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/a Fol. 1. Colleges in Kent.

Wyngham 4. Miles and a halfe from Cantwarbyri
playne Est in the hie way betwixt Cantwarbyri
and Sandwiche.

Ther is a Provoste, VI. Prebendaries, besydes
othar Ministers of the Churche.

Pecham Archebysshope made this College /b lynge at that
tyme apou the Spirituall Mattars and Visitations of his Pro=
vince. For the Kyng had reteynid the Temporallyties of the
Bysshoprike for a tyme. Pecham cumminge with his Bulles
from the Bishope of Rome, of whom he receyved by gyfte
this Promotion to Cantewarbyri, enterid the Chapter with
the Monks, begininge his Communication to them with thes
Words: 'Non vos me elegistis, sed ego vos elegi.'

Pecham is buried by

Wengham standith on a

Doure River at st

Wye is a pratie Market Townelet, and standithe on Doure
ripa super. in orient. 7. Miles from Cantorbyri.

There is yerely a grete Fayre on Seint Grigori's Day at Wye.

/a The first eleven Leaves I have supply'd from Mr. Stowe's Copy, they
being torn out of the Original. /b L. lyvinge.

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Fol. 2.

Kempe a Doctor of bothe Lawes and also Divinite, then
Byshope of Rochester, afterward of Chichester and London;
thens translatyd to Yorke, where he was Bysshope a XXV.
Yeres; thens translatyd to Cantewerbyri and made Cardinall,
first Diacon, and then Bysshope.

Bis primas, ter præsul erat, bis cardine functus.

He was a pore Husband-man's Sonne of Wye, where upon
for to pray for the Sowles of them that set hym to Schole,
and them that otharwyse preferryd hym he made the Paroche
Churche of Wye a College in the XXIII. Yere of his Arch=
byshopricke of Yorke, where of the Governor is a Prebendary,
and the Resydwe be Ministers for Devine Service.

Asscheforde Churche was in a meane to be collegiatyd by
the Request of one Fogge, an Gentilman dwelling there

about that was Countrowlar to Edward the Fowrthe. But Edward dyed or Fog had finished this Enterpris. So that nowe remaynethe to Ascheforde the only Name of a Prebend. And this Place hathe Lands, Priests, and Chorsts. but remev= able. For they have no Comon-Seale.

Courteney was Fowndar of the College of Maydestone, where the Master is a Prebendarie. The Residwe be Mini= stars to syngge Devyne Service. Courtney buildyd muche in the Towne selfe of Maydestone, and also at the Palace ther.

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Fol. 3. Noble-men lyenge above the Degres in the Este Ende of the Cathedrall Church of Cantewarbyrye. <page 55>

Minstar in Cantorbury. Kyngge Henry the fowrthe and his Wyfe under a Pillar on the North Isle. Edward the blake Prince lyethe right agayne hym under a Pillar by Sowthe. He dyed in the Bysshop's Palace in Cante= warbiry, and gave a greate Chalice of Gold, and Cruetts of Gold, beside many other Jocales to Christis Church.

<Here there is a chasm in Stow's copy.>

/a He was a great Settar forthe of the new Buildyngge of the Body of the Church. He buildyd of new the goodly Cloistre, the Chapter Howse, the new Conducte of Watar, the Prior's Chamber, the Prior's Chapell, the great Dormetorye, and the Frater, the Bake Howse, the Brew Howse, the Eschequer a fayre In, in the highe Streate of Cantorbery, and also made the Wauls of moste of all /b the Circuite, besyd the Towne Waulle of the Inclosure of the Abbey. <page 63>

This Chillendene was a Doctor of bothe the Lawes or he was made Monke: and Bysshope Wareham sayde that he wrote certeyne Commentaries concerninge the Law, and that Clerkly.

/a Here something concerning Thomas Chillenden, Prior of Canterbury, who made the following Benefactions, is wanting. See Somner's Antiq. of Cant. /b Sic legitur & distinguitur in MS.

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Fol. 4. Siberteswalde, now comonly caulyd Seperwell, is a Village about 4. Myles from Dover in the Wood Syde on the lefte Honde goinge to Dover from Cantewarbyry. <page 64>

In the Paroche of Barehamdowne a litle from the Wood Syde, and about a 6. Miles from Dover, apperithe a diked Campe of Men of Warre. Sum say that it was Ceasar's Camp; some thinke that it was a Campe of the Danes. It hath 3. Diches.

The Church of Dale, coruptly caullyd Dele, was a Pre= bend longginge of auncient tyme to Seint Martyn's Colledge in Dover.

Theobalde Archebyshope of Cantwarbyri in Henry the firste Dayes was the greatest Cawser of translatyngge the Colege of /a Seint Martyn's in Dovor in a ther newly buildyd the Blake Monks fetched from Cantwarbyri.

