John Strype
A perambulation, or circuit-walk, four or five miles about London
in John Stow
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London
1720

NOW, for Diversion, let us step out of our City, and take a Perambulation or Circuit-Walk four or five Miles round about; and especially, let us Visit the several Churches within that Compass, and take a View of the Monuments and the Inscriptions thereon: And the rather, since many of our eminent Citizens having Country Houses in those Towns, happened to dye, and be interred there.
DEPTFORD:
OR, WEST GREENWICH.

NEXT beyond Rotherhithe on the East is Deptford situated, being the first Town in Kent, bordering upon Surry; a Place on the Thames Side, where many good Ships are built, and where is a Wet Dock: And especially, where is a Store-house for the Royal Fleet, erected at first by K. Henry the Eighth, and govern'd by the Master and Wardens of Trinity House.

Here at Deptford were 250 Acres of Meadow Ground, lying next unto the River of Thames by the Dock and Yard: Which were, about the Year 1655 or 1656, purchased by Robert Stanton, Samuel Moyer, Charles Harris, and others, for making Harbours and Molds for the Riding of 300 Sail of Ships, without the Use of Anchor or Cable: And where many Conveniencies were to be made for building, careening, and repairing Ships. Towards which much had then been expended in digging one of the Molds, and Cuts towards the other; and Contracts made for Provisions and Workmanship to a great Value. This was confirmed in an Act of Parliament Anno 1656.

There be two Hospitals in this Town, whereof the Members of this Corporation are Governors. One (which is ancient) is situate near the Church, hath Rooms for 21 poor Seamen. The other, called Trinity Hospital, hath 38 Houses, fronts the Street in Length. A very fair Building, and large Gardens, well kept, belong to it. On the Arch going into the Garden is this Inscription:

DOMINO POTIORA.

Sir Richard Brown of Sayes Court in Deptford, Kt. and Bart. Elder Brother and Master in the Year 1672, gave the Inheritance of the Land on which these Alms-houses are built, after the Expiration of 28 Years formerly leased.

In the Garden is a good Figure in full Proportion, of a Mariner, with this Inscription:

To the Memory of Captain Richard Maples, who dying Commander of a Ship in the East-Indies, in the Year 1680, left to the Trinity-house the Value of 1300l. With which part of these Alms-houses were built. The said Corporation caused this Statue to be erected Anno 1681.

Tho' this Hospital is the finer Structure, yet the other hath the Preference for the Antiquity of it. And the Brethren of the Trinity hold their Corporation by that House; where their Meetings must be for Business at particular Times.
The Church of Deptford is new built. It hath a fair Organ; the Pipes gilt. It was set up at the Cost of several Persons. The Church was begun to be rebuilt, and the Organ erected Anno Dom. 1697, and both finished the same Year by a voluntary Subscription, and an Assessment of 5s. in the Pound.

Snelling Thomas, William Thornton, Churchwardens.

And the Organ gilded at the sole Charge of Mr. Robert Castle.

But the greatest Benefactor towards this sacred Structure was Mr. Loader, a generous Inhabitant of this Parish: As may appear by an Inscription upon a Pillar North in the Middle Ile:

In Thanks to so generous a Benefactor, for the Encouragement of others, to imitate good Works of Piety and Charity: This Parish have thought fit, at their own Charge, to perpetuate the Memory of the voluntary Contribution of Isaac Loader, Esq; present High Sheriff of this County, towards the rebuilding and beautifying of this Church.

Given for Subscription to the Church 125l.
For paving the Iles with Marble 161l.
For the Altar 293l.
For the Vestry and Portals 50l.
For the Bells 38l.
For the Charnel-house 194l.
For recasting the Tenor, with Addition of Metal 40l.

In all 901l.

Thomas Lucas William Street Churchwardens.

Altar-Piece.

Here is a very good Altar-Piece over the Communion Table: Mary with the Babe, and Joseph, and the Shepherds worshipping. It is either upon Glass, or something transparent. Two fine Figures in Wood, of John writing, and of St. Paul writing; both in a leaning Posture, John on the North Side, and Paul on the South; the one with an Eagle by him, and the other with a Sword.

