





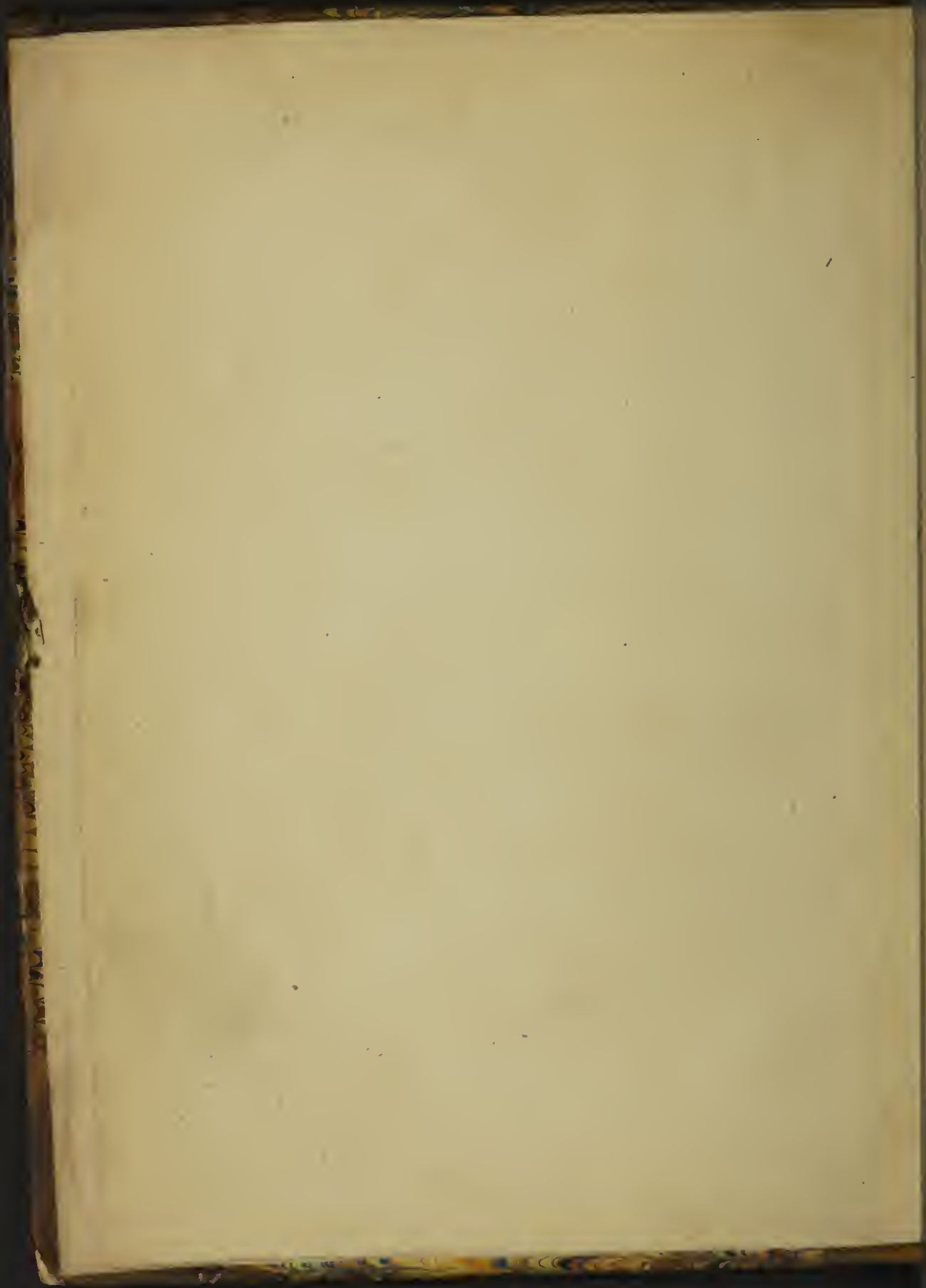


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DIRECTION FOR SEARCH OF

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Remaining in the { CHANCERIE.
TOWER.
EXCHEQUER, with the *Limnes*
thereof: *viz.*

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| { Kings Remembrancer. Lord Treasurers Re- membrancer. The { Clarke of the Ex- treats. Pipe. Auditors. | { First Fruits. Augmentation of the Reuenue. The { Kings Bench. Common Pleas. Records of Courts Christian. |
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For the clearing of all such *Titles*, and *Questions*,
as the same may concerne.

With the accustomed Fees of Search: And
diuerse necessarie Observations.

Cui Author

THOMAS POWELL, *Londino-*
Cambrensis.

— — — *Cum tonat ocyus Ilex*
Sulphure discutitur sacro, quam tuque, domusque.

LONDON,

Printed by B. A. for Paul Man, and are to be sold
at his Shop in *Chancerie Lane*, at the Signe of the
Bowle; or in *Distaffe Lane*, at the Signe
of the *Dolphin.* 1622.

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TO THE
GREAT DEPUTIE
OF THE GREATEST DEITIE
IN HEAVEN,
THE CHVRCHES CHIEFE
CONSERVER ON
EARTH:

JAMES,

KING OF GREAT BRITAIN,
FRANCE, AND IRE-
LAND.

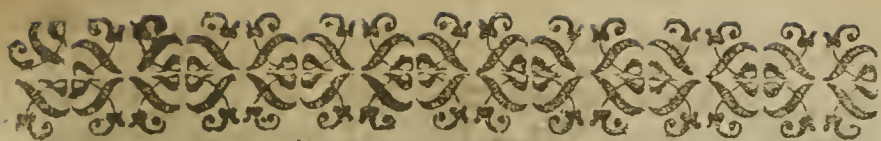
S Vppose you see the Widdow with her Mite,
Debating, whether better to proceed,
And lay it downe in all the Peoples sight;
Or else, to put it vp againe with speed?
Now shee resolues to doo't, And then shee feares
Th'acceptance of it, and the Peoples gieres:
At last, shee did conclude, and cast it in;
Then slinkt away, and hop'd shee was not seene.

Thus, with a very conscions cautious Eye,
Our Author weighs the Work which he presents;
Then viewes the Multitude that's standing by,
(Knowing too well their old accustom'd bent:)
And now, no sooner does behold your Selfe,
But layes it at your foot; and then by stealth
Auoids; and hopes, the Giuer is vnknowne:
Yet this small Gift speakes great affection.

Your Maiesties

most faithfull Subiect,

Th. Powell.



TO
THE BEST BLEST POVR-
TRAICT OF PATERNALL
PERFECTIONS,

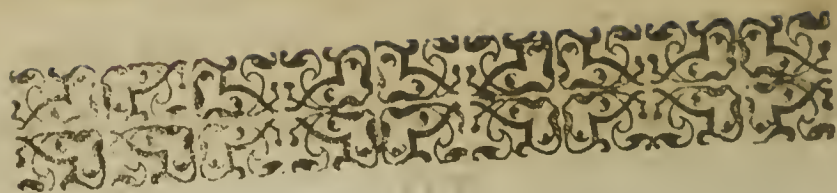
CHARLES,

The High and Mightie Prince of
WALES.

IT's onely thy Acceptance may repute,
What here I offer : Be but pleas'd to doo't ;
I wish more happinesse may ne're succeed it,
But that I may report your selfe did read it.

Tibi prior morituras fatis,
Quam tui sim miraturas fatis,

Tho. Powell.



A
CONGRATVLATORIE
TO THE SAFE RETVRNE
of that sincere Seruant of the State,
IAMES, Lord Viscount
Doncaster.

THe King receiues thee with an open Arme,
The Commons doe accuse the fatall Storme
That did detaine thee, to behold a Scene
Which might strike blood-shot euery eie of Heaⁿ.
Would'st know why we reioice thy welcome home?
We loue *Religions* Friends, and thou art one.

Your Lordships

to the most of his Nerue,

Th. Powell.



DIRECTION FOR SEARCH OF RECORDS.

THE CHANCERIE.



THE Office of Records of *Chancerie* (commonly called the *Rolls*) hath diuerse Records of diuerse and sundry Natures, beginning with some part of King *Richard* the third; and so from thence drawne downward to the present.

The Records of *Chancerie* are diuided into these kindes, viz.

- 1. *Patents.*
- 2. *Close Rolls.*
- 3. *Bundles.*

PATENTS.

In the *Patent Rolls* are contayned all Grants made from the King to the subiect,
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which passe vnder the great Scale of England : that is to say,

- Perpetuities, *see Fermes, see Simples, &c.*
- Leases for Life, Yeares, or at Will.
- Grants of Liberties.
- Licences, and Pardons of Alienation.
- Presentations.
- All Annuities.
- Speciall Liueries.
- Speciall, and Generall Pardons.
- Pardons of Vtlarie.
- Licences of all sorts, which passe the Great Scale.

And on the backside of the said Rolls (called *Patent Rolls*) are inrolled and indorsed these things following : that is to say,

- Commissions for the Peace.*
- Commissions for Gaole Deliuerie.*
- Commissions for Oyer and Terminer.*
- Commissions to enquire post Mortem.*
- And all the speciall *Commissions* which passe the Great Scale.

CLOSE ROLLS.

