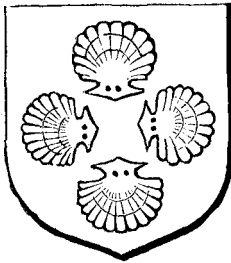


BIOGRAPHICAL NOTICES OF SOME EMINENT  
MEMBERS OF THE VINTNERS' COMPANY.

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THE design of our Society being to recover from the obscurity of the past matters of historical interest, and to print them in a form acceptable to the general reader as well as the *archæologist*, it will be admitted that one of the best ways of accomplishing this intention is, by collecting and placing on record the names and actions of those who—whilst cultivating commerce to their own personal advantage—have materially assisted in promoting the welfare of their native land. I have therefore ventured to arrange some biographical particulars of the more prominent members of the Vintners' Company, who have by careful industry and perseverance risen to wealth and position.

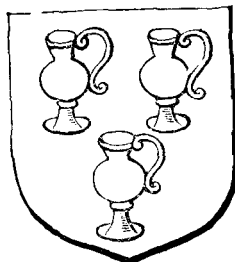


JOHN ADRIAN is the first Vintner recorded to have become Mayor of the City of London; which office he held two years consecutively, in 1270 and 1271, having previously filled that of Sheriff in the years 1258, 1259, and 1267; and though the early chroniclers of London afford but scant information respecting him, still the fact of his repeated election as sheriff, and his occupation of the civic chair for two years, prove him to have possessed the confidence, respect, and esteem of his fellow-citizens.

*ARMS: Sable, four escallops meeting in cross argent.\**

\* Arms of Lord Mayors and Sheriffs, by William Smith, Rouge Dragon, a MS. in the possession of John Gough Nichols, esq. F.S.A.

REGINALD DE CONDUCTU (or atte Conduyt), Vintner, was Mayor in 1334, having previously, in 1320, served the office of Sheriff. He represented the city in six parliaments in 6, 15, and 20 Edw. II. and 4, 7, and 11 Edw. III.

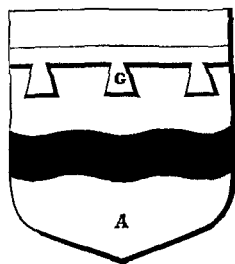


He is said by Stowe\* to have served the office of Mayor two years, and to have impaired his estate so much thereby that the King gave him a yearly rent of houses in London; but this, like many other of that chronicler's assertions, requires confirmation. In 13 Edw. I. A.D. 1285, he (or his father of the same name) appears to have paid two marks as his rate towards a twelfth granted by the City. His arms might be taken to allude to his trade as vintner, but they more probably refer to his name, derived from residence near some great Conduit.

In his will, dated 1344,† he desires to be buried in the Church of the Blessed Mary of "Fancherche;" and, among divers bequests, he leaves to his daughter Lucy a tenement, with appurtenances, in the parish of "Fancherch," called "Scot o' the hop" [or hoop]. He also mentions Letice his wife, John, Reginald, and William his sons, and Alice his daughter, a nun of Clerkenwell.

ARMS: *Sable, three flagons argent.*

JOHN DE OXENFORD, who is described by Stowe‡ as the keeper of a tavern,—served the office of Sheriff in 1323, and that of Mayor in 1341; but dying early in his mayoralty, he was succeeded in that office, for the remainder of the year, by Simon Francis.§ He was a benefactor to the Priory of the Holy Trinity, London;



\* *Strype's* edition, 1720, vol. ii. b. 5, p. 110.

† Enrolled in the Hustings Court, Guildhall, roll 74, memb. 18.

‡ *Strype's* edition, 1720, vol. ii. b. 5, p. 198.

§ *The Citizens of London and their Rulers*, p. 214.

to which house he gave, in his life-time (1 Edw. III.), two tofts of land, one mill, fifty acres of land, and two acres of wood, with their appurtenances, in Kentish Town, of the yearly value of 20s. 3d.\*

By his will, dated 1 May, 1340, and enrolled in the Court of Hustings, Guildhall,† he desires to be buried in the church of St. James, Garlickhithe, or wherever else his executors might ordain; and directs 100*l.*, or more, to be expended on his funeral, and 100*l.* to be distributed to the poor of London on the day of his burial. Also 50*l.* to be distributed within one month after his death; and 20*l.* to be distributed among the blind and lame men dwelling in London and elsewhere to the number of 400, viz. 12*d.* a piece; also 10*l.* to be distributed in like manner among 200 lepers of London and elsewhere. To the high altar of the church of St. James, Garlickhithe, he bequeaths for tithes and offerings forgotten, 100 shillings; to the fabric of the same church, 10*l.*; and 100 shillings to provide a candle of 50*lb.* wax to be renewed twice a year, and to burn before the altar of the Blessed Mary in the same church during celebration of mass. He leaves to the fabric of St. Paul's church 40*l.*, to that of St. Thomas of Acon 100*s.*, and to that of Iseldon (Islington) 20*s.*, and bequests to some other churches. To Philip chaplain in St. James Garlickhithe 20*s.* and to each chaplain of the said church half a mark each to celebrate divine service on the day of his death, to have in special memory his soul, and the souls of Adam his father, Cristina his mother, Ralph and Gilbert his brothers, William de Combe-martin, Richard de Clare, and all the faithful deceased. Among many other bequests to religious houses, fraternities, &c. there are several of either one pipe of red wine price 30*s.* or one tun (*doleum*) of red wine price 60*s.* To the fabric of London bridge he leaves five marks; to that of the great bridge of Oxford 40*s.* and to that of the lesser bridge of Oxford 20*s.* To Alice his wife he leaves 50*l.* or her just dowry from his goods moveable and immoveable at her pleasure, and besides her "whole chamber" entirely. To each of his three sons, John, William and Thomas,

\* *Strype's* edition, 1720, vol. i. b. 3, p. 10.

