

THE
CAMDEN SOCIETY,



FOR THE PUBLICATION OF
EARLY HISTORICAL AND LITERARY REMAINS.

At a General Meeting of the Camden Society held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Monday, the 2nd of May, 1853,

THE LORD BRAYBROOKE, THE PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR,
THE President having opened the business of the Meeting,

The Secretary read the Report of the Council agreed upon at their meeting of the 20th of April, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Report of the Council be received and adopted, and that the Thanks of the Society be given to the Director and Council for their services, to the Local Secretaries, to the Editors of the Publications of the past year, and to Sir Harry Verhey for the liberality with which he has placed his Papers at the service of the Society.

The Secretary then read the Report of the Auditors, agreed upon at their Meeting of the 20th of April, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the said Report be received and adopted, and that the Thanks of the Society be given to the Auditors for their services.

Thanks having been voted to the Treasurer and to the Secretary, the

Meeting proceeded to the election of a President and Council for the year next ensuing; when,

The Right Hon. Lord BRAYBROOKE, F.S.A.
was elected PRESIDENT; and

WILLIAM HENRY BLAAUW, Esq. M.A. F.S.A.

JOHN BRUCE, Esq. Treas. S.A.

JOHN PAYNE COLLIER, Esq. V.P.S.A.

WILLIAM DURRANT COOPER, Esq. F.S.A.

BOLTON CORNEY, Esq. M.R.S.L.

PETER CUNNINGHAM, Esq. F.S.A.

Sir HENRY ELLIS, K.H. F.R.S. Sec. S.A.

EDWARD FOSS, Esq. F.S.A.

The Rev. JOSEPH HUNTER, F.S.A.

The Rev. LAMBERT B. LARKING, M.A.

Sir FREDERICK MADDEN, K.H. F.R.S.

FREDERICK OUVRY, Esq. F.S.A.

The LORD VISCOUNT STRANGFORD, G.C.B. F.R.S. Director S.A.

WILLIAM JOHN THOMS, Esq. F.S.A. and

Sir CHARLES G. YOUNG, F.S.A. Garter.

were elected as the COUNCIL; and

ROBERT W. BLENCOWE, Esq. M.A. F.S.A.

JAMES CROSBY, Esq. F.S.A. and

WILLIAM SALT, Esq. F.S.A.

were elected Auditors of the Society for the ensuing year.

Thanks were then voted to the President for the warm interest always taken by him in the proceedings of the Society, and for his kind and able conduct in the Chair.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, 1853.

At a MEETING of the COUNCIL of the Camden Society held at No. 25, Parliament Street, Westminster, on Wednesday the 13th May, 1853, the Council having proceeded to the Election of Officers,—

JOHN BRUCE, Esq. was elected Director; JOHN PAYNE COLLIER, Esq. Treasurer; and WILLIAM J. THOMS, Esq. Secretary, for the Year next ensuing.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL
OF
THE CAMDEN SOCIETY,
ELECTED 3rd MAY, 1852.

THE COUNCIL of the Camden Society, elected on the 3rd of May, 1852, have pleasure in referring to the Report of the Auditors as a proof that the condition of the Society has not deteriorated during their year of office.

The Council have to regret the deaths during the past year of the following Members:—

JOHN BARNARD, Esq.

Rev. THOMAS DYER, M.A.

WILLIAM EMPSON, Esq.

JOHN FORSTER, Esq.

JOHN PALMER, Esq.

THOMAS PONTON, Esq.

JAMES YEELES ROW, Esq.

Mrs. SAUNDERS.

The EARL OF SHREWSBURY.

The publications of the past year have been—

I. THE CAMDEN MISCELLANY, VOLUME THE SECOND, containing—1. Account of the Expenses of John of Brabant and Henry and Thomas of Lancaster, 1292-3: edited by JOSEPH BURTT, Esq. 2. Household Account of the Princess Elizabeth, 1551-2: edited by the LORD VISCOUNT STRANGFORD. 3. The Request and Suite of a Truehearted Englishman, written by William Cholmeley, 1553: edited by WILLIAM J. THOMS, Esq. 4. Discovery of the Jesuits' College at Clerkenwell in March 1627-8: edited by JOHN GOUGH NICHOLS, Esq. 5. Trelawny Papers: edited by WILLIAM DURRANT COOPER, Esq;—and 6. Autobiography of William Taswell, D.D.: edited by GEORGE PERCY ELLIOTT, Esq.