The next sort of Records of *Chancerie* are called *Close Rolls* : In which are containd

tainned these things following: that is to say,

1. All *Indentures*, which are acknowledged in *Chancerie* betwixt partie and partie, *Subiects*.
2. All *Recognizances*, which are acknowledged in *Chancerie* betwixt partie and partie, *Subiects*.
3. All *Deeds* whatsoeuer, acknowledged in *Chancerie* betwixt parties, *Subiects*.

(The said *Indentures*, *Recognizances*, and *Deeds* being on the back of the *Roll* indorsed: And diuerse special *Writs* on the insidethereof.)

Besides these seuerall kinds of *Close Rolls*, there be diuerse other *Rolls*, which because they can challenge no other, or rather more proper station, I thought good to place here: *viz.*

The *Foreigne Roll*, called the *French Roll*, contayning *Treaties* betwixt this *Kingdome* and *Foreigne Estates*, and *Treaties* of *Entercourse*, &c.

The *Roll*, called the *Lord Treasurers Roll*, or (most commonly) the *Fine Roll*, wherein are

contayned the Patents of all Escheators, Customers, Controllors, Searchers, Vnagers; and briefely, all such Patents as passe the Great Seale, and are in the gift of the Lord Treasurer for the time being.

The *Roll* contayning the confirmation of Liberties and Grants made from the King.

The *Parliament Roll*, wherein should bee written all Acts of Parliament.

The *Roll* called *Watsons Roll*, contayning diuerse Grants and other things confusedly and promiscuously layd together; which one *Watson* (sometimes Clarke of the Great Seale, that is to say, betwixt the thirtieth and fortieth yeares of the late good Queene *Elizabeth*) did for six or seuen yeares together keepe in his Chest, and vpon his death they were found, and brought into the Chapele of the *Rolls*.

There is likewise (or should be) a perfect *Roll* of the Creation of the Nobilitie, in which all Creations might bee inrolled: which I hold to be the rather necessaric, for that many Grants haue beene past to one man, some whereof, vnder one Title, others
vnder

vnder another, of Office, or Nobilitie (as the partie hath beene aduanced;) which incertaintie of the Patentees Title, causeth more expence, and search, then otherwise would be, if this *Roll* were duely kept.

The *Roll* contayning all Iudgements, Decrees, and dismissions of Causes in the *Chancerie*, with some other few *Rolls*, which I omit, as being of little vse to this present purpose.

BUNDLES.

The third sort of Records of *Chancerie*, are called *Bundles*: In which are contayned these things following, *viz.*

1. The Files of Bills and Answeres in *Chancerie*.

2. The Files of *Corpus cum causa*, with the Bayles vpon the same.

3. All Writs of *Certiorare*, with the Certificates vpon the same.

4. All Attachments, Proclamations, and Commissions of Rebellion, and Transcripts of Iniunctions.

5. The *Bundle*, called the *Scire facias Bundle*, wherein are filed all Writs of *Scire facias*, *Audita querela*, *Ex graui querela*, and their Transcripts.

6. *Staple Bundle*, wherein are filed all Certificates of Statutes of the *Staple*, all *Ex-tents* returned vpon the said Statutes, and *Liberatees* vpon the same.

7. *Stoole Bundle*, in which are containd all Transcripts of *Superjedeas* for Peace, and Good behauour:

8. *Gallowes Bundle*, wherein are filed all Certificates made from Bishops, for the Writ called *Excommunicato capiendo*, and the *Superjedeas* vpon the same.

9. The *Horne Bundle*, in which are containd all Bayles vpon speciall Pardons.

10. The *Pot Bundle*, wherein are containd all Bills from the *Exchequer*, of the Names of the Sherifes who haue there put in Sureties: And all Warrants of Attorney, for all Sherifes of Counties and Cities, who haue Sherifes.

11. The File of *Certiorare* Bills, wherein are filed all Bills that are exhibited in *Chancerie* for *Certiorare*:

12. The *Arrow Bundle*, wherein are filed all Letters Patents surrendred.

All Indentures of Deeds cancelled:

All A&ts of Parliament, certified by *Certiorare*. All

All Writs of *Dedimus potestatem*, to take knowledge of any Deed or Recognizance to be enrolled, or cancelled.

All Writs of *Dedimus potestatem*, for the acknowledging of any Warrant of Attorney vpon Writs of Entry; as also for the taking of the Sherifes Oath.

All Writs *de Coronatore, & viridiaris elegendo*.

All Writs of Dower, and such like, as are for the Prince.

13. The *Eschators Bundle*, wherein are containd all Inquisitions, taken eyther by vertue of Writ, or by vertue of Office.

14. The *Priuy-Seale Bundle*, wherein are containd all Priuy-Seales, directed to the Lord *Chancellor* or Lord *Keeper* of the Great Seale, for the passing vnder the Great Seale of any Grant from the King, that hath passed the Signet and Priuy-Seale.

15. The *Bundle* of Bills signed, wherein are containd all Bills signed by the King, which passe the Great Seale by the said immediat Warrant, without passing the Priuy-Seale at all.

And there are likewise in the same *Bundle* all Warrants frō the Court of *Wards*, as *speciall Liucies, generall Liucies, &c.*

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16. The *Treasurers Bundle*, called the *Purse Bundle*, wherein are filed all Warrants of Escheators, Customers, Controllers, Searchers, Vnagers, and the like.

17. The *Cardinals Bundle*, in which are containd all Inquisitions taken vpon the Suruey of so many Religious Houses as are returned into that Office, which are these following: that is to say,

Inquisitions of Abbeyes supprest, and returned into the *Chancerie*, with the Shires in which their Lands lye, viz.

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| 1 | Essex | } | 1 | <i>Blackmore Priory.</i> | |
| 2 | London | | | | |
| 3 | Hereford | | | | |
| 1 | Norff. | } | 2 | <i>Broomhill Priory.</i> | |
| 2 | Suff. | | | | |
| 1 | Suffex | } | 3 | <i>Bradwell Priory.</i> | |
| 2 | Kanc. | | | | |
| 1 | Warw. | } | 4 | <i>Canwell Priory.</i> | |
| 2 | Staff. | | | | |
| 3 | Leicest. | | | | |
| 1 | Buck. | } | 5 | <i>Begham Priory.</i> | |
| 2 | Northamp. | | | | |
| | | | | 1 | <i>Suffex</i> |

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| 1 | <u>Suffex</u> | } | 6 | Calceto Priory. | |
| 1 | <u>Northamp.</u> | } | 7 | Daentree Priory. | |
| 1 | <u>Suffolke</u> | } | 8 | Dodnes Priory. | |
| 1 | Oxon | } | 9 | S. Friswid in Ox- | |
| 2 | Bark. | | | | ford Priory. |
| 3 | Buck. | | | | |
| 1 | <u>Suffolke</u> | } | 10 | Felixstow Priory. | |
| 1 | <u>Essex</u> | } | 11 | Horkesley Priory. | |
| 1 | Oxon | } | 12 | Litlemore Priory. | |
| 2 | Bark. | | | | |
| 1 | Kanc. | } | 13 | Lisnes Abbey. | |
| 2 | Suffolke | | | | |
| 3 | Essex | | | | |
| 4 | Surrey | | | | |
| 5 | London | | | | |
| 1 | Hartford | } | 14 | Pray Priory. | |
| 2 | Buck. | | | | |
| 1 | <u>Suffolke</u> | } | 15 | S. Peters in Ipswich. | |
| 1 | <u>Bark.</u> | } | 16 | Poghley Priory. | |
| 1 | Suffolke | } | 17 | Rumburgh Priory. | |
| 2 | Norfolke | | | | |
| 1 | <u>Buck.</u> | } | 18 | Raueston Priory. | |

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| 1 | Essex | } | 22 | Titre Priory. |
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| 1 | Kanc. | } | 23 | Tunbridge Priory. |
| 2 | Cant. | | | |
| 3 | Suffolke | | | |
| 4 | Norfolke | | | |
| 5 | Surrey | | | |
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| 1 | Bark. | } | 25 | Tuckford Priory. |
| 2 | Warw. | | | |
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| 1 | Bark. | } | 26 | Wallingford Priory. |
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| 3 | Buck. | | | |
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| 1 | Essex | } | 27 | Wikes Priory. |

OBSERVATIONS TO BE HAD.
in search of Chancery Records.

First you shall vnderstand, that there be some few Grants which were neuer inrolled at all, but remaine amongst the

the Bills signed: As that of 31. of *Henry* the eight, to *Thomas Lord Audley*, Lord Chancellor of *England*, concerning *Sampkins* Lands in *Essex*; with some others, which for the most part are notwithstanding inrolled in the *Exchequer*.

Next note, you shall loose your labour, if you search in the Chaple of the *Rolls* for any Grant from the King, which passed the Great Seale but within foure or five yeares last past: for they are not, or (at least) vse not to be brought ouer thither so speedily.

But in the meane time, are either with the *Riding Clarke* (who is one of the six *Clarks* of the *Chancerie*, and takes his turne to doe that seruice) for his yeare (that is, to haue the controlling of all Grants which passe the Great Seale:) Or else (if they be past him) they are in the Office of the *Petty Bagge*: As are *Inquisitions post Mortem*, and diuerse the like, till they can be transmitted to the Chaple of the *Rolls*. And yet the *Clarks* of the Chaple can as sufficiently make the said search for you, as any other; and for the like Fee, &c.