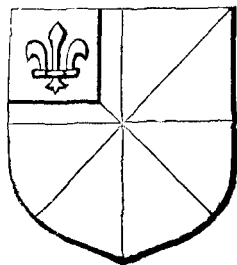
† Roll 69, memb. 10.

and to each of his three daughters, Katharine, Joan, and Margaret, 100*l.*; and to each of his three sons a silver cup with cover, a piece of silver of the value of 30*s.*, and 12 silver spoons of the value of 18*s.*; and to each of his three daughters, a cup of silver with cover, of the value of 40*s.*, a piece of silver of the value of 26*s.* 8*d.*, and 12 silver spoons of the value of 16*s.* Then follows a distribution to his sons of several tenements in London.

This will is very interesting, and from the amount of real and personal property devised and bequeathed, he must have been one of the most opulent citizens of his time.

ARMS: *Argent, a fess wavy sable, a label throughout of three points gules.\**

HENRY PYCARD, Vintner, Alderman of Dowgate Ward, served the office of Sheriff in 1348, and was Mayor in 1356. In 13 Edw. III. he subscribed 200*l.* towards the loan of 20,000 marks lent by the City to the King. In the 30th year of the same reign he was summoned by the King to a conference with the Council.†



According to Stowe, he resided in a large house over against St. Martin's church, built of stone and timber, with vaults for the stowage of wine, which was called the Vintry. Stowe further describes it as having been the residence of John Gisors, Mayor of London, and Constable of the Tower. In this house Pycard is recorded to have entertained five Kings.‡

This grand and sumptuous entertainment took place in the year 1363, and is thus referred to by Barnes in his *History of Edward III.*§:—"The City of London was at that time so flourishing, that not only the Lord Mayor, but most of the Aldermen in their turns, had the generosity and ability to invite and entertain all these Great Kings and Potentates, singly and to-

\* MS. Vincent in Coll. Arm. 155, fol. 73. Stowe gives him two pales, and on a chief a lion passant guardant.

† Public Record Office, rot. claus. 30 Edw. III., m. 14 *dorso*.

‡ *Strype's* edition, 1720, vol. i. b. 3, p. 2.

§ Book 3, chap. x. p. 35.

gether, as occasion served. Particularly Sir Henry Picard, a Merchant Vintner of Gascogne, who some years before had been Lord Mayor of London, one day made a splendid feast at his own house now called the Vintry, over against St. Martin's Church ;" at which were present Edward III., King of England, David, King of Scotland, John, King of France, the King of Denmark, and the King of Cipres, the Duke of Bavaria, the chief hostages of France, and the King's sons (except Edward the Black Prince, who was then in Aquitaine), and many other nobles and chief nobility of England. And after the banquet Sir Henry Picard kept his hall for all comers that were willing to play at dice and hazard. In like manner the Lady Margaret his wife kept her chamber to the same intent, for the entertainment of the princesses and ladies. "The King of Cipres, playing Henry Picard," "did winne of him fifty markes; but Henry beeing very skilfull in that art, altering his hand, did after winne of the same King the same fifty marks and fifty marks more; which when the same King began to take in ill parte, although hee dissembled the same, Henry said unto him, 'My Lord and King, be not agreeved, I covet not your gold, but your play; for I have not bidde you hither that I might grieve you, but that amongst other things I might try your play,' and gave him his money againe, plentifully bestowing of his owne amongst the retinue: besides, he gave many rich gifts to the King, and other Nobles and Knights which dined with him, to the great glory of the Cittizens of London in those days."\*

Lady Margaret, his wife, was granddaughter to Sir John Gisors. His will, as briefly recorded † in 1339, is a single item of a document which was probably very much longer. It states that he had bequeathed to John called the Pycard senior and John called the Pycard junior, all his tenements in the city of London which he and William Doget purchased together of the heirs or executors of Henry Symond, and directs that on failure of heirs of their bodies they should be sold, and the money expended for his soul,

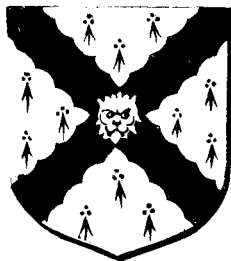
\* *Stowe's Annales*, with continuation by Howes, 1631, p. 264.

† Proved in the Hustings court by John de Stodye and Robert de la More, two of the executors, on Monday next after St. James the Apostle, 39 Edw. III. (Roll 93, m. 13 dorso).

&c. His executors were, Margaret his wife, John Stodeye, Sir John de Cudyington clerk, John Pyel, and Robert de la More: and his will was dated 3 July 1361.

ARMS: *Gyronny of eight argent and azure, on a canton gules a fleur de lis of the first.\**

SIR JOHN DE STODEYE, Knight, Alderman of the Ward of Vintry, is the next Vintner who occupied the civic chair. He served the office of Sheriff in 1352, and that of Mayor in 1357, the year following the mayoralty of Henry Picard, and, like him, had married a granddaughter of Sir John Gisors.



He was one of the members for the city in the parliaments of 29 and 31 Edw. III., and in the 30 Edw. III. he was summoned by the King to a conference with the Council.†

By his will, dated the 22nd March, 1375,‡ he desires his body to be buried in his vault in the church of St. Martin in the Vintry, in a new chapel on the north side of the church before the altar of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary and the Apostles John the Evangelist and John the Baptist. He also founds a chantry in the said church, to which he bequeaths twenty-two marks annual rent for ever to pray for his soul, the soul of his wife Joan, and those of Lawrence Hardel and Margaret his wife, James Beaufloure and Emma his wife, to whom the estates assigned for the maintenance of the chantry had once belonged. He leaves to William son of William Stodeye his brother all his tenement in Vanchurch, at which Thomas Chaloner then dwelt. His other estates within the liberties of the City not bequeathed he left in four parts, between his daughters and their husbands, viz.,—1. Nicholas Brembre and Ydonea his wife; 2. John Philipot and Margaret his wife; 3. Henry Vannere and Margarie his wife; 4. Joan, then unmarried.§ His executors

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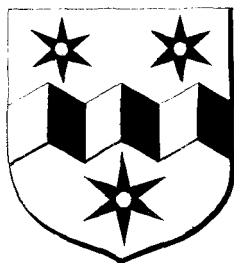
† In Public Record Office, rot. claus. 30 Edw. III. m. 14, *dorso*.

