

RICHARD BOWLE'S BOOK.

(Continued).

And then by earnest intreaty and vpon assured promise of present payment of there rates & the charges there conformitie was certiffied to the Cort by the minister and Churchwardens wch was there accepted and Regestred and they so dismissed for that time. **The workes** proceeded and were well nigh finished by Christide. And the vijth day of January another meeting was of manie of the pishioners, and thaccompt of the wholle xvj single Rates there faithfullie declared, As by a breif of the same here followeing maye appere **Uppon** wch Accompt divers somes of money appeared to be oweing to sundry psons for Tymber and boorde & Iron & workemanshipp &c And yet the worke not fullie finished. **whereuppon** there were seaven single Rates more voluntarilie offred and assented vnto wch was thought would fullie pforme the same. **And then** the glaseing & painting of the Church proceeded And the booke for placing the people men & wemen newe examined and concluded as hereafter may appere **All which** paines and dilligence notwithstanding manie were discontented and some made scruple, & some denied to paye the new, and some held back pte of the olde Rates: Whereby sundry psons were yet vnpaid for Tymber, boorde, plancke, Iron, Careage & Workemanshipp, So as there was a necessitie enforced to certefie some names to the high Comission Corte wch was done accordnglye the ixth of February **whereuppon** new fres of Sumons were awarded the xiiijth of Februarie for some to appere the vijth of march Followeing to answere in that behalf.

Uppon speciall consideracons vs moveing: we will & Require you in his mate name by virtue of his highnes comission for causes Ecclicall vnder the great seale of

England to vs and others directed, that you and all and every of you doe make yor psonall apparance before vs or others or Colleages att Lambeth att the mannor house of me the Archbp: of Canterburie on Satterdaie the seventh of march next enseweing the date of these pntē betweene one and twoo of the clock in the after noone, to answere vnto such matters as shall be there objected vnto you, And to Receave such direcōn therein as to Justice shall appertaine: **And** that after yor apparance so made, you doe attend and not depte vntill you shall be therevnto speciallie licensed. Hereof faile you not as you will answere the contrary att yor pill. Given att Lambeth the 14th day of Februarie 1606.

R: Cant:

Tho: Gloucestr

W: Roffens:

To W T: J G: J C: R F: F O: R W: J D:
R W: & H D: of the pishe of Chessam in
the county of Buckingham yomen and to
euey one of them.

Theis Tres of Summons being brought to Chesham & shewed to the severall parties, & a Copy of the same tendred to every pticuler pson, Most of them repayred to Sr Edmde Ashfeild & intreated his favor offring to be ordered by hym: who pswaded them to yeld to the Order & to the paymt of their rates & of the Charges of the Sute ratably wth all that were Summoned & then he would (wth the rest to whome yt Dyd appteyne certefy (to the high Comission Court) their conformety & so they might be Discharged. And therevpon they all (except twoo) yelded & pmysed paymt both of their Rates & allso of the Charges. Then Certificat was made to the Cort as well of their conformety, as allso of the Obstinaey of H. D. & R. F. who stood out wth Stout woordē & would in no sort yeld. whervpon the one sorte was Discharged, and for the other twoo an Attachment was awarded, for eyther of them and a messenger sent Downe to execute the same Vpon knowledge of whose comyng to Chesham. Henry D.

made meanes to be spared & by his Sonne offred his Ratable mony & his portion for the Charges. But R. F. held out till he was Arrested, and then he & his wyf intreated the Messinger and his neighbors for favor. And the messenger at the earnest Request of Sr Edmūd Ashfeld, Mr Bowle & others was content, (yf the Churchwardens were satisfyed) to tak for his Charge & the Charges of the pcesse & the Corte only twenty shillinge & so would get the poore man Discharged. And therupon the sayd R. F. gave pmys to pay all his Dues, to the Churchwardens, & Delyvered tenne shillinge to the Messinger pmysing xs more to be payd as sone as he could pryde yt. vpon which Condiçon the Messenger left the Attachem^t wth Sr Edmond Ashfeld & he to apoint the same to be executed yf he kept not pmys to satisfy the Churchwardens and the Messenger in tyme reasonable

