speed my business shortly. And then he shewed me that the parson of Lesingham and Sir John of Leiston with other to me unknown had called up of late Andrew Malchus, Oberion, and Inchubus. And when

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they were all raised, Oberion would in no wise speak. And then the parson of Lesingham did demand of Andrew Malchus, and so did Sir John Leiston also, why Oberyon would not speak to them. And Andrew Malchus made answer, for because he was bound unto the Lord Cardinal. And that also they did entreat the said parson of Lesingham and the said Sir John of Leiston that they might depart as at that time; and whensoever it would please them to call them up again, they would gladly do them any service they could; and so they were licensed to depart for that time. The plate which was made for the calling of Oberion by them hath rested in the hands of Sir Thomas Moore, knight, since that I was before him. And when I had all the said instruments, I went to Norwich, where I had remained but a season when there came to me a glazier, which, as he said, came from the Lord Leonard Marquess, for to search one that was expert in such business. And thereupon one Richard Tynney came and instanced me to go to Walsingham with him, where we met with the said Lord Leonard, the which Lord Leonard had communicated with me concerning the said art of digging, and thereupon promised me that if I would take pains in the exercising the said art, that he would sue out a dispensation for me that I should be a secular priest, and so would make me his chaplain. And, for a trial to know what I could do in the said art, he caused his servant to go hide a certain money in the garden; and I shewed for the same. And one Jackson " scrved " unto me, but we could not accomplish our purpose. Notwithstanding, incontinent after, one Sir John Shepe, Sir Robert Porter and I departed to a place beside Creke Abbey, where we supposed treasure should be. And the said Sir John Shepe called the spirit of the treasure, and I showed to him; but all came to no purpose. And so when we did perceive that we could come to no purpose, we returned and came all to London, where I continued unto x weeks before Christmas, at the which time there came a servant unto me of the said Lord Leonard's, and commanded to tarry upon

my Lord's coming. And after my Lord was come, I remained with him, and so rode down into Leicestershire, and there kept Christmas; but the said Lord Leonard before that time had sued out my capacity for to be a secular priest. And after Christmas, in the beginning of Lent, I went down into Norfolk, and there remained all the Lent season, and unto xiiii days after. And then there came one Cook of Calkett Hall, and shewed me that there was much money about his place, and in especial in the Bell Hill, and desired me to come thither; and then went I to Richard Tynney, and shewed him what the said Cook had said, whereupon Tynneye brought me to one William Rapkyn, which took me the book that the Duke's Grace of Norfolk of late took away from me; which Rapkyn said to me that, forasmuch as I had all the instruments that were made for the said book, and if I could get Sir John of Leiston unto me, that then we should soon speed our purpose, for the said Sir John of Leiston was with the parson of Lesingham when the spirits appeared to the said book; and so I went to Calkett Hall, and took the said book and instruments with me. And, incontinent after, I directed a letter to the said Sir John of Leiston as unacquainted, and him showed in the same that I had the parson of Lesingham's book, and so I bade the bearer show him ; which bearer when he heard me speak of the parson of Lesingham's book, he showed me that he doubted not but that he would bring him with him, and also shewed me that he knew one which was with the parson of Lesingham and the said Sir John of Leiston when they called three spirits, of the which one would not speak, for because he was bound to the Lord Cardinal. And so the said fellow went with the said letter unto him, and he wrote unto me again that he would come, but he came not; wherefore, when I had tarried three or four days, I and the parish priest of Gorleston now being, went about the said business, but of truth we could bring nothing to effect. Whereupon I took my said book and instruments and came to London, and my brother with me,