The satisfaction which this volume has given to the Members generally, from its varied character and the useful illustration afforded by the several documents contained in it to the history of the different periods to which they respectively relate, has determined the Council to endeavour to produce another volume of similar character at no very distant period.

II. Letters and Papers of the Verney Family down to the end of the year 1639. Printed from the original MSS. in the possession of Sir Harry Verney, Bart. Edited by JOHN BRUCE, Esq.

This volume has been so recently completed that it is probably not yet in the hands of all the Members. It will, it is confidently hoped, be found a valuable addition to our materials for the history of the important times to which it is brought down. The Society will doubtless remember that this is not the first volume which the Camden Society owes to the liberal manner in which Sir Harry Verney has placed his collections at their service; and will probably think it right to mark, by a special vote, their recognition of his liberality, and their hope of a further contribution from his collections.

The third publication for the past year will be—

III. *Regulæ Inclusarum: The Ancren Rewle: A Treatise on the Rules and Duties of Monastic Life, in the Anglo-Saxon Dialect of the 13th Century.* Edited by the Rev. JAMES MORTON, B.D., Prebendary of Lincoln. (*Nearly ready.*)

The Council have also to announce that the Editor of the Letters of Lady Brilliana Harley authorises them to say that the first volume for the year now commencing is so far advanced at press that its publication may be looked for in the course of a few weeks.

The following works have been added to the List of Suggested Publications during the past year:—

I. *The Poor Man's Mirror, A Wickliffite Tract* written by Bishop Pecock. To be edited from a MS. in Archbishop Tenison's Library by the REV. PHILIP HALE HALE, B.A.

II. *Privy Purse Expenses of King William the Third.* To be edited by J. Y. AKERMAN, Esq., Sec. S. A.

III. *An historical Narrative of the two Howses' of Parliament, and either of them, their Committees and Agents', violent Proceedings against Sir Roger Twysden: their imprisoning his person, sequestering his estate, cutting down his Woods or Tymber, to his almost undoing and forcing him in the end to a composition for his own.* From the original in the possession of the REV. LAMBERT B. LARKING, M.A.

IV. *The Ancient Divisions, Measurements, Customs, &c. of Wales.* Written in 1637 by Robert Lloyd of the Pixe Office, at the request of Owen Wynne. To be edited by GEORGE HILLIER, Esq.

V. *Extent of the Estates of the Hospitalers in England.* Taken under the direction of Prior Philip de Thame, A.D. 1338; from the original in the Public Library at Malta. To be edited by the REV. LAMBERT B. LARKING, M.A.

VI. *Narrative of the Services of M. Dumont Bostaquet in Ireland.* To be edited by The Rev. JAMES HENTHORN TODD, D.D.

It will be in the recollection of the Society that a Memorial was presented to His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury in April, 1848, praying that steps might be adopted to give facilities to literary men to make researches among the registered Wills in the Prerogative Office, Doctors' Commons, and that His Grace informed the President and Council in reply, that he had no control whatever over the fees taken in that department. The recent appointment of a Commission to inquire into the Law and Jurisdiction of the Ecclesiastical and other Courts in relation to Matters Testamentary, seemed to the Council to afford an opportunity of bringing the subject again under the notice of those who might be able to suggest a remedy for the inconvenience complained of. Accordingly, on the 28th of January last, the President and Council addressed to those Commissioners a Memorial, of which the following is a copy :—

To the Right Honourable and Honourable the Commissioners appointed by Her Majesty to inquire into the Law and Jurisdiction of the Ecclesiastical and other Courts in relation to Matters Testamentary.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

We, the undersigned, being the President and Council of the Camden Society, for the Publication of Early Historical and Literary Remains, beg to submit to your consideration a copy of a Memorial presented on the 13th April, 1848, by the President and then Council of this Society, to his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, praying that such changes might be made in the regulations of the Prerogative Office as might assimilate its practice to that of the Public Record Office, so far as regards the inspection of the books of entry of ancient Wills, or that such other remedy might be applied to the inconveniences stated in that Memorial as to his Grace might seem fit.