‡ Enrolled in the Hustings Court, Guildhall, roll 104, m. 16, *dorso*.

§ Afterwards the wife of Thomas Goodlake: see before, p. 442.

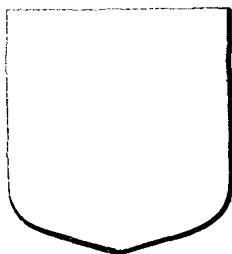
were Nicholas Brembre, John Philipot,\* Henry Vannere, Richard Aylesbury, sir John Kelleseys, chaplain, and Paul Gyssor; and the overseers sir John Ludham, rector of Tring, and John Peyl, alderman of London.

ARMS: *Ermine, on a saltire engrailed gules, a leopard's face or.*†



SIR WILLIAM MORE, Knight, Vintner, from whom descended the family of More of Bicester in the county of Oxford, served the office of Sheriff in 1386, and that of Mayor in 1395. He was one of the members for the City in the parliament of 13 Rich. II. He was buried in the church of St. James, Garlickhithe.

ARMS: *Argent, a fesse dancettée paly of six gules and sable between three mullets of the third pierced of the field.*‡



SIR JOHN LEWYS, Vintner, though he did not fill either the office of Sheriff or Mayor, was evidently a man of mark in the reign of Henry IV.§; for he then entertained Prince Henry, Thomas Duke of Clarence, John Duke of Bedford, and Humphrey Duke of Gloucester, the King's four sons, to a supper amongst the merchants of London, at his house in the Vintry, when Henry Skogan, the well-known poet, sent them a ballad|| commencing—

My noble sonnes and eke my lords dere,  
I your father called vnwoorthely,  
Send vnto you this litle treatise here,  
Written with mine owne hand full rudely,

\* Philipot and Brembre were both eminent citizens and both Grocers. Sir John Philipot was Mayor in 1379. Sir Nicholas Brembre for three years in succession, 1384, 1385, and 1386. The overseer John Pyl was a Mercer, and Mayor in 1373. (According to Harl. MS. 1585, fol. 16, Sir John Philipot, son of the Mayor, married a grand-daughter of Stody.)

† MS. of William Smith, Rouge Dragon.

‡ Ibid.

§ *Strype's* edition, 1720, b. 3, p. 2.

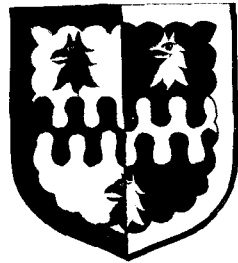
|| *Chaucer*, fol. edit 1602, ff. 318, 319.

Although it be that I not reuerently  
 Hauē written to your estates, I you pray  
 Mine vnconning taketh benignely  
 For Gods sake, and herken what I say.

Then follow twenty-three staves in like metre, containing, as it is quaintly set forth, "a persuation from looseing of time foolishly in lust and vice, but to spend the time in virtue and godlines."

ARMS: (None recorded).

SIR JAMES SPENCER, Knight, Master of the Company 1516-1519, was son of Robert Spencer, of Congleton, in the county of Chester. He was Alderman of Bridge Ward, and served the office of Sheriff 1518, and that of Mayor in the year 1527.



The 30th August, 1523, he was appointed by letters patent one of the Commissioners to collect in London the subsidy granted to the King for four years.†

The year of his mayoralty was calamitous from the dearness of corn and the prevalence of the sweating sickness, on which account the festivity of setting the watch at Midsummer was not celebrated.‡

By his will, dated 24 Jan. 1543,§ and proved in London 21st June, 1544, he desires his body to be buried before the image of St. James, within the parish church of St. James at Garlickhithe, "as nyghe vnto the grave there where the boddy of Dame Elener," his "late wief, lieth buryed, as may conueniently be." To the high altar of the said church he bequeaths 6s. 8d. for tithes and oblations forgotten or negligently withheld, if any such be. And among other bequests, he desires his executors immediately after his death to cause "Sir Hughe Moretounc," or "Sir Thomas Grene," priests, or such other as they shall think fit, to sing and say mass and other divine service within the parish church of "Astebury," in the county of Chester, or within the "over or neyther Chappell of Congleton," in the county of Chester, at the

\* In Public Record Office, pat. roll, 15 Hen. VIII. p. 1, m. 3 to 20 *dorso*.

† *Fabyan's Chronicle*, by Ellis, p. 699.

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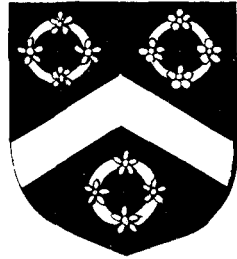
pleasure of his said executors, for the space of ten years next ensuing after his decease, and the priest to have for his salary 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* He also gives and bequeaths towards the marriage of maidens his next of kin, 100 marks sterling, to be delivered and paid by the discretion of his executors; and to the men-servants, maid-servants, women, and apprentices, in service with him at his decease, he bequeaths 10*l.*, and 40*s.* amongst the poor householders and poor people of the town of Congleton. To the Brotherhood of Jesus founded in the "Crowdes" in the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in London, he bequeaths 5*l.* To his niece Ellen Spencer, "if she come to her lawfull age to be married, and of good name, fame, and like rule and ordre," 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; and he directs that his "Beame with the Awngellē and Candlestickē, hangyng yn his hall at London, shalbe hangged and sett before the blessed Sacrament of the Awlitar yn the over chappell at Congleton, and the heddes of" his "two Cubboordes, beyng in" his "said hall and Perlour, and" his "three Candlestickkē in" his "hall shalbe sett vppon the Aulter of the saide over chappell of Congleton aforesaide. And there to contynnew to the honour of God and our lady as longe as they will endure." He also bequeaths 40*s.* for the maintenace of a light before the blessed sacrament in the said "over chapel," to be set in the said Beame, and to burn there as long as the 40*s.* would maintain the same. To the Fraternity or Brotherhood of St. Magnus, in London, to attend his funeral and pray for his soul, he bequeaths 10*s.*, and a like sum of 10*s.* to each of the Brotherhood of Pappcy and the Brotherhood of Clerks. He also directs his executors to expend 16*l.* "vppon a Toombe, withe a Resurrecon to be made and sett vppon" his "sepulture over the place where" his "boddy shalbe buryed, and where the boddy of the saide Dame Eleno" his "wief lieth buryed." To Sir Alexander Lacye, his chaplain, he bequeathed 5*l.* or 20*s.* yearly during his natural life.