The Copy of thattachement for R. F. vnder the seale of the high Comission Cort

for speciall Consideracons vs moving, we will and comaund yoⁿ, in his Mat^e name, by vertue of his highnes Comission for causes Ecclicall vnder the great seale of England to vs & others Directed, that forth-with vpon the Receipt hereof yoⁿ Do apprehend & attache or cause to be apprehended & attached the body of R. F. of Chessham in the County of Buck. whelewright wheresoeuer he may be found, as well in places exempt as not exempt, & hym so attached to kepe in safe Custody & being psently before vs or others or Colleagues at Lambeth, at the Mannor howse of me the Archbp of Canterbury, to answeere vnto such matters as shall be obiected against hym, and to receyve such Direcçon therein as to Justice shall

appteyne. Willing & Reqring in his Mat^e name by the Authorety aforesayd. All Justices of the Peace, Sheriffe Baylyffe Constables & others his Mat^e Offycers & Loving Subiecte to be Ayding vnto you in thexecucon hereof, as need shall Requier. And this shall be a suffycient warrant bothe vnto them & vnto you in that behalf. Geven at Lambeth the Tenth of Marche 1606. iux^a Computat. &c.

R. Cant.

Rich. Neil Tho Montforde

To John Lyster one of the sworne Messingers
of his Mat^e Chamber.

Cheshm^a { **A breife of thaccompte** of James Weedon
and George Littlepage Churchwardens there
for & concerning all the charges bestowed
vppon the new makeing of sundry seat^e
and Repayreing all the rest in the Church
& the new makeing of the Gallerye

Felling & Careage of Tymber	xlviij ^s ij ^d
Square Tymber bought att xiijs iii ^d the load besides viij trees geven by sundry psons xv load di	xli vjs viij ^d
Saweing the Tymber	vijli xiijs
3nche borde xxiiij ^e & x foote	vijli js xj ^d
Weinscott vc lxx foote	xxxiiij ^s ij ^d
Dannells cleft C. iiijxx. xvj	x ^s
Plancks for seat ^e CCxvj foot	xxs x ^d
Carpenters Worke	xjli ix ^s viij ^d
Joyners Worke	vijli xijs viij ^d

} xjli xvijs
} xixli ijs iii^d

workmanship of the scaffold by great	xjli iiij ^s
Spent Att the Reareing of the Scaffold	xviijs vjd
Nayles & Jointe and Iron worke in the Church	lvjs
Lyme & sand and masons worke paveing and ground pinning	xlijs vjd
Lead & soader mending the leade of the Church	} iiijli xvs vd
Glasse & Glasiers worke	
Candles Glew & other necessaries	iiij ^s
Painting the Kinge Armes and the bodye of the Church	iiijli vjs
For vij Scutcheons and frames of wein- scott for the Armes of those Knighte that gave tymber &c	xvjs iiij ^d
Setting of xij Ashen plante in the Churchyard	ijs vjd
Payd for a dinner for divers of the parishioners that attended ij dayes att Church Appointing the seate to the people	viijs

76^l 18^s 5^d

For the Bells

For Tenn loadē of square Tymber	vjli xiijs iiij ^d
More for iij poste	vjs viij ^d
Saweing the tymber	iiijli vjs vjd
Plancks to boord vnder the Frame of the Belle 331 foote	} xxxiijs
Carpenters Worke in takeinge downe the olde Frame, and makeing & Finishing the new Frame	
Casting of one of the Bells by compo- sition	iiijli
Païd more for mettle that wanted to that Bell	iiijli viijs viij ^d
Careage of that Bell twise & Charges	xxxvjs viij ^d
Iron for the Clappers and the hanging of the Bells	iiijli vjd
Casting the Brasses & Careages and for Soles &c	xxjs viij ^d

Baldricks & Ropes for the Bells	xviijs
A long Rope to pull vpp the Belle	xxvijs
Mending the Clock	xvs

47—8—6.

**Benevolences & charges geven and ymployed towardē
the building and Repaireing aforesaid**

Greate Tymber	Therle of Bedford . . j gr̄ tree & iiijli in mony:
	Sr Robte Dormer . . . j good tree
	Sr Edwyn Sandys . . . j tree & hath pmysed xls more.
	Sr George Fleetwood. . . j tree
	Sr Frauncis Cheney . . ij trees
	Sr Edmund Ashfeld . . j tree
	Mr Thomas Ashfeld seū j tree
	Sr France Goodwyn gave to buy a tree xx ^s