Further obserue, that there be diuerse Inquisitions *post Mortem*, which are not to be found in the *Chancerie* at all, by reason of some Omissions, and yet notwithstanding, are to be found in the *Exchequer*; by reason of the correspondencie betwixt those two Courts (as I shall shew in his place hereafter.)

And for such Omissions, yee may redresse them, by transmitting the said Records (by *Certiorare*) out of the *Exchequer* vnto the *Chancerie* (as occasion shall require.)

Further, if you haue occasion to haue a Copie of any *Patent*, *Roll*, or *Bundle*, to plead or shew in Euidence; you must eyther exemplifie the same, or else (at least) take a Copie of the whole Record, though there bee many other things containd in the same, which concerne not your present purpose, or businesse; and haue the same exactly examined, that Oath thereof may be made, at the pleading of the same: Besides that, it must be subscribed by a Clarke of the said Office, vpon such examination by him so made.

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 exemplifying of any thing vnder
the Great Seale.

EXEMPLIFICATION.

IF any Grant which hath beene past the Great Seale, be inrolled, and containe more mens Estates then one ; Which Originall Grant can remaine but in one mans hands : Or in case where the Originall is lost, you would exemplifie the same : you must first search in the Chapele of the *Rolls* for the Inrolment thereof ; which being found, any Clarke of the Office may engrosse the same : And when it is engrossed, you must get it examined with the Inrolment, by two Masters of *Chancerie*, who must testifie their said Examination vnder their hands. And then (it being readie for the Great Seale) you must beare the *Docquet* thereof vnto the Lord *Chancellor* or Lord *Keeper* of the Great Seale, to examine and peruse the same : Which being by him allowed, it may passe the Great Seale, and bee exemplified.

Where note, that you may exemplifie nothing of course, but what is inrolled, though it be amongst the Bills signed, or by neglect or chance be omitted out of the Inrolment: Neither can an Inrolment be altered, in case where the Originall and Inrolment agree not, though by the fault of the Clarke who inrolled and ingrossed the same; without extraordinary and most curious examination of all the great Officers of the *Chancerie* at the least (if so) &c.

Fees of search in Chancery.

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| For search of any thing in the <i>Index</i> or <i>Kalender</i> ----- | } xij ^d |
| For sight of euery <i>Record</i> you call for by the <i>Index</i> or <i>Ka-</i> <i>lender</i> ----- | } iiij ^d |
| For copying of any thing, you pay for euery Sheet----- | } viij ^d |
| For the <i>Hand</i> of the Clarke to any thing you copy----- | } ij ^s |

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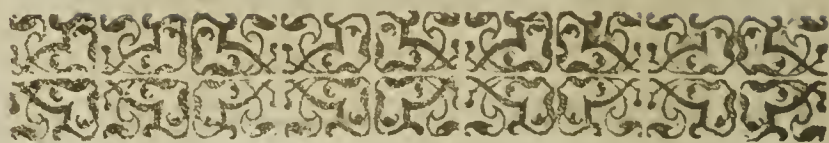
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| For euery Skin of Parchment which the <i>Grant</i> containeth | } xxvj ^s viij ^d |
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| For the two Masters of the | } iiiij ^s |
| <i>Chancerie</i> , their <i>Hands</i> to it--- | |
| For the <i>Seale</i> to it----- | } xx ^s vj ^d |
| For deliucring of the <i>Docquet</i> --- | |
| | } xij ^d |

Out of the foresaid generall Rule, I must except such things as are not in the *Kalender*, as the *Bundles*, called *Breuia Regis*, *Foreigne Rolls*, and the like; the search whereof is very vncertaine, and intricate: For in those searches, your Fee must answer the Clarkes extraordinarie paines, &c.

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THE
TOWER OF
LONDON.



HE Office of Records of the *Tower of London*, is a Member or Limme of the Office of the *Rolls of Chancerie*; and was made and ordayned onely, to receiue all the old Records from the Chaple of the *Rolls of Chancerie*, at such times as the Master of the *Rolls* should thinke fit to disburden the Chaple, and send such *Rolls* as whereof there is lesse vse (by reason of their Antiquitie) ouer to the Office of the *Tower*.

The Records in the Office of the *Tower* begin with some part of King *Richard* the third, and so extend backward towards the Conquest; howsoeuer, it hath but few Records more ancient, then of King *Iohn*, and *Henry* the second.

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The Records contain'd in the Office of the *Tower*, are the like generally, and of those kindes, as are the Records formerly declared to be in the *Rolls* of the *Chancerie*:

viz.

The like *Patents*, and *Commissions*.

The like *Close Rolls* of all sorts.

The like *Bundles* of all sorts.

The Office of the *Tower*, by reason of the antiquitie of Records contain'd in it, hath some Records, the like whereof are not in the *Chaple* of the *Rolls*: *viz.*

The Taxation of the Spiritualltie.

A Booke of *Taxation*, taken vpon the *Survey* of the *Spirituallties* of *England*, or all the *Spirituall Liuing*s: Whereof there is one likewise remayning with the *Kings Remembrancer* of the *Exchequer*.

Taxation of the Temporaltie.

A Booke of *Taxation*, taken vpon the *Survey* of the *Temporalties* of *England*, or all *Temporall Liuing*s, diuided into their severall *Denaries*.

But whether this latter Booke be a *Re-*

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cord,

cord, or no, I make question; it being brought thither of late times, by a Clark of that Office: and (as I heare) likely to be carryed away againe, if not alreadie gone.

There is also the ancient *Perambulations of Forests*.

Parliament Businesse.

There be likewise diuerse *Parliament Businesse*s, the like whereof are not in the *Chaple of the Rolls*.

Foreigne Rolls.

There be likewise diuerse *Rolls of Foreigne Businesse*s, the like whereof are not in the *Chancerie*.

The *Observations* concerning the *Omissions*, or not inrolling of some *Offices*, and *Patents*, are the like as in the *Chaple of the Rolls*; and their remedies the like.

The *Correspondencie* the like betweene this Office and the *Exchequer*.

And (to conclude) there be some *Records* in the *Tower*, which, because there is no order taken for the reducing of them into *Kalenders*, and their distinct *Classes*, can neither be by me, nor any other, here, or elsewhere

where demonstrated. It were to be wished, that some course might be taken in time, for the repaying of those Records which are worne out with their Antiquitie, before it be too late, and past remedie: It is the generall Cause, therefore would haue the helpe of the generall Purse in that behalfe.

The Fees for search in the Tower.

For search of any thing by *Kalender*, } x^s
 or without _____ }

And if you haue once payd the Fee of search, you may for the same Fee search for the same thing so often and so long, as vntil you be reasonably well fatisfied, with some consideration to be had respectiuely first and last to the Clarkes paines.

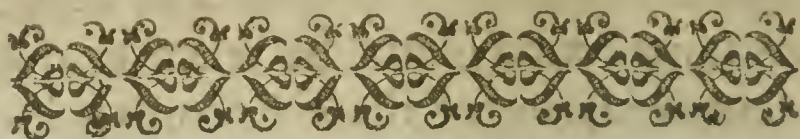
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And generally, as in the *Rolls of Chancerie* aforesaid.



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THE Records of the Court of *Exchequer* are many; and they remaine in the custodie of diuerse seuerall Officers of that Court (as appertaines to their seuerall places.) And of the said seuerall Officers, because some haue but the custodie of Records transitorily, as they passe through their hands; and others, by way of controlment and examination: I intend onely to shew what Records, the Clarke, (with whom the Records of the *Exchequer* are filed, or rather fixed for euer) haue in their custodie: *viz.*

- The Kings *Remembrancer*.
- The Lord Treasurers *Remembrancer*.
- The Clarke of the *Pipe*.
- The *Auditors*.

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The Clarkes on the *Receipt side*, vnder
the Chamberlaines.

The Office of the *Pleas*.

And the rest of the said *Exchequer*.

As for the rest of the Officers and Offices
omitted, I passe them not ouer, but imply
them rather in these aboue named.

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better vnderstanding of the Records
of the EXCHEQUER.

BEfore I enter into the distribution of
these Records, first I must giue you to
vnderstand, that there was anciently
devised an Extract of *Chancerie*, which is at
this day called the *Originall of Chancerie*.

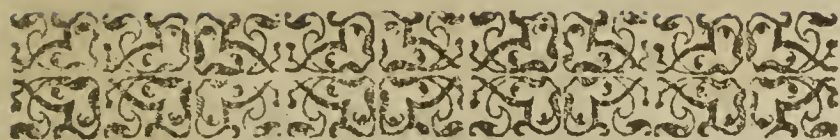
This Originall or Extract, transmitted
yearely from the *Chancerie* to the *Exchequer*,
contayneth in it most of the busineses and
matters belonging to the *Exchequer*.

And by this Extract or Originall growes
the great germane affinitie betwixt the *Ex-
chequer* and the *Chancerie*.