In a codicil attached to the will, and dated the 5th Feb. 1543, he gives to "James Staveley," one of the wardens of the vintners, and to "Dauid Gittons," vintner, to the use of their hall, "A cuppe namyd the James, whiche was woorth twenty m<sup>ar</sup>cē sterling." He also bequeathed to Elizabeth Robertes "one gilte cupp w<sup>t</sup> a coouer, waying xxvij<sup>th</sup>. ounce di." and to Margaret Juett "one

gillt goblett waying seventene ounce quarter;" and to the church of St. James, "two Crwette parcell gyllte, waying vj. ounce di.;" to "Jh̄'s Colledge a Dyaper table cloth and a doosen napkynnes;" and to "Robert Wyncott a wood knyffe," etc.

ARMS: *Per pale argent and sable, a fesse nebulée between three griffin's heads erased, within a bordure engrailed, all counter-changed.\**

SIR CUTHBERT BUCKLE, Alderman of Bridge Ward, afterwards of the Ward of Bassishaw, was born at Brough,† in the county of York, close to the borders of Westmerland, and was the son of Christopher Buckle of the same place. He probably resided in Mark Lane, as he mentions his mansion-house there in his will.



On the death of John Haydon, Sheriff, he succeeded him in that office for the remainder of the year (1582); and he was elected to the office of Mayor in 1593, but dying in his mayoralty, July 1, 1594, he was buried in the church of St. Mary-at-Hill.‡

By his will, dated 28 June, 1594,§ in which he describes himself as diseased in body, he desires to be buried in the parish church of St. Mary-at-Hill, of which he was a parishioner, in the same place where his son John lay; and after all his debts etc. paid, he directs the residue of his goods, &c., to be divided into three parts, according to the custom of the City of London, ||

\* MS. of William Smith, Rouge Dragon; who adds this note: "Of hym descended Thomas Spencer of Chester, who now geveth the armes thus :

† MS. Lord Mayors, in the Corporation Library at Guildhall, p. 134.

‡ *Strype's* edition, 1720, vol. ii. b. 5, p. 198.

§ Enrolled in the Hustings Court, Guildhall, roll 275, m. 1.



|| By the custom of London (subsequently abolished by Act of Parliament) a testator who left a wife and child could only dispose of one-third of his clear personal estate; the widow being entitled to one-third, and the child or children to the other third. The third of which he could dispose was called the dead man's part.—*Law of Testaments and Last Wills*, 1744.

that is to say, one-third to his loving wife, Dame Elizabeth, one-third to his loving son, Christopher Buckle, and the remaining third he reserved to pay legacies, &c. Among the many bequests which follow, are to 60 poor men to attend his funeral, to each a "gowne of newcolour, allowing three yardes ⁊ a quarter of clothe to a peece," and "to thirteene poore almes people of the almes house of the Companie of vinteners, to each of them six shillinges ⁊ eight pence." He also bequeathed to the poor children of Christ's Hospital in London, 20 marks; to the poor of St. Thomas's Hospital in Southwark, 20 marks; to each of the several gaols of London, viz., the two Compters, Newgate, Ludgate, The Fleet, The White Lion, The King's Bench, and The Marshalsea, towards the relief of the poor prisoners there, 53s. 4d.; to twenty poor maidens, born and dwelling in the parish of Brough under Stainmore, in the county of Westmerland, where he states he was born, 20s. each, to be paid them on the day of their marriage by the discretion of Mr. Shawe, vicar, and eight of the ancient parishioners, two of whom to be his cousins "Peter Brunskell" and "Henrye vbanck," and also the Churchwardens there for the time being. He further bequeathed 6l. 13s. 4d. to be bestowed on a dinner for the parishioners of Brough within three months after his decease; and after numerous other bequests to his friends and relations, "vnto the Master, Wardens, Freemen, ⁊ Cominaltie of the misterie of Vinteners, ⁊ to their Successors for euer, one Standing Cuppe w<sup>th</sup> a Cover, all guilte, ⁊ Chassed with" his "marke on the same, weighing three skore eight ounces, or therabouts"; and, further, he gives "vnto the said Companie, to bee bestowed on a dynner at their pleasures," the sum of 10l. He also bequeathed "to ⁊ amongst the poore people dwelling and inhabiting w<sup>th</sup>in the p<sup>is</sup>he of St<sup>t</sup> Poulchers\* in London ffive poundes, to ⁊ amongst the poore dwelling in the parishe of St<sup>t</sup> Leonardes in Eastcheape ffiftie Shillinges, ⁊ to and amongst the poore dwelling w<sup>th</sup>in this parish of St<sup>t</sup> Marye at Hill fflower poundes;" and 8l. per annum issuing out of a messuage called the "Spittle on Staynmor," and lands and rents, to twelve ancient parishioners of the parish of Brough, for and towards the maintenance of a schoolmaster to teach in a school to be built on

\* St. Sepulchre's

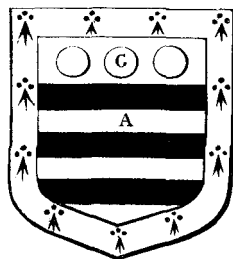
Stainmore, in the said parish of Brough. He also gives unto the Company of Vintners, after the decease of his wife and son, all his lands and tenements, &c., in the parishes of St. Mary-at-Hill and St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, subject to the payment thereout, yearly, of a rent-charge of 40*l.*, and certain other yearly sums, to the poor of the parishes named; but the Company do not appear to have at any time possessed property of the description set forth in the will, and not being called upon to pay any such yearly sums, we may infer that the Company did not accept the devise in consequence of the heavy liability of 40*l.* annual rent with which it was encumbered.\*

I also find that the annuity of £8 to the School at Stainmore was the source of a Chancery suit for non-payment during the minority of the son.