In the Church at Deptford are these ensuing Monuments.

A Monument at the upper End of the Chancel hath this Inscription:

M. S.

Death.
Richardus, prænobilis Comes Corcagiensis Uxoris suæ Patruo.

B. M. P.

Obiit Anno Domini 1603.

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Cognatos Cineres, & Amicam Manibus umbram, O Fentone, tuis, excipias Tumulo. Usuram Tumuli victuro Marmore Pensat, Et reddit gratus, pro Tumulo Titulum.

At the upper End of that Chancel, on the North Side, is thus written:

Sacræ perpetuæq; Memorie Guilielmi Haukyns, de Plimouth, Armigeri. Qui veræ Religionis verus cultor, Pauperibus præcepue Naviculariis Munificus, Rerum Nauticarum studiosissimus, longinquas instituit sæpe Navigationes; Arbiter in causis difficilimis Æquissimus, Fide, Præbitate & Prudentia singulari. Duas duxit Uxores, e quarum una 4, ex altera 7. suscepit liberos.

Johannes Haukyns, Eques Auratus, Classis Regiæ Quæstor, Frater Mœstissimus posuit.


In the upper End of the Chancel.

There lieth buried near this Place the Body of Jane Edisbury, Widow, Mother of Kenrick Edisbury, Gentleman, Pay-master of the King’s Majesty’s Navy, under Sir William Russell, Knight, Treasurer. She died on the 16. Day of March, 1618.

On the North Side of this Quire, a worthy Memorial of Sir Sackevile Crow, for seeling and beautifying of that North Ile.

In the new Church appear divers Monuments and Hatchments, that hang about on the North and South Walls, within the Rails.

In the North Side is an Hatchment for An= thony Yong, lying within the Vestry. Who dyed 1693. Ætat. suæ 77.

Another for Captain George Pomeroy.

On the South are Hatchments: For Elizabeth, Widow of Tho. Jekyl, 1678.

For Jane late Wife of Capt. Blake, and for= merly married to Capt. Robert Callis: 1677.

On the South Side of the Church, against the
East Wall:
M. S. Neer this Place are deposited the Bodies of Sir Richard Browne of Sayes Court in Deptford, Knight, and his Wife, Dame Joanna Vigorus of Langham in Essex, deceased, Novemb. 1618.
Sir Richard was younger Son of an ancient Family of Hitchin in Kent; seated afterwards at Horsley in Essex: Who being Student in the Temple, was, by Robert Dudley the great Earl of Leicester, taken into the Service of the Crown, when he was Governour of the United Netherlands. And was afterwards by Q. Elizabeth made Clerk of the Green-Cloth: In which honourable Office he also continued under K. James, until the Time of his Death, in May 1604. Aged 65 Years.
Of Christopher Brown, Esq; Son and Heir of Sir Richard, 1645.
Of Thomazin his Wife, Daughter of Benjamin Gonson of Much Baddow in Essex, Esq; 1638.
Of Sir Richard Brown, Kt. and Bart. only Son of Christopher.
Of his Wife Dame Elizabeth, Daughter of Sir John Prettyman of Dryfreld in Gloucestershire, 1652.
This Sir Richard was Gentleman of the Privy-Chamber to K. Charles I. And Clerk of the Privy Council to his Majesty, and to King Charles II. And after several foreign and honourable Employments, continued Resident in the Court of France from K. Charles I. and from K. Charles II. to the French Kings, Lewis XIII, and Lewis IV, from the Year 1641, until the happy Restoration of K. Charles II. Anno 1660. He deceased 12 Febr. 1682/3. Aged 78 Years, &c.
This Title was erected by John Evelyn of Sayes Court, Esq; who married Mary sole Daughter and Heir of Sir Richard.
Robert Castel of this Parish, Gent. 1698. A Man of excellent Worth. Margaret his Wife erected this Monument.

North Ile: Against the East Wall.

Monumentum hoc omnes, qui aspexerint inclyti viri PETRI PET, Armigeri, famam & Laudes benigne audiant. Dic igitur, Lapis, &c.
Quantum antiqua viris tribuerunt tempora magnis, Utile qui patriae attulerint, vel nobile quicquam, Tantum hanc ætatem tibi, Pette, rependere oportet. Ergo inter veteres tu collaudabere semper. Namq; tibi hoc proprium est, retro ut tua fama
recurrat
Laudibus atque novis Priscorum jungat Honores.