The Busineses of this Originall or Ex-
tract, I now intend to distribute to the se-

uerall Officers and Offices before recited, as they doe properly appertaine vnto them, with such other matters of Record as they may peculiarly challenge vnto them; especially according to the order of Sir *Richard Liſter*, sometime Lord chiefe Baron of the *Exchequer*, made the sixt of Iuly, in the five and twentieth yeare of the fortunate King *Henry* the eight, for reconcilment of certaine Differences then had betwixt the two *Remembrancers*: as followeth.

THE



THE KINGS
REMEMBRANCER.

THE Records here are as ancient, as the beginning of King *Henry* the third; and few more ancient.

In this Office of the *Kings Remembrancer* are contained, entred, and filed these things:
viz.

All Writs of *Priviledge*
for

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| The <i>Lord Treasurer</i> | } of this Court. |
| The <i>Chancellor</i> | |
| The <i>Chamberlaines</i> | |
| The <i>Barons</i> | |
| The <i>Marshall</i> | |
| All the great Officers | |

All Writs of *Priviledge*
for

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| <i>Clarke</i> s, and the les- ser Officers | } of this Court. |
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All their seruants attending in their
said Offices.

All Informations vpon all
Forfeitures.

Penall Lawes.

Intrusions.

Contempts, &c.

Also all *Processe* made out by the
Originall, against all

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| <i>Customers</i> ----- | } for their <i>Accompts</i> with all things belonging there- to. |
| <i>Controulers</i> ----- | |
| <i>Vlnagers</i> ----- | |
| <i>The Gauger of London</i> | |
| <i>Collectors of all Taxes</i> -- | |

Recognizances taken to the Kings vse; as
they be with the other *Remembrancer* also.

All *Processe* vpon *Recognizances* for the
King, for execution thereof by *Scire facias*,
or otherwise, till the Defendant bee dis-
charged.

All *Euidences, Deeds, and Writings* sealed,
concerning the King, which are requisite
to be inrolled in the *Exchequer*; as they bee
with the other *Remembrancer* also.

All *Deeds* concerning any other party but
the King, requisite to be inrolled in the *Ex-
chequer.*

Writs

Writs of *Mittimus* out of *Chancerie*.

Writs directed out of *Chancerie* to the Barons of the *Exchequer*.

Priuy-Seales directed to the Barons.

All manner of Writs vpon all manner of Commissions, for concealments of Customs of Merchandizes; with all Writs of *Assiſtas in Auxilium*, for collecting of the same Concealments, and all other Writs which concerne such Buſineſſes.

All *Letters Patents* (as they may be with the other *Remembrancer*, at the pleasure of the *Patentee*.

Also all *Bagges of Parcels of Accompts* of

Eſcheators

Commissioners

Searchers

Stewards

Baylifes

Fermors

Butler

} whereof there is any
} *Parcell* made.

All Writs directed to the *Exchequer*, for search of any thing.

All *Inquisitions* sent by *Mittimus* to the *Exchequer*.

All *Aëts* of Parliament sent by *Mittimus* to the *Exchequer*.

Likewise all *Processe* against these, *viz.*

The *Treasurer*

The *Coferer* of the *Household*

The *Butler* of *England*

The *Maïor* and *Fraternitie* of
the *Staple* } for their
Accompts

The *Master* of the *Horse*

The *Officers* of the *Mynt*

And other great *Officers*

There are likewise, since the making of the foresaid Order of *Sir Richard Lister*, by his appointment; some Records brought from the other *Remembrancer* to this; the certaine Titles whereof appeare not in the said Order.

There is likewise a *Presse de rebus tangen-
tibus Hiberniam*.

There is likewise in this Office, the *Red Booke*; which treateth most excellently of the ancient Ordination and Orders of the *Exchequer*.

As also the Booke intituled, *Liber Decretorum & Ordinationum Curie Augmentationis Coronæ*: Which was made, for the most
part,

part, in the time of King Henry the eight, and is likewise in the *Augmentation Court*.

The Booke of the Taxation of the *Abbeys*.

Likewise some *Leidger Bookes of Religious Houses*.

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| Some | } | Rentalls | } | of Religious Houses, which (for the most part) were brought thither for some especial service of the King, vpon Tryall or like occasions. |
| | | Surueyes | | |
| | | Accompts | | |
| | | Grants | | |
| | | Contractts | | |
| | | Leases | | |
| | | Compositions | | |

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| Some | } | Allowances | } | of | } | of Religious Houses. | |
| | | and | | | | | Sacristts, |
| | | Proprieties | | | | | Cellarists, and other Officers |

And I find in the *Red Booke*, before mentioned, that there was in this Office a Booke called *Tricollumpnus*.

This Booke (as the name imports) consisted of three *Collumpnes*.

1. The first, concerned the Church of *England*.

2. The second, the worthy Acts of King *Henry the second*.

3. The third, *Negotiations* publique and familiar. But this Booke is not to be found any where.

And this shall suffice for the *Kings Remembrancer*.

As for the Observations to be had in search here, with the vsuall Fees thereof; I shall take occasion to speake in the next place.

T H E



THE LORD
TREASURERS
REMEMBRANCER.



*I*N the Office of the *Lord Treasurers Remembrancer* are contayned, filed, and entred these things following: *viz.*

The *Originall* or *Extract* of *Chancerie* it selfe.

For though the *Kings Remembrancer* and the *Clarke* of the *Pipe* take out of the same such things as concerne their Offices respectively, yet the *Originall* it selfe doth alwayes remayne here.

The Contents of the *Originall* are these: *viz.*

1. The names of all

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| { | Sherifes | } That they may be called vnto Ac- counts. |
| | Escheators | |
| | Customers | |
| | Controulers | |
| | Searchers | |
| | Fermors of Vlnage | |
| | Fermors generally, | |

2. All *Lineries* sued out of the Kings hands; that *Processe* may bee made against the Kings Tenants, for doing of their *Homage*, and answering of their *Reliefes*.

3. All manner of *Patents*, granted by the King to any person, wherein is referued or contained any *Homage*, or *Fealtie*, or else any yearely Rent to his Maieltie, or whereby a Fee is granted.

4. All manner of *Commissions* to any

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| { | <i>Iustices of Peace.</i> | } Taken before them. |
| | <i>Iustices of Sewars.</i> | |
| | <i>Iustices of all kinds.</i> | |

That *Proces* may be made against them for deliuering of

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| { | <i>Recognizances</i> | } Taken before them. |
| | <i>Issues</i> | |
| | <i>Fines</i> | |
| | <i>Amerciaments</i> | |

5. All manner of *Commissions*, directed to any person or persons, to enquire of any Lands or Tenements of such as haue beene offenders

offenders to the King. In which *Commissions* the *Commissioners* haue authority to seize the said Lands or Tenements to the Kings vse ; that *Processe* may be made against the said *Commissioners*, for the profits thereof.

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| 6. All names of all Collectors of | <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="font-size: 2em; vertical-align: middle;">{</td> <td style="padding-left: 5px;">Subsidies</td> <td rowspan="4" style="font-size: 2em; vertical-align: middle;">}</td> <td rowspan="4" style="padding-left: 10px;">To call them to accompt.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 5px;">Fifteenes</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 5px;">Dismes</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 5px;">Taxes generally</td> </tr> </table> | { | Subsidies | } | To call them to accompt. | Fifteenes | Dismes | Taxes generally |
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| Taxes generally | | | | | | | | |

7. There is likewise in the said *Originall* (or at least should be) all *Pardons* of courte, granted of Grace, for *Manslaughter* ; by which, though the Life be pardoned, yet the Goods of the party so pardoned, be forfeited : So thereby *Processe* may goe forth, to enquire what Goods or Chattels hee had at the time of the doing of the Offence.

8. Also vnder the Title of *Diem clausit extremum*, are all the names of such persons, as after whose deaths the *Escheator* hath found any *Office* or *Title* for the King, by *Knights seruice*, &c. And in how many *Shires* the said *Office* was found, and before what *Escheator*: That in case one *Office* make no mention of any *Tenure* for the King, whereby he should haue a Right ; yet then they may examine
all

all the other Shires, whether there bee any Tenure for the King in them.

Also there are, or should be, all *Recognizances* forfeited to the King in *Chancerie*, and *Charters of Denization*: And these bee the Contents of the *Originall* for the most part; which though it were dis-vsed in the Lord *Chancellor Cromwells* dayes, yet it was restored to his former vse afterwards.

Now I returne to shew what other Records, besides the *Originall*, are with this *Remembrancer*: viz.

All manner of *Accompts* of

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| With all proceffe vpon these Ac- compts. | } | <i>Sherifes.</i> |
| | | <i>Escheators.</i> |
| | | <i>Commissioners.</i> |
| | | <i>Searchers.</i> |
| | | <i>Stewards.</i> |
| | | <i>Baylifes of Franchises.</i> |
| | | <i>Fermors.</i> |
| | | <i>All Gaugers (London only excepted)</i> |
| | | <i>Accompts for Workes, Buildings, and</i> |
| | | <i>Reparations for the King.</i> |
| | | <i>Preſt Moneyes.</i> |
| | | And what is not in the other <i>Re-</i> <i>membrancer.</i> |

Also

Also here are all *Extreats*

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| out of | { | <i>The Kings Bench.</i> | } To be by him | | | |
| | | <i>The Common Pleas.</i> | | deliuered to | | |
| | | <i>The Clarkes of the Market.</i> | | | the Clarke of | |
| | | <i>Iustices of Peace and Assise.</i> | | | | the <i>Extreats</i> , |
| | | <i>Iustices of Gaole Deliuerie.</i> | | | | |
| <i>Iustices of Sewars.</i> | | | | | | |

All other *Extreats* or *Penalties* from any other the Kings Iustices or Ministers, other then what are formerly assigned to the other *Remembrancer*.