Sr Edmund Ashfeld did bestow Tymber
& weinscott for new makeing of twoo long
seate one for men thother for wemen, on
the North side of the Church next the
wall for men and next the alley before
them for wemen, and paid for all the
workmanship of the same: wth p^rpose to
seat all his Vncles teūntē men and wemen
wthīn the pish in the same except Willm
Tayler Bayliff of the Towne Edward Sale
weh cost him } iiijli

He did also provide & geve to the pish att
his owne charge one faire Font of Latten
wth a great cover of the same mettle
graven and Cutt. And also a faire frame
of timber for yt to stand in weh cost him } xlvjs viij^d

He also provided and gave to the pishē
a faire and strong Comunion table of
weinscott standing in the Chauncell weh
cost } ^{xs}

He also gave a very hanson beere or
coffyn, sett vppon foure feet wth a com-
past Cover very strong & yett Light weh
cost } ^{vs}

Mr Saunders the Mynister gave in
money } ^{vs.}

Richard Bowle gent gave towardē the
Scaffold in money besides his ordinarie
Rate } ^{xxs}

He gaue also his attendance in direcōn
and oversight of the workmen and provid-
ing of thingē necessarie from the xvth of
June to the xxvth of October, & was not
from the workmen aboue ij dayes in a
weeke at the most }

He Bestowed his owne Labor and his
Clerke also in writeing of sundry letters
and of many booke of Rates and assess-
mentē of the pishē, in writeing of Booke
of Accomptē plottē and proiectē for the
order of the pishioners both for there pay-
mentē and for the places in the Church
weh were often written by occasion of
sundry meetingē indeavouring to geve
satisfacōn to such doubptē and obie-
cōns as were made. And also the names
of all the pishioners men & wemen in
pchement fixed on there seate. For weh
booke and other writeingē foure quier of
paper was written without anie charge
demaunded of the pishioners or anie
thing yet offered by them }

The said Sr Edmund Ashfeld & the said Richard Bowle (in respect of the two Improprate psonages weh they seſually hold) haue also bestowed in the repaireing of the old seatē of the Chauncell xx^s in paveing the said Chauncell where it needed ii^{li} x^s in painting the said Chauncell wth inscripcions of scripture and two faire Scutcheons of Armes thone of the Erle of Bedford thother of the said Sr Edmund Ashfeld xl^s & in white wasshing the walls iijs, in all att there onely charge } vj^{li} xiijs

Careages
voluntarely
& Freely
geven by
sundry
pyshns viz.

James Byrche	j load from Cheney's
Robte Moorton	j load
John Gardiner of Whitend	frō Cheney's j load. he is allowed iijs iiij ^d fr. this
John Turnor	ij load
John Antony	j load from Boyes
Richard Grace	j load
John Partridge	j load
Richard Gate of the Corner	j load
Richard Wood	j load
Robte Johnson	j load
Richard Franklyn	j load
Jeames Lovett	j load
Richard Byrch of the barne	j load
Mr Weedon	j load
Mr Chase	ii ^j load
Thomas Cock	j load
Jeames Weedon j load & att another time in one whole daye	ii ^j Careages
Mr Ashfeld	j load
Robte Weedon	j load
Henry Woodhouse	j load
Michaell Byrche	ij load
Willm Dell	ij load
Robte Feld carried a load but he did outsett ijs of his Rate for yt	

Jeames Byrch gave iij peces of Chery tree
weinscott Ready wrought and Joyned con-
teyning in the whole square yardē
worth ijs^s iiij^d the yarde.

[*Note in the margin opposite this entry*]
this Jeames Birch is not worthy to be
meneyoned as a voluntary contrybuter for
that he made the Churchwden to sell hym
a peece of a long rope at 13^s 4^d price. &
so agreed. & when he had the rope he kept
back the mony for the weinscott wch was
a Cunnyng & suttile pt

Thaforesayde Richard Bowle gave a Table
of the tenne Comaundm^tē printed and a
frame about the same sett vp in the
Chauncell worth

Thaforesayde Richard gave allso two
tables in Frames wth the Princes Armes
in printed pap

He bestowed allso the Charges of Paynting
of the princes Armes & of the Percullas.
And the Inscription vnder the Flower de
Lees & the Pomegranat wth those Badges.
And allso all the Inscriptions vpon the
North wall of the Church & all the Rest
wth the letter B & the Ministers and
Churchwardens names wch cost

And he did make the Collection of all
those Inscriptions & of all oth^r in the
Church & Chauncell And wrote them out
fayre wth his owne hand & Shewed them
to Mr Saunders the Minister who approved
his Labor therein. And apointed the
severall places where they should be
wrytten