In reply to that Memorial his Grace was pleased to inform the Memorialists that he had no control whatever over the fees taken in the Prerogative Office.

The Memorialists had not adopted the course of applying to his Grace the Archbishop until they had in vain endeavoured to obtain from the authorities of the Prerogative Office, Messrs. Dyneley, Iggulden, and Gostling, some modification of their rules in favour of literary inquirers. The answer of his Grace the Archbishop left them, therefore, without present remedy.

The grievance complained of continues entirely unaltered up to the present time.

In all other public repositories to which in the course of our inquiries we have had occasion to apply, we have found a general and predominant feeling of the national importance of the cultivation of literature, and especially of that branch of it which relates to the past history of our own country. Every one seems heartily willing to promote historical inquiries. The Public Record Offices are now opened to persons engaged in literary pursuits by arrangements of the most satisfactory and liberal character. His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury gives permission to literary men to search such of the early registers of his see as are in his own possession at Lambeth. Access is given to the registers of the Bishop of London; and throughout the kingdom private persons having in their possession historical documents are

almost without exception not only willing but anxious to assist our inquiries. The authorities of the Prerogative Office in Doctors' Commons, perhaps, stand alone in their total want of sympathy with literature, and in their exclusion of literary inquirers by stringent rules, harshly, and in some instances even offensively, enforced.

We have the honour to be,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient and very humble servants,

(Signed)

BRAYBROOKE, *President.*

JOHN BRUCE, *Director.*

C. PURTON COOPER.

J. PAYNE COLLIER, *Treas.*

W. R. DRAKE.

EDWD. FOSS.

PETER LEVESQUE.

STRANGFORD.

W. H. BLAAUW.

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FREDK. OUVRY.

WILLIAM J. THOMS, *Secy.*

25, *Parliament Street, Westminster,*
January, 1853.

The Commissioners have acknowledged the receipt of this Memorial, and the Council hope that the step they have taken will meet with the approval of this Meeting, as an evidence of their anxiety to use the influence of the Camden Society for the promotion of historical investigation, and will also lead to some remedy for the great grievances to which literary men are at present subjected in the office of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury.

(Signed)

JOHN BRUCE, *Director.*

WILLIAM J. THOMS, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS,

DATED APRIL 20, 1853.

WE, the Auditors appointed to audit the Accounts of the Camden Society, report to the Society, that the Treasurer has exhibited to us an account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Society, from the 1st of April, 1852, to the 31st of March, 1853, and that we have examined the said accounts, with the vouchers relating thereto, and find the same to be correct and satisfactory.

And we further report, that the following is an Abstract of the Receipts and Expenditure during the period we have mentioned.

RECEIPTS.	£.	s.	d.		EXPENDITURE.	£.	s.	d.
Balance of last year's account	250	7	11		Paid for printing and paper of 750 copies of "Chronicle of Grey Friars"	70	12	4
Received on account of Members whose Subscriptions were in arrear at the last Audit	98	0	0		The like for 750 copies of "Camden Miscellany, Vol. II."	122	14	9
The like on account of Subscriptions due 1st May, 1852	414	0	0		The like for 750 copies of the "Verney Papers"	156	3	0
The like on account of Subscriptions due 1st May next	20	0	0		Paid for binding 700 copies "Grey Friars Chronicle"	27	3	0
One year's dividend on £942 11s. 0d. 3 per Cent. Consols, standing in the names of the Trustees of the Society, deducting property-tax	27	9	0		The like for 700 copies of "Miscellany, Vol. II."	28	0	0
					Paid for binding Volumes of former years	2	2	0
					Paid for Transcripts	14	16	8
					Paid for delivery and transmission of 700 copies of "Chronicle of Grey Friars" and "Camden Miscellany, Vol. II." with paper for wrapper, &c.	15	18	1
					Paid for Wood Engraving	8	1	6
					Paid for Advertisements	2	5	6
					Paid for Miscellaneous Printing, Reports, Circulars, &c.	6	10	8
					One year's payment for keeping Accounts and General Correspondence of the Society	52	10	0
					Paid for the expenses of last General Meeting	2	7	0
					Paid for postage, carriage of parcels, stationery, and other petty cash expenses	10	18	9
					By repayment of one year's Subscription paid in error	1	0	0
					Balance	288	8	4
	£809	16	11			£809	16	11

And we, the Auditors, further state, that the Treasurer has reported to us, that over and above the present balance of £288 8s. 4d. there are outstanding various subscriptions of Foreign Members, of Members resident at a distance from London, &c. which the Treasurer sees no reason to doubt will shortly be received.