All Writs of *Priuiledge*, of such as haue cause of *Priuiledge* here on this side.

All *Recognizances* of the *Exchequer*, as well as on the other side.

All *Euidences*, *Deeds*, and *Writings*, scaled concerning the King, which are to bee in-rolled in the *Exchequer* (as well here as on the other side.)

All *Letters Patents*, as well here as on the other side, at the pleasure of the Patentee.

All *Processe* against Commissioners *ad certificandum*, & *ad seisandum*, &c. other, then what concerne *Customes* & *Merchandizes*.

All *Processe* vpon *Patents* of *Fermors*, made and recorded here.

All Records of *Velaries* certified to the Barons; the *Processe* whereupon, hee makes and deliuers to the *Escheators*.

All *Inquisitions*, *Offices*, and *Transcripts*, other then what were formerly assigned to the other *Remembrancer*, passe through his hands to the *Parcell-maker*.

All *Taxes* of payment of the *Accompts*

of { *Sherifes*
Escheators } entred here.
 and *Baylifes* }

All *Amerciaments* afferred in Court.

All *Summons* of *Accomptants*.

All *Neglects* of their *Apparances*.

All *Amerciaments* for mis-returne of *Writs*.

All *Awards* of *Writs*, according to their returne, thereby to note the *Defaults*.

A Booke made at euery *Termes* end, of all *Iudgements* of any *Debts* discharged, to be by him deliuered to the *Clarke* of the *Pipe*, for the parties discharge.

The Booke, which is commonly called *Nomina villarum*, made about the ninth of *King Edward* the second: Wherein is containd the Names of all the *Hundreds* and *Villages* of *England*, with the Names of all the

the

the then Owners of them ; excepting some few Shires vncertified, or lost.

The Booke of all *Knights Fees*.

The Booke of the *Aide* of the *Prince*.

The *Surueyes* of diuerse the Kings Lands, taken of late yeares.

There are with this *Remembrancer*, as with the other, diuers Records : *viz.*

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| <i>Rentalls</i> | } of Religious Houses, brought thither vpon speciall ser- uice of the King. |
| <i>Leidgers</i> | |
| <i>Surueyes</i> | |
| <i>Accompts</i> | |

And lastly, here are the *Accompts* of *Assessements*, and other proceedings touching *Romish Recusants*. But this *Limne* is taken away from this *Remembrancer*, and made lately a seuerall *Office* of it selfe.

OBSERVATION FOR
search in the two *Remem-
brancers*.

First, in regard their Records lye in seuerall and differing places, there is thereby great difference in the manner and charge of search of the same.

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Next,

Next, you shall vnderstand, that within the said seuerall *Remembrancers* there are seuerall *Clarks*, who haue peculiarly and properly the keeping of seuerall *Records*: And that the *Records* of these *Offices* are not as those in *Chancery*, common to all the *Clarks* alike; especially for the *Lord Treasurers Remembrancer*, who hath vnder him diuerse *Secondaries* and *Clarks*, appointed to their seuerall *Records* distinctly: But it shall suffice, that I bring you to the *Office*, wherein you may promise your selfe to finde these *Records*, paying *Fees* for search as followeth.

F E E S O F S E A R C H W I T H
the two *Remembrancers*.

At the *Exchequer*, at *Westminster*.

For search of the *Red Booke* on the *Kings Remembrance* side, as followeth.

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| For opening the <i>Chest</i> ———— | } ij ^s |
| For the <i>Attorney</i> , who sheweth it, if hee goe of purpose to <i>Westminster</i> to shew it———— | } iij ^s iij ^d |

Other—

Otherwise, it may be the *Attorney* will take lesse: *viz.* _____ } 1^s

For search on the Lord Treasurers side.

For search of any thing in the *Tenure-house*, their *Liguli Inquisitionum*, and *Gills Bookes* _____ } vj^s viij^d

For search of all other things generally in the *Offices in London* _____ } as in *Chancerie*.

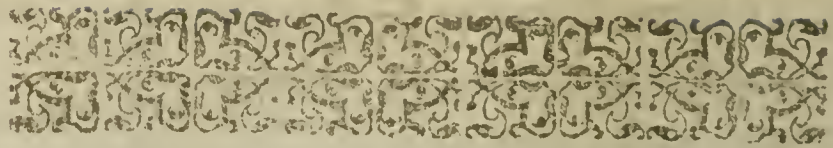
For search at *Westminster* generally, according to their paines in search _____ } no certaine Fee.

For search in Vacation time at *Westminster*, your *Attorneyes Fee* at least _____ } iiij^s iiiij^d

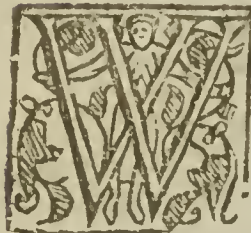
Besides the *Wshers*, for opening the doores.

And for more certaintie, I referre you to their owne Tables of diuerse Fees, which are or should be in their *Offices*, to be seene publicly: I hauing onely set downe the Fees of mine owne practise herein,

And this shall suffice for the two *Remembrancers*.



THE
CLARKE OF
THE EXTREATS.



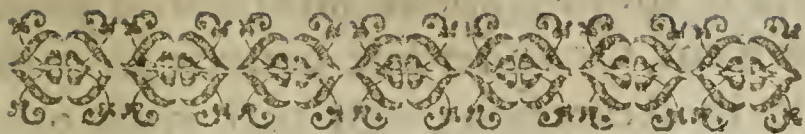
IN the Clarke of the Ex-
treats are
All Extreats of the Greene Waxe
vpon

Fines,
Amerciaments,
Forfeited Recognizances,
&c.

Whatsoever is extreated and directed
to all the Sherifes of this Realme, of all
such summes of Money as be lost and
forfeited within their seuerall Bayli-
wikes, to the intent that they should
leuie the same for the King.

And thus much shall suffice for the same
Records which are here, and by transfe-
rence to be found elsewhere, *vt supra.*

THE



THE PIPE.



THE Records here, are some as ancient as in the time of King *Henry the second.*

The Clarke of the *Pipe*, who by Office hath the execution by Summons of the *Pipe*, of all Debts determined vpon all the Kings Debtors, of what kind soeuer; hath accordingly the Making, Entering, and Recording of

All { *Processe of Summons* } against all the
 { *Processe of Arrest* } *KINGS DEBTORS.*

Also

The Booke, called the *Booke of Judgements*, which is said to be likewise with the *Lord Treasurers Remembrancer.*

All *Leases* of any the Kings Lands, being but *Quillets*, vnder the Rent of five pounds yearely, and past vnder the *Exchequer Seale*, and *Custodie.*

For

as the foresaid *Accomptants* shall be charged withall.

Either

By the *Foreigne Opposer* of *Greene Waxe*:

Or,

The *Auditor* for *Foreigne Accompts*.

Here are also

All *Grants*, wherein the King may haue either

Reuerfion,

or

Rent.

Which, with diuers other things, hee taketh out of the *Originall* of *Chancerie*, and enters the same, with most of his other *Bu-
sinesfes*, in the *Roll* called the *Great Roll*, before mentioned.

Also here are

All *Fines*, for not acknowledging of

Homage

or

Reliefe,

} Extracted from the *Lord
Treasurers Remembrancer.*

All *Amerciaments* set vpon *Accomptants*, for not keeping their dayes prefixed, or for what cause soeuer.

All *Debts* recouered for the King, which hee extracts from the *Kings Remembrancer*, with the *Fines* and *Amerciaments* of any *Accomptants* there.

All *Duties* for Vacation of *Bishoprickes*, and the like *Debts*.

And all other *Fermes* and *Debts*, for which *Processe* are awarded by the *Barons* of the *Court*.

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| All | { | <i>Allowances</i> | } | of <i>Collectors</i> and <i>Accomptants</i> generally, as the <i>Court</i> doth award them. |
| | | <i>Petitions</i> | | |
| | | <i>Charges</i> | | |
| | | <i>Accompts</i> | | |
| | | <i>Discharges</i> | | |

All the *Kings Household Expences*, and other *Foreigne Accompts*.

All *Accompts* of the *Kings Reuenues*, &c.

These,

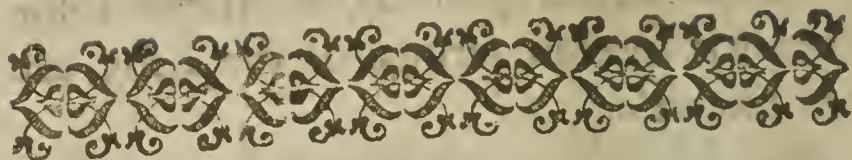
With some other *Records* of diuers natures, not so proper or natiue to this *Office*

as the former, being brought hither at some times for speciall seruice of the King, are here likewise.