During the life-time of Sir Cuthbert he appears to have been a liberal benefactor to his native place. He erected a bridge upon Stainmore, still known by the name of Buckle's Bridge.

ARMS: *Sable, a chevron between three chaplets argent.* †

SIR THOMAS BLUDWORTH, the son of an opulent Turkey merchant, descended from a Derbyshire family. He served the office of Sheriff in 1662, at which period he was probably knighted. In the year 1665 he was Master of the Company of Vintners, and on the 9th of November in the same year was sworn in Lord Mayor of London. He was Mayor during the eventful period of the Great Fire in 1666. Pepys, in his *Diary*, ‡ gives some curious, but far from flattering, information respecting him. He says, under date June the 30th, " Mightily troubled all this morning with going to my Lord Mayor, Sir Thomas Bludworth, a silly man, I think, and other places, about getting shipped some men that they have these two last nights pressed in the City out of the houses: the persons wholly unfit for sea, and many of them



\* *Reports of Charity Commissioners*, viii. 383.

† MS. of William Smith, Rouge Dragon.

‡ *Pepys' Diary*, by Lord Braybrooke, 4 edit. 1854, vol. ii. pp. 405-6.

people of very good fashion." "But to see how the King's business is done, my Lord Mayor himself did scruple, at this time of extremity, to do this thing, because he had not money to pay the pressed-money to the men." "I did, out of my own purse, disburse 15*l.* to pay for their pressing, and diet last night and this morning; which is a thing worth record of my Lord Mayor."

And, again, under date July 2nd,\* "Up betimes, forced to go to my Lord Mayor's, about the business of the pressed men; and, indeed, I find him a mean man of understanding and dispatch of any publick business. Thence, out of curiosity, to Bridewell, to see the pressed men, where there are about 300; but so unruly that I durst not go among them:"

And under date September the 2nd,† the Great Fire then raging, Pepys, being sent by the King to the Lord Mayor to command him not to spare any of the houses, but to pull down before the fire in every direction, says, "At last met my Lord Mayor in Canning Street, like a man spent, with a handkercher about his neck. To the King's message he cried, like a fainting woman, 'Lord! what can I do? I am spent: people will not obey me. I have been pulling down houses; but the fire overtakes us faster than we can do it; that he needed no more soldiers; and that, for himself, he must go and refresh himself, having been up all night. So he left me, and I him, and walked home."

Again, under Dec. 1st,‡ Pepys writes: "Walking to the Old Swan, I did see a cellar in Tower Streete in a very fresh fire, the late great winds having blown it up.§ It seemed to be only of log-wood, that hath kept the fire all this while in it. Going further, I met my late Lord Mayor Bludworth, under whom the City was burned. But, Lord! the silly talk that this silly fellow had, only how ready he would be to part with all his estate in these difficult times to advocate the King's service, and com-

\* *Pepys' Diary*, by Lord Braybrooke, 4 edit. 1854, vol. ii. p. 407.

† *Ibid.* p. 441.

‡ *Ibid.* vol. iii. pp. 21, 22.

§ "The fire continued to burn in some of the cellars of the ruins for four months, although in October it rained without ceasing for ten days."

-*Rugge's Diurnal.*

plaining that now, as everybody did lately in the fire, everybody endeavours to save himself, and let the whole perish: but a very weak man he seems to be."

It is also clear from a letter of Sir Thomas Bludworth to Williamson, the editor of the *Gazette*, dated 29th September, 1666,\* preserved in the State Paper Office, that much dissatisfaction was caused by his singular want of spirit and ability; for he complains to Williamson in this letter that mention had been made in the *Gazette* as if neglect had caused the flames to increase, and that he had been prejudiced thereby, and at the election of a successor was forced to vindicate himself, and wishes at the publication of his successor to have the character given him of being Williamson's "friend or servant," so as to assure distant friends that he was not out of favour till something is made out against him; and further states that he lives not by popular applause, yet wishes some esteem in the government, and needs some support, having had the misfortune to serve in the severest year that ever man did.

Sir Thomas gave £100 towards rebuilding the Hall of the Vintners' Company after the fire. He lived and died in Camden House, Maiden Lane.

By his will, dated the 24th November, 1680,† and proved in London the 10th July, 1682, he directs his body to be buried without pomp, in "some evening," in the parish church where he shall fall or have his last residence, "it having pleased God to lessen" him in his "estate by that dreadfull Fire of London in the yeare 1667." He also mentions his wife and his two sons, Thomas and Charles, and his daughters Ann, the wife of Sir George Jefferys, and Mary, whom he describes as afflicted; and he earnestly desires his executors and overseers to obtain that one-third part of his personal estate may be taken in leases of the Drapers' and Goldsmiths' Companies; those of the Drapers he believes to be the best rents. He also mentions the mansion-house in which he then lived in Maiden Lane, and bequeaths to the Company of Vintners his "Two silver Bowles and Covers" as a token of his "respects to them, having not beene wanting to

\* Vol. clxxiii. No. 82, *Domestic Series, Charles II.*

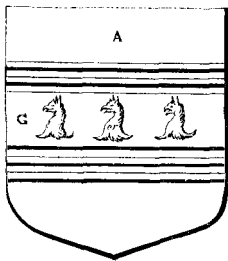
† Principal Registry, Cottle 82.

them in the like kind while" he "liv'd."\* And to their almspeople he bequeathed "twenty shillings apiece, to be laid out as the Master and Wardens shall thinke fit." He also says: "I give and bequeath To the Feild Officers and Captaines of my Regiment (if I dye in Comission of one) each one a Ring of the value of Twenty shillings. And to my Cap<sup>t</sup> Leive<sup>t</sup> and my Ensigne the same."

To the poor of the parish of St. John Zachary, and of the parish of Leatherhead, in the county of Surrey, he bequeaths £5 each, to be distributed at the discretion of the minister, churchwardens, and overseers; and appoints (Maria) his wife and Thomas his son executors of his will, and his friends Sir William Turner, Knt. and alderman, and Sir George Jefferyes, overseers, to which overseers he bequeaths the sum of £10 each.