where I remained but a season, when my Lord Leonard caused me to be arrested for because that I departed from him without license; at the which time I had left my instruments at one Sewell's house in Westmr, the which were found out by Richard Sewell his kinsman, and so presented to Sir Thomas Moore, knight, which hath retained them ever since; and, incontinent after, the said Lord Leonard sent for me to prison, and commanded me to be brought before him to Kew; and so I was, where I submitted myself unto him, and desired him to pardon me of my said folly, whereupon he was good Lord unto me, and caused me to be discharged out of prison. Whereupon when I perceived that my instruments were gone and my book lost, as my brother at that time said, I came and made means to one Sir John Ratclyff, priest, and parson of Wanstrowe in the west country, that I might be in service with him at his benefice; whereunto he was contented, and so waited on him in Westm^r by the space of a month, and thought to have ridden down with him, but he departed suddenly home into the country, and so I remained here still. And whereas your noble Grace here of late was informed of certain things by the Duke's Grace of Norfolk as touching to your Grace and him, I faithfully ascertain your noble Grace as I shall answer to God and avoid your Lordship's high displeasure, that the truth thereof is as hereafter followeth,-that is to say, one Wright, servant to the said Duke, at a certain season shewed me that the Duke's Grace, his master, was sore vexed with a spirit by the enchantment of your Grace; to the which I made answer that his communication might be left, for it was too high a matter to meddle withal. Whereupon the said Wright went unto the Duke's Grace and shewed him things to me unknown, upon the which information of Wright the Duke's Grace caused me to be sent for ; and at such time as I was before his Grace, I required his Grace to shew me what his pleasure was, and he said I knew well myself. And I answered, nay. Then he demanded Wright whether he

had shewed me anything or nay; and he answered he durst not, for because his Grace gave so strait commandment unto the contrary. And so then was I directed to the said Wright unto the next day, that he should shew me the intention of the Duke's Grace. And so when we were departed from the Duke's Grace, the said Wright said unto me in this wise: "Sir William, you be well advised that I shewed you awhile ago that I heard say my Lord's Grace here was sore vexed with a spirit by the enchantment of the Lord Legate's Grace : and so it is that I have informed the Duke's Grace of the same, and also hath borne him in hand that you, by reason of the cunning that you have, had and would do him much good therein ; wherefore my council and arede shall be this,-the Duke's Grace favoureth you well, and now the time is come that you may exalt yourself and greatly forward your brother and me also; wherefore you must needs feign something, as you can do right well, that you have done his Grace good in the avoiding of the said spirit." And then came my brother unto me at the request of the said Wright, which in likewise instanced me to the same. And then I made answer to them that I never knew no such thing, nor could not tell what answer I should make; and then they besought me to say and feign something what I thought best; and so I, soreblinded with covetize, thinking to have promotion and favour of the said Duke, said and feigned to him at such time as he sent for me again and gave me thanks, that I had forged an image of wax to his similitude and the same sanctified; but whether it did him any good for his sickness or nay, I could not tell. Whereupon the said Duke desired me that I should go about to know whether the Lord Cardinal's Grace had a spirit, and I shewed him that I could not skill thereof. And then he asked me whether ever I heard that your Grace had any spirit or nay, and I said I never knew no such thing; but I heard it spoken, as before is rehearsed, that Oberyon would not speak at such time as he was raised by the parson of Lesingham, Sir John Leiston, and other. The which Duke

then said that, if I would take pains therein, he would appoint me to a cunning man, named Doctor Wilson. And so the said Doctor Wilson was sent for; and, when the Duke's Grace and he were together, they came and examined me; and when I had knowledged to them all the premises, then the Duke's Grace commanded me that I should write all things, and so I did; and, that done, he commanded me to your noble Grace, without that ever I heard of any such thing concerning the Duke's Grace but only of the said Wright; and without that ever I made or can skill of any such cause. Whereupon, considering the great folly which hath rested in me, I humbly beseech your Grace to be good and gracious lord unto me, and to take me to your mercy; to the which I wholly refer myself, as I may pray for the preservation of your noble Grace long to endure.

I am not aware that any further notes or comment are called for in explanation or elucidation of the documents now sent. The few prefatory lines attached to each will, I trust, put the reader in possession of the general state of the public feeling at that time with respect to them; and if they appear to yourself and other members of our Society of the same interest as they do to me, the having been made an instrument of communicating them will indeed be a great satisfaction to,

My dear Sir, Yours very truly, Dawson Turner.

Yarmouth, 24th June, 1846.

To Hudson Gurney, Esq., V.P. &c. &c. &c.