And briefly, hence issue as from a *Pipe*, all *Processe*, whereby the King recouereth or extracteth any thing due vnto him, or dischargeth the same.

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THE



THE
AUDITORS.



THE *Auditors* are of two sorts: and so accordingly are the Records remaying with them, differing respectiue-ly.

1. The one, for the *Kings Reuenues*.
2. The other, for the *Preſt Accompts*.

The *Auditors* for the *Reuenues* are likewise of two sorts:

1. The one for his certaine Shires.

Accompts proper and foreigne, of all *Accomptants* to the King.

Accompts referred vnto him by the Barons.

2. The other ſelected by his Maieſties Commissioners, to bee Clarke vnto them, when they haue eſpeciall Commission for the letting, ſelling, & ſetting of any his Maieſties Lands or Poſſeſſions; and hee is called *Auditor of the Rates*.

AUDITOR OF THE
REVENUE.

With the *Auditor* of the *Revenue*
are these Records following:
viz.

All the *Accompts* of the *Revenue* of

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| All the Kings | { | Honours | } in their severall Cir- cuits. |
| | | Mannors | |
| | | Lands | |
| | | Tenements | |

Shewing

1. What *Lands* every *Tenant* holdeth.
2. What *Rent* every *Tenant* payeth.
3. What *Servise* the *Tenant* oweth in
some cases.
4. What the cleare value of the *Lands*
held is.

5. What *Reprisals*, *Perquisus*, &c.

6. What *Allowances* and *Fees* issuing.

Distinguishing

7. The *Possessions* and the *Demesnes* from
the rest, &c.

8. The *Freehold* from the *Customarie*.

Charging and discharging

9. The *Tenants*, who are to pay the *Rent*.

10. The Receiuers and Baylifes, who collect the same.

Next, are in his custodie such *Leases*, as wherein there is reserued to his Maiestie either

Rent,

or

Service.

Next, are with him such *Leases* or *Grants* as whereby the King is to pay *Fee* to the *Lessee* or *Grantee*, by the hands of his generall *Receiuer* of the *Countie*, &c.

Next, here are the *Accompts* of

All { *Customers.*
Escheators.
Receiuers, generall and particular.
Fermors.

Lastly, here are in this Office

Diuerse { *Rentalls,*
Leidgers, } For Lands in their
Surueyes, &c. } Shires at least.

And most of these last Records haue come to their hands since the dissolution of the *Monastique Houses*, and for the most part vpon occasion of especiall seruice for the *Crowne*, &c.

And

And diuers of the said Records no doubt haue beene carryed from this *Office*, by the Executors, Friends, and Clarkes of *Auditors* deceased; of which, the King and his subjects might haue excellent vse and benefit.

THE AUDITOR OF THE
RATES.

With this *Auditor* of the Rates,
are

1. The *Grants* of what is sold, let, or set by the Commissioners.
2. The *Rates* of the same.

OBSERVATION.

SO that it is not sufficient for you, to search the proper *Auditor* for the *Shire*, for discouerie of any thing past; but you must further cleare the search with this *Auditor* of the *Rates*. And in some cases you shall not haue full satisfaction of the passing of some things, vnlesse you search as lowe as with the Clarke of the *Papers* of the *Signet*.

AUDITOR OF THE
PREST.

THis last Auditor being for the *Preſt* Accompts, hath and taketh all Accompts of

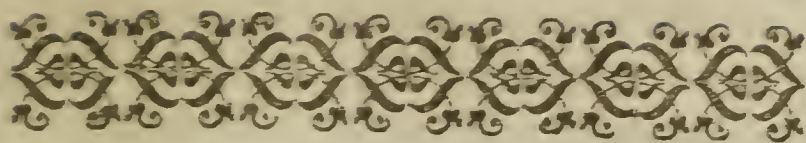
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| All | { | 1. Moneyes giuen in <i>Preſt</i> 2. The <i>Buildings</i> 3. <i>Maintaynings</i> 4. <i>Repairings</i> | } | of his Maie- sties <i>Naue,</i> <i>Houſes, &c.</i> |
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5. With all Accompts appertaining there-
unto.
6. All Accompts of the *Household*, and all
the Officers of the same.

Fees of search with the Auditors.

At the *Office* } as in the *Rolls of Chancerie*
generally.

At *Westminster* } as in the *Remembrances* ge-
nerally.

THE



THE RECEIPT SIDE.

THE chiefe Records on this side, within the compasse of my subiect, proposed onely for the clearing of *Titles* and *Estates*, are in the custodie of

1. The *Chamberlaines*, and their *Deputies*,
and
2. The *Clarke* of the *Pells*.

Or at least, I may imply the rest within or vnder the *Chamberlaines*, and *Vnder-Chamberlaines*.

CHAMBERLAINES.

THe *Chamberlaines* haue the custodie or passing of

1. All *Tallies* stricken, in receipt of all payments made to the King.

2. All *Foyles* } *Ioynd*,
 } or
 } *Vnioynd*.

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3. Old

3. Old Records of the *Exchequer Court*, being more ancient then those in the *Remembrancers*.

4. And *Pleadings* of the *Common Pleas*, till the end of *Richard* the second: And of the *Kings Bench*, till the end of *Henry* the fifth; where their owne proper *Treasuries* begin, and are kept in the *Treasurie* called the *Round-Treasurie*, behind the *Abbey* at *Westminster*.

5. Some ancient *Treaties* with *Foreigne Estates*, being of more antiquitie then the *Records* of the proper *Treasuries* of the *Kings Bench*: And these are kept in a *Treasurie* adioyning to the foresaid *Round-Treasurie*, and are kept very strictly vnder sixe *Keyes*, belonging to so many seuerall *Officers* of the *Exchequer*.

6. Diuerse *Records*; as *Pleadings*, and other things commixed, of the time of *King Edward* the first, *King Edward* the second, and *King Edward* the third: And these are kept in a *Treasurie* neere to the *Records* of the *Augmentation Office*, because the other *Treasuries* cannot containe them.

The Chamberlaines haue

7. The Booke, called *Institutio Scaccarij*, purporting the Subiect in the Title.

8. The *Blacke Booke*, which is elfewhere recited.

9. Offices *post mortem*, with the *Parcels* vpon them, which they deliuer to the *Parcell-maker*.

10. All Writs of *Allowances*, sent from the King, by *Mittimus* vnder the Great Seale.

11. The *Affsignements* of *Auditors*, in some cases to take *Accompts*.

12. A Booke of some of the ancient *Lawes* of *S. Edward*.

13. The Booke, commonly called *Doomes-day*, made in the time of the *Conqueror*, consilting of two Volumes: *viz.*

1. The one, contayning *Suffolke*, and *Norfolke*.

2. The other, contayning all the rest of the Shires.

THE INSTITUTION OF
this Booke.

AND this Booke was made for the reducing of the Estates of all the Lords: Spirituall and Temporall, and Bodies Politique and Ciuill, that then were to hold immediately of the said *Conqueror*: and so consequently it containes as followeth.

THE CONTENTS OF
Doomes-day Booke.

1. **T**He ancient Demesne Lands of the Crowne.
2. The Lands of the then Lords Spirituall and Temporall, Religious Houses, Societies, Fraternities, Bodies Politique and Ciuill, &c. For the most part, by the *Yard, Hide, Oxe-gauge, Carucate, Selion, &c.*
3. Their Fayres, Markets, Priuiledges, Liberties, and Customes, &c. With diuers other things of like nature.

And you shall vnderstand what a *Yard-Land*, and what a *Hide* containeth, by the same Author; and how many *Hides* were then

then in England: And consequently, how many *Knights Fees*; and how they were in propertie of the Church, or Temporaltie, appears by the same Booke.

The Fees of search with the Chamberlaines, or their vnder Chamberlaines.

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| | <i>Treasurie of the three</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <i>first Edwards</i> — | | | | | | | | | | | |
| For Copie of any thing in any of them, euery sheet | — | } | j ^s | | | | | | | | | |
| For search of <i>Domes-day</i> Booke | — | } | vjs ^s viij ^d | | | | | | | | | |
| For Copie of any thing in it, to be written in the old <i>Saxon</i> Let- ter, euery Line | — | } | iiij ^d | | | | | | | | | |
| For search of the Ordinarie Re- cords, which belong vnto them as <i>Chamberlaines</i> , onely concer- ning their <i>Tallies</i> , &c. | — | } | as with the <i>Remembran-</i> <i>cers</i> , at their Office. | | | | | | | | | |

O B S E R V A T I O N.

Where note, that they haue the keeping, or rather the conseruing of the old Records of other Courts, and other things, as they are a part of the Kings *Treasurie*; and the Fees of Search and Copies are the greater, because they are diuided amongst many hands.

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O R,
 CLERICVS PELLIVM.

With the Clarke of the *Pells*,
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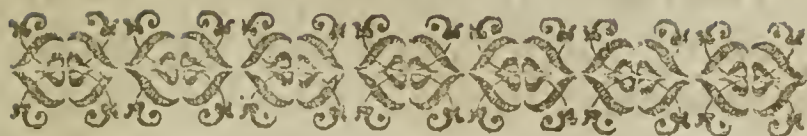
All $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Receipts} \\ \text{Payments} \end{array} \right. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{To the King, for} \\ \text{what cause focuer,} \\ \text{for or by whōsoeuer} \end{array} \right\} \text{payd.}$

The Fees of Search

At no certaintic, but respectiuelly to their paines.