The Representation of a Frigate (this Shipwright's Invention) underneath this Inscription.

Another Monument against this Wall (the Inscription not legible) for some body, the King's Master Shipwright: It seems to be Shish; and of John his eldest Son, Master Shipwright of his Majesty's Yard at Deptford, 1686. And of Thomas his third Son, Master Shipwright of his Majesty's Yard at Woolwich, 1685. And Kendrick the Son of John and Mary Shish, 1685.

The Coat of Arms was suitable to their Trade, Argent, three Bars wavy Azure, a Chief Gules, an Ax Argent, between two Anchors Or. Again, under the Inscription, A Boat Or, upon the Waves Vert, a Chief charged with an Ax Gules, on which Ax is a Lion passant Or.

Middle Ile.
Elizabeth Pomeroy, late Wife of Captain George Pomeroy, 1694/5.

North Ile.

Captain John Guy of Glastenbury, 1698. And Captain John Guy his Son, 1698/9.

In the Gallery against the South Wall.

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GREENWICH.
The next is Greenwich, a Town on the Bank of the River Thames.

HERE the Kings of this Land had a fair Palace, and Park on a Hill adjoining to it: Part of which is turned into a vast Structure of Charity, for the Reception and Harbouring of such who have served in the Royal Navy or Merchant-Ships; and by Reason of Wounds, Loss of Limbs, or Age, are disabled.

The Church of Greenwich is dedicated to St. Alphage, Archbishop of Canterbury, who is said to have been kill'd by the Danes, in the very Place where the Church is built.

Prayers are said here twice every Day; that is, in the Morning between Ten and Eleven, and at Night between Six and Seven. And
twelve Monthly Sermons are preached here on
the Wednesdays before the first Sundays in each
Month. For both which, by a Collection made
in the Parish, is paid 30l. per Ann.

This Church is furnished with an Organ.

There be two Free-Schools in this Parish.
One founded by Sir William Boreman, Kt. for 20
Boys, who are to be boarded as well as taught.
For which Use there is a large House appropria=
ted for the Master and Scholars. The present
Master is Mr. William Lee. The Boys wear
Green Coats and Caps. This School is but of
late Foundation, of twenty Years and upwards.
The other School also maintains twenty Boys:
For which the Founder left an Estate in Houses
about the Church for ever. It was founded by
Sergeant John R . . . . . . . The present School=
master is Mr. William Herringham, who hath a
Salary of 20l. a Year. These Boys wear Grey
Coats.

In the Church are these ensuing Monuments.

In the Chancel, on the South Side, a pretty
Monument of a Man in Armour, kneeling at a
Desk, with eight Sons behind him; and a Wo=
man kneeling at the same, with seven or eight
Daughters behind her. Over their Heads this
Inscription:

Dilectissimæ Conjugi Saræ Heitonæ Franciscus Hei=
tonus Viduus Mœstus, non sine Lachrymis, posuit.
O mea Sara, oculis multo mihi Charior ipsis,
Deseris (heu!) viduum cur ita, Sara, virum?
Tu secura manes, portu requiescis Amœno,
Non tibi frauds, Moribus nec mala obesse valent.
Tu pace æterna frueris, in vivis ovasque,
Quippe tibi est Terris gratior Aula Dei.
Conjux ipse tuus maneo vicoque superfetes,
Mœstificis plenus sollicitudinibus.
Spero tamen tempusque brevi (mea sacra) futurum est
Cum te visurus sim, vel in Arce poli.
Cuncta tibi scio salva manent, vereque Beata es,
Cui mors vita fuit, vitaque morte viret.
Eheu! quam nostræ est evanida gloria vitæ,
Certa dies nobis nulla, nec hora datur:
Stare decet vigiles ergo, semperque paratos,
Ne mors incautos nos inopina premat.
Ecce rei testis, sacra hic Blomera, jugali
Francisco Hettono Consociato Thoro,
Annos octodecim: placuitque Marita Marito,
Nulla magis potuit, nec placuisse magis.
Filiolos illi perperit, ter quinque utriusque
Pignora: Et ex illis, octo fuere Mares.
Quadraginta Hyemes, binos si dempseris Annos
Vixit, & octodecim, suasilis uxor erat.