PETER CUNNINGHAM, }
EDW^D HAILSTONE, } Auditors.

20th April, 1853.

WORKS OF THE CAMDEN SOCIETY.

For the Subscription of 1838-9.

1. Restoration of King Edward IV.
2. Kyng Johan, by Bishop Bale.
3. Deposition of Richard II.
4. Plumpton Correspondence.
5. Anecdotes and Traditions.

For 1839.

6. Political Songs.
7. Hayward's Annals of Elizabeth.
8. Ecclesiastical Documents.
9. Norden's Description of Essex.
10. Warkworth's Chronicle.
11. Kemp's Nine Daies Wonder.

For 1840.

12. The Egerton Papers.
13. Chronica Jocelini de Brakelonda.
14. Irish Narratives, 1641 and 1690.
15. Rishanger's Chronicle.

For 1841.

16. Poems of Walter Mapes.
17. Travels of Nicander Nucius.
18. Three Metrical Romances.
19. Diary of Dr. John Dee.

For 1842.

20. Apology for the Lollards.
21. Rutland Papers.
22. Diary of Bishop Cartwright.
23. Letters of Eminent Literary Men.
24. Proceedings against Dame Alice Kyteler.

For 1843.

25. Promptorium Parvulorum: Tom. I.
26. Suppression of the Monasteries.
27. Leicester Correspondence.

For 1844.

28. French Chronicle of London.
29. Polydore Vergil.
30. The Thornton Romances.
31. Verney's Notes of Long Parliament.

For 1845.

32. Autobiography of Sir J. Bramston.
33. Correspondence of Duke of Perth.
34. Liber de Antiquis Legibus.
35. The Chronicle of Calais.

For 1846.

36. Polydore Vergil's History, Vol. I.
37. Italian Relation of England.
38. Church of Middleham.
39. The Camden Miscellany, Vol. I.

For 1847.

40. Life of Lord Grey of Wilton.
41. Diary of Walter Yonge, Esq.
42. Diary of Henry Machyn.

For 1848.

43. Visitation of Huntingdonshire.
44. Obituary of Richard Smyth.
45. Twysden on Government of England.

For 1849.

46. Letters of Elizabeth and James VI.
47. Chronicon Petroburgense.
48. Queen Jane and Queen Mary.

For 1850.

49. Bury Wills and Inventories.
50. Mapes de Nugis Curialium.
51. Pilgrimage of Sir R. Guylford.

For 1851.

52. Secret Services of Charles II. and James II.
53. Chronicle of the Grey Friars.
54. Promptorium Parvulorum, Tom. II.

For 1852.

55. The Camden Miscellany, Vol. II.
56. Verney Papers to 1639.
57. Regulæ Inclusarum: The Ancren Riwle.

and places—a revision of the punctuation—and a strict conformity, as to general orthography and accentuation, with the *Dictionnaire de l'Académie française*, as edited in 1835. The substance of the *avis* of 1713 might be stated in a preface; and the *avertissement* of 1746, a clever composition, would serve as an introduction and memoir of the author. Those who doubt its value may consult the *Grand dictionnaire historique*, and the *Biographie universelle*. As one hundred and sixty persons are noticed in the work, brevity of annotation is very desirable. It would require much research. The manuscript notes of sir William Musgrave would, however, be very serviceable—more so, I conceive, than the printed notes of M. Horace Walpole.

As the indications of a projected re-impression may be fallacious, I shall conclude with a word of advice to inexperienced collectors. Avoid the *jolie édition* printed at Paris by F. A. Didot, *par ordre de monseigneur le comte d'Artois*, in 1781. It is the very worst specimen of editorship. Avoid also the London edition of 1792. The preface is a piratical pasticcio; the verbose notes are from the most accessible books; the portraits, very unequal in point of execution, I believe to be chiefly copies of prints—not *d'après des tableaux originaux*. The most desirable editions are, 1. The edition of 1760; 2. That of 1772, as a *curiosity*; 3. That edited by M. Renouard, Paris, 1812, 18°. 2 vols.; 4. That edited by M. Renouard in 1812, 8°. with eight portraits. The latter edition forms part of the *Œuvres du comte Antoine Hamilton* in 3 vols. It seldom occurs for sale. BOLTON CORNEY.