Chesham {

A Veiwe taken of all the seatē newly built and Repayred in the Church there by order from the Ordinary & confirmed by tres mandatory vnder the handē of the Archbp of Canterbury & other of the high Comission^{rs} in causes Ecclicall And vnder the seale of the high Comission Cort directed to the Minister & Churchwardens of the said pish who by the former order were to be assisted by Sr Edmund Ashfeild Knight and Richard Bowle gent. And they associated to them selves for the placing of the pishioners Willm Weedon and Mathew Chase gent. Willm Grover, Stephen Grover, Richard Grace, James Byrche, John West, and Willm Carter, whoe vpon the veiwe of the seatē the vijth the vijth and xxvijth of February appointed pticuler psons Aswell men as wemen to be seated in the Pewes hereafter mençoned as Followeth.

viz.

Thē seats on the south syde of the middle Alley from the Chauncell to the Wemens seatē & Returneing thence back againe.

{ **Mr Thomas** Ashfelde Esquier{ **Mr** Chase & his Wief{ **Mr** Weedon & his Wief{ **M^{res}** Saunders

{ **S^r** Edmund Ashfeild Knight &
 { **Mr** Thomas Ashfeild

{ Richard Woode
 { Richard Byrch thelder
 { Richard Tokefeld
 { Richard Grace

{ Thomas Breedon
 { Richard Buscall
 { Wilfm Carter
 { Richard Chase

{ Michaell Byrche
 { James Benning
 { John Gardiner thelder
 { Henry Dell

{ John Turnor
 { John Tokefeld
 { James Byrche
 { Nathaniell Reading

{ Mr Spring & his Wief

{ Mr Borlas & his wief

Seates against the South syde
 of the Church.

{ Richard Otley
 { Richard Dell of Ashley greene
 { Wilfm Gate of Whelpleyhill
 { Richard Byrch of thash

{ Richard Weedon of Ashley greene
 { James Grover thelder
 { Richard Turnor the Younger

{ John Baldwyn of Pippes
 { Thomas Byrch of the Pond
 { Wilfm Tyler

{ James Weedon of Botley Church Warden
 { Henry Woodhouse
 { Nicholas Welden
 { Richard Weedon of Ashley Green
 { James Lovett
 { Gamaliell Gardiner

{ Henry Sare
 { John Partridge
 { Willm Southen
 { Willm Gurney
 { Thomas Weedon
 { Elias Portris

{ Edward Sylls
 { Thomas Benning
 { James Dell of Botley lane

{ Nichūs Twitchell for Josias Twitchell
 { Robert Gate of Leahill
 { Nicholas Cock of Leighgrene

{ George Littlepage Churchwarden
 { Richard Hoggyns
 { Richard Grace of Bellenden
 { Willm Cock of Botley
 { James Gardiner
 { Willm Cock of Leigh greene

{ Willm Tayler
 { Willm Batcheler
 { Nicholas Cock thelder
 { Richard Turnor thelder
 { Willm Cocke of Bellenden
 { Henry Tokefeld of Chartridge lane

{ George Cock of the Moore
 { Willm Winchester
 { John Owen

{ Henry Benning
 { John Seabrooke

{ The two Churchwardens for colleccon

- { John Potter
- { Stephen Weedon
- { Thomas Butt

- { Thomas Gate tylemaker
- { Cornelius Hyll
- { Olde Dell of Chartridge

- { John Byrch of Chartridge
- { Henry Bellingham Cowp

- { Silvester Abell & his wief
- { John Gate of Botley

On the North syde of the Middle
Alley from the Chauncell to the
Wemens Seat

- { John Byrch of Watersyde

- { The Lady Ashfeld &
- { M^{res} Ashfeld widdow

- { Mr King & his Wief

- { Mr Bowle & his Wief

- { Willm Grover
- { Stephen Grover
- { Richard Gate the Yonger
- { Richard Gate of the Corn

- { John Grover of Whelpleyhill
- { Willm Rowberd
- { Willm Dell
- { Robte Moreton

- { Robert Weedon
- { Richard Byrche of the Pond
- { Richard Byrche the Yonger
- { Richard Franklen for Dungrove