I have not been able to ascertain his place of burial; possibly it may have taken place at Letherhead, where he possessed a residence.† Sir George Jefferys, the husband of his daughter Anne, became Lord High Chancellor of England. She died 25th September, 1703.

ARMS: *Argent, three bars sable, in chief three torteaux, all within a bordure ermine.* ‡



SIR SAMUEL DASHWOOD was the next member of the Company who became Lord Mayor. He was son and heir of Francis Dashwood, citizen of London, a Turkey merchant of good repute, descended from the Dashwoods of Powdon, in Stoke Gomer, in the county of Somerset.§

Sir Samuel was Master of the Company in 1684, clected alderman of Aldgate Ward in 1688,|| served the office of Sheriff in 1683, was elected

\* For this gift, see description of plate at p. 482.

† *Manning & Bray's Surrey*, i. 462.

‡ These arms are assigned to him in *Strype's Stowe*, London 1720, vol. ii. b. 5, p. 147. They are also engraved on the plate presented by Sir Thomas to the Vintners' Company in 1682; but no grant of the same is registered in the Coll. of Arms.

§ MS. Lord Mayors in the Corporation Library, Guildhall, f. 218.

|| *Noorthouck's London*, Addenda, p. 894.

Lord Mayor in 1702, and was president of Bethlehem Hospital in 1703. He was also M.P. for the city in 1686.

He married Anne, the daughter of John Smith, of Tidworth, and had issue several children. By the marriage of his daughter Sarah with Fulke Greville, fifth Lord Brooke, he became ancestor of the Earls of Warwick, and many other illustrious noblemen.\*

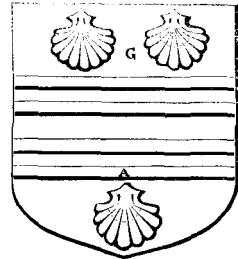
The Vintners, on the occasion of his inauguration, on the 9th of November, 1702, displayed a highly classical pageant in his honour, one of the principal and most conspicuous personages being St. Martin, the patron saint, mounted "on a stately white steed, richly plumed and caparisoned," the saint splendidly armed *cap-à-pié*, having a large mantle or scarf of scarlet, followed by several cripples and beggars supplicating for his charity; and on arriving in St. Paul's Churchyard, making a stand to prevent the cries of the mendicants, the saint severed his scarf with his sword, and distributed it among them.†

Sir Samuel died the 14th September, 1705, aged sixty-three; and was buried in St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate.‡ He bequeathed a charity to the parish of Mortlake, in the county of Surrey, for paying widows' rents and apprenticing poor children.§

ARMS: *Argent, on a fesse double cotised gules three griffin's heads erased or.*||

SIR THOMAS RAWLINSON, Knight, Master of the Vintners' Company in 1687, and again in 1696, of whom a portrait is preserved at the Hall.¶

He was the son of Daniel Rawlinson, of London, Vintner, who gave £50 towards rebuilding the Hall of the Company after the Great Fire, and who was descended



\* *MS. Milbourniana*, in the possession of the author.

† *Herbert's History of the Twelve Companies*, i. 207.

‡ *Malcolm's Londinium Redivivum*, vol. i. p. 347.

§ *Reports of Charity Commissioners*, xiv. 592.

|| Registered in Coll. of Arms to his father, Francis Dashwood, in 1662.

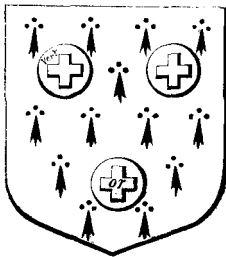
¶ For his gift of plate to the Company see p. 482.



from an ancient family formerly seated at Gronsdale, in Lancashire.\*

Sir Thomas was elected Alderman of Castle Baynard Ward in 1696,† having previously served the office of Sheriff in 1686; and was elected Lord Mayor of London in 1705; was President of Bridewell in the same year,‡ and in 1705 became President of Bethlehem Hospital.§

ARMS: *Gules, two bars gemelles between three escallops argent.*||



SIR GILBERT HEATHCOTE, Knight and Baronet,—the eldest of the seven sons of Gilbert Heathcote, alderman of Chesterfield, in the county of Derby (who died in 1690), and descended of a family long seated in that county, by his wife Anne, daughter of Thomas Dickins, Esq. of Chesterfield,—was Master of the Vintners' Company in 1700.¶

He resided in St. Swithin's Lane, and was elected Alderman of the Ward of Walbrook in 1702 (having been for some years previous a member of the Common Council for the same ward), but afterwards removed to the Ward of Bridge Without,\*\* as father of the City, in 1725. He served the office of Sheriff in 1703, and was elected Lord Mayor in 1710. Sir Gilbert, who had received the honour of knighthood from Queen Anne, was created a Baronet by King George II. the 17th January, 1732-3.

He represented the City of London in four successive Par-

\* *Strype's* edition, 1720, vol. ii. b. 5, p. 152.

† *Noorthouck's London*, Addenda, p. 895.

‡ *Allen's London*, vol. iii. p. 672.

§ *Reports of Charity Commissioners*, xxxii. part 6, p. 480.

|| These arms are engraved on the silver standing-cup presented by Sir Thomas to the Vintners' Company in 1687, with the addition of a crest,—on a knight's helmet a sterne, or duck, holding an escallop in its beak; but they rightly belong to the family of Rawlinson, of Lancashire, from whom there is no proof that Sir Thomas Rawlinson is descended, and, further, there is no registration of the arms to Sir Thomas or his family in the College of Arms.

¶ For his gift of plate to the Company see p. 485.

\*\* *Noorthouck's London*, Addenda, p. 896.

liaments from 1700 to 1708. In 1714 was chosen to serve in Parliament for Helston, in the county of Cornwall; in 1722 for Lymington, in the county of Hampshire; and in 1727 for St. German's, in the county of Cornwall. He was a director and one of the projectors of the Bank of England, and was Colonel of the Blue Regiment of the Trained Bands. His is a name long to be remembered by the merchants of London for his bold and intrepid conduct in appearing at the bar of the House of Commons, and asserting the right to trade wherever he pleased until restrained by Act of Parliament.