THE "ANCREN RIWLE."

The publication of this valuable semi-Saxon or Early English treatise on the duties of monastic life, recently put forth by the Camden Society, under the editorship of the Rev. James Morton, is extremely acceptable, and both the Society and the editor deserve the cordial thanks of all who are interested in the history of our language. As one much interested in the subject, and who many years since entertained the design now so ably executed by Mr. Morton, I may perhaps be allowed to offer a few remarks on the work itself, and on the manuscripts which contain it. Mr. Morton is unquestionably right in his statement that the Latin MS. in Magdalen College, Oxford, No. 67., is only an abridged translation of the original vernacular text. Twenty-three years ago I had access to the same MS. by permission of the Rev. Dr. Routh, the President of Magdalen College, and after reading and making extracts from it*, I came to the same conclusion as Mr. Morton.

It hardly admits, I think, of a doubt; for even without the internal evidence furnished by the Latin copy, the age of the manuscripts containing the Early English text at once set aside the supposition that Simon of Ghent (Bishop of Salisbury from 1297 to 1315) was the original author of the work. The copy in Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, I have not seen, but of the three copies in the British Museum I feel confident that the one marked Cleopatra C. vi. was actually written before Bishop Simon of Ghent had emerged from the nursery. This copy is not only the oldest, but the most curious, from the corrections and alterations made in it by a somewhat later hand, the chief of which are noticed in the printed edition. The collation, however, of this MS. might have been, with advantage, made more minutely, for at present many readings are passed over. Thus, at p. 8., for *unveote* the second hand has *congoun*; at p. 62., for *herigen* it has *preisen*; at p. 90., for *on cheafle*, it reads *o mupe*, &c. The original hand has also some remarkable variations, which would cause a suspicion that this was the first draft of the author's work. Thus, at p. 12., for *scandle*, the first hand has *schonde*; at p. 62., for *baldeliche* it reads *bradliche*; at p. 88., for *nout for*, it has *anonden*, and the second hand *aneust*; at p. 90., for *sunderliche* it reads *sunderlepes*, &c. All these, and many other curious variations, are not noticed in the printed edition. On the fly-leaf of this MS. is written, in a hand of the time of Edward I., as follows: "*Datum abbacie et conventui de Leghe per Dame M. de Clare.*" The lady here referred to was doubtless Maud de Clare, second wife of Richard de Clare, Earl of Hereford and Gloucester, who, at the beginning of the reign of Edward I., is known to have changed the Augustinian Canons of Leghe, in Devonshire, into an abbess and nuns of the same order; and it was probably at the same period she bestowed this volume on them. The conjecture of Mr. Morton, that Bishop Poore, who died in 1237, might have been the original author of the *Ancren Riwle*, is by no means improbable, and deserves farther inquiry. The error as to Simon of Ghent is due, in the first place, not to Dr. Smith, but to Richard James (Sir Robert Cotton's librarian), who wrote on the fly-leaves of all the MSS. in the Cottonian Library a note of their respective contents, and who is implicitly followed by Smith. Wanley is more blamable, and does not here evince his usual critical accuracy, but (as remarked by Mr. Morton) he could only have looked at a few pages of the work. The real fact seems to be that Simon of Ghent made the abridged Latin version of the seven books of the *Riwle* now preserved in Magdalen College, and this supposition may well enough be reconciled with the words of Leland, who says of him, —

* At p. viii. of Mr. Morton's preface, for "*yerze*" (eye), my extracts read *09 yze*.

ad Virgines Tarentinas, Durix cultrices." — *Comment.*, p. 316.