{ John West
 { Richard Twitchell
 { Henry Attkyns
 { Edward Sale

{ Thom's Gardiner
 { Robte Attkyns
 { Henry Gossam

{ Mr Arnold & his sonn
 { John Randall & his sonn

Seats on the North syde of
 the Church

{ Symon Phetibone
 { Richard Allmon

{ For iij Srvingmen or others

{ For vj Srvingmen or others

{ For vj Srvingmen or for such as vppon
 anie Discontentmt had rather be
 placed there

{ Thomas Prince
 { Richard Weston Joyner
 { Richard Percifall
 { Richard Harding of Botley
 { Henry Frankelyn
 { Robte Chase
 { Richard Slater

{ Robert Feild
 { Nicholas Tracher
 { John Byrch of Pednar
 { John Baldwyn Ironmonger
 { John Hedd

{ Richard Harding of Slowt
Hugh Smith
Thomas Dudsborow
Richard Martyn
Richard Weedon of Botley

{ Willm Hawthorne
Robte Johnson
George Gossam
Thomas Byrch of Hundridge
Hugh Ware tayler
Thomas Martyn
Richard Barnard
Samuell Wright
Willm Lovett
Zachary Mereden
Richard Butcher
& other tenante of mr Ashfeld

The wemens seate along the
Middle Alley to the Crosse Alley

The Southe side

{ Willm Rowberde wief
Widdow Ewstace } to be devided from
the midd of the
pillar to the south
Alley
Richard Woode wief
John Turnors wief
Widdow Turnor
Robert Tokefeld wief
Michael Byrches wief
Richard Buscalls wief

John Tokefeld wief of the Wood
Henry Sares wief
Robert Weedons wief
John Byrches wief of watersyde
Henry Woodhouses wief
Widdow Slater or hir daughter

{ Stephen Grovers wief
 Thomas Breedons wief
 John Baldwyns wief of Pippe
 Wilſm Batchelers wief
 Wilſm Carters wief
 Nicholas Cocke wief
 Wilſm Dells wief
 John Partridges wief

{ John Weste wief
 Richard Hardinge wief of Slowt
 Gamaliell Gardiners wief
 Elias Portris wief
 John Byrches wief of Pednar
 Richard Twitchells wief
 Richard Turnors wief the yonger
 Thomas Weedons wief of Ashley grene

{ Robert Felde wief
 John Baldwyns wief of the Towne
 Thomas Gardiners wief
 Edward Sales wief
 Josias Sales wief
 George Pages wief
 Richard Hardinge wief of Botley
 Widdow Twitchell

{ Hugh Smithes Wief
 James Lovette wief
 James Grovers wief
 George Arnold wief
 Wilſm Tylers wief
 Robte Chases wief
 Hugh Wares wief the wever
 Humfrey Greneways wief

{ Willm Taylers wief
 { Widow Banister &
 { Richard Martins wief } j house
 { Richard Davisons wief
 { John Randalls wief
 { John Bamptons wief
 { John Hedde wief
 { George Slaters wief

{ Nicholas Trachers wief
 { Nicholas weldens wief
 { John Plumptions wief
 { Richard Allmonde wief
 { John Wares wief
 { Anthony Ashbies wief
 { Willm Wares wief

The seates from the Middle
 crosse Alley westward on the
 said South syde.

{ Widdow Attkyns
 { Henry Gossams wief
 { Thomas Hares wief
 { Thomas Benninge wief
 { Henry Bellinghams wief
 { Richard Ashbyes wief
 { Richard Byrches wief of Sibleys
 { John Stanleys wief

{ Henry Gardyners wief
 { Richard Dells Wief of Ashley grene
 { Thomas Meredens wief
 { John Greenes wief in regard of hir
 heareing
 { Henry Benninge wief
 { Willm Hydeys wief behind the pillar

{ Henry Tokefeilde wief of Chartridge
 Richard Cranes wief
 Henry Readinge wief
 Nicholas Twitchells wief
 Thoms Tokefelde wief the Wever
 James Weedons wief of waterside
 Robte Coles wief

{ Hugh Redderidges wief
 Willm Winchesters wief
 Henry Pratte wief
 Willm Oldfelde wief of Hundridg
 John Owens wief
 Dickens wief the Clark
 John Pratt

The wemens Seate along the
 Middle Alley to the crosse Alley.