Sir Gilbert was the last Mayor who rode to Westminster on horseback on Lord Mayor's Day.

He is said to be the Sir Andrew Freeport of the *Spectator*, and is mentioned by Pope in his *Imitations of Horace*,\* as follows:—

Heathcote himself and such large-acred men,  
Lords of fat E'sham, or of Lincoln-fen,  
Buy every stick of wood that lends them heat,  
Buy every pullet they afford to eat.

He is also mentioned by Dyer in his poem called *The Fleece*,

——— and such the clover'd lawns  
And sunny mounts of beauteous Normanton,  
Health's cheerful haunt, and the selected walk  
Of Heathcote's leisure.

Dyer is said to have had every reason to remember him with gratitude, Sir Gilbert having presented him to the rectory of Conington.

Sir Gilbert married Hester, the daughter of Christopher Rayner, Esq. by whom he had issue one son, Sir John Heathcote, his successor, and two daughters, viz. Anne, the wife of Sir Jacob Jacobson, Knight, and Elizabeth, wife to Sigismond Trafford, Esq. of Dunston Hall, in the county of Lincoln.

He died the 25th of January, 1732-3, aged 82, and was buried at Normanton, his seat in the county of Rutland, where a handsome monument by Rysbrach was erected to his memory, the inscription on the same setting forth that amongst his other virtues

\* Book ii. epist. 2.

he was "a kind landlord, a steady friend, an affectionate relation, and in his character unblemished."\*

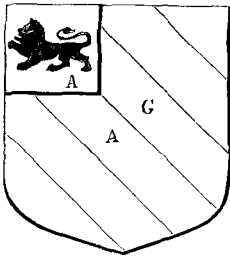
His property at his decease is said to have amounted to about half a million.

In the council-room of St. Thomas's Hospital, previous to being pulled down, was a fine portrait of this memorable citizen, in which he was represented habited in the civic scarlet furred gown, with a brown long-flapped coat, square-toed shoes, and a large wig, his right hand directing attention to a book on a marble table, behind which the City sword and mace.†

Another fine three-quarter full-length portrait, in his robes of office, was also hanging in the dining-room of Conington Castle, in the county of Huntingdon, a few years since.

From Sir Gilbert descends the present Lord Aveland.

ARMS: *Ermine, three pomeis vert, each charged with a cross or.*‡



SIR JOHN THOMPSON, Knight, elected Alderman of the Ward of Candlewick in 1726, but afterwards removed to the Ward of Bridge Without,§ served the office of Sheriff for the latter part of the year 1725, on the death of Sir Jeremiah Murden in his shrievalty, and was elected Lord Mayor in 1736. Died in the year 1750, aged 79, and was buried in the church of St. Michael's, Crooked Lane,|| on the south side of which, previous to its demolition for the approaches to new London Bridge, was a neat marble tablet to his memory.

ARMS: *Bendy of six argent and gules, on a canton of the first a lion passant sable.*¶

\* *Betham's Baronetage*, iii. 220.

† *Manning & Bray's Surrey*, iii. 618.

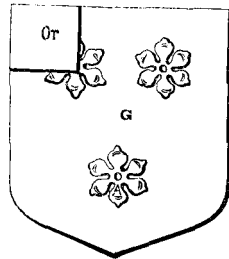
‡ Registered in the College of Arms in 1708; also engraved on plate presented by Sir Gilbert Heathcote to the Vintners' Company in 1700.

§ *Noorthouck's London*, Addenda, p. 895.

|| *Allen's History of London*, iii. p. 266.

¶ Assigned to him in *Burke's Armory*, also in *Robson*; but no grant registered in the College of Arms.

Sir DANIEL LAMBERT, elected Alderman of the Ward of Tower 1736,\* served the office of Sheriff in 1733, and was sworn in Lord Mayor at the Tower the 26th of March, 1741, in room of Humphrey Parsons, who died in his Mayoralty,† and Sir Daniel was the same year elected to serve in Parliament as one of the four representatives of the City.‡



Sir Daniel died the 13th of May, 1750, aged 65, of the gaol distemper, caught at the Old Bailey Sessions in the previous April;§ in consequence of which, and to prevent any danger in future, every part of the court and the gaol of Newgate was cleansed and washed with vinegar, and the prisoners also ordered to be washed with vinegar before being brought up for trial, and the number to be brought up at any one time not to exceed fifteen.||

He was buried at Banstead, in the county of Surrey, where he possessed the manor of Perrotts, at which he occasionally resided; and he gave, at his decease, to the parish of Banstead, as also to the parish of St. Olave, Hart Street, a bequest for charitable purposes.¶

On the south wall of Banstead church is a tablet to his memory, which describes him as a man "in public trusts, of assiduous application and unshaken integrity; ever attentive to the duties of his station, and the good of the community."

He married Mary, the eldest daughter of Mr. John Wilmot, who survived him, and died 14 May, 1770, aged 85 years.\*\*

ARMS: *Gules, three narcissus flowers argent, and a canton or.*††

\* *Noorthouck's London*, Addenda, p. 896.

† MS. Lord Mayors in the Corporation Library, Guildhall, p. 377.

‡ *Manning & Bray's Surrey*, ii. 593.

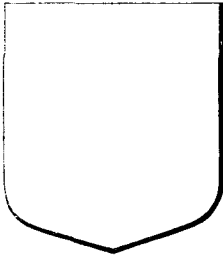
§ MS. Lord Mayors in Corporation Library, Guildhall, p. 377.

|| *Gentleman's Magazine*, xx. 235.

¶ *Reports of Charity Commissioners*, xiii. 471, and xx. 248.

\*\* *Manning & Bray's Surrey*, ii. 593.

†† Registered in College of Arms in 1737.



BRACKLEY KENNETT, esquire, was chosen Alderman of the Ward of Cornhill in 1767,\* having previously served the office of Sheriff in 1765; was president of Bridewell and Bethlehem Hospitals in 1777, and one of the Burgesses of Westminster,† and in 1779 was elected Lord Mayor.