Another Monument on the South Side the Choir,
with this Inscription.

D. O. M. Et Servatori. I. C. S.
In Memoriam

On a Monument on the North Side of the Chan
cel is this Inscription.

In piam Memoriam dilectissimae suæ conjugis
Dorotheæ Lok Filiae Jacobi Brampton, de Brampton, in Comitatu Norfolciæ Generosi, & Mariæ uxoris ejus, Filiae clarissimi viri Edwardi Bulein Militis, & Annæ Tempestiae uxoris ejus, &c. Quæ post Annos triginta sex, in hac peregrinate terræ peractos (Annosque pene Trinos, in fideli, Castissimoque Matrimonio perimptos) in vera Fidei Christianæ confessione, & Ardentissima Dei omnipotentis invocatione, pie ex hac vita decessit 24. die Februarii 1596.

Cujus corpus juxta inhumatur, in medio hujus Chori, Adjacente a sinistra corpore Henrici Lok filii sui. Zacharias Lok Amoris & officii ergo Monumentum hoc poni fecit 24. die Octobris 1597.

In an Ile on the North Side is this Inscription.

Egregio viro, Roberto Adams, operum Regiarum Supervisori, Architectæ perissimo; Religione, & moribus Integerrimo. Qui pie obiit Anno suæ . . . Ætatis 1595.

Simon Basil operationum Regiarum Contrarotulator hoc posuit Monumentum 1601.

Next to the other is this Inscription.


Et lateri conjuncta jacet suavissima conjux, Quindeni Annis qua fuit ille minor. Anno Dom. 1588. Maii 11.

Next to the other is this Inscription.

Near to this Place lyeth interred the Body of Mistress Mary Ward, late Wife of Richard Ward, Esq; Serjeant at Arms unto K. James and K. Charles; Father and Mother of Captain Caesar Ward, who dyed in the Service of his King and Country in October 1627. She dyed in February following, in the aforesaid Year.

Which three Months Time with Sighs her grieved Life did spend; Her Son’s untimely Death hasten’d her End.

J. S.

But besides these Monuments already men
tioned, there be in this Church of Greenwich many more both ancient and modern, viz. these that follow.
In the Chancel.

A Stone before the Rails, having a Brass Plate thus inscribed in old Letters.

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Entered here doth ly a worthy Wyght
Who for long Tyme in Musick bore the Bell:
His name to shew, was Thomas Gallys hyght, in <r. Tallys>
In honest vertuous Lyff he dyd excell.
He serv'd long Tyme in Chapp . . . with grete prayse,
Fower Sovereigynes Reygnes (a Thing not often seen)
I mean Kyng Henry and Prynce Edward's Dayes,
Quene Mary, and Elizabeth our Quene.
He maryed was, though Children he had none,
And lyv'd in Love full thre and thirty Yeres,
Wyth loyal Spowse, whos Name yclyipt was lone,
Who here entomb'd, him Company now bears.
As he did lyve, so also did he dy,
In myld and quyet Sort (O! happy Man)
To God ful oft for Mercy did he cry,
Wherefore he lyves, let Death do what he can.

A fair black Marble Stone, inscribed,
Heic sita est Dorothea Littleton, uxor Edvardi Littleton de Comitatu Salop. Armigeri, ex Boothiorum orta familia, antiqua Probitate, & illustri prudentia, pudore, pietate, & omnimoda virtute conspicua, &c. 1686.

Against the South Wall of the Chancel, an old Brass Plate, with a Man and Woman kneeling one behind another, thus inscribed:

Hard to this Wal lyeth buryed the Body of Antonie Lyle, Esquier, and his Wife.
Which Antonie was one of the fower Gentlemen-Ushers, daily Waiters unto our most Gracious Sovereigne Lady Quene Elizabeth: And dyed in the Lord the xviii. Day of January 1579. Unto whom God grant a joyful Resurrection.