The Northe syde

{ Willm Grovers wief
 Widdow Readyng
 Richard Graces wief
 Robert Moretons wief
 Richard Gates wief of the Corn
 James Byrches wief
 Richard Byrches wief

{ John Grovers wief of Whelpleyhill
 James Benninge wief
 John Gardiners wief of Whitend
 Richard Weedons wief
 Richard Hoggins wief
 Willm Cocke wief of Bellenden
 Willm Cocke wief of Botley

{ Widdow Chase
 Thoſms Byrches wief of the pond
 Thoſms Dudsborowes wief
 James weedons wief
 Edward Sylls wief
 Richard Franklins wief
 John Fordę wief

{ Willm Southen's wief
 Henry Attkins wief
 Thomas Princes wief
 John Grovers wief of Waterside
 Thomas Gates wief
 Samuell Carters wief

where the Weinscott seat is

{ James Gardiners wief
 Willm Gurneys wief
 Thomas Norwoode wief
 Richard Pymbles wief
 John Overstreetę wief
 John Hardings wief

On the North side of all those
 seate for Mr Ashfeilde Teñntę

{ Widdow Hawthorne
 Robte Johnsons wief
 George Gossams wief
 Thomas Byrches wief of Hundridge
 Symon Phetibones wief
 Hugh Wares wief the taylor
 Willm Lovetteę wief
 Samuell Wrightę wief
 Richard Barnardeę wief
 Richard wiers wief
 John Edwardę wief & other his teñntę

The seats from the Middle
crosse Alley westward on the
said North side.

The first seat is for ancient men that
cannot heare well
viz.

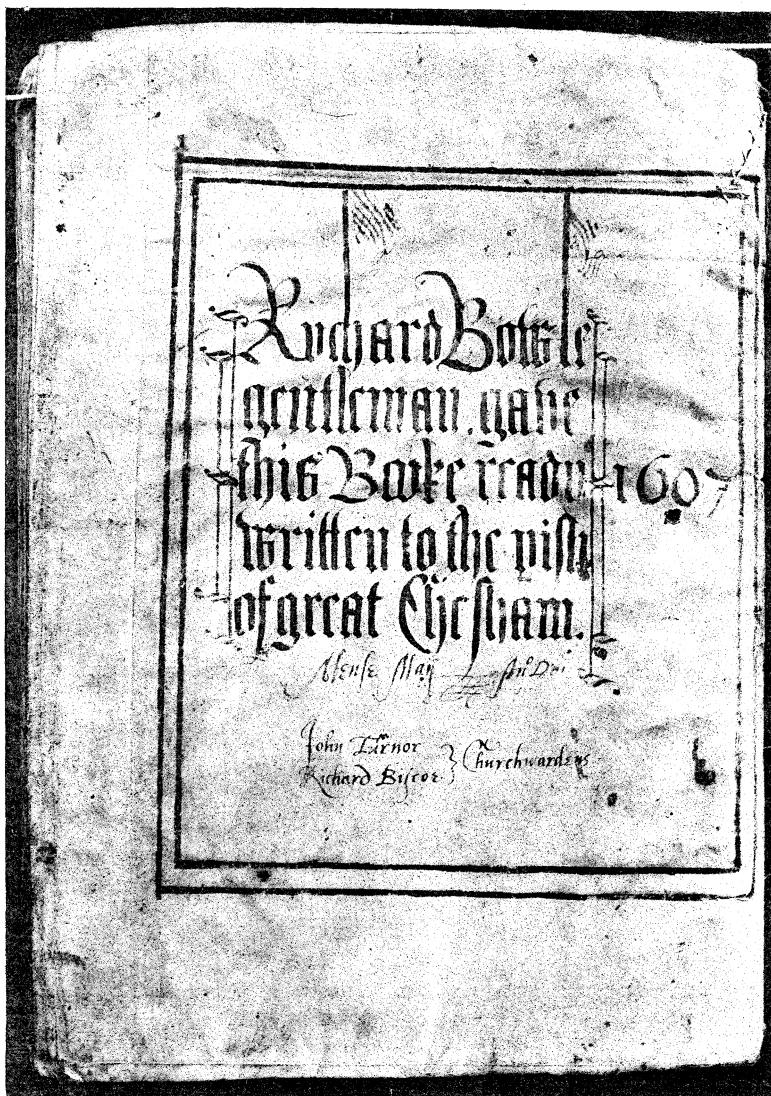
{	John Ford	<i>dead</i>
	Richard Norwood	
	John Plumpton	
	John Bampton	<i>dead</i>
	Raph Weedon	
	Wilfm Ware shoemaker	

The Rest for wemen viz.