He was one of those ministerial aldermen who were passed over for mayor during the ten years of Wilkes's popularity, but when the City returned to the old custom of choosing mayors by rotation, he was elected.

His conduct and inactivity during the unfortunate Gordon Riots, which occurred during his mayoralty, permitted them to rise to a dreadful height;‡ and, although it must be allowed that no public magistrate had ever before been placed in circumstances of greater difficulty, called down the severest censure on his head for being wanting in spirit and firmness, and gave rise to the following *jeu d'esprit*, entitled "*The Lord Mayor's Dilemma*":—§

The Riot quite confus'd the May'r;  
 But where's the wonder, when it  
 Was such a critical affair,  
 His lordship could not '*Ken-it.*'

Having related at a dinner of the Common Council|| that the Earl of Effingham was killed among the rioters, shot in Fleet Market, and giving Lord Amherst as his authority, Lord Effingham waited upon Lord Amherst, who denied it; whereupon Lord Effingham commenced an action of *Scandalum Magnum* against him. At the same time other actions at law were commenced against him for losses sustained by the riots through his inactivity; but before verdicts could be obtained he committed suicide on the 12th day of May, 1782, aged 68 years, and was buried in the north aisle of Putney church, where his wife,

\* *Noorthouck's London*, Addenda, p. 895.

† *Gentleman's Magazine*, lii. 263.

‡ MS. Lord Mayors in the Corporation Library, Guildhall, p. 368.

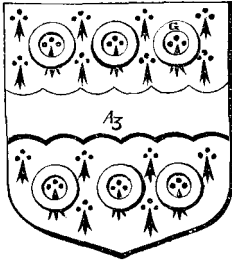
§ *Notes and Queries*, 2 S. ix. 292.

|| City Biography in the Corporation Library, Guildhall, pp. 139, 140, 141.

Frances Kennett, who died the 24th day of December, 1761, in the 46th year of her age, also lieth buried.\*

By his will he gave 52*l.* 10*s.* to the Vintners' Company upon condition of their paying annually the sum of 2*l.* to their poor almswomen.†

ARMS.‡



MATTHIAS PRIME LUCAS, esquire, Master of the Vintners' Company in 1817, and again in 1838, of whom a fair portrait (by Simpson) is preserved in the Court Room of the Company, was first of the Common Council, afterwards Alderman of the Ward of Tower, and President of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. He served the office of Sheriff in 1822, and was elected

Lord Mayor in 1827.

His pageant is stated to have been far more gorgeous and splendid than any that preceded it for many years, but the pleasures of the civic feast on the day of his election were marred by an alarming accident which occurred just after dinner. A board, covered with variegated lamps, hanging over his head, became detached, and fell with a heavy crash. The Lady Mayoress escaped with only a fright, but the Lord Mayor was much cut about the head by the broken glass, and the Duke of Clarence and several others were more or less injured in dress or person.§

ARMS: *Ermine, a fesse engrailed azure between six annulets gules.*||

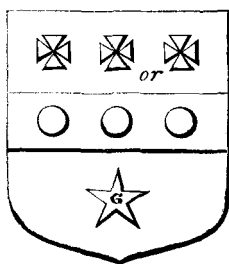
\* *Manning & Bray's Surrey*, iii. 293.

† *Reports of Charity Commissioners*, viii. 381.

‡ *Burke* gives for arms of Kennett, Lord Mayor, Quarterly or and gules, in chief a label of three points sable, each point charged with three bezants in pale, with crest, out of a ducal coronet or, an arm embowed in armour ppr., the hand in gauntlet holding an esquire's helmet ppr.; but if assumed by Kennett, it was evidently without authority, as these arms belong to the family of Coxhow, in the county of Durham, and there is no registration of arms to him in the College of Arms.

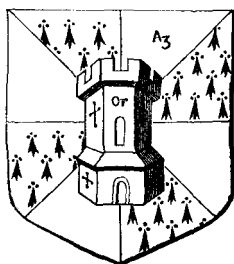
§ *Gentleman's Magazine*, xcvi. ii. 457, 458.

|| These arms are engraved on the plate presented by him to the Vint-



CHARLES FAREBROTHER, esquire, the celebrated auctioneer, of whom a portrait is preserved in the Court Room, was three times Master of the Vintners' Company, viz. in 1835, 1852, and 1856. He was Alderman of the Ward of Lime Street, served the office of Sheriff in 1826, and was elected Lord Mayor in 1833. He died at his residence at Stockwell Common the 20th day of March, 1858, aged 75 years.

ARMS: *Or, on a fesse between three crosses pattée in chief and a mullet in base gules, as many bezants. CREST, a greyhound's head coupé or.\**



JOHN KINNERSLEY HOOPER, esquire, of whom a portrait is also preserved in the Court Room, is the last member of the Company who has attained the elevated position of chief magistrate of the city of London. He was Master of the Company in 1849. He carried on the business of a foreign wine merchant, in which his father and grandfather had preceded him; and was successively chosen, first common councilman, then deputy, and finally Alderman of his ward of Queenhithe, where he continued to reside for many years. He served the office of Sheriff in 1842, and was elected Lord Mayor in 1847.

ARMS. †

I have, in conclusion, to express my sincere thanks to George Edward Adams, Esq., M.A. F.S.A., *Rouge Dragon*, for the

ners' Company in 1827, with the addition of this crest,—On a coronet a dragon's head azure, gorged with a collar charged with three annulets or; and were registered to him in the College of Arms in 1832.

\* These arms are assigned to him in *Burke's Armory*; but no arms are registered to him in the College of Arms.

† No arms are registered to him; but he appears, from the arms on his shield hanging in the hall of the Company, to have borne—Gyronny of eight ermine and azure, a castle or.

information he has kindly furnished respecting the several coats of arms. Also to John Gough Nichols, Esq., F.S.A., for many kind suggestions, and for the loan of the first seven blocks of arms which illustrate this paper, engraved from the MS. in his possession compiled by William Smith, Rouge Dragon, in 1603.