And thus much for the
Receipt Side.

Now



NOW NEXT

THe Office of the *First Fruits*, and *Augmentation* of the *Revenues*, offer themselves : For as for the Officers omitted, there is no Record with them, which may not be found with some other of the Officers formerly mentioned.

The *Controller* of the *Pipe* hath onely the controlment of what is with the *Clarke* of the *Pipe*.

The *Foreigne Opposer* maketh vp his *Docquet*, and deliuereth it to the *Clarke* of the *Pipe*.

The *Parcell-maker*, who gathereth together the Offices *post Mortem*, and maketh a Booke of the *Parcells* ; is but a *Retayler* of Records : and they are elsewhere, as is formerly declared.

The *Marshall* hath nothing peculiar to himselfe, which is matter of Record.

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The *Vsher* his Office consists more in knowing the number, then the nature of the Records.

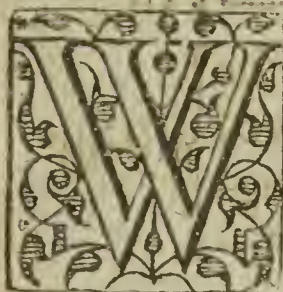
The Clarke of the *Nihils* onely offers his emptie Purse to the Clarke of the *Pipe*.

And therefore I passe these ouer, and ad-dresse my selfe to that which requires the Remainder of my Lampe.

THE



THE
FIRST FRUITS
OFFICE.



WITH the Remembrancer of the
First Fruits, and Tenths, are
1. The Valuation of all
Bishopricks, Denaries, and
Ecclesiasticall Promotions,
which ought to pay *First Fruits*, and
Tenths.

2. All Bonds for securitie of the *First Fruits, and Tenths*, be here kept and made.

3. All *Processe* for the same.

4. All *Lands* belonging to most of the
Religious Houses, certified into this Office,
though not by way of Suruey, yet in very
distinct and exact manner; for the most
part about the sixe and twentieth yeare of
Henry the eight. Whereunto (as it is said)
the *Gouernors* of such Houses were ledde,

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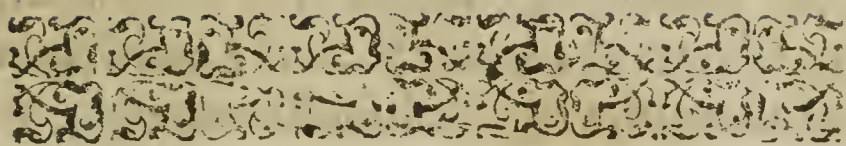
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being perswaded by the Lord Cromwell, That what they brought in thither, should bee restored, and confirmed vnto them, in auoydance of the *Premunire*: And that what was omitted, should be taken and reputed as concealed from the King.

F E E S

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| For search of <i>Valuations</i> ————— | } xij ^d |
| For view of either Booke (the whole being deduced into two) which concerne Lands belong- ing to any Abbeyes————— | } iiij ^s iiij ^d |

THE



THE
COURT OF
AVGMENTATION.



HIS Court contaynes all the Records of the Lands of all Religious Houses, as well the greater, as the lesse, which at the time of their Dissolutions could bee brought into the Kings hands : As,

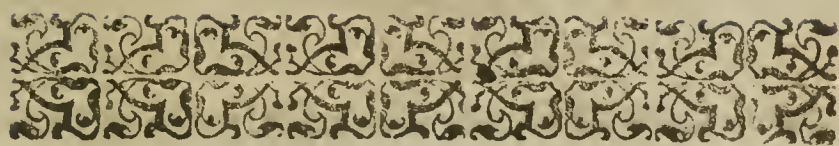
1. *Accompts.*
2. *Surueyes.*
3. *Surueyes vpon Accompts.*
4. *Leidger Bookes.*
5. *Rentalls.*
6. *Leases.*
7. *All other particular Evidences.*
8. *The Pleadings, Presentments, and Proceeding in their Courts, before dissolution, with others the like.*

9. And lastly, the *Surveys* taken vpon the *Accompts* of most of the said Lands, vpon and after their said *Diffolution*.

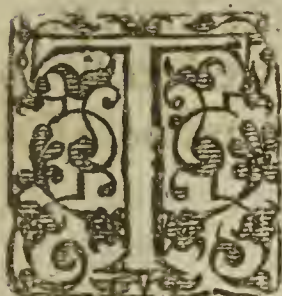
The Fees of search in the Augmentation Court.

For *Search* and *Copie*, as in the *Rolls* of *Chancerie*, except it be out of *Terme* time; and then, as in time of *Vacation* with the *Remembrancers*.

THE



THE
KINGS BENCH.



HE Records of the *Kings Bench* are distinguished, according to the several *Limnes* thereof.

The *Limnes* of the *Kings Bench*, bee two.

The Records are accordingly of two sorts: *viz.*

Pleadings vpon all Actions personall, and some mixt Actions.

Pleadings and *Busineses* of the Crowne.

THE PROTHONOTORIES

SIDE.

THE Records on this side, are *Pleadings* vpon all manner of Actions personall.

Attaints.

Attaints.

Appeales.

Inrolments of Purchases of Estates of Freehold purchased, which may be there inrolled, as well as in the *Chancerie*, or other Courts, at the pleasure of the Purchasers.

And in the *Red Booke* in the *Exchequer*, you shall find, that the King vsed to sit in person here, to entertaine and answer *Forreigne Negotiations*.

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| <i>Treaties</i> | } | in | } | <i>Religion,</i> |
| and | | | | and |
| <i>Controuersies</i> | | | | <i>Ciwill Businesse.</i> |

But the more ancient of these, are with the *Chamberlaines* of the *Exchequer*.

And the latter are with the Keeper of the *Kings Royall Paper* (as I take it.)

The Records on this side, which are kept in the proper *Treasurie*, are as ancient as from the beginning of the harmelesse King *Henry the sixth*, till this present: Of which, onely the Records of one yeare and a halfe last past, are vnlocked vp, and lye open to bee searched, in the lower *Treasurie*; and
some

some few yeares more in their vpper *Treasurie*.

Fees of Search in the Kings Bench.

For Search of euery Terme in } *iiij* s *iiiiij* d
 the vpper *Treasurie*—————

Besides the Keepers Fees of the }
Treasurie, which are little } as in *Com-*
 more then those of the *Com-* } *mon Pleas.*
mon Pleas Treasurie—————

For Search of euery Terme, of } *vj* s
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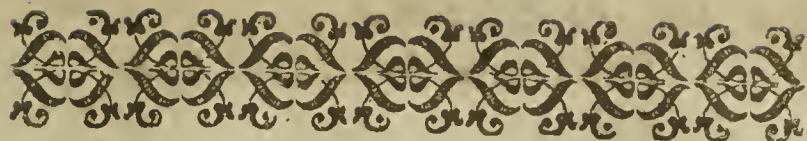
THE CROWNE OFFICE.



THE *Crowne Office*, in which are containd the Pleas of the Crowne, Busineses of the Peace, and Good Behaviour; Indictments, Presentments, Attainders; Recognizances of diuerse sorts; Informations vpon Penall Lawes; and Vtlaries of Offendors, and Malefactors; &c. I doe aduisedly pretermitt.

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THE
C O V R T O F
C O M M O N P L E A S .



THE Records of the *Common Pleas*, are

Pleadings vpon all \int *Reall* and
Actions whatloeu $\text{\textcircled{r}}$, \int *Personall*.

Which may bee pleaded at the *Common Law*.

The Records kept in the *Treasurie* of this Court, are as ancient as from the beginning of King *Henry* the fourth, till this present.

Tenne of the last yeares Records lye abroad.

The former yeares are shut vp.

Before the foure and twentieth yeare of our late *Queene Elizabeth*, the *Reall Actions*

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and

and the *Personall* went promiscuously together. But since that time,

The Kings *Siluer* and *Fines*
Afsizes

Formedons

All *Reall Actions*

Deeds inrolled

Protections

All these were seperated from the *Personall Actions*.

*The Fees of Search in the
Common Pleas.*

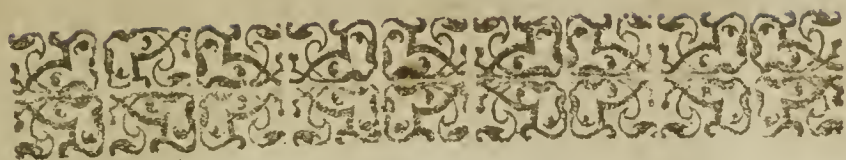
For search of euery Terme, lying }
abroad ————— } iiij^d

For search of euery Terme, lockt }
vp ————— } iiij^s

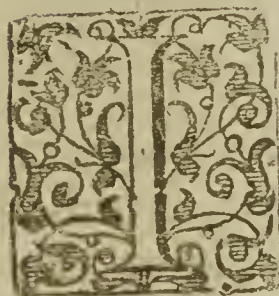
For opening the *Treasury Doore* — } iiij^s

To conclude, take direction from the
Prothonotaries Docquets, and *Remem-*
brancers, to direct you in the *Treasurie*
for latter times.