There is good Plentie of Wood in West Kent. <page 65>

The Partes of Kent beyond Cantwerbyry hathe the Name of Este Kent, where in divers Places is sufficient Wood. But on the Coaste from Reculver to aboute Folkestane is but litle.

Thonge Village is litle more then halfe a Mile from Syding=

burne. The Diches and the Kepe Hill of Thonge Castle ap=
pere in a litle Wood a 2. flyte Shotte by Southe from Thonge
Churche.

- Fol. 5. Thonge is a Myle from the Mowthe of Melton Creke, and
about halfe a Mille from Milton Towne, yf Passage were
thorowghe the Marches the next way.
- Milton the Market is about halfe a Mile from Sydding=
burne, the whiche, as Mastar Talbot thinkethe /b, is so caullyd
by reason of many Springs that in the Chalke Hills about it
doothe sethe and boyle out. The greateste Streame of
Springs is in the Chalke Hills on the West End of Sidingburne.

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The very Lordeshipe and Manor Place that berithe yet the
Name of Badelesmere is a 3. Miles from Ospring into the
Land ward by Southe. It is now in the Kyng's Hands.

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The comon Buriall of the /c Sellengers hathe bene chefly at
Ulcombe and at Otterdene.

Antony Agers Forfathars cam to Otterdene by a Divisyon
of Lands of the Seintlegers emonge certeyne Dowghtars, of
whome Ager married one.

Antony Ager, as I harde say, comithe of an old Erle of
Kent. In dede there was afore the Conquest an Erle of Kent
caullyd Alcher.

There lye buried at Leedes Priory 3. Crevicures, Robert,

/a Se MS. /b Vide Annott. ejus in Antonini Itin. a nobis editas ad calcem
tertii Vol. Lelandi Itin. p. 138. /c Sic.

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Robert and Thomas, that be lykelihod had the Lande there
in Descent.

- Fol. 6. The Name of Finiox thus cam in to Kent. About Kyng
Edwards the 2. dayes one Creaulle, a Man of faire Pocessyons
in Kent, was a Prisoner in Boleyne in Fraunce, and muche
desyringe to be at lybertye made his Keper to be his Friend,
promisyng hym Lands in Kent yf he would helpe to delyver
hym. Wher upon they bothe toke secrete Passage, and cam
to Kent, and Creall performyd his Promis. so that aftar his
Keper, or Portar, upon the Cawse was namyd Finiox. This
Name continuid in a certayne Stay of Lands on tyll Finiox
chefe Juge of the Kyngs Benche cam, that first had but 40. li.
Land. For he had 2. Bretherne, and eche of them had a
Portion of Lande, and aftar encresyd into 200. Pounds by
the Yere. Swynefelde and there about a 3. Myles from Folke=
stane in the way betwixt Cantwarbyry and it was a Pece of
the Lands that Finiox had of Creal, and ther be 2. praty Ma=
nor Places of Tymbar. The Judge buildyd a fairer Howse
by Heron on purchasyd Grownd. One of the yonger Bre=
theren of Finiox the Juge dyed, and made the othar his
yongar Brothar his Heire. So that now be two Houses of
the Finiox.

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/a The Heire of Finiox the Judge,
And the Heire of Justice Finiox Brother.

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- Fol. 7. Olde Finiox buildyd his fayre Howse on purchesed Grownd
for the Comoditye of preservynge his Helthe. So that afore
the Phisitions concludyd that it was an excedinge helthfull
Quartar.

Creall was a Man of a very fayre Land in Kent untill it felle to be devydyd.
Sum say that Fulchestane Parke was his, and thens cam to Clyntons.

Ostenhangre. Ostinghaungre was Creal's Lordshipe, of some now corruptely cauled Westenanger. Poynings a late had it. The Kynge hathe it now.
Certeyne of the Crealls were honorably buryed at Seint Radegunds.
Creauls were greate Benefactors to Houses of Religion in Est Kent as appereth by theyr Armes in many Glase Wyndowes.

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Rochestar Bridge. The Foundars. Out of a Table in the Chaple at the Este Ende of the Bridge entering the Towne of Rofcestre from London. <page 71>

Sir Robert Knolls Foundar of the Trinitie Chapell at Rochestar Bridge. Constaunce Wyfe to Knolls.
Syr John Cobham Lorde principall Benefactor to the

/a Sic in MS.
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Fol. 8. makynge of Rofcester Bridge. Margaret Wyfe to this Cobham.
Thomas Boucher Cardinall.
John Moreton Archebyshope.
Henry Chicheley Archebyshope.
Thomas Langley Bysshope of Derham.
John Langedon Bysshope of Rofcestar.
Thomas Arundele Archebyshope.
Syr John Cornewale.
Lord Fanhap.
Richard Whityngton.
William Crowmer.
Geffrey Boleyne Maior of London.
John Darby Draper, Alderman of London.
William Medelton, Mercer of London.
/a William Martyne Justice.
Syr William Notyngnam, chefe Baron of the Eschequer.
William Wangeferd.
Lorde John Bukyngnam Bysshope of Lyncolne.
John Kempe Byshope of London.
Syr William Richarll.
Syr John at Poole.