Against the East Wall, a Monument for Anne Newton, Daughter of Sir Henry Newton, Kt.
and Dame Katharine his Wife. Who dying of the Age of 17 Years, in the Year of our Lord God 1600, in the Prime of her Years, and in the perfect Fear of God, and Love of Vertue, expecteth with holy Virgins a joyful Resurrection.

Colonel Richard Oxenden, 1697. Aged 84.
And Sarah his Wife, 1700. Aged 78.

Within the Rails are three flat Stones, with Brass Plates:

Another hath the Picture of a Man in the Dress of those Times, with Trunk Breeches, Doublet embroidered, and Garters with Knots; a Chain of Gold over his right Shoulder, coming down under his left Side, and a Rose and Crown with the Queen's Supporters on his Breast; and slit Sleeves, short Hair, and a trimmed Beard.

With this Inscription:

Here under this Stone lyeth buried the Body of John Whytte, Gent. who was born in Cornwal; and was one of the Quene's Majesty's Ordinary Footmen: Who ended his Life the 6. Day of Octob. 92b

in the 21st Yere of the Raygn of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth, An. Dom. 1579, being of the Age of 42. Whose Sowl resteth with God.

The third Plate is for Henry Traifford, Esq; sometime Clerk of the Green Cloth to the ver= tuous Q. Elizabeth, deceased, 1585. With the Trafford's Coat and Crest: The Motto, NOW. THUS.

Edward Berti. Son of Francis and Katharine Berti, 1588. Aged 27.

A Table with Coats of Arms, and this Inscription:


South Ile.

On the East Wall, a rich Monument of white Marble, with the Figure of a Man half Way, in his Alderman's Gown:

Sacred to the Memory of Sir William Hooker, Kt. of East Greenwich in the County of Kent, and Latitia his first Lady, Daughter of Francis Cop=pinger, of Middlesex, Esq; &c. He was Sheriff of London and Middlesex in the great Plague and dreadful Fire of London, in the Year 1665 and 1666. He was Lord Maior of London in the Year 1674. In which Place he ac= quitted himself with great Loyalty, Honour, and Honesty. He had by his first Lady three Sons and four Daughters. His second Wife was Susanna, Daughter of Sir Tho. Bendish of Bumpsted in the County of Essex, Bart. He finished his well-spent Pilgrimage 10 July, 1697, in the 85 Year of his Age.

Favete Linguis. Sub hoc marmore requiescunt sacri Cineres Johannis Wardal, inclyti olim Lond=
of the ancient Stock of the Wardals of Calais in Normandy, 1658. Aged 80.

The learned Antiquarian's Monument against the South wall, viz.
William Lambard of Lincoln's Inn: Sometime Master in Chancery: Keeper of the Rolls and Records within the Tower. Of the Office of Alienations to Queen Elizabeth. Founded the College of the Poor of Greenwich, and endowed it. Ob. 1601, Aug. 19, at Westcomb in East Greenwich.

Sir Moulton Lambard of Westcomb in East Greenwich, Kt. Son and Heir of the foresaid William Lambard, 1634.

Thomas Lambard, Esq; his only Son and Heir, erected this Monument to Sir Moulton Lambard his aged and dear Father.


Flat Stones laid over.
Richard the Son of Benjamin Glanvil, Merchant of London, 1656.
—— Eldest Daughter of William Lord Sheridan, Baron of Letrim: Interred near her Grandfather and Great Grandfather of her Mother's Side, 1648.

Hester Crayford, Daughter and Heir of William Crayford, Esq; 1654.
Katharin Moor, Widow, late Wife of Marmande Moor, of the Parish of St. Martins in the Fields, Esq; She was Daughter of William Asfordby of Asfordby in Bilsby in Lincolnshire, Esq; Ob. 1667.
Anne the Widow of Sir William Tufton, Kt. and Bart. Daughter of Cecil Cave of the County of Leicester, Esq; 1649. These before are upon Tables and Hatchments.
Capt. Francis Stacy, 1674. And Mary his Wife, 1684.
A Table for Annabella Humble, Daughter of Will. Humble, Esq; and Elizabeth his Wife, 1652.
In the Church is the Picture of K. Charles I. at his Devotions:
And likewise the Picture of Q. Elizabeth, who was born at Greenwich: Under which is this Distick:

Olim parva fuit Grenovicum villa, sed ortu
Virginis Augustae clarior urbe micat.