RECORDS



RECORDS
OF COURTS
CHRISTIAN.



Meane not to discourse eue-
ry particuler Court or Office
in this kinde; but onely to
pursue my Scope, proposed
in the *Frontispice* hereof, for
clearing of Titles: Within
which limitation, these Records doe espe-
cially offer themselues: *viz.*

*Testaments, and Administration of Goods,
&c.*

Presentations, and Confirmations.

*Immunities, Priuiledges, and other Rights
of Prescription.*

TESTAMENTS AND
ADMINISTRATIONS.

ALL Wills and Testaments of the Defunct are proved, & recorded, either with the Register of the

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| { | 1. Prerogative. |
| | 2. The Proper Diocesse. |
| | 3. The Peculiar, or |
| | 4. The Visitant for the present. |

THE PREROGATIVE.

IN all cases where the *Defunct* hath or had Goods, Chattels, Credits, or other Personall Estate, to the value of five pounds, or upwards, at the time of his Decease, out of the Diocesse where hee liued, and was resident, or died; the *Will* of the *Defunct* is proved, and recorded in the *Prerogative*, for the whole Estate.

The Records of the *Prerogative* are as ancient, as vntill *Septimo Richardi secundi, Anno Domini 1383*. And it hath none more ancient, as appears by their Kalenders, (which are exceeding well made vp, and disposed.)

For

For all such *Wills* as are of more antiquitie, you shall search for them with the generall *Register* of the Arch-bishop, in whose Office both these *Businesses* were carryed, till the diuision of the same, made at the time aforesaid.

ADMINISTRATIONS.

THE same Rules and Observations are to bee held in matter of *Administration* of Goods, &c.

THE PROPER DIO-
CESSE.

IN case where the whole Personall estate of the *Defunct* doth, or did, at the time of his Decease, remaine or bee within the Diocesse where hee liued, and was resident, or died; so that the value of five pounds, or yppwards, thereof is not, or was not (at such time) in any other Diocesse: the *Will* of such *Defunct* is proued and recorded in the proper Diocesse, with the *Register* of the Arch-Deacon, or his Officiall of course, or the Commissarie.

And in the Bishops *Visitation*, with his Chancellor or Commissarie; with reseruati-
on onely to the peculiars, together with the
benefit of generall *Visitation*.

Note, that by reason of the familiaritie
betweene the Bishops Commissarie, and
the Arch-Deacon, commonly you may
finde *Wills*, not being of *Prerogatiue* nature,
so soone (sometimes) with the one, as the
other.

The like Rule is of *Administrations* in the
Diocesse.

Onely note, That sometimes you shall
finde *Wills* proued, and *Administration* gran-
ted in seuerall *Diocesse* (*quoad*) vnto seuerall
parts or parcels of the estate of the *Defunct*,
lying and being at the time of his death to
separate and diuided: And sometime those
which of right are proued, or granted and
recorded in the *Prerogatiue*, to be likewise
called to be proued or recorded in the pro-
per *Diocesse*.

For such *Wills* as fall in time of *Visitation*,
either of the Arch-Bishop, or the Bishop of
the *Diocesse*, you must search for them ac-
cording to the Rule of their times, and
years

yeares of *Visitation*, wherein they are very certaine.

And (as I take it) heretofore, when the Pope had power of *Visitation* in England, hee tooke likewise *Probate* of *Wills*, &c. Which may be very well now missing *inter alia*.

OBSERVATION.

You shall note, that there be some *Wills* of the deceased, which cannot be found with the *Register* of any *Court Christian*; and yet are extant in the *Chaple* of the *Rolls* of *Chancerie*, or the *Tower*, in their *Offices post mortem*.

And lastly, some *Wills*, which cannot be found either with *Register* of *Court Christian*, or in *Chancerie*, may (in case, *inter alia*, where the deceased hath devised any thing to any *Societie*, or *Bodie Politique*) be found in-rolled in the *House*, *Colledge*, *Hospitall*, *Hall*, *Abbey*, &c. to whom such things were devised; or amongst the *Records* of such *Societies*, dissolved; or amongst the *Evidences* of such, as vnto whom
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the same things so giuen, haue sithence come, if you pursue the same.

And this shall suffice for *Wills* and *Testaments*; wherein I onely write mine owne Practice.

PRESENTATIONS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.

NE X T, there are with the *Register* of the *Courts Christian*,

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| <i>Presentations</i> | { | To Spiri- | } Proper to the pro- |
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| & | { | motions, | or |
| <i>Confirmations</i> | { | being ey- | } <i>Accidentarie</i> , by |
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1. For the proper *Presentation*, search with the *Register* of the Bishop, or of the Deane and Chapter, in cases where they haue the Propertie originally; and the Record thereof is to be found with them respectiuely.

2: And

2. And with the Bishops Register onely, in case the *Presentation* falls vnto him by *Lapse*.

3. But in case where any other priuate Patron doth present in his owne right, in his due time; the best light for discouerie thereof, is by the *Induction*, and sometimes by the confirmation of such *Grants*.

4. Or in cases where the King presents by *Lapse*, or *Omission* in the Bishop; search in the *Chancerie*: and generally, in most cases search in the *First Fruits*.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Confirmations are (for the most part) with the Bishop of the *Diocesse*.

And you shall find, before the Dissolution of the Abbeyes, that Spirituall Liuinges or Promotions were seldome giuen to any Religious House; but that the Patron of the same House confirmed it, and kept Record thereof.

IMMUNITIES.

THERE are next with the *Registers*
of *Courts Christian*, Records of

Immunities

Priviledges

Rights of

Pr. scription

} granted to *Bodies Politique*
or *Private*.

As,

For exemption from paying of *Tithe* at
all.

For paying of a *Rate Tithe*.

For paying, or doing somewhat, in stead
of *Tithe*.

For exemption from coming to the
Parish Church.

For exemption from diuers other Du-
ties ; as *Watch, Ward*, and others, of diuers
other sorts.

For *Peculiarities*.

For *Priviledges* of diuerse kinds.

For *Faculties* of diuerse natures.

And these, by custome and continu-
ance, haue attained to such reputation, that

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notwithstanding the Records should bee lost, yet the Remembrance or Prescription of them holdeth his wonted force and validitie.

And (which is most strange to me) that notwithstanding there bee many times, in many cases, Records to cleare the Prescription in question: yet, in pleading, they doe often vse no other arguments, but the memorie of Man, which may erre. And therefore I could wish, that the severall *Registers* of all *Diocesse*, would collect all such Records; that thereof there might bee a perfect Volume digested, for Succession.

But alas, if most of these *Immunities*, *Priuiledges*, and *Rights*, were graunted at the first, and generally afterwards confirmed by the Popes *Visitant* in *England*: (as I partly know, and am otherwise induced to beleeue the same.) Where may I then say, these Records are to be found, so perfect as at *Rome*? Where (I haue heard credibly) that they bee very carefully preserved at this houre; and would

(if they might be had) cleare many tedious and expensive *Suits* for matter of *Prescription*. And if they whom it chiefly concernes, would be at the charge thereof; I durst vndertake (with Gods assistance) to bring them all exemplified faithfully into *England* within three yeares.

Thus omitting to speake of any Record concerning Matters of *Matrimonie*, which is Twynne with matter of *Contract* (having no other naturall Mother then *Court Christian*) because it is euery mans Learning, I passe it ouer, with all other their Records; which tend not to the enucleating of Title, and Estate. And if any one answer, that the Confirmation, or Nullitie of Marriage, toucheth many an ones Free-hold and personall Estate very neerely; and therefore would not bee so slightly pretermitted: I reply, touching Marriages questionable vpon Propinquitie of Blood, Pre-contract, want of Age in eyther partie, indirect accomplishment, Disparitie, want of Consummation, or Disabilitie of the Minister marrying the parties, with the like proceedings,

dings, tending to Separation, or Nullitie; you shall search in the Proper *Diocesse* generally; and sometimes, with the *Register* of the *High Commission*. But the Misdemeanors themselves in surreptitious Marriages, are (of later times) for the most part, to be found in the *Star-chamber*. And for the Solemnization of the Marriage it selfe, search the *Parochiall Register*: Which, because it is sometimes vncertaine, in regard that the Marriage performed by Facultie of *Licence*, may alter the place; it were not amisse, that all Church-Wardens might be enioyned to present (quarterly) euery particular Marriage, celebrated in their Parishes respectiuely.

THus hauing brought the execution and intention of these Labours into a Circle; presuming, that you will not, in Title of Cobby-hold, require mee to open that, of which (for the most part) your Steward of the Mannor, and certaine of the Cobby-holders keepe the Keyes: Neyther to informe you in the Customes,

Liberties, or Priuiledges of Cities, and Townes Corporate; which your Librarie-Keeper, or other Officer, who keepes the *Treasurie* of all the same Records in their common *Guild-Hall*, can onely shew you, (especially for the Customes of the *Citic of London*; whereupon old

Dunthorne, and their *Liber*

Albus doc most excel-

lently treat)

I rest

Sub rostro Cyconia.

FINIS.