A second copy of the Latin version was formerly in the Cottonian collection (Vitellius E. vii.), but no fragment of it has hitherto been recovered from the mass of burnt crusts and leaves left after the fire of 1731. I am happy, however, to add, that within the last few months, the manuscript marked Vitellius F. vii., containing a French translation of the *Rivle*, made in the fourteenth century (very closely agreeing with the vernacular text), has been entirely restored, except that the top margins of the leaves have been burnt at each end of the volume. This damage has, unfortunately, carried away the original heading of the treatise, and the title given us by Smith is copied partly from James's note. This copy of the French version appears to be unique, and is the more interesting from its having a note at the end (now half obliterated by the fire), stating that it belonged to Eleanor de Bohun, Duchess of Gloucester, whose motto is also added, "*Plesance. M [mil]. en vn.*" The personage in question was Eleanor, daughter of Humphrey de Bohun, Earl of Hereford, and wife of Thomas of Woodstock, who ended her days as a nun in the convent at Barking in 1399. Is any other instance known of the use of this motto? Before I conclude these brief remarks, I may mention a *fifth* copy of the *Ancren Rivle*, which has escaped the notice of Mr. Morton. It is buried in the enormous folio manuscript of old English poetry and prose called the Vernon MS., in the Bodleian Library, written in the reign of Richard II., and occurs at pp. 371^b—392. In the fable of contents prefixed to this volume it is entitled "The Roule of Reclous;" and although the phraseology is somewhat modernised, it agrees better with the MS. Cleopatra C. vi. than with Nero A. xiv., from which Mr. Morton's edition is printed. This copy is not complete, some leaves having been cut out in the sixth book, and the scribe leaves off at p. 420. of the printed edition.

It is very much to be wished that Mr. Morton would undertake the task of editing another volume of legends, homilies, and poems, of the same age as the *Ancren Rivle*, still existing in various manuscripts. One of the homilies, entitled "Sawles Warde," in the Bodley MS. 34., Cott. MS. Titus D. xviii., and Old Royal MS. 17A. xxviii., is very curious, and well deserves to be printed.

F. MADDEN.

British Museum.

ORDER FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF VAGRANCY,
A. D. 1650-51.

At a time when the question of "What is to be done with our vagrant children?" is occupying the attention of all men of philanthropic minds, it may be worth while to give place in your pages to

the following order addressed by the Lord Mayor of London to his aldermen in 1650-51, which applies, amongst other things, to that very subject. It will be seen that some of the artifices of beggary in that day were very similar to those with which we are now but too familiar. The difference of treatment between vagrant children over and under nine years of age, is worthy of observation.

"BY THE MAYOR.

"Forasmuch as of late the constables of this city have neglected to put in execution the severall wholesome laws for punishing of vagrants, and passing them to the places of their last abode, whereby great scandall and dishonour is brought upon the government of this city; These are therefore to will and require you, or your deputy, forthwith to call before you the severall constables within your ward, and strictly to charge them to put in execution the said laws, or to expect the penalty of forty shillings to be levied upon their estates, for every vagrant that shall be found begging in their severall precincts. And to the end the said constables may not pretend ignorance, what to do with the severall persons which they shall find offending the said laws, these are further to require them, that aged or impotent persons who are not fit to work, be passed from constable to constable to the parish where they dwell; and that the constable in whose ward they are found begging, shall give a passe under his hand, expressing the place where he or she were taken, and the place whither they are to be passed. And for children under five years of age, who have no dwelling, or cannot give an account of their parents, the parish where they are found are to provide for them; and for those which shall bee found lying under stalle, having no habitation or parents (from five to nine years old), are to be sent to the Wardrobe House*, to be provided for by the corporation for the poore; and all above nine years of age are to be sent to Bridewel. And for men or women who are able to work and goe begging with young children, such persons for the first time to be passed to the place of their abode as aforesaid; and being taken againe, they are to be carried to Bridewel, to be corrected according to the discretion of the governour. And for those persons that shall be found to hire children, or goe begging with children not sucking, those children are to be sent to the severall parishes wher they dwell, and the persons so hiring them to Bridewel, to be corrected and passed away, or kept at work there, according to the governour's discretion. And for all other vagrants and beggars under any pretence whatsoever, to be forthwith sent down to Bridewel to be employed and corrected, according to the statute laws of this commonwealth, except before excepted; and the president and governours of Bridewel are hereby desired to meet twice every week to see to the execution of this Precept. And the steward of the workhouse called the Wardrobe, is

* I suppose this to have been the ancient building known by the name of The Royal, or The Tower Royal, used for a time as the Queen's Wardrobe. It will be seen that it was occupied in 1650 as a workhouse.