On the North Side of the Church:
A Tablet in the Wall for Mary Ward, late Wife of Richard Ward, Esq; mentioned before.
Thomas Hixon of Greenwich, Esq; Wardrobe Keeper to Q. Elizabeth and K. James. Married
Margaret Daughter to Tho. Manley, and had Issue five Sons and two Daughters.

His Son Humphrey of Greenwich, Esq; was afterward Keeper of the Standing Wardrobe there, and married Mary Daughter to John Bradshaw of Bradshaw in the County of Lancaster.

Joseph Son of Nathaniel Horneby of this Parish, Esq; 1684. Aged 7.

Hic jacet ille puer, dolor unus & una Voluptas,
Qui moriens vitæ gaudia mille rapit, &c.

Mary Smith, Wife of Rob. Smith, Citizen and Mason of London, 1694.
Richard Davers, 1678.

West End of the South Ile.


Ralph Dallans, Organ-maker, deceased while he was making this Organ: Begun by him Feb. 1672. James White, his Partner, finished it, and erected this Stone, 1673.

Nicholas Turner, 1686.
St. John Clark, Sept. 27, 1680.
Anne Denew, 1665.
Capt. William Baxter, 1686.

In the Church-yard of Greenwich.

South Side.

Mary Tuke, Wife of George Tuke of East Greenwich, Esq; 1662.
William Collet, 1618.
Francis Clarke, Mas. 1664.

Over the East Door.

This Door was rebuilt by the Feoffes of Will. Stanton, a good Benefactor to this Church, Poor 93b of the Town, and Poor of Mr. Lambard's College. He gave a Perpetuity yearly of 40s. to each of them, as by his own Will appeareth.

The Body of Tho. Hixon of Greenwich, Esq; Master of the Soldier under Henry IV King of France; Gentleman of the Bedchamber to Q. Elizabeth, and Keeper of the Standing Wardrobe at Greenwich unto Q. Elizabeth and K. James: Espoused Margaret, Daughter to Tho. Manley, second Son of Tho. Manley in the County of Chester, Esq;

By the Door, against the Wall.

Hic jacet Gulielmus Boreman, Armig. Qui cum Reginæ Elizabethæ, Regibusque Jacobo & Carolo —— LX annis fidelissime ——
The rest not legible. But the same inscription is preserved on a Tomb hard by, viz.


Dulcibella Boreman, 1675.

By the great North Door:

John Warner, Esq; Son of Novel Warner, Esq; Master of the Barges to K. Charles II, K. James, and K. William, 1694.

Richard Warner Senior, Esq; Master of the Barges to Q. Elizabeth: Dyed 1612.

Richard Warner Junior, Esq; Master of the Barges to K. James, 1625.

Nowel Warner, Esq; Son to Richard Warner Ju= nior, Master of the Barges to King Charles I, and King Charles II, 1662.

Richard Warner, Merchant, eldest Son to No= wel Warner, 1653.

Thomas Sheffield, Esq; one of his Majesty's Sewers of his Hall, Keeper of the Manour of Greenwich; Supervisor and Keeper of his Maje= sty's Gardens and Orchards at Greenwich, 1613.

Captain William Higgin of East Greenwich, 1698.

East Church-yard.

Susanna Robinson, late Wife of Sir Rob. Robin= son, Kt. 1673. And four Children.

COLLEGE at GREENWICH.

There is at Greenwich a fair College built, fronting pleasantly the Thames, for Main= tenance of twenty poor Men, and a Master: Founded and well endowed by Henry Earl of Northampton, and committed by him to the Care of the worshipful Company of Mercers of London.

In this College is a fair Chapel, where the Body of the said Noble Peer is laid. Whose said Body, together with his Monument, was lately translated by the said Company from the Chapel of Dover Castle hither: Where is a most sumptuous Mausolæum erected for him.