Fol. 9. Ailesforde a 4. Miles by Land from Rofcester, and there is a fayre Bridge of Stone ovar the Strem. <page 72>
Then by Land a 3. Myles to Maideston, and there is ovar the Watar a goodly Bridge of Stone. It ebbythe and flowithe to Maydestone.

Great Farley is a 2. Miles above Maidstone by Land, and there is a goodly Bridge of Stone.
At Farley is the greate Qwarre of hard Stone, and in the Quarters betwixt it and Maidestone.

Ther cummithe a Watar into the great Streame aboute a 2. /b Mils beynde Farley cawlyd Lowse. It is no very great Broke. Louse Village standithe a Mile warde into the Land above the Confluence of it withe Medewege Ryver.

Tounbridge is a 16. Miles from Rofcestar by Land.

Teston Bridge of Stone a
Twiford Bridge of Stone a Myle and halfe of. And at <page 73>

this Bridge /c stondithe on the mayne Streame of Medwege,
and at a Mile a litle above it be Confluence of 3. Stremes,
as one cominge in ripa citeriori, a nother ulteriori, and Mede=
wege runninge in the Midle.

A Quarter of a Mile or more above Twiford Bridge of
Stone is Yallynge a praty Townelet, and ther is a Bridge.

/a Mr. Stowe hath drawn a Line under 'William', and writ in the Margin
over against it, 'John, sayth M. Lovelace.' /b Sic. /c Sic.

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Thens upward to Bransbridge of Stone.
From Braunbridge of Stone there is no very notable Bridg<e>
on to Tounbridge.

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The Castle of Rochestar stondythe at the Bridge Ende enter=
inge the Towne.

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Fol. 10. Goinge out of Rochestar to Cantwerbyre remaynethe the
moste parte of a mervolaus stronge Gate.
Gates no mo appere there that be comonly usyd.
In the Wauls yet remayne a vi. or vii. Towres.
There be in the Towne Paroche Churches.
The Cathedrall Church and the Palace with the othar Build=
ings there occupy halfe the Space of the Compace within
the Walles of Rofcestar.

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From Fevarsham to Cantwarbyry 7. Miles.
From Whitestaple to Cantorbery 3. Miles.
From Heron to Cantwarbyry 4. Miles.
From Assheford to Cantewerbyry 11. Myles.
From Wy to Cantewarbyry 7. Miles.
From Chilham to Cantewerbyry 4. Miles.
From Cantewerbyre to Forde a 5. Miles.
From thens to Raculfe a Mile.
From Cantewerbyry to Sandwiche 7. Miles as they say
comonly; but it is 8. Miles.

Fol. 11. From Cantwarbyry to Dover 12. Miles.
From Cantewarbyre to Folkestane a 10. Miles.
From Cantwarbyre to Hithe 12. Myles.
From Cantwarbyre to Lynhil xi. Miles.
From Cantwarbyry to Cranbroke xx. Miles: that is xi.
Miles to Asshford, and ix. Miles to Cranbroke.
From Sandwiche to Dover aboute a 7. Miles.
From Dover to Folchestane v. Miles.
From Folchestane to Hythe 4. litle Myles.
From Hithe to Holde Hithe, alias West Hithe, about 2.
Myles. Mastar Twyne saythe that this was the Towne that
was burnid alonge on the Shore, where the Ruines of the
Church and yet remayne.

Castle of
Limhill, alias
Belleanow.
Castrum
Godardi. The Castle selfe of Lymehille is of some caulld Belleanow.
The Castle of Thorne, now all clene ruine, upon a Toppe
of a Hille a Myle by Este from Maydstone. It longethe now
to yong Cutte.

Ailington, sometyme the Graies Castle, as in Henry the 3.
and Edward the third's Dayes: sence the Savels and Wiats.

Percivall
Harte. Harte hathe the Plotte and Site of a Castle toward Craye
Water.

<This is Hearne's edition of Stow's transcript of the leaves which were afterwards removed from the front of volume 6 of the autograph manuscript. Most of those leaves survive, transferred into volume 8, from which they were subsequently edited by Hearne; but two or more have been lost. Stow's transcript is useful for the contents of these missing leaves, and for some passages which have become illegible in the original; otherwise it has no textual value, only some historical interest. – C.F. June 2010.>