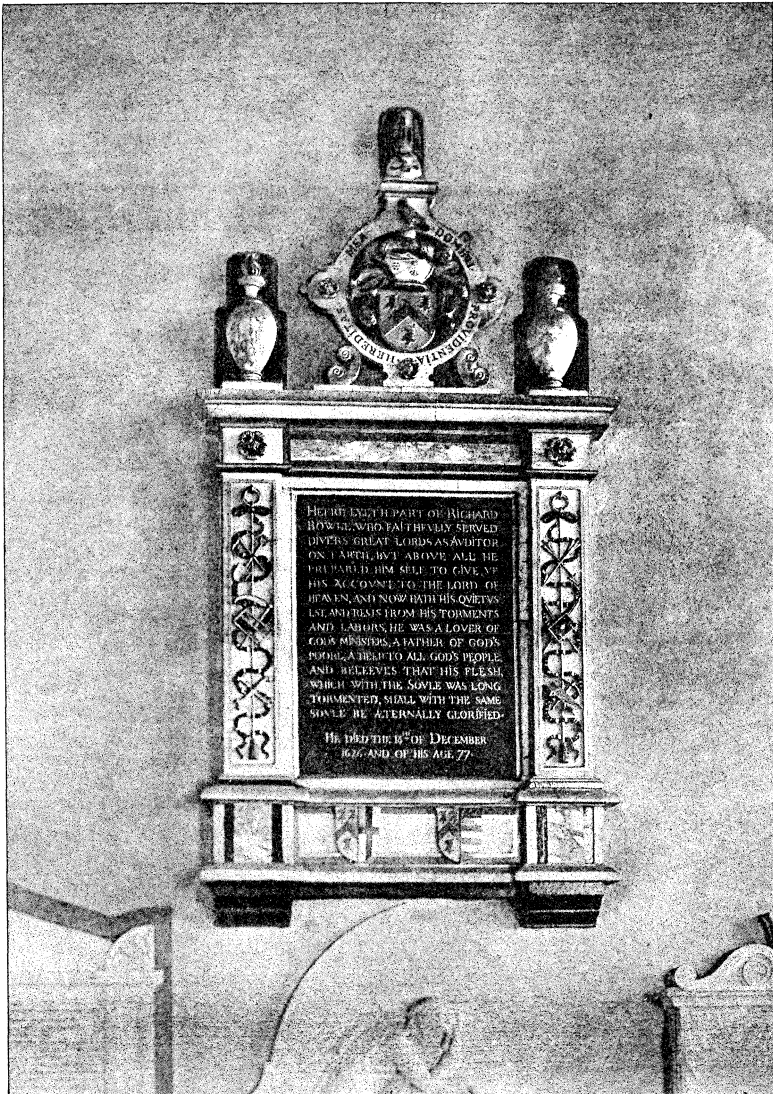
{	Richard Percifalls wief
	James Dells wief the wheeler
	Richard Norwoodꝑ wief
	Raph Weedons wief
	Stephen Byrches wief
{	Edward wetherhedꝑ wief

{	Henry Byrch the plowrightꝑ wief
	Wilfm Cockꝑ wief of Leighgrene
	Henry Pages wief of Bellenden
	Wilfm Gates wief of whelpleyhill
	Henry Oldfeldꝑ wief
{	Tymothee Lockꝑ wief of Leigh grene

{	Lazarus Weedons wief
	Nichus Cock of the Lane his wief
	Thomas Cockꝑ wief of Ashley grene
	John Dells wief of Ashley greene
	Thoꝛns Hardingeꝑ wief the shoemaker
{	Cornelius Hills wief



RICHARD BOWLE'S BOOK: OUTSIDE OF COVER, VERSO.



MURAL MONUMENT TO RICHARD BOWLE, IN THE
CHANCEL OF CHESHAM CHURCH.

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|----|---|----------------------------|-----|
| 9 | { | Richard Newton of botley | jd |
| | | James Newitt of the towne | jd |
| 10 | { | Anthonie Ashby | jd |
| | | Abraham Preist | ijd |
| | | Thoms mereden | jd |
| | | Henry Birch plowright | |
| 11 | { | Josias Grover | |
| | | John Gregory | |
| | | James Byrch Vintener | |
| | | Willm Richard & ats Butler | |
| 12 | { | Thomas Norwood | |
| | | John Axtell | |
| | | Thoms Harding | |
| | | John Cocke | |

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