There is a black Marble in the Resemblance of a Stone Coffin, resting upon Pedestals. Four Figures in white Stone, on the Corners of the Fabrick, resembling the four cardinal Vertues.

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On the Top of all is the Figure of the Earl kneeling: His Hands clasped, his Sword by his Side, with his Robes of the Garter on. It is placed on the South Side of the Communion
Table. There is an Inscription on the Side, viz.


On the Wall South, by the Tomb:

Deo Patri Domini nostri Jhesu Christi, Omnipotenti, Glorioso, sempiterno, & Primæ Trinitatis indivisæ Personæ, HENRICUS HOWARDUS trīne & unius Majestatis Cultor obsequentissimus Festo quo natus erat B. Matthiæ Apostoli, devotissime sua manu posuit, Anno Domini 1613. Februarii die 25o:

Upon the West Side is this Inscription.

Johanne Griffith huic Comiti ab Epistolis curante, Positum.

On the North Side of the Chapel is another Inscription, shewing the Removal of this Monument and the Body of the Earl from the Chapel of Dover Castle (of which he was Constable) to this Chapel, by the Company of Mercers, William Ivat, Esq; Master.

Upon a flat Stone in this Chapel.

Here lyeth buried the Body of Robert Gilbert Citizen and Mercer of London: Who was the Son of Thomas Gilbert of West Beer in East Kent, Gent. And Anne his Wife, who was the eldest Sister unto George Fitz-Gerald Earl of Kildare in Ireland. Which Robert was late Warden of this College several Years, and dyed May 28, 1689. Aged 63. In Memory of whom, his Son Robert Gilbert caused this Stone to be laid.

HOSPITAL at GREENWICH.

KING William the Third, Founder of this Hospital, directed a Subscription to be made for the said Hospital. In the Preamble to which he declared his Desire to promote and advance the Trade, Navigation, and Naval Strength of this Kingdom, and invite greater Numbers of his Subjects to betake themselves to the Sea. And therefore did determine to erect and establish this Hospital: And that for this peculiar Use, viz. For such English Seamen and their Children, as by Age, Wounds, or other Accidents, should be disabled from farther Service at Sea: And for the Widows and Children of such as happened to be slain in Sea-Service.

His said Majesty, and Queen Mary his Royal Consort, by Letters Patents under the Great Seal, dated the 5th of Octob. 1694, did give and grant unto several Trusts, for the Use of that intended Hospital, a Parcel of Ground in the
For the Ground and Palace.

Parish of East Greenwich in Kent, with their Royal Palace in Greenwich thereon erected by King Charles the Second, and several other Edifices, Buildings, and other Things in the same Grant particularly mentioned.

And the said King William, by Letters Patents dated Mar. 12, 1694, appointed Commissioners for the better carrying on his pious Intentions. And therein desired the Assistance of his good Subjects; the Necessity of his Affairs not permitting him to advance so considerable a Sum towards the said Work as he desired.

July 1, 1708. This Hospital has now in it poor Seamen to the Number of 350. The Incomes of it are computed at 12000l. per Ann. whereof 6000l. goes yearly towards the Maintenance of the poor Men placed there; and the other 6000l. towards the Buildings.

John de la Fountain, a Gentleman of Lincolnshire, lately deceased, gave by his last Will 2000l. to the publick Charity; that is, one thousand Pounds to this Hospital of Greenwich, and one other thousand Pounds to that of Chelsey.

<This perambulation of Strype's is based on the one by Anthony Munday appended to the fourth edition of Stow's 'Survey' (Stow ed. Munday 1633). Strype incorporated the whole of Munday's text (which I have printed grey) but enlarged it with additions of his own. He had been working on this book for many years, and the account of Deptford and Greenwich was out of date by the time that it was published. At Deptford a second church was under construction, the intention being to divide the parish into two. At Greenwich the old church had been razed to the ground and a new church built on the site of it. (The new church was consecrated on 29 Sep 1718 (Hasted 1:416)). Anyone who had gone looking for the monuments described here by Munday and Strype would have found that they had all disappeared. (The sole survivor was the Lambard monument, but that was no longer in Greenwich: it had been rescued and carried off to Sevenoaks (Thorpe 1769:868).) – C.F. June 2013.>